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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SING IT JULIE: When Julie Andrews sang in Camelot " It's May, It's May, The Lusty Month Of May, she was welcoming the season of spring. To me May means lunch. Yes it's that time of year again. We can't promise you Camelot or even lust but we can give you a great time with good friends. See flyer in this newsletter for information.

YES THERE WAS A DOCTOR ON BOARD: Here I was

on the Queen Mary 2 cruising to the Caribbean far from my Homeland and there they were - Lodge Members Doc Harvey and George Smith. I've said it before and I'll say it again we may have been a small Department but we do have an omnipresence.

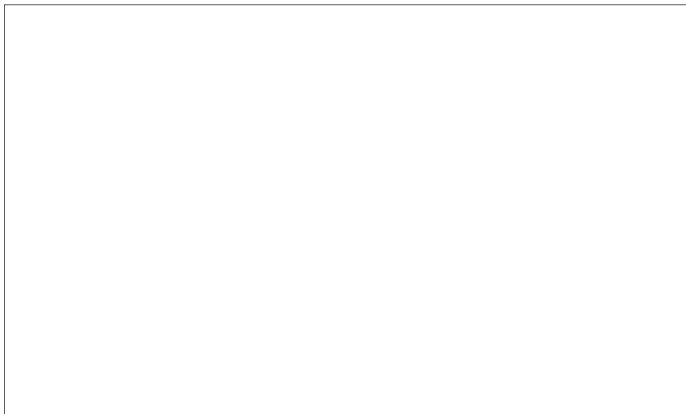
WHAT A GUY: As I mentioned in the last Newsletter one of the ports on the cruise was Barbados. Connie Johns who has a vacation home there said he was going to

pick me and Bob Goldman and our families up at the pier and take us to his home. Well he did just that, we were wine and dined and treated royally by Connie and his wife Martha. But how about this, the pier is over an hour from his home, that meant over a four hour trip for him to get us there and back. Thanks again Connie, if you ever come to Staten Island I'll be glad to pick you up at the

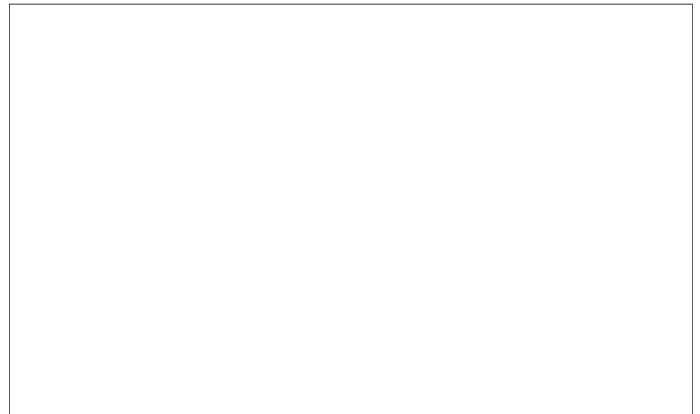
Ferry.

SHE'S JUST ONE OF THE GUYS: Our yearly PSA 3 get together was the usual small but fun group. This year we had our first lady in attendance, no not Laura Bush, but our own Treasurer Laura Shechter. As much as I asked she would not pay the bill. Now I know why we picked her to handle the money. Hope to see you at the Luncheon.

Andy



What exactly were these guys "cruising" for? Left to right: Dock Harvey, Andy Melillo, and George Smith.



Another day in paradise. Left to right: Martha & Connie Johns, Pat & Andy Melillo, and Bob & Roz Goldman.

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NYCHA's 75th ANNIVERSARY

Next year the NYCHA will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. For more than 43 years the NYC HA Police Department was the primary police agency responsible for providing safety and security to the HA's 500,000 tenants, and its 300+ developments. Our old friends at the HA have

not forgotten our contributions and would like to include some photos and/or mementos in the celebration. Any member who has old photos or memorabilia from the HPD and would like to make it available for this celebration should contact me through the Lodge web site - FOP997.org. I will catalog the items and notify the Editor of the HA

Bulletin of their availability. This way only the items that are to be considered for use in the celebration will be requested. Look in your basements, attics, and closets for old Housing stuff (no Andy, not that July 1965 issue of Playboy that you took from the Red Hook Record Room - although it's probably valuable), and let me know. Thanks,

The **THIRD ANNUAL HPD FLORIDA REUNION** was held February 1, 2008. Unlike last year where the names of the attendees was listed in the Record Rummors, this year the number in attendance approached 100. Not enough room to publish all the names! There must be a fountain of youth in Florida as more 'young timers' were in attendance. But don't you worry, there were plenty of the 'old' kind in attendance. Joe Keeney and his lovely wife attended as did Marvin Hunt, Ken Schaeffer, Wade Williams and many more. Ed Rosado was the Master of Ceremony for the evening as he graced us with stories from the old days. The powerpoint presentation brought back memories dating bck to 1953. We viewed the movie 'The Neighborhood Cops' which was originally filmed as a recruiting aid for the department but turned out to be quite a documentary on the Housing Police.

Next Year's reunion has be moved to the Caribbean sea. There will be a HPD REUNION CRUISE aboard the Carnival Freedom of the Seas, leaving Ft. Lauderdale on Sunday, February 8, 2009. Reservations are being accepted now. Space is limited so send your interest and/or questions to Gordon Nash at Gnash100@aol.com.

Like to shoot?

Like to hunt? Looking for a Hunters Safety or Security Training class? Looking to purchase a firearm, or need gun repair or gunsmithing? Call Mike Marinello, a former member of the HPD and a Lodge 997 Member, at the South Shore Sportsman (516) 992 0004, in Merrick, Long Island. He'll do his best to help you out. Remember to mention that you're a Lodge 997 Member.

FOP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - URGENT!!!

Information related to the NYS FOP Scholarship Program, along with an application, can be found on the State Lodge web site (www.NYSFOP.org). However, as a reminder for our Members I have included the pertinent information below. If you have a child who is completing his/her eight year of school and entering the ninth year or a high school senior who is planning on continuing his/her education in some

form, they will be eligible for one of our Awards (you may have more than one child eligible). Recipients will be chosen by lottery drawing in the beginning of May. The awards will be presented at the Scholarship Awards Dinner in June. Winners will be notified by telephone. **VERY IMPORTANT - ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 30TH, 2008, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAWING.** Even though it doesn't say so in the ap-

plication, you must include a copy of S.A.T. scores or Letter of Acceptance from a college. There's not much time, so don't delay. Remember, the application may be obtained from the FOP web site, or contact one of our Executive Board Members. Completed applications must be sent to the NYS FOP Scholarship Program, 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, NY, 11801, or FAXed directly to FOP HQ at (516) 433 4473. Good luck - Pat C.

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NEW MEMBERS

Stanley A. Hackett
Margaret A. Vucetic
Galen Frierson
Dilson Ramirez
Charles F. Schroeder
Steven M. Warren
Francisco Desarden Jr.
Edward Beltre
Donato Santo
Wilfredo Charon
Edward Ip
Yvette Torres
Luisito P. Castro
Reinaldo Pagan

TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS WE SAY,
"WELCOME ABOARD"!!!

PERSONNEL ORDERS

PROMOTIONS

TO DEPUTY CHIEF

Patrick Conroy

TO INSPECTOR

John Cronin

TO SERGEANT

Ayanna Giddens Moree

DEATHS REPORTED

Thomas Begley (D/C Ret)
Dominick Vessa (Det Ret)
Robert Moron (PO Ret)

Correction - In our last newsletter we reported that Galen Frierson was promoted to Deputy Chief. The correct promotion was to INSPECTOR. However, we don't think it will be too long until he is a D/C.

To all the promotees we say CONGRATULATIONS, and to our departed brothers we pray that you REST IN PEACE.

*Denotes Lodge Member

SPECIAL BUSINESS AT THE LUNCHEON

There are two items of business that we would like to complete at our next Luncheon Meeting.

First: The NYS FOP Biennial Conference will be held on Oct. 5th & 6th at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown, NY. At this conference we will be electing the NYS FOP Executive Board who will lead us for the next 2 years. We are entitled to 10 Delegates and 2 Alternates. Remember, the NYS FOP provides a \$50 reimbursement to each Delegate (or Alternate who takes the place of a Delegate) who is present at the conference on Mon. Oct 6th, and votes. In addition, any of our lodge delegates who stay over at the Marriott on Oct 5th, will receive an additional \$50 from our lodge to help to defray expenses.

Anyone wishing to be con-

sidered for a delegate or alternate position can appear at the Luncheon Meeting, or submit a signed letter stating his/her desire to be considered for the position. The letter must be submitted to the Lodge Secretary (me) at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725, and must be received no later than Monday, May 5th, 2008. If necessary, a vote will be taken to determine the delegates and alternates. Note: An alternate can only vote at the Conference if he/she is taking the place of a delegate who cannot attend.)

Second: We have to elect our Lodge Trustee. The Lodge Trustee is our representative at all FOP State Board meetings and must be willing and able to attend those meetings which are held bi-monthly at FOP HQ. (Note: Our regular schedule calls for our lodge to hold general elections this Fall, but

the Trustee must be sworn in for the next 2 years at the State Conference. That is why we must choose the Trustee now.) 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 Luncheon meeting to be eligible. The candidate should attend the Luncheon meeting; however, if this is not possible, the candidate can still be considered for the position by submitting a signed letter as indicated above.

However, even if you're not interested in any of the positions mentioned above, **COME TO THE LUNCHEON!**

As usual, business will be kept to a minimum, and socialization and good times are pushed to the maximum. Hope to see you there. Fraternally,
Pat C.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 30th - Deadline for Scholarship Application submittal (additional info in newsletter)

May 3rd - NYS FOP Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Ceremony - FOP HQ, Hicksville, NY

May 6th - Our Lodge 997 Spring Luncheon - Riccardo's Catering Hall, Astoria, NY

May 15th - National Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony - Washington, DC

June 21st - FOP Day at Riverhead Raceway - Riverhead, NY

June 26th - Scholarship Night (time & place to be announced)

July 25th - NYS FOP Family Outing at Six Flags - Great Adventure, NJ (application at nysfop.org)

Late July - Early Aug - Lodge 997 Annual Family Picnic - (date, time & location to be announced)

Oct. 5th & 6th - FOP State Conference - Marriott Westchester, Tarrytown, NY

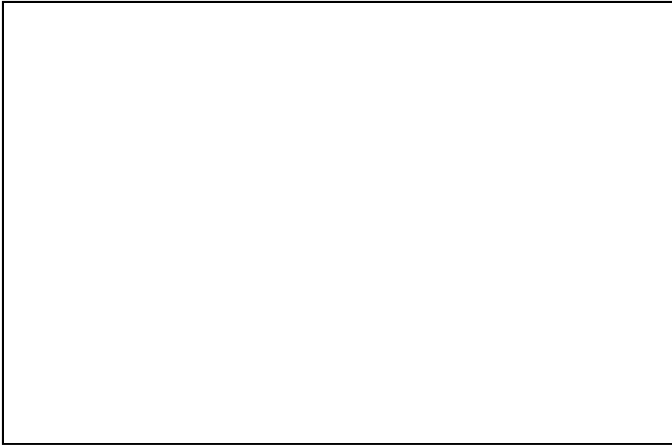
Oct. 30th - State FOP Dinner/Dance - (time & location to be announced).

For more information on State FOP and National FOP events, visit nysfop.org.

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Scenes from the third Florida Reunion February 1, 2008 held in Orlando



PSA #3 REUNION



Some of our guys getting together to tell lies to each other at the PSA #3 reunion held at the Sly Fox Inn in Queens in late Feb.



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