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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WE HAD A NICE LUNCH: The Luncheon was another success with almost 100 in attendance. Among our special guests were Chiefs Doug Zeigler and Gerry Nelson, NYS FOP President Frank Ferreyra, NYS FOP Executive Vice President Charlie Caputo, Former HPBA President Joe Balzano and Retired Chiefs Joe Keeney and Pete Zarrella. We were also honored to have in attendance

the wife and daughter of Police Officer James Washington who died in the line of duty on May 29th, 1978. Ella and I

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▪ Don't Miss Our Annual
▪ FOP Picnic and Special
▪ Meeting Wed. July 26
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Wanda Washington were given a standing ovation by the membership. A special thanks to Lodge #69 Vice President Tim Motto who al-

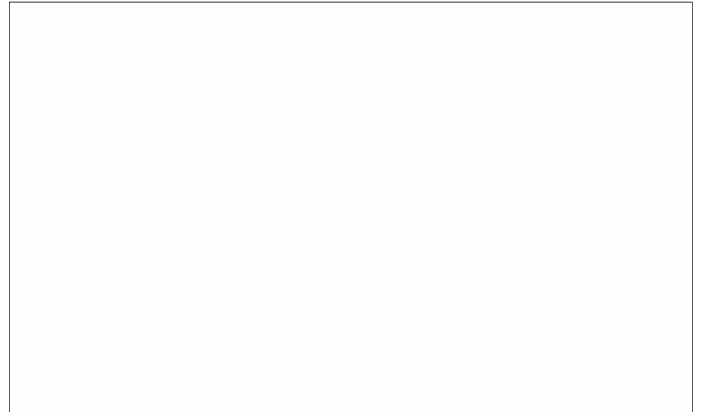
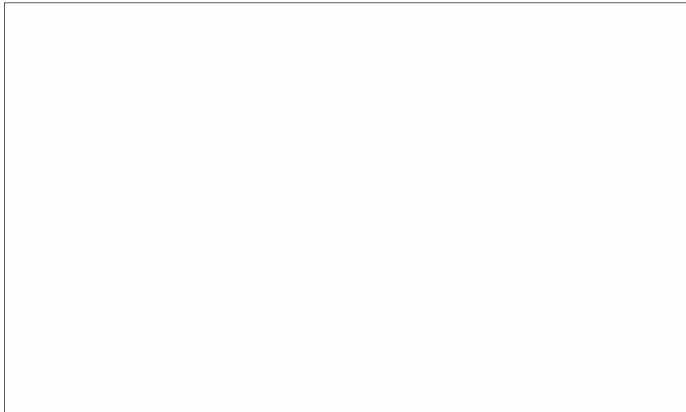
ways supports us and seems to have become our official photographer. Every time I see Tim and I have to stop myself

from saying Cheese!
FLORIDA FOLKS WANT TO DO IT AGAIN: I received some positive feedback on the Florida

reunion. Frank Reid who had attended said he had a great time. The reunion was put together rather quickly by Gordon Nash and still had about 30 attendees. If you're interested in having one this year you can send an email to Gordon at gnash100@aol.com

LET'S HAVE A BURGER: It's Picnic time again. See Flyer for time, place and date.

Andy



From our last luncheon - from left to right: Pat Cirincione, former Assistant Chief of Department, Joe Keeney, former Chief of Personnel, Pete Zarrella, Jim Ross, our President, Andy Melillo, and Bob Nero

Also from the luncheon - from left to right: Chief of Community Affairs, Douglas Zeigler, Les Buckner, Debbie Lemmiti, Chief of School Safety Gerald Nelson, and Rosemary Forkin. (More photos from the luncheon inside.)

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Special Meeting At Picnic!

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1st VICE PRES

BRUCE RAHEB
2nd VICE PRESIDENT

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NYS TRUSTEE

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PICNIC 2006

Our Summer Family Picnic is scheduled for Wed. July. 26th, 2006, at the Pavilion area in Valley Stream State Park. The cost has been reduced to \$15 per adult or \$25 per couple in advance or an additional \$5 per at the park. As in the past, youngsters under the age of 16 are free. The picnic flyer and reservation coupon are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Note: There is a \$6 parking fee which is waived for those 62 and over - just show your NYS Drivers License.) We're sure you will have a great time - hope to see you there. **ANDY**

At our luncheon I mentioned that we intended to have a special meeting late in June to select our State Trustee and our delegates and alternates to the NYS FOP Conference, which is to be held on Sept. 24th & 25th, 2006, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uniondale, LI. However, because of circumstances beyond our control we were unable to schedule this meeting. In an effort to keep lodge costs down and to provide a venue where we can expect a large turnout of members, the Executive Board decided to hold the special meeting at our annual Family Picnic scheduled for Wed. July 26th, 2006, at Valley Stream State Park (flyer with additional info and reservation coupon located elsewhere in this newsletter). At this special meeting at the picnic only two items of business will be discussed.

First - we have to elect our Lodge Trustee. The Trustee is our voice on the NYS FOP State Board. He/she is the only one from our lodge that can bring up items of importance to our lodge and/or make motions, and vote at State Board meetings. Our regular schedule calls for our lodge to hold general elections this

coming fall, but the Trustee must be sworn in for the next 2 years at the State Conference.

Anyone interested in running for the position of Lodge Trustee must be a member in good standing and must have been a member for at least 6 months prior to the special meeting at the picnic to be eligible. The candidate should attend the special meeting; however, if he/she cannot personally attend the meeting the candidate can still be considered for the position by submitting a signed letter stating his/her intentions. The letter must be submitted to the Lodge Secretary (me) at FOP Lodge #997, 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725, and must be received no later than Monday, July 24th, 2006.

Second - we have to elect our delegates and alternates to the State Conference. As previously stated, the conference will be held on Sept. 24th & 25th, at the Marriott Hotel. At the conference State Executive Board positions will be up for election. Our lodge is entitled to 10 delegates and 10 alternates. It is important that we fill all the delegate positions because it is through our delegates that our voice can be heard.

Any member wishing

to be considered for a delegate position can appear at the special meeting, or send a letter as indicated above, indicating his/her desire to be considered. If necessary, a vote will be taken to determine the delegates and alternates. (Note: An alternate can only vote if he/she is taking the place of a delegate who cannot attend.)

The NYS FOP will provide a \$50 reimbursement to each Delegate (or Alternate who takes the place of a Delegate) who is present at the conference on Mon. Sept. 25th, and votes. In addition, any of our lodge delegates who stay over at the Marriott on Sept. 24th, will receive an additional \$50 from our lodge to help to defray expenses. This is your opportunity to see how the NYS FOP works, so if you're interested, please come to the special meeting or send in your letter.

However, even if you're not interested in any of the positions mentioned above, COME TO THE PICNIC! Like our luncheons, business is kept to a minimum and socialization and good times are pushed to the maximum. Hope to see you there! Fraternally,

Pat

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Death's Reported

It is with great sadness we report the untimely passing of:

Arthur Brown
Ronald Sanchez
Harold Hill
Granville Hackshaw

Please Note: Normally when we hear of a former Housing Cop passing we report it as with the names above. We mean no disrespect to these Brothers or Sisters, or to their families and friends by the brevity of the notice. In these instances the services and burial have already occurred, so we provide the information so that friends, if they choose, can follow up on their own. The Executive Board

NEW MEMBERS

Mauro Capobianco
Steven Andersen
Carl Boylan
Vernon C. Taylor

TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS WE SAY WELCOME ABOARD"!

PROMOTIONS

Former Members of the HPD continue to excel in the NYPD. Recent promotions include:

TO DEPUTY CHIEF
Elton Mohammed

TO INSPECTOR
Thomas Harris*
Martin Conway

To all the promotees we say "Congratulations" and continued success in your careers. You make us all proud.

*Lodge Member

Note: If you are a member of our Lodge and we missed your promotion, let us know and we'll include you in a future newsletter.

COSTCO MEMBERSHIP

Costco Wholesale Club members who enrolled through FOP Lodge 997 are reminded that annual membership renewals are due no later than August 31st, 2006. At this time any other members interested in joining may also apply. Renewal/New Members fees are **\$43.45** (this includes tax and 2 cards). This fee entitles you to two membership cards. You can have different names on the cards, but both must have the same address. If you have any questions about the program please call Gil Prince at (631) 231-8116. Please make your checks payable to FOP Lodge #997 and indicate that it's for the Costco membership. Mail the checks to **Gil Prince** at 241 Medford Street, Brentwood, NY, 11717.

ON THE MEND

From time to time we have to report bad news. But Housing Cops are a tough bunch as witnessed by several of our members who have had health issues, and are now on the mend. These guys are tough fighters, but we all know that it's tough to go it alone. If you get a chance, pay them a visit, give them a call, or drop them a line. It will really go a long way toward building up their spirits. Please contact:

Ed Ruggeri - Cliffside Nursing Home, 119-19 Graham Court, Flushing, NY, 11354;

Paul Attardo - 10122 Queens Church Avenue, Las Vegas, NV, 89135, (702) 240 6644;

Msgr. Edward Nolan - 42-41 201st Street, Room 1023, Bayside, NY, 11361, (718) 428 0902;

Ozzie Thompson - Schurmacher Nursing Home, White Plains, NY, (914) 644 8142.

We wish them a speedy recovery. The Executive Board.



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STATE FOP POLICE MEMORIAL DAY

The NYS FOP held its Police Memorial Ceremony at State FOP HQ in Hicksville, on Saturday, May 6th, 2006. As usual, we sent a fitting floral arrangement and our Lodge was represented with Bob Nero, Henry Lavan, Moe Leon, Bruce Raheb, Chief Jerry Nelson, and Pat Cirincione present to pay our respects, and assist the State Lodge with the dignitaries and families of our fallen comrades. Mrs. Ella Washington and her daughter, Wanda Washington, wife and daughter respectively, of PO James Washington, one of our officers who died in the line of duty, were also present. This year the names of 5 officers from 2005, as well as the names of 101 officers from years past, were added to the Memorial Wall that stands in front of State FOP HQ. The dates these brave officers made the ultimate sacrifice range from 1806 to 2005. As you can see, the State FOP has an aggressive program to identify and recognize all NYS law enforcement personnel who have died in the line of duty regardless of agency or the date of their death. Our policy is, "YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN BY US." Following, find the names and dates of the ultimate sacrifice of the officers who died in 2005:

Sr. Invest. Thomas M. O'Neill - NY State Police 7/6/05
Dep. Sheriff Eric Peter Loiselle - Essex County, Sheriff' Dept. 8/17/05
Det. Dillon Stewart - NYPD 11/28/05
PO Daniel Enchautegui - NYPD 12/10/05
School Safety Officer Vivian A. Samuels-Benjamin - NYPD 12/16/05



WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THE 101 OFFICERS FROM YEARS PAST.
 THEIR NAMES ENSHRINED ON OUR WALL AND IN WASHINGTON, DC.
 MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.



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