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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This newsletter highlights a noble cause in a request from NYPD Detectives' Endowment Association's President Paul DiGiacomo. He is looking for information for the son of Police Officer David Terelle, who worked Marcy Houses in the seventies. Terelle's son is a NYPD Detective and Paul is an old Housing Cop, which makes him family (smile). David ended his tour and disappeared decades ago; his son is seeking information to find his dad. So, I am asking all my Dinosaurs to scan your memory banks for any information. This Dinosaur remembers Terelle's name but not the incidents as I flew into Marcy Complex on vacation relief a few times. However, most of the guys I knew during that timeframe have made their last ring, but I know a few of us are still kicking.

I hope we get great results, as when the 71st Precinct Detectives sounded the alarm for Police Officer Wesley Hunt. When Hunt passed, none of his family could be found and he was going to potter's field. We reached out, found his sister and son through our newsletter, and our brother was interred in Calverton National Cemetery.

If you haven't gotten your H.R.218 qualification course yet, please do so. It is required for some gun license renewals.

Further, our 2023 **ELECTION MEETING** is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the VFW Post #1896 meeting hall, located at 110-02 Merrick Blvd, Queens, NY, more details inside. In closing, remember that each point of our mission – Stronger, Bigger, Better Connected – needs your continued involvement.

Stay safe, strong and healthy. Fraternally, Bob Lodge 997







**NOTABLE RETIREMENTS.** Our numbers in the NYPD are dwindling. Recently, after 4 decades on the Job, Det. Frank Ciccone retired. Other recent retirements include Chief Galen Frierson (pictured with Bob Nero and Frank Reid), and Chief Elton Mohammed, and Chief Samuel Wright, all pictured above. We wish GOOD LUCK & GOOD FORTUNE to all our recent retirees.

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Lodge #997 –
www.fop997.org





# **COSTCO RENEWAL 2022**

Just a reminder – our Costco Club membership expires at the end of September 2023. If you are interested in joining our Costco Club, or are already a member and wish to renew with our club, the cost is \$66.00 (\$60 for membership, + tax) for 2 cards at the same address.

Note: The names on the cards can be different, but the individuals must be from the same household and use the same mailing address. Costco will ask you for ID before issuing a card.

Some additional info for prospective members – Costco does not allow for single membership. That's why you get 2 cards. If you're interested, please legibly <u>PRINT</u> the names and address that you wish to use and submit with your check or money order, made payable to FOP LODGE

#997, and mail it to FOP Lodge #997 at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725. All payments must be received by September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you have any questions contact Pat Cirincione, or email me at <a href="mailto:patchese">patcfop997@aol.com</a>. Good luck – Fraternally, Pat

# **NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY**

National LEO Appreciation Day is Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We know that's a long way off, but mark it on your calendar so that you don't forget. On that day, show your support for law enforcement by wearing blue clothing, or displaying a blue light in your home or on your property. Remember, as LEO's we are not Black, White, or any other color – WE ARE ALL BLUE!!!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER – It is our pleasure to announce that the Lodge Scholarship sponsored by the "Class of '73' Reunion" was awarded to, Katie O'Gallagher the daughter of Jean O'Gallagher. From all the Members of Lodge #997 we wish Katie GOOD LUCK in her continuing education. Congratulations!!! The Executive Board.

## **NEW & REINSTATED MEMBERS**

Liwen Huang
Orazio laboni
Dehash B. Isaac
Ivan K. Ip
Victor So
Raymond Wang
Ming Yin Tang
Kenroy W. Sterling

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



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#### STATE FOP LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

Each year, on the first Saturday of May, the NYS FOP has its annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at State FOP Headquarters.

Since 1791, more than 22,000 heroes of law enforcement across this great Nation, have selflessly laid down their lives in the line of duty serving its citizens. The NYS FOP Memorial Wall in front of our State HQ has enshrined upon it the names of more than 1400 members of the NYS law enforcement community so that their names will forever be ingrained in our hearts.

This year 76 additional names have been added to the Memorial Wall. Of the 76 officers being honored in 2023, 5 lost their lives in the Line Of Duty, 8 due to Covid, and 63 Brothers and Sisters succumbed to 9-11 related illnesses. Below find the names of these officers who made the ultimate sacrifice serving the citizens of NYS:

ROBERT D. NEGRI JR, CARMEN M. FIGUEROA, THOMAS J. GRAHAM JR, PAUL C. ADAM, WAYNE E. BENNETT, WILLIAM SOTO, VALERIE K. JACOBS, VINCENT K. GOUGH, ANDREA R.J. RAINER, THOMAS J. FENNESSY, RAYMOND HARRIS, JEREMIAH J. HUNT, DENNIS P. MUR-PHY, JOHN MINCHILLI, ANTHONY L. LOMBARDO, ROBERT J. REIDY, VINCENT A. DEMARI-NO, FRANK ROSADO, JAMES P. BAST, MATTHEW S VON SEYDEWITZ, ROBERT P. YOUNG, PEDRO GARCIA, MICHAEL A. HOULAHAN, PATRICK G. MONROE, EMILIO LABOY, THOMAS L. NEAL, JEWEL JENKINS, LAURENCE J. DOUGHERTY, EMANUELE AGONGI, GERALD T. BRENNAN, DENNIS J. HOWARD, EDWARD R. GORCZYNSKI JR, RAPHAEL A. LORA, JENNIFER S. ABRAMOWITZ, MARK SMITH, WILLIAM J. DEBLOCK, JOSEPH J. MECCA JR, MICHAEL R. O'DONNELL, CARL R. LUDWIG, BRIAN J. MANLEY, NICHOLAS PURPERO, JAMES G. SWEENEY, SCOTT P. ENSER, JOSEPH J. GALLAGHER, HECTOR M. GONZALES, STEVEN L. RO-DRIGUEZ, CORNELIUS J. DOUGLAS, MICHAEL S. FULLER, GEORGE C. MORENO, MATTHEW A. PERLUNGHER, CHRISTOPHER M. TULLY, HUGH P. BARTLETT JR, CHARLES C. VROOM, MI-CHAEL J. REASS, NEIL E. PORTER, LAWRENCE J. PREHN, ENRICO J. CRISAFI, TERENCE MUL-VEY, HECTOR M. NUNEZ, BARBARA BURNETTE, MELISSA M. FRANCE, DANIEL J. SANCHEZ, JASON RIVERA, WILBERT D. MORA, LEONARD SWANSON, DAVID A. MATHURA, RODRICK C. COVINGTON, YIU T. TAO, PETER C. EGAN, FREDERICK G. MANLEY, ANTHONY P. MAZURKIE-WICZ, LAWREN E. CABANA, F. BRENT CHOMYSZAK, IVAN M. MORALES, KRISTINA M. ZELL, FRANK GUALDINO.

THEIR NAMES ENSHRINED ON OUR MEMORIAL WALL AND ON THE MEMORIAL WALL IN WASHINGTON, DC. MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE. WE WILL NEVER FORGET!!!

#### **DEATHS REPORTED**

It is our sad duty to report the passing of the following Members and Friends of our Lodge:

Bruce Granastein

David Kaufman

Moe Leon (former Lodge Executive Board member)

Charles Schroeder

Alfred Dunklin

Irving Morgan

William (Bill) Davis

Steve Pavaglia (non-member)

Andre Malave (non-member)





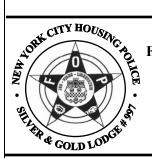


Alton (Al) Waldon – although Al was not a member of our Lodge, he was a good friend to the Lodge, attending many Lodge luncheons. Al was a lawyer and retired as a captain with the HPD. After retiring Al went on to become a Congressman, an Assemblyman, a State Senator, and a Judge of the New York Court of Claims. Al's accomplishments brought great credit to the HPD. MAY ALL OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

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### LODGE ELECTION MEETING SCHEDULED

Our elections meeting will be held on Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1230 hours, at the VFW Post #1896 Meeting Hall, located at 110-02 Merrick Blvd, Queens, NY 11433 (the corner of 110<sup>th</sup> Ave – also known as Brinkerhoff Ave – and Merrick Blvd.) At this meeting we will elect our Executive Board members who will lead our Lodge for the next two years. All Executive Board positions (except Lodge State Trustee) will be up for election. The positions are: PRESIDENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP, 2<sup>ND</sup> VP, TREASURER, SEC-RETARY, RECORDING SECRETARY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, AND 4 DIRECTOR **POSITIONS.** These positions will be for a term of 2 years. Note: there are several other positions on the Board, however, they are positions of specific need and they are appointed positions and filled at the discretion of the President. In order to provide the membership with the greatest opportunity to seek one of the Board positions, requests for nominations will be taken directly from the floor at the meeting. However, if you cannot attend the meeting but wish to be considered for a position, you may submit a letter naming the position sought in lieu of personally appearing at the meeting. The letter should be sent to Pat Cirincione, Lodge Secretary, at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY 11725. All such letters must be received by Monday, October 23rd, 2023. Any ACTIVE Member, who has been a member of our Lodge for at least 6 months is eligible to run for office. This is your chance to become part of the decision making process in our Lodge. Come to the meeting and let your voice by heard. As usual, food and beverages will be served. Frat. Pat



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