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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope all is well and the winter snow didn't cause you too much grief.

The success of each lodge is determined by its members. The board and I have continuously expressed the idea that the members must always come first. We have been successful due to your continued input, participation in our events, and attendance at our meetings. Since sponsorship funds have decreased, due to the economy, the State Lodge needs our continued support and will be reaching out to all members. One way you can assist is by attending the Family Day Picnic with your family and friends. Our lodge will be putting

together some extra perks for 997 attendees, so please plan to be there. It does my heart good to see our members having a great time at the events. Did you see the great pictures in the *Housing Authority Bulletin* from last year's picnic?

I received very positive feedback, from retired members of NYPD who belong to our lodge, about the Florida Cruise. They were treated like family and are looking forward to next year. Keep up the good work Gordon. I also received inquiries about a cruise leaving from New York. Let us know if you are interested in such an event. Since our last get together we have lost a

number of our colleagues, so let's make getting together at our next event a priority. Photos for first time applicants or renewals for the optional State Lodge ID card will be taken at the Spring Luncheon Meeting; please RSVP early. We are also researching having other benefits available at future events. Remember family lodge members of active members can buy the State ID card at the active member price, so bring your family members on board with a State ID card. Our dues are still one of the best deals in the State and we are always looking for ways to make the deal even better. I am working with the Housing Bureau to es-

tablish a contact person for department ID card replacements.

I had the pleasure of hooking up with Vinny Galuzzo and Jim Talbert during my last trip to Atlanta, both are doing well. We all worked in Headquarters' Communications Unit. I hadn't seen Jim for over fifteen years, so let's remember to stay connected with each other.

I appreciate you building the membership of Lodge 997. Keep up the good work!

Faternally,
Bob
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More From Our Holiday Luncheon: From left to right: Luther Gales, Dock Harvey, Rufus Lester, George Smith, Charlie Ashby, and Jimmy Mullen.

Seated left to right: Al Brown, Larry Otto, Stu Lieber, Laura Shechter, Sal DiPace and Phil Duffy. Standing: Mary Ellen McGillycuddy, Andy Melillo, Lou Ciavarella, and John Lutterloh.

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HPD REUNION DINNER AND CRUISE

It was terrific seeing old friends this past February at our 5th annual HPD Reunion. The dinner Friday night in Miami was well attended and some people Missing In Action were seen for the first time in years. By popular demand the dinner will be back next year. The Date and location will be published in latter editions of the Record Rumors. 56 HPD related passengers enjoyed the 7 day cruise. Each cabin received a complimentary bottle of champagne which we utilized for one large champagne party on the pool deck. See the flyer in this newsletter for information on next years cruise.



Some of the Cruise people (L-R Bottom) Jerry Suppes, Billy Simmons, Ed Walker, Nick Capezza, Joe Royal, Pat Cirincione, Marvin Krivitzky. (L-R Top Row) Jared Nash, Roy Bennett, Ray Pietranico,



Dinner (L-R) Tom Del Giudice, Sal Manna, Jerry Balzano

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National FOP
www.grandlodgefop.org
State FOP
www.NYSFOP.org
 Lodge #997 –
www.fop997.org

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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 end 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 MAY 1ST, 2010, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAWING.** Even though it doesn't say so in the application, 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.
Note: On the NYS FOP web site scroll down and use the 20th NYSFOP Scholarship Award Form.

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NEW MEMBERS

Jesse Junior
 Brenda A. Finkle
 Davina Harkey Nero
 John Quashie
 Eloy Suarez
 Jose B. Ayala
 George Clouden
 Michael J. Romano

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

HR 218

Legal Defense Plan

For those of you who have qualified to carry firearms under the "HR 218" law, the Grand Lodge offers a Legal Defense Plan. Legal defense coverage will be provided for civil or criminal claims associated with the HR-218. The annual coverage limit will be \$15,000 at a cost of \$50.00 per participant. The application for coverage can be found at www.grandlodgefop.org under Programs, then Legal Defense.

HR 218 UPDATE

We all know that several years ago HR 218 was signed into law by then President George W. Bush. We thought that this law would give us the right to carry our weapons almost anywhere in the US. However, we know that this did not happen. Certain amendments to the original bill set forth requirements for retired officers concerning training and certification that are beyond our control to meet. The National FOP has recognized these problems and, for several year, has

At the Spring Luncheon (see flyer elsewhere in this newsletter) there are two items of business that we must complete. First, we must choose our delegates to the next State FOP Conference (Note: The location and date for the next State Conference have not yet been set; however, the Conference will be held in the Fall of this year). We are entitled to 10 Delegates, and 2 Alternates. Anyone wishing to be considered for a delegate or alternate position can attend the luncheon, or submit a signed letter stating his/her desire to be considered for the position. The letter must be submitted to the Lodge Secretary

2010 SPRING LUNCHEON

(me) at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725, and must be received no later than Monday, May 3rd, 2010. If necessary, a vote will be taken at the luncheon. (Note: In the past, the State FOP provided a \$50 reimbursement to each delegate or alternate who took the place of a delegate at the conference. However, because of fiscal constraints, this reimbursement WILL NOT be provided this year.) Second we have to elect our Lodge Trustee. The Lodge Trustee is our representative at all State Board meetings and must be willing and able to attend those meeting which are held bi-monthly at FOP HQ. Anyone inter-

ested 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; 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! You'll get a chance to see old friends and reminisce. Hope to see you there. Fraternally, Pat C.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1st** - Deadline for Scholarship Application submittal (additional info in this newsletter).
- May 1st** - NYS FOP Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Ceremony - FOP HQ, Hicksville, NY.
- May 4th** - Lodge #997 Spring Luncheon - Riccardo's Catering Hall, Astoria, NY.
- May 15th** - Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service - Washington, DC.
- June 5th** - FOP Day at Riverhead Raceway - Riverhead, NY.
- June 24th** - Scholarship Night (time & place to be announced).
- July 16th** - Great Adventure Family Outing - Great Adventure, NJ.
- July 17th** - State FOP Picnic - Lido Beach Town Park, Lido Beach, NY.

FOR MORE INFO ON STATE FOP AND NATIONAL FOP EVENTS, VISIT NYSFOP.ORG.

been trying to overcome these hurdles. In early March of this year, S.1132, the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act (LEOSA), the result of their efforts, passed the Senate Judici-

ary Committee and has gone to the full Senate for consideration. We're not out of the woods yet, but we are moving forward. It took years to get HR 218 passed so please be pa-

tient. We'll do our best to stay on top of this and keep you informed. For further info and current updates, go to grandlodgefop.org. Frat. Pat

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SUCCESS STORY

Success manifests itself in many ways. We look at the successes that our friends, families, and ourselves have achieved in our careers, our professions, and our businesses. But there are other successes too. The other day while reading my morning Newsday (yes, I still have the newspaper delivered, and, no, I don't read it on line) imagine my surprise when I turned the page to see a photo of one of our members, Joe Rossetti, looking back at me. It took a few seconds for my brain to

comprehend that this skinny, smiling face was that of Joe, a cop that used to work for me at PSA #2 so many

years ago. At that time Joe was a BIG guy, probably over 300 lbs! But that's not the Joe of now!!! A few years ago (2005 to be exact) Joe had gone up to 454 lbs said "enough is enough" and realized

that something needed to be done. Joe had laparoscopic adjustable gastric band surgery and promptly lost 80 lbs. But he didn't follow post surgery protocols and gained most of the weight back. But in 2007, Joe gave it another shot. He had the band readjusted, but this time he did the proper follow up. Well this is a story about success and we're happy to report that as of March 2010 Joe now weighs 195!!! Joe lost 259 lbs!!! He eats mostly fruits and vegetables, exercises every-day, and just recently, competed in a 5K race. Now if that isn't success, I don't know what success is! We wish Joe all the good luck in the world. Keep up the great work. Pat C. (For photos and the complete article on Joe's accomplishment, read the Health feature in Part II of the March 23rd, 2010, edition of Newsday at newsday.com.)



Joe Rossetti: Before and After

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