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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**PICNIC:** Another summer and another great picnic. Plenty of food, drink and great conversation. I know all who attended had a wonderful time.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** I'M WRITING THIS IN ALL CAPS BECAUSE SOME OF OUR MEMBERS (You know who you are) HAVE AN EYESIGHT AND READING COMPREHENSION PROBLEM. IN THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT CHECK. THE AMOU

**NT THIS YEAR IS \$1062.00 FOR EACH ELIGIBLE MEMBER AND/OR SPOUSE. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT CONTACT THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM, 40 Rector St. New York, NY 10006.**

**SPEAKING OF MONEY:** Your September pension check included an increase of \$21. That's your big COLA raise of 1.4%. Don't spend it all in one place!

**TRY IT:** For those of you who don't have a house alarm but have one

in your car here's a good tip. If you park your car in your garage, driveway or in front of your house, keep your car keys by your bed when you go to sleep. If you suspect a possible break in or some other unlawful activity hit the car alarm button. It may scare away the bad guy or at least give you time to protect your self.

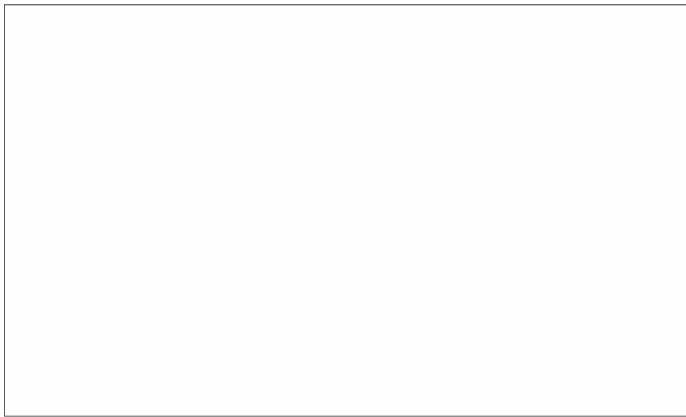
**KENTUCKY:** Our Lodge was well represented at the National FOP Conference in Louisville. See article for full details.

**CONGRATS AGAIN:** It seems like only a couple months ago we were congratulating **George Anderson,** a

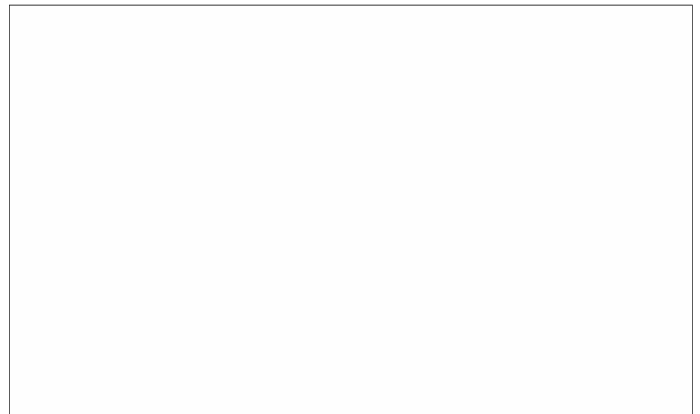
member of our Lodge, on his new assignment as C.O. of the Police Academy. Come to think of it, it was only a couple of months ago. Well anyway, here we are again congratulating him on his promotion to Assistant Chief. It's good to have friends in high places. I'll be calling you George when my grandson enters the Academy. Don't worry Chief, it will be awhile, AJ just turned two!!

**ALREADY?** It's hard to believe but it's Holiday Party time again. See flyer for Date, Time and Place.

**ANDY**



Delegates at Work - left to right: Rich Petrone (NC), Wade Williams, Andy Melillo, Bob Goldman, Joe Royall, Nick Capezza, Jim Ross, Pat Flatley, Bob Nero, Pat Cirincione, and Henry Lavan.



Delegates at Play - left to right: Henry Lavan, Bob Nero, Pat Flatley, Joe Royall, Nick Capezza, Wade Williams, and Pat Cirincione.

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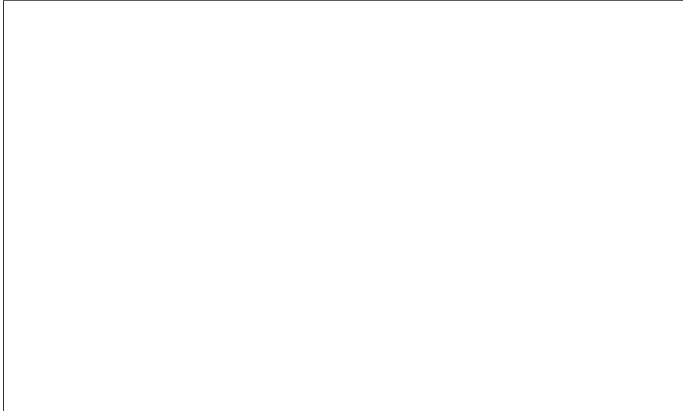
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## **National Conference**

The FOP National Conference was held from Aug. 13th through Aug. 17th in Louisville, Kentucky. There were approximately 4000 delegates from around the country representing almost every state. Our lodge, as usual, was well represented with our contingent of delegates led by our president, Andy Melillo. The state also was well represented with well over 100 delegates in attendance. The business sessions were informative, but for the most part, dealt with labor issues and issues of concern to specific states. As you know, New York is organized as a fraternal state so although much of the business was interesting it really had no impact on us. However, there were several issues that we were concerned with. The first of these issues was a \$3.00 yearly dues increase proposed by the National Executive Board. They presented cogent arguments for this dues increase citing rising operating costs, energy costs, and the need to maintain par with non-

traditional law enforcement unions (such as the Teamsters) trying to organize law enforcement personnel. Surprisingly there was much opposition to this proposal and the vote was very close. In fact, the vote was so close that a voice vote was insufficient and a head count was necessary. However, in the end, the proposed dues increase was passed. (Note: Because FOP rules require a 90 day notification before a dues increase can be put in effect, this increase will not become effective until 2009. But be prepared - A DUES INCREASE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR 2009.) The next issue we were interested in was, of course, the National Board elections. The National Board must be doing a good job because the incumbents almost never get challenged. This year was no different. The only position up for a vote was that of 2nd VP (the incumbent, Mike Taylor, chose not to run). The two brothers vying for the position were Brian Pendergast of Kentucky, and Frank Gale of Colorado. We had a past relationship with Frank Gale (he had been the National Sgt @ Arms) and we felt he was the best candidate for the position so we supported him. When the votes were counted Frank won handily. We were not so successful with our last issue of concern. Two cities were vying for location of the 2011 National Conference - Boston, and Salt Lake City. We felt Boston was a more advantageous venue allowing us to field more delegates because of its proximity. However, the delegate body had other ideas and Salt Lake City won by several hundred votes. Anyway, after the votes were cast, counted, and the winners announced, the conference concluded. The next National Conference will be held in August of 2009 in Long Beach, California, and the 2011 conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. It may seem like it's a long way off, but if you think you might be interested in seeing how the FOP works consider running for a delegate position. Before you know it, we will be seeking delegates - first for the State Conference next year, and then for the National in 2009 - be ready when the call comes. Fraternally, Pat

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**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

**(Photo Left)**

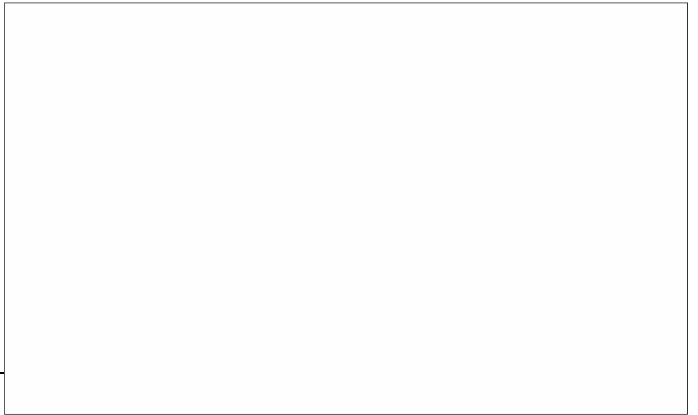
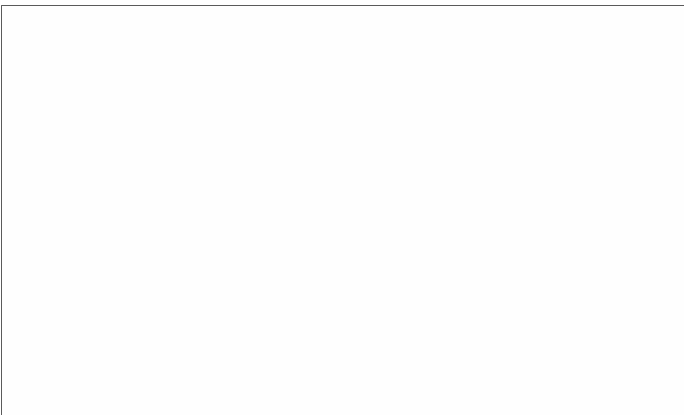
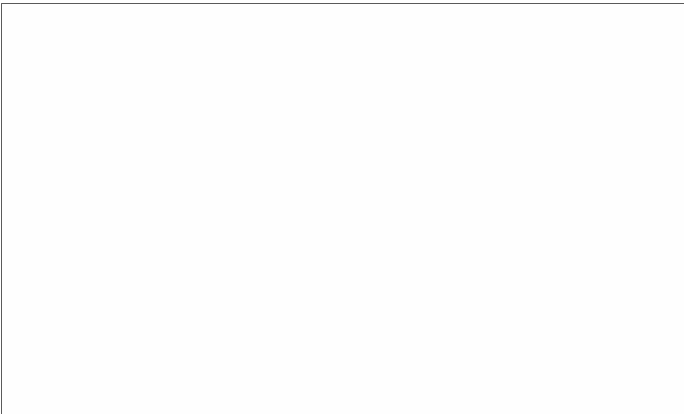
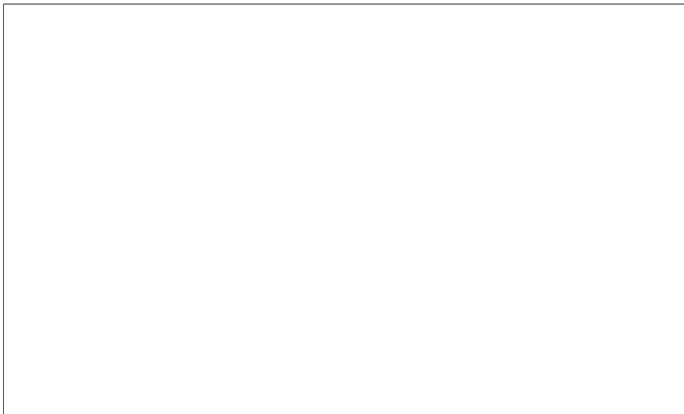
Each year we make a donation to the NYS FOP Scholarship Program. All members with eligible children are allowed to apply. We are happy to announce that our scholarship winner for 2007 is

Angelica R. Radacinski, daughter of member Steve Radacinski. Present at the Scholarship

Awards Ceremony were - from left, Assistant Chief Jim Tuller, Angelica, Steve, and Pat Cirincione.

From all the Members of Lodge 997, we wish Angelica, Good Luck, in her continuing education.

***FOP FAMILY PICNIC 2007***



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**FLORIDA REUNION**

It's time for the 3rd annual Florida reunion of the NYC Housing Police Department. Last years reunion was very successful. Twice as many attended last year as did the year before. Once again the reunion is planned for a time when the 'northerners' could escape some of the harsh winter weather and enjoy a little Florida sunshine. The date for the reunion has been scheduled for Friday February 1, 2008. This year's reunion will be the Friday of the Superbowl.

The venue for the reunion has not yet been finalized but will certainly be in Orlando. If



enough people respond there will be additional activities on Saturday the 2nd and possibly Sunday the 3rd. Currently Jet Blue has a reasonable

roundtrip airfare from JFK to Orlando that weekend (\$99 each way). You should know that you are not obligated to fly. Amtrak has service from NYC to Orlando. It's a scenic way to go. And of course those members currently residing in Florida are encouraged to attend. There will be additional information in the next issue of the Record Rumors. If you may be attending please contact Gordon Nash at **Gnash100@aol.com**

**Dues**  
**Reminder**

Just a reminder, 2008 dues are now being accepted. Renewal for active members is \$30; and for Associate Members it's \$35. New Active

*HAVE YOU  
SENT IN YOUR  
DUES YET??*

Membership is \$40, and New Associate Membership is \$45. (Note: New member fees include a one time \$10 administrative fee.)



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