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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We all know I hate writing this article because subject matter is one of my issues when putting pen to paper. Having reached my eighty-sixth year of life, this old guy has many memories and friendships. I lost one of my very good friends last week, Lieutenant Wade Williams. WW, as my kids affectionately called him, was a true gentleman and devoted volunteer worker. WW volunteered yours truly into many organizations kicking and screaming. We traveled to many cities around the country, and his love for chicken nearly got us shot while we were attending a convention. He would give me that "who me" innocent look; I would cuss him out and smile. Wade was dedicated and generous; he would give you the shirt off his back and then some. Wade and I spoke almost every day on the phone or in person.

Wade and I were born in September, me on the 12th and him on the 28th. Wade's son Jason always said he wondered how we were such good friends because our temperaments were so different. Wade did everything job related by the book, and when Jason had questions, he got the book's answer. When Jason came to me with the question, he got the same answer with instructions on how to do it without getting in trouble.(smile) We both lost our oldest child, Jason to 911 and my Robin to MS. Wade had the misfortune of being the commanding officer of PSA9 Rockaway Satellite during Chief Taylor's tenure. The chief's sister-in-law was the president of the Precinct Council and NYCHA Queens Resident Association. She would call the chief on Wade every other day. He never knew the chief gave me the blocking assignment for those calls. (smile)

We lost a few of our members in 2024, so thanks for indulging this Dinosaur's remembrance of my brother Wade. May they all rest in peace. Hope to see you at our next vent!

Fraternally, Bob. Lodge 997 STRONGER | BIGGER | BETTER CONNECTED



LODGE MEMBERS HONORING WADE WILLIAMS:

The following Members at his Memorial - Left to right:
Luther Gales, John Davis, Ronnie Myles, Frank Reid, Dock Harvey, Lamont Littlejohn, George Smith and Frank Ogaard.



BLAST FROM THE PAST: When I was the Commanding Officer of PSA #2, I rode in this RMP many times - but I always rode in the front - never in the back like Rene Bryant is about to do. Frat. Pat

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COSTCO RENEWAL 2024

In case you haven't heard, Costco has raised its membership fee by \$5 plus tax. For our current Costco Club members and anyone else contemplating joining our Costco Club, our current club membership expires at the end of September 2024. If you are renewing your membership, or interested in joining our club, the new membership cost is **\$71.00 (\$65 for membership + tax)** for 2 cards at the same address. (Note: The names on the cards can be different, but the individuals must be from the same household and use the same mailing address. Costco will ask you for ID before issuing a card.

Some additional info for prospective members – Costco does not allow for single membership. That's why you get 2 cards. If you're interested, please legibly PRINT the names and address that you wish to use and submit with your check or money order, made payable to FOP LODGE #997, and mail it to FOP Lodge #997 at 5 Rita Crescent, Commack, NY, 11725. All payments must be received by September 17th, 2024. If you have any questions contact me at patcfop997@aol.com. Good luck – Fraternally, Pat Cirincione.

DEATHS REPORTED

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

RICHARD GURNIAK

ALBERT LAYNE

GERALD NELSON

WADE WILLIAMS, and

THERESA CAPEZZA (non-member)

We must take notice of three of the above named individuals.

Gerald (Jerry) Nelson went over in the merge with NYPD and excelled. He advanced through the ranks with his last designation at retirement as Chief of Brooklyn North – a 3 star rank.

Wade Williams was very active in several fraternal law enforcement organizations. Wade was a Director in the Guardian Association, and an Executive Board member in our Lodge. Wade was always one of the first to volunteer his assistance when help was needed.

Theresa Capezza was the wife of Executive Board member, Nick Capezza. Theresa showed her support and dedication by attending and helping out at all of our events. Her support of our Lodge, and the support of other spouses of members, cannot be underestimated. It is always welcomed and appreciated by all.

Their contributions, and the contributions of all our departed members have brought credit to our Lodge and the HPD.

**MAY ALL OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!**

For more information and news on what's happening with the FOP visit the following websites:

National FOP
www.fop.net
State FOP

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STATE FOP LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

Each year, on the first Saturday in May, the NYS FOP has its annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at State FOP Headquarters.

This year 72 additional names have been added to the Memorial Wall. Of the 72 officers being honored this year 2 lost their lives in the Line of Duty, and 70 succumbed to 9-11 related illnesses. This year's ceremony was particularly personal to us. One of our own, Lt. Zachary Slavin our Lodge 1st Vice President, was memorialized, with his name added to the Memorial Wall. In addition to Zach's wife, Deborah, being present at the ceremony, we were also represented by Secretary Cirincione, 2nd Vice President Bruce Raheb, members Owen McCaffery, Thomas Jeans, and John Stack, and friends of our Lodge, Jan Wolf and his brother (sorry, name unknown) and Charles Edwards, brother of member Robert Edwards. (Note: There was a very large turnout – if you were there and I missed you – mea culpa.) Below find the names of the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice serving the citizens of NYS:

LAWRENCE W. LAKEMAN, STEVEN C. MOSIELLO, EMIL HARNISCHFEGGER, MICHAEL J. KEARNS, GREGORIO MORALES, JOHN C. RYAN, ALBERT NIEVES, SCOTT G. LOVENDAHL, MICHAEL A. DeVECCHIS, ANDREW L. QUINLAN, ROBERT MOURADIAN, ANTHONY B. ASHE, JOHN HORAN, MICHAEL ROMANO, WILLIAM P. BRATIGAM JR, MARCOS QUINONES, WILLIAM ANTHONY JR, JAMES A. GERAGHTY, EDWARD T. KILUK, NICHOLAS F. ORTIZ, CHANDRA D. BARNES, MICHAEL E. BARNES, RONALD A. GRAY, TIMOTHY E. COYNE, PEDRO A. FORURIA SR, WILLIAM M. KELLY, JAMES L. WARD, PATRICK J. HOGAN, FRANCISCO DeCASTRO JR, FRANK D. RANDALL JR, LAWRENCE J. BROMM, MARTIN M. PODOLISKI, PEDRO A. CANDIA, JOHN J. WALKER III, DONALD E. COSSEAN JR, IVAN GONZALES, ANTHONY GARVEY, THOMAS ROCHE, JOHN J. McCAULEY, THOMAS J. GRAHAM, WILLIAM J. KEATING, RONALD E. HIGGINS, ZACHARY SLAVIN, NICHOLAS HOLOVINSKY, JAMES A. MASTRICOVO, DAVID J. LEE, ANGEL ESQUERETE, ERIC CALLEJA, VICTOR VARGAS, GEORGE FLORES, JANELLE SANDERS, THOMAS M. LILLY, MARK N. BRESSACK, MAUREEN GILL DONOHUE, JORDAN SILVER, STEPHEN A. DARBY, THOMAS P. COMPITELLO, JAMES S. McCORMICK, FRANCIS A. GAYNOR, MICHAEL G. PRETTITORE, JOHN F. McARDLE, PATRICK J. HOGAN, NICHOLAS A. GEORGEADIS, TROY D. PATTERSON, KARL J. SEDERHOLT, CHRISTOPHER J. GARROW, SCOTT C. NORCUTT, ROBERT C. CASTIONI JR, ROBERT J. KIRWAN, RICHARD L. RUIZ, CHRISTOPHER P. ROCK, AND ROBERT M. BURNEY.

**THEIR NAMES ENSHRINED ON OUR MEMORIAL WALL AND ON THE MEMORIAL WALL
IN WASHINGTON, DC. MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.
WE WILL NEVER FORGET!!!**

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

National LEO Appreciation Day is Thursday, January 9th, 2025. We know that's a long way off, but we will not have another newsletter before then and we don't want our members to forget, so mark it on your calendar. On that day, show your support for law enforcement by wearing blue clothing, or displaying a blue light in your home or on your property. Remember, as LEO's we are not Black, White, or any other color – WE ARE ALL BLUE!!!



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LODGE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, 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 but will include subjects pertinent to FOP concerns. Any member wishing to discuss a specific subject 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.
Frat Pat

RENEWAL COUPON

Brothers and Sisters, as stated in the information section of the renewal notice, we know that when you joined, or with your last renewal, you included your personal info. However, we know that some of that info has changed. You may have moved, changed your phone number, or email address. In some cases, your beneficiary info may have changed. Please, when you send in your renewal coupon, make sure it is filled out completely including the beneficiary info. We have had instances where members have passed away and either no beneficiary was indicated on their paperwork, or in some cases, the listed beneficiary had pre-deceased the member. In these cases we have had to have any eligible survivor aid sent to the estate of the member concerned, causing the member's family inconvenience in securing the funds. We appreciate your cooperation and attention in this matter. Fraternally, the Executive Board.



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