

# FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE PINELLAS LODGE 43

February 2017

### Dates To Remember

- February 21.....FOP 43 Meeting
- March 16.....FOP 43 Meeting
- March 19.....St. Patrick's Day 5K
- March 25.....TAPS Event

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### Executive Board

- President.  
Doug Weaver
- Vice President .....Barry Smith
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- Treasurer .....Karl Lounge
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- Past President.....Karl Lunge

## For the Good of the Order

Greetings brothers and sisters. As the new Fraternal Order Of Police Lodge 43 President I am honored and privileged to serve our members. I am very fortunate to take over a lodge that is financially stable. I am also grateful for the great board that is experienced, dedicated, and hard working. For the past 10 years Past President and current Treasurer Karl Lounge has done an exceptional job in strengthening this lodge. He has done this for the members and the community. We will continue to move forward with the path we are on.

I would like to tell you a little about myself. I have been a St. Petersburg Police Officer for over 27 years and on the SWAT team for over 17 years, currently a Team Leader. I am a day shift patrol officer for the north side of the city. I have been with the lodge for over 20 years, last 2 years as the State Trustee. Married for 20 years this June to my better half Kris. We have a 9 year old daughter Kaitlynn. I have lived in Seminole my entire life, currently 52 years.

My goals for the lodge are a continuation of what we have been doing. We have had a steady membership but with the growth of the law enforcement community we should also grow. Finishing the lodge renovations is a primary endeavor. This has been an ongoing task that will require considerable resources. We are working on a plan of action to accomplish this goal. Community involvement will continue with charities and lodge events. We will continue the Kids Christmas Party, State Memorial Trip, and dinner at our meetings. A great thanks to the members who make this possible.

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Thanks to our members involvement, we sponsor many charity events. We will continue to support these just causes for the benefit of the community and lodge. Past and future success of these events rests with our volunteers and we always need your help. The events show the lodge and it's membership in a positive light to the community. They bring us together for a common cause which builds unity. As a result of their past success our dues have not been raised, we offer great services such as our lodge, get togethers and legal representation in Ken Afienko.

Again I would again like to thank Karl for what he has done for the lodge. If it were not for him I honestly feel we would not be where we are. I want him to know that I greatly appreciate what he has done for the membership and for me. I want to say a sincere thank you to the board, membership, and especially my wife for your support. I will be working with the board on other events for the lodge and it's members. I would like to see all of you at the meetings, you can always talk to me there. Stay safe and ready.

Douglas Weaver, President FOP Lodge #43

## Why should I belong to the Fraternal Order of Police? 2017 FOP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Fraternal Order of Police offers scholarships to members, their immediate family and grandchildren.

Pinellas Lodge 43 Two \$1,000 awards based on an essay due by March 30, 2107.

“How shall the police and the public restore trust in one another? Single page, double spaced, 12 font. A separate page shall include the Applicant’s name, legal address, cell phone number, email address, the Lodge 43 Member they are related to and how, college attending or accepted by, and the applicant’s current enrollment.

FOP District III: Four Awards of \$500 each based on an essay due by March 01, 2017.

“Contrast the pros and cons of body camera use by law enforcement officers with reference to the Right to Privacy and Freedom of Information Act.” 1500-2000 words. Three source references, bibliography, Wikipedia is not an accepted source. Use factual date where possible. All information and requirements can be obtained from the FOP District Three website.

State FOP: One \$2,000 award per year good for four years. (2) \$1,000 one year awards, (1) \$500 one year award. Please refer to the FOP State website for criteria and other requirements.

Generally speaking there are a limited number of entrants each year so members are encouraged to provide this information to their family and grandchildren where applicable.

Barry Smith, Vice President



**Nolan's Pub 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day 5K**  
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Florida Law Enforcement Memorial 2017

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Florida Lodge #43, Pinellas County, Florida

In 1961 President Kennedy said, "Let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and his help but knowing that here on Earth, Gods work must be truly our own."

In every organization my experience has been that seven people do 99% of the work. FOP 43 is no different and usually the Board is able to get the good work done. On Special Events though, we must have your help. Every event is dedicated to the Mission of this Lodge which is to 'Promote, Protect and Serve the Members'.

Our two main fundraisers are the Nolan's 5K Run for FOP in March and the Memorial Golf Tournament in September. Both require over 30 volunteers each. Most of them are simple easy tasks, sitting at a designated spot and watching out for trouble to call in; or sitting at a table and assisting with Silent Auction items, that sort of thing.

There are some people who despite their full time jobs always manage to find time to help out. Bless them because they make things happen for all our Members. It is time for every member to give at least eight hours in 2017 for the Lodge. Dues have been kept at less than half of the PBA costs for a long time now. It is unreasonable for some members to be giving 20 hours a month, and a few even 20 hours a week and some members never giving anything. Look to yourself and give me a call and provide your cell number and an email so that you can contribute. When I have a 79 year old member calling and asking what he can do to help then I know there are others who can do that much!



Upcoming events in 2017 that need your help as a volunteer:

Nolan's Pun St Patrick's Day 5K Run for FOP  
Sunday, March 19, 2017

TAPS Assisting Military Families  
Saturday March 25, 2017

Florida State Police Memorial Trip  
Sunday, Monday, April 23, 24, 2017

FOP 43 Spring Picnic  
Saturday April 29, 2017

Sam's Club table solicitation for Golf  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
August 25, 26, 27, 2017

Memorial Golf Tournament  
Saturday September 09, 2017

FOP KIDS Christmas Party  
Sunday December 17, 2017

Barry S. Smith, Vice President  
727 238-2879

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Barry Smith for more information

727-238-2879



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The Private Membership Lounge is available for the use of all current members and their guests 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



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Poker Table

Dart Board

Cable Television

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**March 25, 2017  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

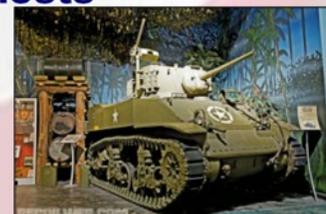


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**For additional information contact:**

**Jim Rexroad: 727-851-3616 or e-mail: [jim@fop43.org](mailto:jim@fop43.org)**



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