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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's almost a year since Andy passed the helm of our organization to me. I feel we have maintained the camaraderie and pride mentioned in Andy's farewell message.

I want to thank the 97 members and their families who attended the State's F.O.P. picnic. Our decision to support the State was greatly appreciated as indicated in a letter from Tom O'Brien, the picnic's Chairman. He hopes other lodges would do the same in the future. Lido Beach Town Park is a great site, so try to make it next year.

Nick Capezzaa, Jimmy

Ross, Pat Cirincione, Wade Williams, Bill Davis, and I could not attend the Housing Reunion in August. We were representing the lodge at the National Convention in California. I would like to publicly thank these members and their wives for attending the National Convention. I heard that seeing old friends and colleagues at the Housing Reunion was great. Are you interested in having a dinner in a catering hall? Drop us a line with your input, or E-Mail me if you like to gamble: b.nero912@yahoo.com, Pat is forcing me to learn E-Mail as part of my Presidential duties :-)

Make parting with your money easier when paying your dues this year. We will put names of the first 200 members, who send in their 2010 dues, into a special drawing for Lodge 997 T-shirts. Include your shirt size with your dues payment and get lucky.

F.O.P. members, their spouses, and dependents can earn degrees, fully on-line through TUI University and Columbia Southern University. Quality programs to obtain Bachelor, Master, and PhD degrees in Business Administration, Information Systems, Health Sciences, and

Education are offered with no residency or campus visits required. Please contact us for information. Always great to see old friends, I had lunch with Paul Attardo in Las Vegas, on my way to California. Paul and I worked the old Housing Communication Unit, in "The Good Old Days." (Unit Relocate And Transmit) We will continue exploring ways to enhance reasons to belong to Lodge 997.

Fraternally,
Bob

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Our mission.**



Instead of having our own picnic this year we combined our picnic with the State FOP's picnic. This turned out to be a great idea. According to the State, 97 of our lodge members and their families participated. Everyone should consider attending next year. See photo above for some of the revelers.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Each year we make a donation to the NYS FOP Scholarship Program. The scholarship winner is chosen by lottery by the Scholarship Committee. We are happy to announce that our scholarship winner for 2009 was Alexandra Slavin, daughter of Member Zach Slavin. From all the Members of Lodge #997, we wish Alexandra - GOOD LUCK! - in her continuing education. The Executive Board

PROMOTIONS

On June 26th, 2009, the NYPD held a promotion ceremony at 1 Police Plaza. The promotions marked a stellar day for former members of the Housing Police Department. At that promotion ceremony Jim Tuller was given a third star and promoted to Chief of the Transportation Bureau. Also receiving a third star that day was Charlie Kammerdener who was promoted to Chief of Special Operations. Tom Mason was promoted to Deputy Chief, and Dave Colon and Kevin Harrington were promoted to Inspector. Out of 11 promotions to the rank of Inspector and above that day, 5



were former members of the HPD. Presently there are 9 three star Chiefs in the NYPD and 3 of them are former members of the HPD! There are also 2 Assistant Chiefs, numerous Deputy Chiefs and Inspectors, not to mention all those in

those ranks who have retired. We tip our hats to the NYPD for recognizing talented people and promoting them notwithstanding their original department. To all our former HPD Brothers and Sisters, we say keep up the great work and continue to LEAD THE WAY

in the NYPD - YOU MAKE US ALL PROUD TO SAY WE WERE HOUSING COPS TOGETHER!!! (Note: In another promotion ceremony on 8/28 the following former members of the HPD were promoted: John J. D'Adamo to DI (congrats to John Sr.), Darryl Weir to Det Sgt, Michael Loria, Thomas Gonzales and Rich Conte to Sgt SA, and Theresa Primus and Julie Reed to Det. Specialist. If we did not mention your promotion we apologize. So many of our former members have excelled in the NYPD that we miss some. Let us know and we will include you in a future newsletter.)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In preparing for this article I reviewed my article on the last National Conference. At the end of that article I wrote, "The next National Conference will be held in Aug 2009 in Long Beach, CA... It may seem like a long way off..." Well, that "long way off" has come and gone and another National Conference is in the books. Considering the venue, our lodge was well represented. Only 3 lodges had more delegates than

we had. However, that's enough patting ourselves on the back - now on to conference business. As in the past, most of the incumbents were unopposed. However, this year VP Dave Hiller and Secretary Pat Yoes were challenged. As in the past, NYS supported both Hiller and Yoes, and I am pleased to report that both were re-elected to their respective positions. Also, at this conference the delegates were asked to choose the site for 2013 the conference. There were 4 cities in conten-

tion: Louisville, KY, Virginia Beach, VA, Dallas, TX, and Cincinnati, OH. Our delegates thought that Dallas would be a good venue for a conference; however, in the end, it was Cincinnati that was chosen. In retrospect Cincinnati might be a better location for us - it's closer than Dallas, and actually within reasonable driving distance (about 675 miles) from New York. With the voting completed the business of the conference was concluded. (Election results in next newsletter.)

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HPD REUNION, SUMMER '09

On August 21, 2009, in the basement of a hot, dark church on the corner of 129th Street and Madison Avenue, memories of days gone by were relived and continued. It was there that the HOUSING POLICE REUNION took place. As the cars and limos pulled up to the church and faces searched each other for recognition, it was oh so clear when the recognition came. Smiles that started in the widening of the eyes, spread to the

rest of the face.

Arms were thrown open and person after person stepped into an embrace of camaraderie never forgotten. Conversations started a decade ago were picked up as though no lapse in time had occurred. Even when you weren't quite sure who stood in front of you, and a surreptitious glance to the name tag as necessary, (because let's face it most of us have gotten grayer, a little wrinkled, and well, perhaps a little more

cushy around the edges), the feeling of being among Housing was all good.

There must have been upward of two hundred housing cops and civilian personnel to show up. Some of the notable (because all of us, as HPD, are notable) were Chief Peter Cummings, Chief Douglas Zeigler, Chief Jerry Nelson, Tim Hogan, Henry Lavin, Zack Slavin, Karen Weigelt AnnMarie Connell, Jean O'Gallagher, Rod Giddens, Bill Harrigan, Darren Finn, Terry Jones, Connie Magnus, John Pinto, Mark Mkwanzazi,

Renee Farrell, John Inch, Tommy Burke, Anna Tortorici, Diane Contreras, Frank Ogaard, Jackie Colon, Pete. Cestare, John Michelli, Yvonne Arias, Lee Gaddy, Courtney Cozart, Mike Keating, Jack Dineen, Luther Gales, see who else you can spot there are hundreds of pictures on facebook, and many will be posted on the housing web site. Finally, a big debt of gratitude to Diana Hayes for putting this all together. Looking forward to the next reunion, Fraternally, Laura Shechter

2010 HPD FLORIDA REUNION AND CRUISE INFORMATION

The next Florida HPD reunion is set for February 19, 2010. **NOTE:** You don't have to be from Florida to attend! There will be a dinner Friday at the **Marriott Spring Hill Suites hotel, Miami Arts/Health District.** This is a brand new hotel expected to open October of this year. Part 2 of the reunion will be a 7 day cruise aboard the Carnival Liberty with ports of

call Half Moon Cay, St. Thomas, San Juan PR, and Grand Turk. 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! We have obtained a rate of \$139 (+tax) per night at the hotel for those requiring lodging. The hotel will also arrange transportation to the cruise terminal Sat.

morning for a nominal fee. Because the hotel is not yet open they were unable to supply a price for dinner. When the dinner cost is available the membership will be notified. The hotel phone # is 305-575-5300 and our group name is the Housing Police Reunion.

The Hotel can accommodate 90 guests in their banquet facility. We will need to know who is planning to attend, so if need be we can move to a larger venue. Please RSVP to

Gordon Nash at Gnash100@aol.com if you plan to attend.

There are currently 30 cabins booked for our group on the cruise. Some are family and friends but all will have a good time. The rate has not gone up so if you are considering booking a cabin you can call Lori at 1-888-988-4567 to add your name to the list. For additional information on the Florida Reunion you can contact Gordon Nash at gnash100@aol.com

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