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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to thank our members who sounded the alarm when Wesley Hunt, a former NYC Housing Authority Police Department (HAPD) member, passed away and none of his family members could be found. The 71 Precinct Detectives posted the message on social media that, "Wesley was going to potter's field if a family member was not located." You notified us and I am happy to report his sister and son were found. Our brother received a proper funeral and interment in Calverton National Cemetery. We also lost Joe Royal who we could always count on to help when needed. Joe attended many FOP National and State Conferences as a 997 delegate. Rest in peace my brother, you will be missed.

Back to a subject from my last president's message. I normally don't do social media so a lodge member informed me there was a lot of dialogue on, "The Name Change!" Keep the conversation going. It's all good, even when you beat me up; I can take it (smile). So, I took a peek and thought I should give you some information. In 2018, our lodge has 839 members that includes 173 associate members, 75 from other agencies and 3 members who passed away last month. This puts our base at 588 members from HAPD. Talk about it!

Please attend our general membership Election Meeting on Thursday, November 1, 12:30 p.m. at FOP headquarters in Hicksville. We'll have elections for officers and talk about National Conference delegates. See details in this newsletter.

In closing, remember that each point of our mission – Stronger, Bigger, Better Connected – needs your continued involvement. I would love for our lodge to make that 900 mark. Think about it.

Fraternally, Bob Lodge 997 Stronger, Bigger, Better Connected



ATTENDEES AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON: Left to right - Bill Davis, Ron Hochberg, Bob Katz, Kevin Boyle, Tom Morris, Jerry Suppes, and Bill McGuire

MORE FROM THE SPRING LUNCHEON: Left to right - Morty Stern, John Lutterloh, Aura Chacon, John Green, William Garcia, Artie Fisher, Bill Fisher, Mike Lagiovane, and Jerry Mazzella.

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LODGE ELECTIONS

Our elections meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1st, 2018, at 1230 hours, at the NYS FOP Headquarters, located at 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, NY. This will be the most important meeting of the year because this is the meeting where we will decide who will lead our lodge for the next two years.

All Executive Board positions will be up for election. The positions are: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Membership Chairman, and 4 Directors. These positions will be for a term of 2 years.

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 Wednesday, Oct. 31st, 2018. Any Active Member, who has been a Member of our Lodge for at least 6 months, who wishes to be a candidate is urged to attend the meeting, or send in a letter as described above.

As usual, food and beverages will be served.

Come on out and let your voice be heard. Fraternaly, Pat

NYS FOP ID CARDS

If you have an FOP ID card and want to renew it for 2019 here's how:

1. Make sure you send in your dues for 2019 (if you're not a paid up member, they will not renew your ID card). Please note: for Active Members this is for your FOP ID card - it is not to be confused with your law enforcement ID card which can only be issued by your law enforcement agency.

2. Get an FOP ID card renewal form from either the State FOP web site (nysfop.org), or at the State FOP office.

3. Fill it out and send it to the NYS FOP at 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, NY 11801, along with your payment - the cost should be noted on the form. **SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND FEE DIRECTLY TO THE STATE FOP - DO NOT SEND IT TO OUR LODGE.**

4. The cards will not be issued by the State FOP until 2019. The State FOP will send the cards directly to the Member, so please remember to print your information legibly.

NOTE: If you do not have an FOP ID card and would like one, come to the Election Meeting November 1st and have your photo taken. Good Luck. Fraternaly, The Executive Board.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DUES YET??

Make your check payable to **FOP LODGE #997** \$40.00 for Active, and \$45.00 for Associates) (There is no administrative fee if you pay before November 1ST), and mail to: FOP Lodge 997, 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY 11725

DUES REMINDER!!

ITEMS OF INTEREST**HEALTH PLAN TRANSFER**

Because this is an “even” year (2018) NYC retirees will be allowed to change their health care provider this Fall. The NYC Office of Labor Relations has not yet announced the dates for the transfer period.

However, if you’re interested in changing your health care provider please visit www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/healthhome.page or call (212) 513 0470 for add. Info.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

We are happy to announce that our Scholarship winner for 2018 is David Daniels, the son of Member Yvonne Daniels. From all the Members of Lodge #997, we wish David GOOD LUCK! in his continuing education. CONGRATULATIONS !!!

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is Jan. 9th, 2019. You can show your support for law enforcement by wearing blue clothing, or by displaying a blue light in your home or on your property. REMEMBER, AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WE ARE NEITHER BLACK, WHITE, OR ANY OTHER COLOR – WE ARE ALL BLUE!!!

NATIONAL FOP CONFERENCE

The next National Biennial FOP Conference is scheduled for Aug. 12th – 15th, 2019, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Members of our Lodge attended the last National Conf. in New Orleans and we had a great time! If you’ve never been to New Orleans this will be a great opportunity to visit a great city and to see how the National FOP works. If you are interested in attending the Conf. with our lodge, more details (as we get them) will be on our web site and in the Winter and Spring newsletters.

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER - FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME!

This is the time of the year that we renew our Lodge with the State FOP for the upcoming year, and it's the best time of the year to sign up new members. The reason for this is that a new member pays his/her dues and gets a full year's worth of benefits. Speaking of benefits, let me list a few: From the National FOP (sorry, Active Members only) - The FOP Journal (quarterly), National FOP card, courtesy card, and window stickers.

From the State FOP - Accidental Death insurance policy, Survivor Aid and Death Benefit, Scholarship program, and an FOP license plate program (please note there are some restrictions with these programs, please contact an Executive Board member for more info). Associate Members are provided with membership cards and a window decal. There are dental, financial consultation, discounted auto and home owners insurance, and FOP ID card programs available to all Members - and this is to just name a few of the benefits that are provided by the State FOP.

From our Lodge - periodic luncheons and reunions. An informative quarterly newsletter, and participation in the BJ's Wholesale Club program.

Active Membership - initial fee of \$45.00 to join - \$40.00 thereafter for annual renewal.

Associate Membership - initial fee of \$50.00 to join - \$45.00 thereafter for annual renewal.

Applications, mailing address, and other info is available on our web site - fop997.org. Hope you'll consider signing up new members. Fraternaly, The Executive Board.

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OUR HEROES UNKNOWN

Retired Detective and former Lodge member Bill Liell passed away on September 12th. When he ended his tenure with the department he was the treasurer of the HPBA and editor of their " On The Beat" newspaper. I first met Bill in 1966 when he was a rookie cop on field training in Red Hook Houses. Over the years the only thing I knew about his life before HPD was that he was retired from the US Army and that was it, no bragging of any kind. Well now that he's gone I feel I must brag for him.

At age 18 Bill joined the Army and was assigned to a parachute infantry unit. In August of 1952 while in Korea on a recon mission with 5 other soldiers, the group was attacked by hundreds of enemy combatants. Bill's unit took cover in caves and returned fire. When the radio operator was severely wounded, Bill left his covered position several times to save his wounded comrades and operate the radio. For his actions Bill was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart. Bill made 39 parachute jumps and was awarded the Senior Parachutist Badge. After Korea Bill became an Army Ranger and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. I never heard Bill utterer a word about his Army career. Bill was a true hero. Bill is survived by his wife Tamie of 65 years, and 6 children. It was an honor to have him as member of the NYC Housing Police Department. May He Rest In Peace. Andy, past President



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