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Rotogram November 11, 2020

By Andrew Blum on Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Welcome, Invocation and Pledge

President Jeff called the meeting to order. Greg led the invocation and remembered our veterans. David led the pledge.

Speaker

Sheriff Bryan Martin spoke to us from behind his "No Shave November" whiskers. He blamed the gray color on "sun bleaching."

Bryan discussed how staffing levels at the Sheriff's Department had fallen over the years from 165 total staff to the current 120. This, of course, makes patrolling the county more challenging. Ideally there would be 6 to 8 deputies on patrol on a shift, but at times we're down to 2 to 3 for the whole county. Recently, there has been some recruitment success with 6 trainees currently in the pipeline. Improved compensation and medical benefits have made this possible. Mutual aid agreements with city police and the highway patrol are in effect and help out when those agencies have officers available.

The jail is rated to hold up to 286 inmates. Less space is available than previously due to laws requiring some long-term inmates to serve their sentence locally rather than in state prison. So far 14 inmates and two jail staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. One pod at the jail is in quarantine. This makes staffing a further challenge.

Bryan believes the recent increase in car thefts in Lakeport is a statewide phenomenon due to reduced sentences for the crime. He has no idea if "defunding" the police will affect his department. But the Lake County Sheriff's Office has a good relationship with Lake County residents, so hopefully sufficient funding will be maintained.

Sunshine

Nanette is still moving into her new house. I paid up for my club anniversary.

Undaunted by the response to previous jokes, Melissa tried again. (You have to admire her perseverance!) This one had to do with a husband who thought the aura of light around his wife at night might indicate spiritual enlightenment. Turns out she was just searching through his cellphone.

Detective

David fined everyone who wasn't present. He got several of us for not wearing a Rotary pin. And he fined me for being late to the meeting. The fact that I was on a call to the sheriff's department brought me no sympathy. Nor did he let me pass the fine onto the sheriff.

Announcements

Lake County Victim Witness may need our help distributing Christmas gifts to children this year.

Due to Covid, Christmas baskets will not happen this year. Instead there will be gift cards to allow families to buy food for the holidays.

Warming Center training will be held at United Christian Parish on November 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. Wear masks.

No meeting on November 25, the day before Thanksgiving.

Finley

In order to make up for getting me fined for taking a call from the sheriff's office, Sheriff Martin called my number in the Finley. So I guess we're even.

Birthdays

Melissa Fulton
November 20th

Giovanni Annous
November 28th