



# The Communiqué

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## President's Comments

By Brother Kevin Carroll

I have to start off by apologizing for this newsletter not getting out this month. I have been experiencing E-Mail problems. I received an E-mail from another member alerting me to a possible virus on my computer that was affecting my E-mail. I ran several virus scans and found no virus. I increased my online Spam guard in order to prevent virus and Spam. Of course the problem with this is that the blocker stopped all e-mails with attachments from being sent to my computer. I did not get my E-mail from Brother Mull. I should have called him and asked if he had sent it. This is my fault and not his and I apologize to him and you.

I am sure most of you know that Brother Darryl Horton passed away on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2007. I was not able to attend his service I was out of state on a planned trip. If you did not know who Darryl was it is only because you are not an active member of our lodge. Darryl was a dedicated member of FOP Lodge 47 and could always be counted on to help with any project we had. I could always count on him and Marie being there to support the lodge. Even when Darryl was sick he still made the effort to attend lodge meetings. Darryl also made it to our annual Christmas Party in December. I ask you to keep Marie Horton in your prayers as she moves forward without the love of her life. If you have ever watched the two of them together you would have seen something that was quite special. Some may have missed the looks of affection that they sent to each other. It is so easy to do so in life. I hope that we can help Marie in her time of sorrow. I will miss seeing Darryl and miss his input and wisdom.

Tonight we will discuss the situation that we are in with our building. I hope that we will be able to reach an agreement with the adjoining property owner that will be mutually beneficial to us. I expect that we will have to sell our property and build a new lodge in the near future. We will also be discussing final plans for National Police Week. I am going to ask all members that have an E-Mail address to log onto <http://www.chesterfieldfop.com/> and sign in to the member's section. To log in enter in lower case in the login box fop47. The password is 5341. Once logged in you can view the FOP calendar and other information. In the future we are going to post the Communiqué on the website. I would also ask that you enter your name and E-mail information for the web master. I would like to streamline the process of disseminating information to the membership. I think this can be accomplished by posting the information directly on the website. There is a tremendous amount of work being done by lodge members each month that you never hear about. The lodge is not maintenance free unfortunately. The assistance that we receive each month from the Associate lodge is invaluable to this organization. I hope to see you tonight at the Meeting if you can make it.

One last piece of information, I was informed by Colonel Baker yesterday that Chesterfield County is going to adopt the retirement increase for public safety. It is my understanding that it is in the budget that was approved by the Board of Supervisors. I hope to address other issues to the Board of Supervisors in the future. I need your help to do this. I need volunteers to serve on an election committee that I am forming. If you are interested call me on my cell or E-mail me back. Stay safe and keep your head down.

## Editors Corner

By Brother Dennis W. Mull



The past few years have been good ones for law enforcement. That does not mean that every issue has been successfully completed and that the state and federal government representatives love all aspects of the police and the Fraternal Order of Police. However, strong steps have been taken toward enhanced retirement benefits, officer safety and public respect. There are still many inequalities to be dealt with on the path to success. The Post 911 police officers face a unique challenge, in that most are not recognized as career law enforcement. Even though they act as all other police officers they are only federal civil servants, with a civil service retirement, and no badge or retired police officer credentials at the end of the line. National president Chuck Canterbury has set this as one of his goals and he is confident that the legislators will see the right of this issue. This is just one of many issues and goals to be pursued in 2007. We all must be vigilant for any attempt to reduce the public image or to erode law enforcement benefits. Police officers go out to protect the public each day and the Fraternal Order of Police will be their back up when the political needs arises. Many may ask, "What can I do as one person?" The answer is threefold. Recruit, since every person in the Fraternal Order of Police represents "strength in numbers" at state and federal debate, write to your government representatives and let them know how you feel and lastly be active in the lodge.

Information or notifications for the news letter should be sent to me for inclusion in the newsletter. I do not screen or assign any priority to that information. Final review and decision will continue to be placed in the hands of the lodge executive members. I can be reached at (804) 733-1131 or at [leesrt6@yahoo.com](mailto:leesrt6@yahoo.com). The next few months will be quite busy with special events, relocation issues, modernization and exciting retirement program changes for local, state and federal officers. Have a good month and I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting.

Fraternally Yours

Dennis W. Mull

From the desk of the Associate President

Happy Spring to everyone. I am so glad to see sunshine and warmer days. Everyone seems to feel so much better and invigorated. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Darryl Horton and Sister Nancy Eubanks. Get well wishes go out to Brother Wade McClintock in his recent surgery. We are her for you all if you need anything.

Please make every effort to attend our meetings. Since the time changed and we have more daylight, get out and enjoy it and come see us. Hope to see all of you at our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting! Take care till then.



From the lodge cooks

Huge THANK YOU's go out to Sisters Elka Eckenrode, Anna Showalter and Gale Stiles for all of their kitchen clean up after our March meeting. You are all sweethearts! Because of our approaching warmer weather we are planning a cook out at our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be serving grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, as well as pasta salad, potato salad, chips, dips, deviled eggs and cupcakes. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship. Hope you all can make it. We will be looking for you. If you have any menu suggestions please contact us at

(804) 275-8467 or at [thedrivingschool@comcast.net](mailto:thedrivingschool@comcast.net) .

Karen and Betty



Auxiliary News

Just a final reminder. Each year the auxiliary awards a \$500.00 scholarship to the dependent of an FOP member. (a person may win this Scholarship only once) "The applicant must be accepted by an accredited college or university, either for two (2) or four (4) years, graduate school, business school or a trade school. Applicants for this scholarship shall have maintained good scholastic standing and, in his or her current year, maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average" All application must be post marked on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact one of the above. Applications will be mailed out on request and are available on the Chesterfield 47 FOP web site...

Auxiliary Motto: "*Never Let Them Walk Alone.*"

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Gale B. Stiles, President

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## National Police Officer memorial week



One **last reminder** about this event. This is a week you will never forget and clearly shows that there is truly a “thin blue line.” The event schedule for the week can be found at <http://www.policeweek.org/> I hope to see each of you there in Washington to honor both fallen comrades and the survivors of those comrades. A request for seating for the 15<sup>th</sup> of May has been sent to Bonnie Stinson, so suitable seating should be provided at the Capitol.



## What is a Torch Run?

The VA Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Virginia is a state wide event with activities throughout the year. These activities range from T-Shirt and Hat Sales to Golf Tournaments to Plane Pulls to Inline Skating events, Polar Plunges, Volleyball Tournaments and more. The Torch Run itself is held in the beginning of June every year as over 3500 Virginia Law Enforcement Officials carry the Torch with the Flame of Hope over 1900 miles.

The Torch arrives in Richmond Virginia during the middle part of June and is taken to the opening ceremonies of the Virginia State Summer Games at The University of Richmond. For information about this worthwhile upcoming event go to:

<http://www.torchrunva.com/>

## 58th Biennial National Conference and EXPO



In August 2007, the National Fraternal Order of Police will conduct its 58th National Conference and Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. [Deputy Sheriff's Lodge 25](#) is proud to be the host lodge. Representing ninety-one years of professional law enforcement experience, the Conference and Expo will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center on August 12-16. Law enforcement officials from all over the country will be in attendance: police chiefs, administrators, sheriffs, training officers, fleet managers, federal officers, correction officers, and procurement staff.

EXPO 2007 is expected to be the best one ever with over 6,500 delegates plus their families expected to attend. If you are interested in purchasing booth space at the EXPO 2007, please visit our [EXPO](#) page.

### A Sad Note

On Thursday morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>, FOP Lodge 47 lost a valued member of the Associate Lodge. Brother Darryl Horton passed away after a valiant battle with cancer. Please keep Sister Marie Horton, Darryl's wife, in your thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by all and at the next meeting each who knew him may have a chance to say farewell as members of a true "fraternal" organization.