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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

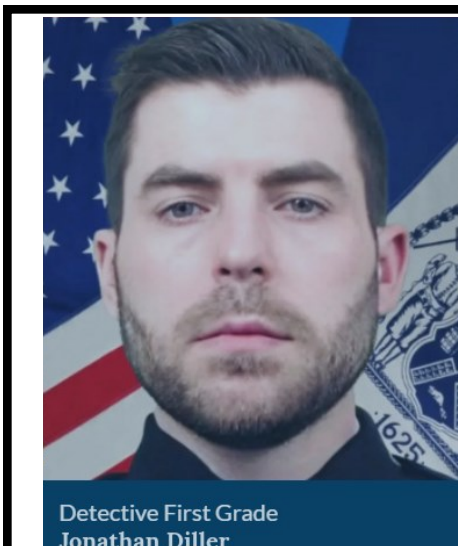


Well, a newsletter has been printed and distributed since I last penned a President's Message. I must say it's great to be back, if only halfway. This old dog fell down a flight of stairs before Christmas, and now I'm learning to walk again in a health care center. Prior to that, I had an operation on my leg that blessed me with three screws and a steel rod embedded in the same. Getting old is rough, but who's complaining (smile)? I say all of this because our Lodge is planning its Spring Luncheon (flyer inside), and I plan to be there. What about you? Your board spends a lot of time putting these events together, and we need your support. So please come out and see some old friends and make some new ones.

I have made a few more appointments to our Executive Board—Franklin D. Reid as Director replacing Henry Lavan (Henry, **THANK YOU** for all your years of exemplary service to our Lodge), and Leroy Hendricks as Special Advisor. I am sure they will work very hard for you. I must thank Denise Moore for doing a great job as the New York State Trustee from Lodge 997. Also, a shout-out to Steve Epps for supporting Denise at State meetings. I must thank Pat Cirincione a thousand times for remaining as Lodge 997 secretary. We would not survive without his assistance.

I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally, Bob Lodge 997 STRONGER | BIGGER | BETTER CONNECTED



Detective First Grade
Jonathan Diller



HE GAVE HIS LIFE SERVING THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK CITY – MAY HE REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!

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DEATHS REPORTED

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

- Charles Collins**
- John Fields**
- Patrick Flatley**
- Fred Frigel**
- Herman Gooden**
- Richard Lauria**
- Peter Zarrella**

Please note that all of our loses are heartfelt and we extend our sympathy and condolences to their families. But I must make a special mention of two of our losses. **PATRICK FLATLEY AND PETER ZARRELLA.** Pat retired as a Deputy Inspector in the HPD. Pat and I started our Lodge in 1998. Pat held several positions in the lodge for our entire existence. I don't know if the lodge would even exist at this time without his assistance over the years. Pat, THANK YOU for all your years of service. Pete retired as an Assistant Chief, Chief of Personnel, with the HPD. Over his years of service to our Department Pete helped bring so many of us into the HPD. You may not realize it, but it was Pete's job to determine our quota of officers and how many officers would be hired to fill that quota. Pete fought tirelessly to increase our numbers even through tough financial times for the City. Pete, THANK YOU for all your years of dedicated service to the HPD.



COURTESY CARDS

Note: With all our new members we felt we should reprint this article.)

In your packet you will find a Grand Lodge FOP Courtesy Card (sorry, only Active Members). Each active member receives just one card and it can be given to anyone - a family member, a friend, etc. The purpose of the Courtesy Card is for you to request that the courtesies of the organization be extended to the person to whom you have given the card. Please fill out the card as follows: On the front put in the name of the person to whom you are giving the card. On the back where it says, "Presented By" put your name. Where it says "Title" put Member of NYS FOP Housing Police Lodge #997. The bottom of the card is then signed by the person to whom you gave the card - NOT YOU! That's it. Hopefully, the person never needs to use the card, however, they have it if they do need it. Please, everyone remember that there are no guarantees, and that a little respect and courtesy goes a long way when dealing with anyone. Good luck - Pat C.

REAL ID

A REAL ID is a federally compliant DMV issued driver license, learner permit, non-driver ID, or a valid passport, which you will have to have to board a DOMESTIC flight or enter certain federal buildings starting on MAY 7TH, 2025. New York State offers 3 types of ID's: Enhanced Driver License – this is federally compliant, REAL ID – non-driver license, but federally compliant, and Standard Driver License – NOT federally compliant. The deadline is a little more than one year away, but if you plan on doing any air travel in the future now is the time to get your ID squared away. For more info on how to obtain the required ID visit the NYS DMV web site.

visit our website at www.fop997.org

NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

Thomas J. Mangi

Eurtis Morrison

Richard N. Silverstein

To our new and reinstated members we say "Welcome Aboard"

Mea Culpa to **Sheldon Howard**. Sheldon has been a long time member and we missed him in our Holiday Greeting Membership List. If we missed you or misspelled your name let us know. and we'll make the correction.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

SPRING LUNCHEON – Our Spring Luncheon Meeting is set for Wednesday, May 29th, 2024, at 1230hrs, at the Asia Park Restaurant, located at 6521 8th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220 (8th Ave, between 65th & 66th Street). The menu will be a dim sum buffet, with soda tea or coffee and desert, and will cost \$40 in advance, and \$45 at the door. Flyer with reservation coupon elsewhere in this newsletter. Brothers and Sisters, we're trying something new – if it works out we'll expand the menu next time. Come on out and give it a try! Hope to see you there.

NYS FOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY–The State Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th, 2024. This year the State will be holding a full ceremony in front of State FOP HQ in Hicksville, NY. At the time of this writing, 72 names of 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 Saturday, May 11th, 2024. The actual Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service will be held on the West Front of the United States Capital in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024. The Service begins at 12 noon. If you're interested in attending, visit the National FOP web site (www.fop.net) or www.policeweek.org.

MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT–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 2023. 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 2023, the standard Medicare Part B reimbursement is \$164.90 per month (total of \$1978.80 for 12 months per eligible individual). For more info or for an application search NYC Health Benefits Program and look for Medicare Part B reimbursement.

FOP ID CARDS – Remember, requests for FOP ID CARDS (new or renewal) are to be sent to the NYS FOP at 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, NY 11801, **NOT TO OUR LODGE!** For more info and applications visit the State FOP web site (nysfop.org) and scroll down to "member forms" and click on the form you need.

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HR 218 (LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT – LEOSA) QUALIFICATIONS

For those members seeking HR 218 qualification information, we have identified several sources. For further info and/or registration contact the source directly.

MANHATTAN – Contact the Westside Rifle and Pistol Range located at 20 W20th St.

Tel #212 929 7287 – web site - westsidepistolrange.com.

STATEN ISLAND – Contact Bernie Novis at Arthur Kill Sports. Tel #347 552 0903.

UPSTATE – Contact the Rockland County Police and Public Safety Academy

Tel # 845 786 7491 – web site – rockhr218.com.

NASSAU COUNTY – Contact Scott Carter at tel #347 582 8220 – web site hr218-leosa.com.

SUFFOLK COUNTY – Contact Roland Grant at tel #631 876 5438 web site – safetyquestltd.com.

(Note: We are not compensated by, nor do we endorse, any of the above locations. This info is provided to our Members for reference only.)



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