



# The Communiqué

1 May 2007



## President's Comments

By Brother Kevin Carroll

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I want to make sure everyone gets the message that the meeting has been moved up to May 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. This is due to the scheduling of the Chesterfield County Law Enforcement Memorial on May 17, 2007 at 7:00. Sworn law enforcement members of the Chesterfield County Police Department and the Sheriff's Department should have received invitations already. This month's meeting will be eventful in several ways. First we will review the final draft of the formation papers for the Chesterfield Fraternal order of Police Foundation. Once formed, this foundation will serve as the charitable donations branch of our organization. We will now have a full 501 C3 tax status for donations made to the lodge. We will also have a few guest speakers at the meeting. Two candidates who are running in primaries for the Matoaca Supervisors position contacted me. I have invited (R) Kevin Salminen and (D) Bill Hastings to both speak at our May meeting. We will allow them to speak for approximately 5-10 minutes on why they are the best candidates for the Matoaca District. We will not be endorsing any candidate in the primary elections. However, as a Fraternal Organization in Chesterfield County I think that it is important for our membership to be informed about the leaders of our community. The more information we possess the more of an informed opinion we will have when we go to the polls. I hope that you will join me at the meeting so we can address some of the important issues facing law enforcement employees in Chesterfield County. The candidates have agreed to an open forum so I would imagine any topic could be discussed. I am sure issues such as the pay disparity that exists between the police departments in Henrico, Richmond and Chesterfield will come up. The only way to be heard is to speak. This is the first of many chances for you to help shape your own future. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

I am meeting with Ernest P. Gates Jr., Attorney At Law, to discuss the sale of our building and the purchase of the land adjacent to Chesterfield Fire Station Eleven on Iron Bridge Road. I hope to have the paperwork ready quickly so we can move forward.

I have been informed that Chesterfield County is preparing to adopt the retirement increase for its sworn public safety employees later on in May. This would increase your retirement multiplier from 1.7 to 1.85 and would hopefully take effect on July 1, 2007. This is the first step in the right direction for us. There are many challenges facing the lodge in the next year. I need your help to achieve our objectives as an organization. Each month I meet with what I have named the leadership group of the Chesterfield FOP 47 organization. These are the members that come faithfully each month to the meetings and to the sponsored events put on by the lodge. I have asked a great deal out of them since I became president and they have delivered. I hope that when you read this you ask yourself the following question. What can I do to help? You will never know the answer if you never come to a meeting and ask the question. If you can't come to a meeting you can call me direct at 804-337-8627. That is my personal cell phone. You have everything to gain and nothing to loose. I look forward to seeing you on May 10. Stay safe and keep your head down!

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## Editors Corner

By Brother Dennis W. Mull



This month's comments will be brief, due to the early meeting in May. This will be the first attempt to pass information directly to the website. Hopefully all goes well. A great deal of credit goes to Webmeister Jim Thomas for his efforts to work with the lodge and myself to create an informative and enjoyable website. May will be a busy month and an eventful one. It is a month for reflection on all those that have fallen in the line of duty. We honor and remember them both for the sacrifice they made and for the lives that they have lived.

Information or notifications for the news letter should be sent to me for inclusion in the newsletter. I can be reached at (804) 733-1131 or at [leesrt6@yahoo.com](mailto:leesrt6@yahoo.com).

Fraternally Yours

Dennis W. Mull

From the Desk of the Associates

We had a very good showing at our April meeting. It was so nice to see those that were able to attend. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Brother Ed Allen on April 2nd. Hope all of your birthday wishes come true! Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sister Nancy Eubanks in the loss of her Mother, Dorothy Wade, and Sister Marie Horton, in the loss of her husband and our Associate member, Brother Darryl Horton. We are here for both of you girls if you need anything! Please make every effort to attend our May 10th meeting. We have many things going on in the Lodge, and we need everyone's support! As a team, we can do it! See you soon!



From The Lodge Cooks

Thank you to Sisters Elke Eckenrode and Marie Horton in the kitchen clean-up after our April meeting, and Brother George Zuban for his fine grilling abilities! We appreciate all of your help! We will be serving grilled chicken, oven fried potatoes, green beans, marinated cucumbers, and desserts at our May 10th meeting. Please try to come to the meeting for some good food and fellowship!

If you have any questions, please contact us via e-mail or call us at 804.275.8467.



## 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/>

