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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It was an honor and privilege to have represented our lodge at the national conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Participation was important as five Executive Board positions were contested. I have to give a big thank you to Wade Williams and Joe Royal who also attended the conference, mainly on their own dime, utilizing the minimal funds our lodge provided. Involvement gives the

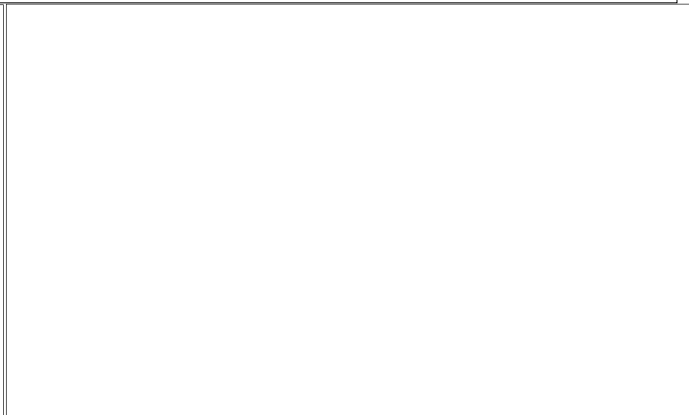
state lodge credibility on the national level and our lodge clout with the state.

As you know, the past two years have seen attacks on Law Enforcement Officers' wage benefits and retirement plans. The economic troubles of our nation has caused some politicians to target public employees using our salaries and pensions as the reason for the economic woes. Most polls are showing that the public supports our rights

to bargain and they are not buying into the hype. However, legislation has passed in some states to take away bargaining rights, after bargaining laws and pension reforms. The National F.O.P. has taken the position to fight all legislation that has a negative impact on its members. This action will send a loud and clear message to politicians around the country. The National F.O.P. is focusing on Ohio where our brothers and sisters have

suffered under the governor who took a very hard stance stripping away rights in the collective bargaining area. These events emphasize the need to build a stronger organization, so sign up some new members. This battle continues and we have to be in it for the long haul. Oh, by the way the new National Vice President is Ed Brannigan from New Jersey. I was nominated to join the New York State

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P.C. Raymond Kelly and Chief Charlie Kammerdener at Chief K's walk out ceremony on June 24th. From all our members we wish Chief K a happy and healthy retirement.

Family Picnic: Left to right - Bob Katz, Bob Williams, Jose Faria, Bill Davis, Pat Cirincione, Renee Farrell, and Gil Prince. If you missed the picnic you missed a good time

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WATCH RAFFLE

The September 11th Memorial Watch raffle will be held at the Holiday Luncheon (flyer elsewhere in this newsletter). The watch donations and raffle stubs should be sent to FOP Lodge 997 at 130-17 235th St, Rosedale, NY, 11422.

(Note: Your dues and luncheon checks go in the return envelope and should be sent to FOP Lodge 997, at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY 11725.) Thanks for you cooperation in this matter.

The Executive Board.



SCHLORSHIP 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 2011 was **Jasmine Garcia**, daughter of Member **Luis Garcia**.

From all the Members of Lodge #997, we wish Jasmine - GOOD LUCK! - in her continuing education.

The Executive Board



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In August of this year the National FOP held its biennial conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our Lodge and State were well represented. In addition to the business regarding the attacks on public employee bargaining rights and other labor issues an election was held for all National executive board positions. There were two changes to the executive board. The new executive board of the National FOP is:



President Chuck Canterbury (incumbent)
National VP Ed Brannigan (new)
Secretary Pat Yoes (incumbent)
Treasurer Tom Penozza (incumbent)
2nd VP Frank Gales (incumbent)
Sgt @ Arms Roger Mayberry (new), and

Nat. Chairman of Trustees Joe Perkins (incumbent). Along with our State our Lodge extends "congratulations" to the new board and wishes them great success in leading our great organization for the next two years. (Note: The next National Conference will be held in 2013, in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Think about attending as one of our lodge delegates.)

Fraternally, the Executive Board

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DUES YET??

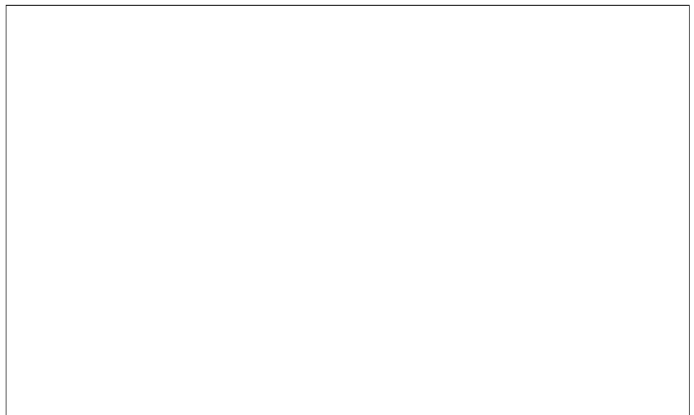
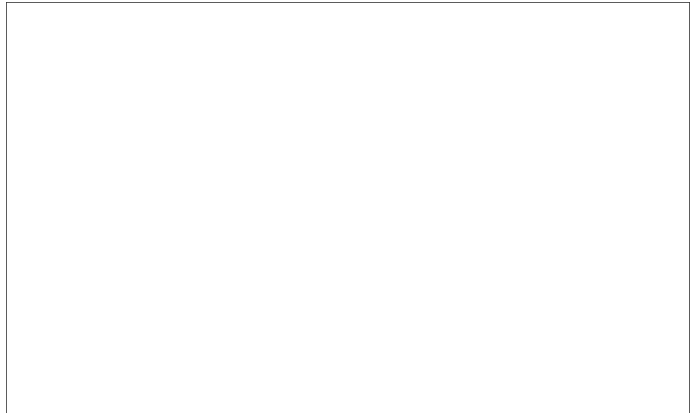
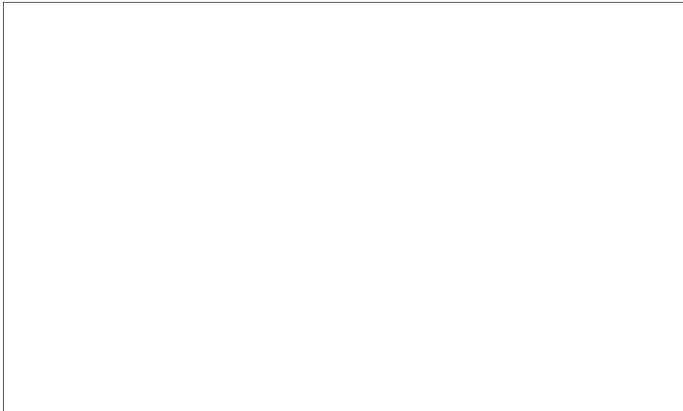


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PICNIC PHOTOS



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F.O.P. Foundation Board. The board members voted and I am currently a member. Enclosed you will find your raffle ticket book. Please support our endeavor. Remember the funds generated will add to our operating budget and assist our lodge members attending national and state conventions to represent our interests. Please return your completed raffle book stubs

to F.O.P. Lodge 997, 130-17 235 Street, Rosedale, NY, 11422. If you desire additional books send the indicated donation and we will fill out the raffle book stubs and mail the tickets back to you. Please send your dues payment to F.O.P. Lodge 997, 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725. We are trying to lighten Pat’s work load.

The 9/11 10th year anniversary watch can be

obtained outright for a \$150 donation to the NY State F.O.P. Foundation. You can view the watch on the website www.nysfopfoundation.org or in the last newsletter. The purchase form can be downloaded from the site.

On the way to Salt Lake City, I made my ritual stop in Las Vegas and saw Paul Attardo and Derek Pinnock. At the Convention I ran into Rich Petrone, Al-

ice Lang, and another young lady whose name I cannot recall at press time. Mark this lapse in memory off to another senior moment.

Fraternally,
Bob.

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FOP ID CARD RENEWAL

If you have an FOP ID card and want to renew it for 2012 here's how to do it:

1. Make sure you send in your dues for 2012. (If you are not a paid up member, the State FOP will not re-new 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: Plea se DO NOT send

- lodge - send it di-
rectly to the State
FOP.
4. The cards will not be issued until 2012. After the cards are printed, they will be sent directly to the members by the State.
- If you do not have an FOP ID card and would like one, come to our

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our

Holiday Luncheon and we will take your photo and have applications available, or you can contact the State FOP (number above), to make an ap-pointment to have your photo tak-en. (But we hope to see you at the luncheon.) Fra-ternally, the Exec-utive Board



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