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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is over and winter is just around the corner. Our turnout at the state's picnic wasn't as strong as last year, but it was still a nice showing. A special thanks to member Rick Agosta and my granddaughter, Kaitlyn, for working the Snowcone and Button machines. They really gave the Picnic that 997 flavor, keeping the children entertained. A number of our members have requested that we return to hosting our own Lodge's picnic. This Executive Board strives to keep you

happy, so we will give it a try in 2011. Member Frank Reid has stepped up and offered to run the event; he will need some help. So I am looking for a few volunteers. Anyone interested? Your help is necessary to successfully host our own picnic. I was out of town when the street renaming ceremony to honor Detective Rudy Edwards, Sr. took place. Thank you to those members who attended; his family is extremely grateful for the support. Remember to use and

share POPPA'S (the Police Organization Providing Peer Assistance) numbers: 1-888-267-7267 for active members and 1-800-599-1085 for retired members. This 24/7 confidential, peer based support assists members with dealing with various types of situations. We have decided to investigate holding our own reunion, "I survived the merger" party. I need your input about this idea. We will take photos for the State Lodge ID cards again at our next event. I am also trying to set up a process that will allow

out-of-town members to obtain FOP photo ID cards. LET'S KEEP BUILDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF LODGE 997. Catch up with your former HAPD classmates and coworkers. Remember, you can sign up friends and family members. Continue to check the website (www.fop997.org) for updates and to give your feedback. Fraternaly,
Bob
**Stronger, Bigger,
Better Connected.
Our mission.**



FOP Picnic - This year we combined our picnic with the State FOP picnic. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves. See photo above for some of the participants.

From our last Luncheon - left to right - Ret. Det. Lou Ciavarella, NYPD 1st Dep. Commissioner Rafael Pineiro, NYS FOP President Charles Caputo, and Det. Ben Pistilli.

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HEY, GET THAT PSA

In the April 1, 1999 Record Rumors I wrote an article regarding the necessity for men to get a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test. Well thank God I heeded my own advice. This past June I took that test and was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. It was caught very early and I am now undergoing treatment and should be fine. I am again bringing this matter to your attention not to garner sympathy but because

of a conversation I recently had with a friend. When I informed him about my condition he asked how I became aware of it, I then mentioned the PSA test and he stated "what's that". Now that scared me. It's one thing if you choose not to be tested but entirely different not to have ever heard of the test. Remember early



stage Prostate Cancer has no symptoms, and when symptoms do occur it may be too late. It is the second leading cancer among men and kills more than 41,000 of our gender each year. So I am reiterating my warning and advise please, please get tested. By the way, like I said I don't want sympathy, but a couple of prayers wouldn't hurt. God Bless and Stay Well
Andy

ELECTIONS

Our **elections meeting** will be held on Wed. October 29th, 2008, at 1230 hours, at the FOP Headquarters, located in Hicksville, NY. (Call me for directions - 631 543 1470.) This will be our most important meeting of the year because this is the meeting where we will decide who will lead our lodge for the next two years. All Executive Board positions will be up for election. The positions are: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP,

Treasurer, Recording Secretary, 4 Directors, Membership Chair, and Secretary, and shall be for a term of 2 years. In order to provide the membership with the greatest opportunity to seek one of the Board positions, requests for nominations need not be submitted before time in writing, but may be taken directly from the floor at the meeting. However, if you cannot attend the meeting but wish to be considered for a position, you may submit a

letter naming the position sought in lieu of personally appearing at the meeting. The letter should be sent to Pat Cirincione, Lodge Secretary, at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725. All such letters must be received by Oct. 26th. Any Active member wishing to be a candidate is urged to attend the meeting, or send in a letter. As usual, food and beverages will be served. Come on out and let your voice be heard. Fraternally, *Pat*

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DUES YET??

Make your check payable to **FOP LODGE #997** in the amount of \$40.00 {\$35.00 dues plus \$5.00 administrative fee) and mail to: FOP Lodge 997, 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY 11725



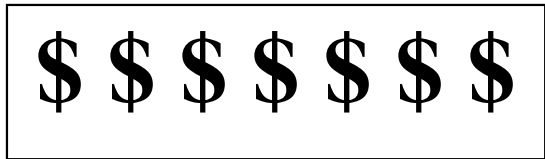
visit our website at www.fop997.org

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY

Did I get your attention - I certainly hope so! If you are on Medicare, in August of each year, you should receive a Medicare Part B reimbursement check from the City. This year the check for a full year's reimbursement was for \$1156.80 per eligible member and/or eligible spouse. If you, and/or your spouse, are on Medicare and are not receiving this reimbursement you are giving this money to the City. To apply

for the reimbursement you must send a letter to the City with the following information:

1. Name of eligible person,
2. Address,
- 3.



4. Pension #,
5. Copy of letter from S/S telling you that you're eligible for Medicare,
6. Copy of Medicare

card (both sides), and
 7. Copy of S/S card (both sides).
 Send the letter with the above info to the Office of Labor Relations, NYC Employee Health Benefits Program, 40 Rector St. 3rd fl., NY, NY

10006, Attention: Medicare Reimbursement Unit.
 If (or when) your spouse is eligible, send the same info for him/her. This has to be done only

once. If for some reason you are eligible and have not already applied for the reimbursement you can still do it, and the City will go back several years. For more info go to www.nyc.gov/olr and select Health Care Benefits Program, then scroll down and select IRMAA pdf. If you do not have access to a computer you may contact the Health Benefits Program at the above address. Good Luck! Fraternally, Pat C.

2011 HPD FLORIDA REUNION AND CRUISE



The next Florida HPD reunion is set for March 2, 2011. **NOTE:** You don't have to be from Florida to attend! Many of our friends who sailed with us last year are joining us again this year. **NOTE:** A cruise will not be part of Next year's Florida Reunion so if you like to sail with friends come join us. The dinner will be on

Wednesday, March 2 open to everyone. Details concerning the dinner will be published in the next issue of the Record Rumors. Those sailing on the cruise will set sail the following day, March 3rd. The cruise is an 8 day voyage aboard the Carnival Miracle with ports of call in Ft. Lauderdale, St Maarten, St. Lucia, and St. Kitts. The dinner and cruise are independent



of each other so if you want to dine and not cruise that's fine. You can also cruise and not dine. A group rate of \$149.00 was secured at the Marriott Courtyard Ft. Lauderdale Airport . The rate includes breakfast Thurs. AM, transfer from the airport to the hotel, and transportation from the hotel to the ship terminal.

Our group name is the "Housing Police Reunion." Additionally anyone who wishes to park their car at the hotel during the cruise may do so at no additional charge.

There are currently 15 cabins booked for our group on the ship. Some are family and friends and all will have a good time. For more information on the cruise you can contact Gordon Nash at gnash100@aol.com or call our travel agent Lori at 1-888-988-4567

visit our website at www.fop997.org

FOP ID CARD RENEWAL

If you have an FOP ID card and want to renew it for 2011 here's how to do it:

1. Make sure you send in your dues for 2011. (If you are not a paid up member, they will not renew your ID card.)

2. Get an ID card renewal form from either the State

FOP web site (nysfop.org), or from the State FOP office.

3. Fill it out and send it to the NYS FOP at 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, NY, 11801, along with payment (check with the State, 516 433 4455, for the cost). Note: Do not send it to our

lodge - send it directly to the State FOP.

4. The cards will not be issued until 2011. After the cards are printed, they will be sent directly to the members. If you do not have an FOP ID card and would like one, come to the election meeting

on Oct. 27th, or the luncheon on Dec. 1st (info on both events elsewhere in this newsletter), and have your photo taken, or contact the State FOP, number above, to make an appointment to take your photo.

Fraternally, The Executive Board.



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