

Greetings to all FOP brothers and sisters:

It is hard to believe that the summer months have passed us by. I was reminded of that this AM when I stepped outside. It's getting a little chilly in the mornings.

First, I would like to thank everyone for continuing to support the South Metro FOP over the past year. We have done great things on behalf of the membership. Just to name a few:

- Again in 2009, we donated in excess of \$10,000 to the MN Concerns of Police Survivors. Concerns of Police Survivors, provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors. What more can I say. We are the largest donor to MNCOPS in this state....period! We all are aware what happened this year in MN to our law enforcement family. Can you think of a better charity of choice?

- Assisted officers in need by donating thousands of dollars to our brothers and sisters. Whether it is a work related injury, death in the family, or a request for a sponsorship, we have stepped up to the plate time and time again.

- Awarded two scholarships to the children of members, as selected by the scholarship committee. This endeavor continues to grow each year.

- Assisted the MN Special Olympics by raising nearly \$3000 for their organization.

- Brian Bone, our lodge 2nd VP was selected as the Member of the Year.

- Held numerous fraternal events to include a Saint Paul Saints game, membership nights at Alary's, and promoted events sponsored by other lodges in the metro.

The list is endless once again in 2009. The South Metro Lodge continues to be one of the top 4 in membership in the State of Minnesota. We can only continue to do these things with your support.

We have been in the middle of our annual membership drive. The dues will once again be \$20 for the year, running November 1 2009-November 1 2010. I ask for your support to maintain our numbers in the lodge.

We have made renewal very easy this year. Go to our web site at [www.mnfop14.com](http://www.mnfop14.com) and click on the donations and payments link. You can enter the amount of \$20 for your dues, and you will be taken to our secure server to enter a credit/debit card. No forms, no hassle. And, we will email you a receipt within minutes. SIMPLE!!!!!!  
The deadline for on-time renewals is Sunday.

Once again, thank you for supporting the FOP. If you have any questions, please contact anyone from the board.

Chad Hagen, President