



# The Communiqué

November 2007

**President's Comments**  
**By Brother Kevin Carroll**



## Editors Corner

By Brother Dennis W. Mull



“Knowledge is power.” That quote is credited to Sir Francis Bacon and is as true today as it was when first stated. The law enforcement community stands at a major turning point. The Fraternal Order of police has fought and won many battles for its members and even those officers that do not see the value of joining. However, there are many more to be fought. I urge everyone to enjoy the next few months as we enter the holiday season, but take time to educate yourself in the issues that need your support. Recruit new members, donate to the FOP PAC, volunteer and correspond with your congressmen and senators. **Vote** at every chance whether it is in the lodge, at local, state or national level. The bills supported and opposed are on the state and national website. Stay educated, stay focused and get involved.

I hope to hear from members with input for the lodge newsletter. It is your newsletter, so contribute information about your professional and personal events of note, photos and issues that need to be shared with the lodge. I can be reached at (804) 733-1131 or at [leesrt6@valorsrest.com](mailto:leesrt6@valorsrest.com).

Fraternally Yours



## From the Desk of Betty Rice, Associate President

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It was so nice to see everyone that was able to attend our October meeting. We, the Associates, will be having a raffle and would appreciate your support in helping to sell tickets to make this a big monetary success. We really need to put some money back into the account so we are able to donate some of our proceeds to worthy charities. Please contact Sister Betty or Karen Rice at 804.275.8467 if you will be able to help sell some tickets. We know that everyone will do their best to help make this a success! Happy Birthday wishes go out to Sister Sharon Heggie on October 22nd. Hope your day was a special one! Our thoughts and prayers are with Sister Nancy Eubanks. Hope to see you soon at the lodge! We miss you! We want to welcome our newest member, Sister Kathy Lasky. We know that she will be an asset to our organization! Please make every effort to attend our November 15th meeting. Take care till then.

Sister Betty Rice



We, the Associates, are having a Raffle Fundraiser. The cost per ticket will be \$2.00. The prizes will be as follows:

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| First Prize  | A Sony DCR-DVD108 Camcorder (valued at \$400)  |
| Second Prize | 2 UVA vs Hartford basketball tickets for Sunday, 12/30/07 3PM game at John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville. Parking pass included. |
| Third Prize  | 2 - \$25.00 Restaurant Gift Cards  |

The drawing for the raffle will be on Thursday, December 13th at our Annual FOP Christmas Party. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Victory Junction Gang Camp. If you are willing to sell some tickets for us, please contact Sisters Betty or Karen Rice at 804.275.8467 or e-mail us at [thedrivingschool@comcast.net](mailto:thedrivingschool@comcast.net). Thank you in advance for your support! We know we can count on you! If you have any questions, please contact us! Thank you as always for your hard work in doing the communiqué! Have a great week!

Karen and Betty



From The Lodge Cooks

Our Annual Steak and Chicken Night was a success as always. Food and fellowship seemed to be enjoyed by all! Special thanks go out to Brother Jim Ford for his hard work on cleaning the grill before cooking. The grill was an extreme mess! Without him, there would have been a lot of uncooked steak and chicken! Please remember to clean the grill if you use it! Thank you's also go out to Brother George Zuban on his superb grilling techniques, and Sisters Kathy Lasky and Elke Eckenrode for their overall help. Sisters Gale Stiles and Anna Showalter did a wonderful job in cleaning up the kitchen! You are all angels to help us out! Our November 15th meeting will be catered by the Ladies of the Auxiliary. We know they will provide a wonderful meal for all! Thank you for giving us a break! Hope to see you soon!

Sisters Betty and Karen Rice



## **Elections**

From the Election Committee:

At the October meeting, the election committee submitted its recommendations for the Executive Board who will serve Lodge 47 for the next two years. The Board will remain unchanged with one exception. Brothers Dennis Mull and George Zuban are both seeking the position of Sergeant at Arms.

Since there is a contested position for the new Executive Board, there will be an election held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 which corresponds with our November meeting date. The Lodge will be open that day from 0700 until 1830 so that members may cast their votes. The results will be tallied and presented at the general membership meeting that night at 1930. Members wishing to vote prior to the start of the general membership meeting are encouraged to come to the Lodge during those hours. To ensure the integrity of the vote, members will be asked to present their current FOP membership card.

For those members who are unable to come to the Lodge on Election Day, or can not attend the meeting that evening, an absentee ballot will be available. If you are certain you cannot attend and wish to cast a vote, please request an absentee ballot from a member of the Election Committee either by phone or e-mail.

Please contact: Jimmy Clapp, JimmyFOP47@aol.com , phone H) 590-0266 or C)370-1178 or Charles McCrory, Charles.McCrory@suntrust.com, phone D) 319-1158 or C) 356-0415.

Requests for absentee ballots must be received no later than November 4, 2007 in order to allow enough time to verify your membership status and for delivery and return of the ballot. Once you receive the ballot, please cast your vote and return it to the lodge at the following address:

Chesterfield FOP 47, P.O.Box 625 Chesterfield,VA 23832. Please address your envelope Attn; Election Committee.

Thank you for taking part in this very important process.....

For the Election Committee;  
Brother Jimmy Clapp



The annual FOP Christmas dinner will be held on December the 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be five dollars with prior RSVP and \$10.00 at the party. The evening meal will be in lieu of the normal lodge meeting and will consist of a menu not yet determined. This change was due to financial obligations involving the new lodge purchase and construction. Greater detail will be given at the November meeting and will be included in the 1 December Communiqué. Please attend and enjoy a good meal and fellowship with the Brothers and Sisters of lodge 47.

