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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you so much to my board and the members of Lodge 997 for allowing me to utilize a servant leadership style that helped me shine as president of our NYS FOP Foundation. As the first Black president and now President Emeritus, I am the first to have a scholarship created in a member's name. The NYS FOP Foundation established the Bob Nero Scholarship to recognize my dedication to serving others and bringing new perspectives to help advance the organization.

Charged with finding recipients, I chose to award the scholarship through the NYPD Guardians Association, where I have served in various leadership roles and which has an established awardee selection process. Congratulations to the inaugural awardees, Christine Omosebi and Camile Grable, who received their scholarships at the NYPD Guardians Association 51st Annual Scholarship Awards & Dinner Dance. I humbly thank Frank Reid and Leroy Hendricks for standing in for me while I was in the hospital.

Fraternally, Bob, Lodge 997

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DEATHS REPORTED

It is our sad duty to report the passing of the following Members and Friends of our Lodge:

George Amonds
Robert Edwards
Marie Cirincione

Please note that all of our losses are heartfelt and we extend our sympathy and condolences to their families. But I ask that you indulge me a moment of personal privilege and pay a special tribute to my wife of almost 65 years, Marie Cirincione. No non-member has ever done as much to support our Lodge as Marie. Before she became ill she attended EVERY lodge function – luncheons, picnics, dinner reunions, and cruise reunions, and helped at all of them. She was my conscience – she brought me down to earth when my ego got too big, and she kicked me in the butt when I got lazy (like when it came time to write this newsletter). What not many knew was that Marie was one of us professionally. Marie was the first civilian dispatcher for the Lynbrook, NY, Police Department (Dispatcher #1), and worked there for 15 years. She was so beloved by her “guys” there that they made her an Honorary PBA Member. She was taken from us by an insidious, progressive, incurable disease – Alzheimer’s disease. Marie had a fitting send off – a uniformed police escort to her final resting place – several marked NYPD and Suffolk County PD RMP’s and motorcycles. (A special thanks to Brother Pat Fazio, retired HPD, and current Commissioner of the Commack, NY, Fire Department, for arranging the escort.) It won’t be the same for me any longer, but I’ll try to carry on for the Lodge in her spirit.

Thank You, Fraternally, Pat

**MAY ALL OF OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS
AND FRIENDS OF OUR LODGE REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!!!**



RECRUITMENT DRIVE – COMPETITION

Brothers & Sisters, our Lodge numbers are dwindling – we need new blood! We are asking that each member make a fair effort to recruit at least one new member (Active or Associate) for the year 2026. Toward that end we are proposing a friendly competition. The member who recruits the most new members for 2026 will have his/her dues returned (ie. – free membership for 2026). The recruitment period will be from July 1st, 2025, until December 31st, 2025. Applications for both Active and Associate Membership can be found on our web site – fop997.org. For those without access to a computer, contact any Executive Board member for the appropriate application. Remember, the number recruited doesn’t have to be large. In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen by lottery. **GOOD LUCK!!!** The Executive Board.

NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

Rauf Akinwumi
Yong Kun M. He
Lu Ming Chen
Guo Hua Li
Xiu Xian Lin Kok
Abraham Friedman
Jing Yan Guan
Nai Jiao Li
Keng Wai Lim
Jing Liu
Eddie Mo
Heung Kam Yu
Nicole Zhang

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WE SAY "WELCOME ABOARD"



ITEMS OF INTEREST

NYS FOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The State FOP Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at 1100hrs. The ceremony will be held in front of the NYS FOP HQ, in Hicksville, NY.

At the time of this writing, the names of 73 members of New York Law Enforcement who made the ultimate sacrifice will be added to the Memorial Wall in front of the building. If you can attend it adds to the tribute afforded these brave individuals and their families. MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!

NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

National Police Week will begin on Sunday, May 11th, 2025. The actual Memorial Service will be held on the West Front of the United States Capital in Washington, DC, on Thursday, May 15th, 2025. The Service begins at 1200hrs. If you're interested in attending, visit the National FOP web site (www.fop.net) or www.policeweek.org.

NATIONAL FOP CONFERENCE

The National FOP Conference will be held this year in Miami Beach, FL, from August 2nd through August 8th. Law enforcement officials from all over the country are expected to attend. For more info go to the National FOP web site (www.fop.net) and search National Conference. Any Active Member interested in attending the Conference as a Delegate from our Lodge, contact Secretary Cirincione – patcfop997@aol.com

MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT AND IRMAA

By the end of April most of our retired members on Medicare and their Medicare-eligible dependents should have received their Medicare Part B reimbursement for 2024. The reimbursement will be deposited in the same bank account in which you receive your pension check. If you receive a hard check for your pension, your reimbursement check will be mailed to you. For 2024, the standard Medicare Part B reimbursement is \$174.70 per month (total \$2096.40 for 12 months per eligible individual).

IRMAA (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount) for Medicare is a tax on those who earn too much income. So, if you pay more than the Standard Deduction per month you must submit an IRMAA application for each year and person, along with a copy of your Social Security Benefits letter and a copy of SS 1099 to receive a reimbursement for this over pay. You can go back 3 years.

For more info and applications for Part B Reimbursement and IRMAA go to the NYC Office of Labor Relations web site and then click on Health Benefits. (Thanks to Brothers Don Durando and Dewey Fong for the IRMAA info.)

visit our website at www.fop997.org

LODGE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Brothers & Sisters, we planned on having a Spring Luncheon Meeting at a restaurant or catering house, however, personal issues affecting some of our Executive Board Members who normally make the luncheon arrangements have derailed these plans. Hopefully, we can set up a Fall luncheon. However, we have scheduled a General Membership Meeting for Wednesday, May 21st 2025, at 1230 hours, at the VFW Post #1896 Meeting Hall, located at 110-02 Merrick Blvd, Queens, NY, 11433 (the corner of 110th Ave – also known as Brinkerhoff Ave – and Merrick Blvd.). The agenda is not yet set so any Member wishing to discuss a specific subject concerning the FOP or our Lodge is directed to submit a brief outline to Secretary Cirincione at patcfop997@aol.com for inclusion in the agenda. As usual, refreshment will be served. Fraternally, Pat



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