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Greetings fellow brothers and sisters. I would like to say this will be an enjoyable conference; however the horizon does not appear so clear.

South Metro Lodge 14, as always, is looking out for the best interests of our members. Not only are we furthering the fraternal relationships we all share, but we are increasing our standing as a professional, well defined lodge. Not only is this a fraternal lodge run by volunteers, but it functions as a business on solid ground.

Since our last state conference, South Metro Lodge 14 has enacted several programs that have a large impact to our members. The first, and latest transaction, is a partnership with Concordia University, St. Paul. Lodge 14, as you will see in further updates, believes strongly in promoting leadership values, education, and opportunities to grow. Through several meetings, we have signed an agreement with Concordia that offers our members a "gift of learning" credit for being a member of South Metro Lodge 14. An active member that enrolls at Concordia St Paul for either a BA or MA Degree in Criminal Justice will receive a \$2000 credit on their tuition. Just this past week, we had our first member enroll at Concordia and take advantage of this benefit.

In February, Chaplain Bermel hosted and instructed a marriage enrichment course for our members. This course lasted for 6 sessions, and included catered meals each week. The class filled immediately, and went forward with great success. We fully intend to offer another course later this year.

To further promote education and leadership, Lodge 14 purchased 50 seats to the upcoming "Get Motivated" conference at the Target Center. This seminar, which includes guest speakers such as General Colin Powell, Ron Gardenhire, Bret Favre, Sarah Palin, Steve Forbes, Rudy Guiliani, and many others, will be held on May 26, 2010. Not only does this seminar go into teamwork, leadership, business skills and perseverance, but it also is a chance to bring some ideas and principles back to your agency.

On the fundraising front, we continue to bring in dollars using the A+ Fundraising magazine program. I spoke today to the owner, and he indicated that only 2 lodges have signed up to use this program. I'm completely baffled by this. Our lodge has brought in several hundred dollars

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and we have done nothing to earn these funds. Webb Hall, the owner of the company, has set up a web site so you can take a look at the program. Go to:

www.supportyourfop.org

Take a look around at the deals. You earn 50% of all proceeds from the purchase/renewal of these magazines. It is a simple way to earn some cash for your lodge. Ignore the posted percentages at the top, as this is for a national program he is working on.

South Metro Lodge 14 has several events on the horizon:

- May 20, 2010 Tip-A-Cop benefitting MN COPS
- August 14, 2010 Saint Paul Saints game
- September 13, 2010 Annual Fall Golf Classic
- September 15-16 2010 Calibre Press Street Survival, Bloomington

South Metro Lodge 14 continues to donate to numerous groups and charities. Many of these are brought forward by our members, or through departments. Over the past year, we have donated to:

- LEMA
- MN COPS
- MN Special Olympics
- MN Lawmen Softball Team
- MN Injured Officers Task Force
- MN Law Enforcement United Unity Tour
- Many others

We hope to see you at a meeting in the near future.