OBLIGATION AND OATH

, in the presence of the Creator of the Universe and the members of the Fraternal Order of Police here assembled, do most solemnly swear and affirm, that I will comply with all the laws and rules of the Order. I will recognize the authority of my legally elected officers and obey all orders and edicts there from not in conflict with my religious or political views or my rights as an American citizen. I will not cheat, wrong, or defraud this Order or any member thereof, or permit the same to be done if in my power to prevent such act. I will at all times aid and assist any worthy brother or sister in sickness or health so far as it lies in my power to do so. I will not divulge any of the secrets of this Order to any one not entitled to receive them. To all of this I most solemnly promise and swear. Should I violate this, my solemn oath, I hereby consent to no lesser of a penalty than expulsion from the Order.

Applicant

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE INC COMMODORE LODGE #3 NORFOLK VIRGINIA

New*	Reinstatement	Transfer
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Name:			

Address: _____

City:_____Zip Code: _____

DOB:_____

Email address:

Phone Number: _____

Agency:

Duty Assignment: _____

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each Month.

• Board: 6:00pm

• General Body: 7:30pm

Local lodge dues include membership in the State and National Lodge.

Visit the Grand Lodge web page at: <u>www.grandlodgefop.org</u> with links to the State web site.

RECEIPT OF DUES AND APPLICATION FEE (\$5.00*) COMMODORE LODGE #3

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Sponsor

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE COMMODORE LODGE #3

PURPOSE

To support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia; to instill loyalty and allegiance to the United States of America; promote and foster the enforcement of law and order: to improve the individual efficiency of our members in the performance of their duties; to encourage activities among Law Enforcement Officers; to advocate and strive for uniform application of the Civil Service Merit System for appointments and promotions; to create a tradition of *esprit de corps* insuring fidelity to duty under all conditions and circumstances; to cultivate a spirit of fraternalism and mutual helpfulness among our members and the people we serve.

Increase the efficiency of the law enforcement profession and thus more firmly establish the confidence of the public in the service dedicated to the protection of life and property.

REASONS FOR JOINING

The Fraternal Order of Police was founded in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania on November 12, 1915 to provide a voice for <u>ALL</u> Law Enforcement Officers of <u>ALL</u> ranks. Commodore Lodge #3 was Chartered on July 21, 1953 to ensure that our voice is heard in the City of Norfolk.

Although Police Officers make up the majority of our membership, we also have members from the Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Norfolk Sheriff's Office and various other State, Federal and Local Law Enforcement agencies. All full time (or retired) regularly sworn Law Enforcement Officers are eligible for membership, subject to the local lodge bylaws.

At the State and National level, the FOP actively lobbies the General Assembly, Congress and Senate for the passage of legislation that will benefit the entire Law Enforcement community. The FOP works year round on its lobbying efforts. At the local level, the FOP communicates with City Council members on matters of importance to our membership, including pay, benefits and working conditions.

BENEFITS

As a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, you are entitled to a variety of benefits, including:

- Automatic membership in the State and National FOP
- State and National Publications
- Voting rights for the elections of FOP officers and endorsements of political candidates
- Eligibility for various FOP sponsored insurance plans and rates
- Participation in the National FOP Legal Defense Plan
- Access to a wide variety of FOP merchandise
- Eligibility for FOP license plates
- Lodge hall privileges

Most important, you become a voice in the largest organization, some 324,000 members, that represents all Law Enforcement Officers and fights **for our rights.**