We would like to welcome you as a new active member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Charles D. Hammond Lodge #99. You can expect to receive your membership card in the mail within the next 60 days. If at the end of this time you still have not received your membership card or have questions, please contact the FOP 99 Lodge Secretary, Todd Gilchrist, at Todd.Gilchristfop@gmail.com with any concerns. Also, please make sure that you keep him updated with your current email, telephone number(s), and mailing address so we can keep you informed of events and happenings with the lodge.

Active members have access to getting coverage through the FOP legal defense plan, which we highly recommend taking advantage of. There are other member benefits such as home-buying programs, insurance programs, travel perks, health and wellness, banking, free higher education programs, and legacy planning services. Information regarding these as well as statewide events, legislative news, and more can be found by going to the Michigan FOP website at www.mifop.com and signing up. Also, by showing your membership card to the Secretary of State, you can obtain an FOP license plate for a small fee.

As a member, you can enjoy all the benefits the lodge has to offer. The lodge is located at 3051 Blue Lake Rd. in Twin Lake and is open and available for use from April through December each year. Monthly meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at the lodge, with social hour beginning at 6:30 pm and the meeting following at 7:00 pm. During the months the lodge is closed, meetings are held at an off-site location. Join us for a light meal, beverages, and fellowship with the membership as part of your membership dues. Events are held each year such as the Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt, and The Children's Christmas Party. We host a sold out golf outing each year as well. Other events have included a retiree breakfast and a Summer gathering, as well as the annual Police Memorial Week events that include the breakfast, a local Memorial Service and a Blood Drive. We have also been doing an Aqua Star First Responder Cruise and we host a Texas Hold Em Fundraiser yearly. Periodic events have included Euchre parties, Casino Bus Trips and Wine and Canvass Events. We look forward to seeing you at some or all of these events!

To stay up to date we have a Facebook Page at Charles Hammond Lodge and a website at www.fop99.net. We are also exploring a new phone app for our local lodge coming soon.

Membership also includes the ability to rent the lodge for use on beautiful Twin Lake. If you would like to rent the lodge, you can check for availability, pricing, and reserve a date by contacting Laura Bomers at Schedulefop@gmail.com.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist and serve at our events and to help with the upkeep of the lodge. Please keep this in mind if you have extra time to help at the many events we offer or have the talents to assist with lodge maintenance.

Again, welcome to Charles D. Hammond Lodge 99, we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Sincerely,

Brian Harris, President