



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE PINELLAS LODGE 43

January 2017

Dates To Remember

- January 17.....FOP 43 Meeting
- 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.
Karl Lounge
- Vice PresidentBarry Smith
- SecretaryStan Gams
- TreasurerMike Whitehouse
- Inner GuardDaryl Waterman
- Outer GuardDanielle DiPeitro
- State Trustee.....Doug Weaver
- Chaplainvacant
- Past President....."Bodie" D'Andrea

For the Good of the Order

First and foremost: I hope all of you had a great holiday!! As I write this, Christmas has passed and the New Year is right around the corner. It seems every December we ask the same question: Where did the year go? The next question is usually what will next year bring?

I'm proud to report that we had a great year at our lodge and have made incredible progress in many areas, especially as it relates to our events and support we've been able to give to the communities we serve. Most importantly we established an emergency fund that will provide a check within days to the immediate family of any officer who is killed in the line of duty within Pinellas County. This benefit will be for any law enforcement officer regardless of their agency or union affiliation.

During 2016 we supported more organizations, programs and member's in need than I can remember. We hosted our 4th St. Patrick's Day 5k, 2nd Memorial Golf Tournament, 1st TAPS fundraiser for our military brothers and sisters, Rock-A-Thon in support of the ASPCA, State Memorial Trip and our Kid's Christmas Party. We'll continue to grow and give back as we venture into 2017 and beyond.

The new year will also bring some changes to our organization. I've served on the Executive Board as President, Vice President and Secretary for the past 10 years. The position I've never served in, but most often involved in is related to the the financial and business management duties of the Treasurer. In order to allow more time to focus serving the lodge where I have the most impact, I decided to run for the position of Treasurer instead of seeking re-election as President. During the November Membership Meeting, I was nominated for, and accepted, the position of Treasurer, unopposed.

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