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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Well Brothers and Sisters, we're finally getting back to some sense of normalcy. You wanted a venue to get together to see some old friends – well, with the assistance of new Executive Board Member, Wade Williams, we were able to schedule our first Spring Luncheon since the start of the pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic had some unforeseen consequences. Our old standby location, Riccardo's, shut its doors permanently, and we had to find a new location. We were able to secure Antuns' Catering in Queens Village, a location that's familiar to many of us, because of the many affairs, including our own reunion parties, that have been held there in the past. The cost will be a little higher than previous luncheons – another casualty of the pandemic. But we should have a great time. (See flyer inside for details and a reservation coupon.) We've been busy on other fronts also. Our Facebook page and our web site are both back on line (see article inside for web addresses and details). Just for your info – the National FOP Conference is scheduled for August this year and will be in Las Vegas. Anyone interested in attending as a delegate from our Lodge review the article inside this newsletter for more details. Hopefully, we'll be able to continue moving forward without too many bumps in the road.

## **HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LUNCHEON.**

Fraternally,  
Bob  
Lodge 997

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**MEMORIES FROM PAST LUNCHEONS -  
COME TO OUR LUNCHEON ON MAY 3RD AND HELP US MAKE NEW MEMORIES - Flyer inside.**

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and news on what's hap-  
pening with the FOP vis-  
it the following  
websites:

**National FOP**  
**[www.fop.net](http://www.fop.net)**  
**State FOP**

**[www.NYSFOP.org](http://www.NYSFOP.org)**  
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## **NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

As per the Constitution and By-Laws, Article #6, Section #4, subsection A, President Nero had appointed the following Members to the positions indicated:

Wade Williams – Director; Rick Agosta – Membership Chairman; James Osgood – Facebook Administrator, and Edward Ip – Chief Technical Advisor.

To the new Board Officers we say **CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK!!!** We know that you will do an outstanding job in your new positions. The Executive Board.

## **FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE**

Great news! We're back on line. Thanks to our new Chief Technical Advisor, Edward Ip, his company, POS.com, and his top computer technician, Daniel Yi, our Facebook page and our website are now operational. With the assistance of Debbie Slavin, Brad Slavin, and Bart Slavin, Zach's wife, son, and brother respectively, Ed and Dan were able to transfer control of our Facebook account and website back over to the Lodge. This was all set up by our 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dewey Fong. Our new Facebook Administrator is Jim Osgood (who also did initial work on getting the website back) and we're accepting Facebook members into our group. Counting our old and new members we have over 1000 individuals already registered. Our website needs up dating and we're working on that, but we will be posting current info while we update. The Facebook page can be found at [www.facebook.com/groups/fop997](http://www.facebook.com/groups/fop997), and the website is [www.fop997.org](http://www.fop997.org). Check both sites on a regular basis for current info. Our Tech Advisor Ed can be reached at [Ed@fop997.org](mailto:Ed@fop997.org). THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!! The Executive Board.

## **DEATH REPORTED**

It is our sad duty to report the passing of Assistant Chief James Marcus. Jim was a charter member of our Lodge, and on a personal note, a good friend. Jim was the CO of PSA's 2 & 9, and as a Deputy Chief, and later as an Assistant Chief, the CO of the Support Services Bureau. I worked with Jim in IAB and later as his Admin. Lt. in PSA #9 he was a true gentleman and a great boss. MAY HE REST IN PEACE! Fraternally, Pat Cirincione

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Stephen Moore, Paula L. Inniss, Devon D. Wharton, Sharif Arshad, Kirpa Cheema, Satpal Singh, Manjit Singh, Amornchal Pritsingh, Sonu Bajwa, Kunal Majitha, Michele A. Godfrey, Daniel Yi

TO ALL OUR NEW  
MEMBERS, WE SAY,  
‘WELCOME ABOARD’



## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** – Just a final reminder – if you intend to apply for the FOP Scholarship for your child, you must do so soon. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Go to the NYS FOP web site ([nysfop.org](http://nysfop.org)), scroll down to “member forms” and click on the Scholarship Application for requirements and submission info. Remember – **Deadline -Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** GOOD LUCK!!!

**NYS FOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL CEREMONY** – The State FOP Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023. The ceremony will be held in front of the NYS FOP HQ, in Hicksville, NY. At the time of this writing 75 names of members of New York Law Enforcement who made the ultimate sacrifice will be added to the Memorial Wall in front of the building. If you can attend it adds to the tribute afforded these brave individuals and their families. MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!!! WE WILL NEVER FORGET!!!

**NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL CEREMONY** – National Police week will begin on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The actual Annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service will be held on the West Front of the United States Capital in Washington, DC, on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Service begins at 12 noon. If you’re interested in attending, visit the National FOP web site ([www.fop.net](http://www.fop.net)) or [www.policeweek.org](http://www.policeweek.org).

**NATIONAL FOP CONFERENCE** – The 2023 National Biennial Conference is scheduled for August 14-17, in Las Vegas. The Conference will be held in the conference hall of the MGM Grand hotel. The MGM Grand is also the hotel that will be used for accommodations for those attending the conference. Any Member who would like to attend the conference as a delegate from our Lodge should contact President Nero or Secretary Cirincione. For more info visit the Conference web site at [www.foplasvegas2023.org](http://www.foplasvegas2023.org).

**LODGE SPRING LUNCHEON** – You asked for us to do it and we did it. Our Spring Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 1230hrs, at Antuns Catering House, located at 96-43 Springfield Blvd. Queens, NY 11429. For more info and the reservation coupon see President Nero’s Message and the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**FOP ID CARDS** – Remember, requests for FOP ID cards (new or renewal) are to be sent to the NYS FOP at 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, NY 11801, **NOT TO OUR LODGE!** For more info and applications visit the State FOP web site ([nysfop.org](http://nysfop.org)) and scroll down to “member forms” and click on the form you need.

## **HR 218 (LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT – LEOSA) QUALIFICATIONS**

For those members seeking HR 218 qualification information, we have identified several sources. For further info and/or registration contact the source directly.

**MANHATTAN** – Contact the Westside Rifle and Pistol Range located at 20 W20th St. – Tel #212 929 7287 – web site - [westsidepistolrange.com](http://westsidepistolrange.com).

**STATEN ISLAND** – Contact Bernie Novis at Arthur Kill Sports. Tel #347 552 0903.

**UPSTATE** – Contact the Rockland County Police and Public Safety Academy – Tel # 845 786 7491 – web site – [rockhr218.com](http://rockhr218.com).

**NASSAU COUNTY** – Contact Scott Carter at tel #347 582 8220 – web site –

[hr218-leosa.com](http://hr218-leosa.com). **SUFFOLK COUNTY** – Contact Roland Grant at tel #631 876 5438 – web site – [safetyquestltd.com](http://safetyquestltd.com). (Note: We are not compensated by, nor do we endorse, any of the above locations. This info is provided to our Members for reference only.)

**NEW PROCEDURE FOR HPD ID CARDS**

There is a new procedure for former members of the HPD to obtain their retired law enforcement ID card. The cards are still being issued by Transit Bureau but there is no longer a need to appear in person at Transit Bureau HQ in Brooklyn.

At least month before your card is due to expire (or if your card has already expired) call Housing Bureau at 212 432 2680 or 212 432 2461. Inform the PAA that you're calling to obtain a new HPD ID card. The PAA will ask you a series of questions and ask for a contact telephone number.

About a month later you will receive a call from Transit Bureau ID card section. You will have to email them a copy of your driver's license, your current ID card, and a digital photo of yourself from the waist up in front of a neutral colored background (no hats or sunglasses please).

After processing, a new ID card will be mailed to you via certified mail. If you have any questions, contact Transit Bureau at 718 610 4660 or email them at: **TBHQPERSON-NEL@NYPD.org**.



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