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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has been one, crazy roller coaster ride this winter. I am hopeful by the time you receive this letter Mother Nature has made up her mind about what she wants to do. This is election year for the NYSFOP; the election will be held during the conference in Albany NY. I would like our Lodge to take a very active roll in the process, as this one will chart the direction of our State for the next two years. Lodge membership determines the number of allocated delegates we receive, so sign someone up. I would like to have at least ten attend the conference and will propose a fundraiser at the Spring Luncheon to lighten the financial burden of our volunteers. You can attend our Spring Luncheon to declare your interest or submit a signed letter to our Lodge Secretary Pat Cirincione stating your desire to be considered as a delegate. The NYSFOP photo ID card can be updated every year. You can mail your application with the proper fee straight to the NYSFOP ID Program in Hicksville, NY. Details are on our site, fop997.org. This State offering is an additional benefit and is not included in your Lodge dues. Check online for pictures from our 2015 reunion photo booth to see what you missed. Ravenswood Satellite (PSA10) has been put on the back burner at this point in time. However, our own Retired Chief Jerry Nelson is now Vice President of Public Safety for The New York City Housing Authority. Can the new Housing Police be in the works? (Smile) Congratulations Jerry!

Because some of us may have misplaced the information (Smile Again), I am reprinting ID card renewal details. Retired members of NYPD go to or contact 1PP. Housing PD retired members, one month before your card expires, call PAA Lee in the Housing Bureau at (212) 432-2461. PAA Lee will send you forms to fill out and return. You will be investigated and notified to make the appointment for your photo. All members of other departments check and follow your agencies' guidelines. Remember the Retired Sergeants Association has indicated an expired card is not valid to qualify for HR218. **It is recommended that you renew your card before it expires.**

SPREAD THE WORD, OUR MISSION STATEMENT – STRONGER, BIGGER, BETTER CONNECTED, Fraternally, Bob, Lodge 997



OCT. REUNION - Some of the happy participants at the Reunion. Hope you were there. If not, come to the Spring Luncheon.



OCT. REUNION - Our President, Bob Nero, with State FOP President, Mike Essig, and other Members of the State Executive Bd.

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WARNING!!!

There has been a recent occurrence that you should know about. A Pennsylvania Corrections Officer and his wife were visiting Atlantic City, NJ. While there their vehicle was struck by an allegedly drunk driver. The police responded and the CO identified himself. The CO was asked by the responding officer if he had his weapon with him, and he responded that he did, and it was locked in the trunk of his vehicle. He then produced his valid Pennsylvania pistol permit. However, he did not have an HR 218 certification. (Apparently, in Pennsylvania CO's are not recognized a "law enforcement officers" so he was ineligible for HR 218 certification.) His weapon was confiscated, and he was released. He returned home; however, a few days later he received a notification from NJ law enforcement that he was to be arrested and charged with a felony for possession of the firearm. The rationale for the arrest was that NJ does not recognize pistol permits from any other jurisdiction, and because he was not HR 218 certified, he had violated NJ weapons possession laws.

Be advised, NJ, like NY, does not recognize pistol permits issued by any other state and has no reciprocity agreement with any other state.

If you travel outside of NYS, and you take your weapon with you, **YOU BETTER BE HR 218 CERTIFIED** for the weapon you're carrying - your shield, ID card, and valid NYS pistol permit will not be accepted as valid authorization to carry anywhere outside of NYS.

Better yet, even if you have a valid NYS pistol permit and a valid HR 218 certification, don't take your weapon out of NYS unless you believe it's absolutely necessary. Why look for trouble.

As to the Pennsylvania CO, as far as I know, the case is still pending. He started out as the victim in a possible DWI case and ended up as a felon. We wish him well and hope the prosecutors in this case see the ridiculousness of it. Fraternaly, Pat C.

NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

Eric O. Blake
David A. Delaney
Lester R. Watson
Daniel Bleich
Kevin Hinkson
Raymond Capers

Isaac J. Souchak
Annette Spellen
Harold Green
James A. Secreto*
Robert A. Coletta
William J. Carey
Donald Seto
Quathisha Epps

*Please Note: new member, James Secreto, is the Chief of NYPD Housing Bureau.

TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS, WE SAY "WELCOME ABOARD"

For more information and news on what's happening with the FOP visit the following websites:
National FOP www.fop.net

State FOP
www.NYSFOP.org
Lodge #997 –
www.fop997.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4th - Lodge #997 Spring Luncheon - Riccardo's Catering Hall, Astoria, NY.

May 7th - NYS FOP Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Ceremony - State FOP HQ, Hicksville, NY.

May 15th - National FOP Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Services, Washington, DC.

May 25th - State FOP Scholarship Program deadline.

June 24th - Special NYS FOP Yankees vs. Twins baseball game, Bronx, NY.

July 9th - State FOP Family Picnic, Lido Beach Town Park, Lido Beach, NY.

July 15th - Six Flags Great Adventure & Wild Safari, Great Adventure, NJ.

Aug. 27th - NYS FOP Foundation Pig Roast to benefit the survivors of Members who have passed, FOP HQ, Hicksville, NY

Oct. 16 & 17th - NYS FOP State Conference, Albany Marriott Hotel, Albany, NY.

FOR MORE INFO ON STATE AND NATIONAL FOP EVENTS, VISIT

visit our website at www.fop997.org

SPRING LUNCHEON - STATE FOP CONFERENCE

At the Spring Luncheon (details elsewhere in the newsletter) there are three items of business that we must complete. First, we must choose our delegates to the next FOP State Conference which will be held on Oct. 16th & 17, 2016, at the Albany Marriott Hotel in Albany, NY.

We are entitled to 12 delegates and 2 alternates. Second, we have to elect our Lodge Trustee. The Trustee is our representative at all State Board meetings and must be willing and able to attend State Board meetings which are held bi-monthly at State FOP HQ. Anyone interested in the Trustee position must be a member in good standing and must have been a member of our lodge for at least 6 months prior to the Luncheon meeting to be eligible. Third, we have to select a three person Financial Review Committee. We try to keep our expenses to a minimum and we have checks and balances in place to review our spending, but for an organization to be transparent in its handling of lodge funds, we need to have our books reviewed by a committee of members other than Executive Board members. Therefore, we are requesting three volunteers for a Financial Review Committee. After the review is complete, we will report the Committee's findings in the next newsletter. Anyone wishing to be considered for a Lodge Delegate or Alternate position, the position of Lodge Trustee, or a position on the Financial Review Committee can attend the Spring Luncheon; however, if this is not possible, an individual can still be considered for the desired position by submitting a signed letter stating his/her desire to be considered for the position. The letter must be submitted to the Lodge Secretary at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725, and must be received no later than Monday, May 2nd 2016. If necessary, a vote will be taken at the Luncheon. We had a great reunion in Oct of last year, but if you missed it, here's another chance. You'll get to see some old friends that you haven't seen for a while and reminisce about "the good old days." HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LUNCHEON!!! Fraternally, Pat C.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Hack of National FOP Web Site - In January of this year the National FOP web site was hacked by unknown individuals. To protect our members, the National suspended the web site while they rebuild it to better protect against future hack attempts. Recently, they resumed operation on a limited basis using the www.fop.net/ web site. However, until all the rebuilding is complete they are not issuing any new National FOP cards. As soon as they are completed, they will resume issuing National FOP cards, and we will send them out as soon as we receive them. Thanks you for your patience.

Mea Culpa - In the Winter 2016 issue we included our Seasons Greetings list of Members. Unfortunately, we used an old list and many names were omitted. We're in the process of updating our current list to include all those missed, and any new members. In the newsletter following our completion we'll put in our updated list.

Weapon Possession Restrictions - We recently learned that some venues in NYC, such as Citi Field, Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music

Hall, and the 9-11 Memorial Museum, do not allow weapon possession on the premises - this prohibition includes retired and even active off duty LEO's. Before going to venues where large groups of people or tourists may be present do yourself a favor, ascertain the venue's weapon possession policy and avoid being refused admittance.

Scholarship Program - Just a reminder, go to our or the State's web site for info on the Scholarship Program and the deadline is May 25th.



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