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by Sean Rosa | srosa@dc-fop.org

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope these words reach you well. It has been a very busy few months since May. I am happy to report another successful Police Week and wish to thank all of you who came out for this solemn event. For the families of our fallen it means the world to see their loved ones' names permanently engraved on the wall and to experience all the support from around the world. I would also like to thank Don Snow, Tori Beauchemin, and the rest of the FOP DC Lodge #1 Police Week committee for all they did. We were hit with a big challenge of having to move "Tent City" locations and I believe they stepped up and knocked it of the park.

On May 5th the Club did a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser for an MPD Detective who was having some health issues. This event turned out to be a great success. Officers from around the city showed up and had a great time. We were able to raise more money for the officer than I expected. I would also like to thank the Auxiliary for donating their time to help and for providing great gifts.

On July 4th we partnered with MPD's Labor Committee to support officers working over the holiday. This year, instead of using a mobile kitchen to feed the detailed officers, we did all the cooking at the Lodge and officers came by to pick up the food. We also had 2 vans and 2 Gators taking food and water to the officers who couldn't make it in. MPD provided us with a recruit class to assist with food preparation and they did a great job. We hope to continue that relationship in the future. We were able to feed over 1,600 officers from different jurisdictions.



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FROM THE **PRESIDENT** (cont.)

The Jack Daniel's fundraiser was also a great success again this year. I would like to thank everybody who supported it, especially Mike Kruggel who did most of the leg work. We also have our Taco Truck going out to different locations to provide our members with free food! This has been very popular and I hope its success will continue. Read more about the Taco Truck on page 43.

We still have a busy summer and fall coming up. I hope to see all of you at some point. Until then, be safe and watch each other's 6.

Fraternally, President Sean Rosa 📀 WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY 5:30PM - 12AM

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

by Robert Berretta | rberretta@dc-fop.org

Rain rain go away, come back another day! We have been involved in some crazy weather patterns this summer. From the overlong heat waves to the ferocious downpours that put a damper on the fun plans many of us had. However, it'll be back-to-school time before you know it, so try to get out there and enjoy the last month of summer before it's gone.

I'm happy to report it has been busy at the Lodge. Slowly but surely we're closing the gap on the Agency Trustee vacancies. June and July saw the swearing in of three new Agency Trustees from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PPD), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Police (FBI).

I'd like to introduce you to Robert Poole (ATF), Peter Howell (FBI) and Jason Bisogno (PPD). I'm so thrilled that these guys have stepped up to the plate to get involved on their agencies' behalf! When you see them around the Lodge please take a moment to introduce yourself. Welcome aboard!!

Robert Poole is a local product from right here in Maryland. He began his career with the ATF in Baltimore in 1991 and became a Special Agent in 1999 when he was subsequently assigned to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force in Virginia. He was later transferred to the Arson and Explosives Task Force in Washington, DC, during which time he assisted the FBI with the 9/11 investigation. Robert was the lead Special Agent for a high profile car bombing investigation in DC that was successfully prosecuted and featured on the Discovery Channel and "America's Most Wanted". As a result he received the "Top Cop" runner-up award as well as other commendations. Robert currently serves as a Program Manager in the intergovernmental Affairs Division.



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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT (cont.)

Peter Howell is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Before starting his career in law enforcement he had whole other career serving his nation over the span of twenty years in the U.S. Navy. (Thank you for your service!) He was stationed aboard numerous ships with many different assignments along the way not the least of which as a Law Enforcement Physical Security Specialist. Peter has twice been to Israel for Counter Terrorism training and was with the Naval District of Washington Police for three and a half years prior to working at the Pentagon, a place he has called home for the last ten years.

Jason Bisogno hales from the great state of New Jersey where he served with the Toms River Police Department for three years. He's been with the FBI Police for seven years the last two and a half as an Explosives Detection K9 Handler. Prior to that he earned two Bachelors degrees from Rutgers University in Criminal Justice and Sociology with concentrations in Psychology and Criminology. Jason is currently working towards a master's degree in Advanced Counter Terrorism. You can see Jason on patrol in and around the FBI buildings with his partner Ela.

If you are interested in filling one of the vacant Agency Trustee positions listed below, or know someone that may be a good fit, please contact me at rberretta@dc-fop.org or 202-437-8253. ^(c)

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FROM THE **treasurer**

by Pablo Figueroa | pfigueroa@dc-fop.org

I hope that everyone is having a great summer and taking some time off, even if it is just a week or two to rejuvenate and recharge. As public servants it is something welldeserved and earned.

I am aware that many cannot attend our Lodge general membership meetings due to conflicting work schedules. However, I am pleased to announce to everyone that we completed our annual audit before the commencement of Police Week. This is a huge accomplishment and many hours were invested in order to achieve this. The auditing firm has also made a point to indicate that we continue to improve every year with our financial accountability and procedures. This is a very high compliment considering all the hours our team puts in. While in office I will continue to find ways to improve our finances even more so that we may provide a better service to our members. This by no means is an easy task but the ultimate reward is to provide a system that will continue to serve our members at a superb level.

We continue to work very hard to improve services and representation for our entire membership. Please remember that regardless of how many years you've worked for your organization or what agency you represent, your thoughts and help are always welcome. We at the Lodge also need your help to get the word out to all of our members regarding our website. Many hours have been invested in this and I would like to see the members increase its use so that they may stay informed. Please take a look at the benefits available to our members, which include Estate Planning, F.O.P. Travel (thanks to Griffin World Wide Travel), VSP eye plan, Empire Flooring and the Delta Dental Plans. I am also happy to announce a new law firm that will be





FROM THE **TREASURER** (cont.)

available to our members should the need arise due to an accident occurred while off duty. The new firm in our benefits line up will be the Lapidus Law Firm. Please, check out dc-fop.org/member-benefits as we update and continue our efforts to provide even more benefits and information for our members.

I look forward to seeing you at our general membership meetings, which are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7pm, at 711 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Best wishes to all and please remain aware of your surroundings and stay safe as you provide service to the public.



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by Joseph (Jody) Stimmell | jstimmell@dc-fop.org

Summertime is here, kids are out of school, and families are enjoying their vacations at the beaches and other locations where they can rest and relax. It is these three months we dream about, especially during the cold winter months. If you're not on vacation, you and your family might be spending time at pools, amusement parks, hiking, camping, cookouts and basically enjoying the great outdoors. The days are longer, the nights are warmer and it is a time for us as Americans to just relax and let our hair down.

For those of us who work in Law Enforcement and police this great country, it is three of the busiest months of the year. Crime enjoys the summer months as well-most law enforcement agencies see spikes in their reported crime rates, which means more people are robbed, mugged, assaulted and even killed. This also includes our Nation's highways: with the sharp increase in people traveling all over the country, accidents and vehicular fatalities spike as well. For us, these three months are the longest months every year. We are forced to work more hours and extra shifts, leave is restricted, we don't get to spend time with our families, and life for us usually isn't great; but, we still show up for work each and every day. Like clockwork the public can count on Law Enforcement to be there when we are needed, to answer the call when called, to help those who need help, and to save those who need to be saved. We don't shy away from conflict or cower from danger. It is a gift that only a few of us possess and have chosen to share with the world as police officers. A gift that allows us to tread where Angels won't go, to bring calm to the storm, to go forward into danger, to make sense out of chaos, and to turn tragedy into joy.

We take the criticisms, the public anger and the vocal outbursts against the police when they see us in a less than positive light. We stand tall and unwavering when





FROM THE CHAPLAIN (cont.)

the public wants to protest and actively resist the police. We know, as all things, these feelings of distrust and even hatred will pass. We know we are still needed (and will always be) to help those who can't help themselves, to protect those who can't protect themselves, to protect the flock from the wolves, and to shepherd the flock to safety. I'm reminded of that saying I saw on a t-shirt at the last National FOP Conference that read:

> "We the Unappreciated, Who do the Unimaginable, And see the Unthinkable, To protect the Ungrateful"

I can't help think those four little phases sum up what we as police officers do each and every day, especially now with all the animosity against law enforcement and the police. BUT WE STILL SHOW UP TO WORK OUR SHIFTS EACH AND EVERY DAY despite what the public thinks of us, which speaks volumes for the men and women who wear the badge and as far as I'm concerned says it all (Enough Said)!!!! Rule Number #1.

I leave you with a Police Officer's Prayer:

Lord, I ask for courage –

Courage to face and conquer my own fears, Courage to take me where others will not go.

I ask for strength –

Strength of body to protect others, and strength of spirit to lead others.

I ask for dedication –

Dedication to my job, to do it well, Dedication to my community, to keep it safe. Give me, Lord, concern for those who trust

me, and compassion for those who need me.

And please, Lord through it all, be at my side. 😒



A message from GRIFFIN WORLDWIDE TRAVEL



Last year, Griffin World Wide Travel was chosen as the travel agency for FOP DC Lodge #1 and its members. Marianne Griffin is the owner of Griffin World Wide Travel, a member of the FOP Auxiliary, and proud to be part of three generations of law enforcement. As a travel agent, Marianne is dedicated to keeping her clients informed on the current issues that may affect travelers to help insure a fun and safe trip.

Nowadays, airlines are removing the many comforts of air travel on a regular basis. First, they stopped serving complimentary peanuts. Then, they started decreasing the amount of leg room to accommodate more passengers. Now, they've instituted a new class of ticket that may cost you even more in the long run.

Airlines have established Basic Economy as a new class of tickets with reduced pricing. These tickets are often around fifty dollars cheaper than the average Economy flight. However, what sounds like a bargain may come back to bite you.



GRIFFIN WORLDWIDE TRAVEL

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Unfortunately, while these tickets are often cheaper, they are not always the best value. In most cases, this class of ticket strips many of the amenities that one would usually associate with air travel. Depending on the airline, you may not have access to the overhead bin for a carry-on, or you may not be able to choose your seat.

The additional cost of a carry-on is usually around twentyfive dollars each way, but the hassle associated with getting stuck in a middle seat may be enough to purchase the next class of tickets.

With Basic Economy tickets, the initial price may seem enticing. However, when you consider the added cost of a carry-on and the annoyance of not being able to select your own seat, the Basic Economy class truly loses its value.

Essentially, it's important to know what you're getting into with an airline. Before booking your flight, read up on what exactly is included with the cost of your ticket, and what will be an additional fee. Don't be shocked if something that was once complimentary may now cost you a few dollars more.

Marianne is always available for consultation at no cost to the member and can always be found at the FOP DC Lodge #1 membership meetings.

Marianne has been working with the executive council in planning a fundraising trip to Ireland scheduled for October 1, 2019. The trip will span over twelve days with stops in Dublin, Castle Blarney, the Guinness Factory, Belfast, The Ring of Kerry and much more. The cost is \$2490.00, per person. (not including airfare).

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UPDATE: LODGE #1 AUXILIARY

by Bonnie Cannon | bcannon@dc-fop.org

I hope everyone is having a safe and wonderful Summer.

On May 5th, FOP DC Lodge #1 held a Cinco De Mayo fundraiser for a Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPDC) detective who has been stricken with leukemia. Some of our Auxiliary members and I were there to assist during this fundraiser. Our Auxiliary also donated all of our beach/cooler bucket raffle proceeds as a contribution toward the Detective's increasing medical bills.

Again this year we helped co-host the Local Law Enforcement Memorial on May 7th with MPDC and the DC Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (DC-COPS). A special thank you goes to Vice President Patty Sucato, who works diligently every year with MPDC and DC-COPS to make this service always a success. It was a great service and we had a good show of people; however, we always would love to see more participation from law enforcement and our local communities to show support for the families of the fallen officers.

At the service for the past 5 years I have been reading the names of our local fallen officers with new names added annually. Every year it still affects me as I read each hero's name. I wish there were not any names to read. Unfortunately, there seems to be more and more each year and I truly hope and pray this trend ends. Our Auxiliary, together with our Lodge, hosted a luncheon afterward for those who attended the service. Code 3 Association, Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, FOP DC Lodge #1 and Cannon Consulting helped to sponsor this luncheon. We truly appreciate their generosity.

Something I would like to say about Code 3 Association is that it's a great resource for law enforcement. It is committed to ensuring that all police officers who have been severely injured in the line of duty receive the resources, support

ABOUT THE AUXILIARY

The FOP Auxiliary is an ancillary organization of law enforcement officers. The Auxiliary is the only national support organization of its kind. It was organized to unite families of members of the Fraternal Order of Police; to promote their welfare socially, morally and intellectually; and to encourage them in all things pertaining to their good.

Auxiliary membership is extended to family members, 18 years of age or older, of an Active member of the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 in good standing. Active status will be verified before accepting any membership applications.

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UPDATE: LODGE #1 AUXILIARY (cont.)

and care they need to thrive post-injury and regain their independence. They have helped our Auxiliary on several occasions. If you would like to contact them you can contact Joseph Abdalla at joseph.abdalla@code3assn.com.

Our Auxiliary also volunteered at the VIP Tent at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service this year. It always is wonderful to see the volunteers that come from all over to help, to witness the fraternalism in the FOP Auxiliary, and to experience how we all come together during these important events to make the families feel comforted.

Our next event will be a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Lodge on September 15th (our Thank an Officer Day), from 7am to Noon, to thank our officers for all they do and the sacrifices they make to ensure our safety.

As an Auxiliary or FOP member you get certain benefits and one of those is a discount on travel. Our FOP and FOP Auxiliary uses Griffin Worldwide Travel. One of their next trips is an FOP trip to Ireland in October 2019. This tour includes time in Dublin, Cork, Ring of Kerry, Giants' Causeway and much more. This is a 12 day trip with 12 breakfasts and 6 dinners included. If you are interested, please contact Marianne Griffin at 703-957-8020 or email her at marianne@griffinwwtravel. com.

I would also like to remind our FOP Auxiliary members that you are also now eligible to receive dental and eye vision benefits through our FOP. If you are interested, please contact Pablo Figueroa at pfigueroa@dc-fop.org

We are always looking for new members. If you are a family member of an FOP member you are eligible to be a member of the Auxiliary. The cost of membership is \$20 per year. We have board meetings monthly and membership meetings quarterly. If you are a Maryland or DC resident you are also eligible for FOP tags under this membership. As a member you are not required to put in any time at events or come to the meetings but if you have time it would be appreciated greatly. This membership gives your family an opportunity to establish a fraternal bond with police families. If you are interested please contact me at bcannon@dc-fop.org.



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DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM FUND

The Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) fund allows the Lodge to provide logistical and financial support to law enforcement members in areas that are affected by severe weather or other emergencies. DART swiftly responds to assist officers in recovery efforts and those who have suffered damage themselves as a result of the disaster.

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firsthand what it is like to be in the law enforcement community. He was a Captain in the United States Air Force in the capacity of a Special Agent in the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and was also an officer in the Judge Advocate Generals' Corps (JAG).

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the Nam Knights of America Motorcycle Club has grown to 69 chapters in 16 states, Washington D.C. and two Canadian provinces, with hundreds of members made up of veteran's of all eras as well as law enforcement personnel plus a few special and dedicated "patriots." The Capital Chapter received their charter 5 years ago recognizing the need for a Nam Knight Chapter in our nation's capital.

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In the view of the Nam Knights brotherhood, the Fraternal Order of Police represents many brothers and sisters in blue who fit this description. In fact, this is what the Nam Knights of America and the FOP Lodge's share in common; our ranks are filled with those who have given of themselves similarly. This

truth explains why the Nam Knights Capital Chapter enjoys supporting FOP Lodge #1 in the manner we do. Each member of both organizations has sworn an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America," and has honored that oath at risk to self.

The mission of the Nam Knights of America animates all club activities and is as follows:

"Our mission is to honor the memory of American Veterans and Police Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, to assist Veterans and Police Officers in their time of need and to promote community awareness through sponsorship and participation in various fundraising events."

The Nam Knights of America Capital Chapter fulfills the Nam Knight mission in a myriad ways:



We participate, (along with many other Nam Knight Chapters), in Rolling Thunder weekend events and rides to include paying respect at the National Police Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, and Rolling Thunder.



We support the FOP DC Lodge #1 with the set-up and operations of Police Week "Tent City". It's a lot of fun and an honor to support and

meet the dedicated Law-Enforcement Officers, and their loved ones, while they enjoy the event and pay their respects during the Police Week ceremonies.



We support the Military Retirees, who live at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington DC by co-hosting a monthly happy hour, and assist with their July 4th "Friends of the Soldiers

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The Capital Chapter supports many like-minded organizations in the DC/Metro area by attending charitable events and

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FROM THE TRUSTEE AT LARGE

by Mike Kruggel | dmkruggel@dc-fop.org

Brothers and Sisters,

I am happy to report how we, as a Lodge, are doing fantastic things for the Membership and remain a strong force together.

As the saying goes, "We are only as strong as our weakest link", and in this day and age, the links of the FOP DC Lodge remain strong and vibrant! Recently, the "Janus" ruling came down from the U.S. Supreme Court and while we might disagree with some of the findings, we continue to service the Membership in ways only we can provide. Being the largest Law Enforcement Labor Organization in the world, our resources are second to none.

As most of you know, the FOP labor committees within the DC Lodge offer a multitude of services that include, but are not limited to, bargaining, legal defense, increased benefits, etc. For those that are not part of a labor committee, PLEASE make sure you are signed up for no less than the FOP Legal Defense Plan, which is at a very nominal cost. If you were to ever get into a problem, you'd wish you had signed up for it sooner. More information is available at the Lodge and I hope you will come in to find out more.

An example of one such incident happened not too long ago when a sister from the FOP was accused of murder within her jurisdiction. This event was viewed and "Monday morning quarterbacked" by millions and, ultimately, she was found Not Guilty! Everyone kept saying "watch the video, she's guilty!" Luckily, her FOP attorneys were able to show differently and present factors that aided in her defense. She is back on the job once again. The reason I bring this to your attention is





FROM THE TRUSTEE AT LARGE (cont.)

because all it takes is one incident and your entire life savings will go away! All she paid was her monthly dues amount which covered the nearly \$500,000 defense.

I would like to mention some of the other things that have been done on behalf of the membership from the Lodge. At the June 2018 meeting, the Jack Daniel's fundraising committee brought forth many different events that were accepted by the Lodge membership in attendance. They are as follows:

1. \$1,500 toward the reimbursement of 5 different labor committees to pay for the training of one member, per committee, to attend Leadership Matters in Nashville, TN, in February 2019.

2. \$5,000 to be put forth toward a scholarship for FOP members' children. This committee is being chaired by USCP member and Immediate Past President Andy Maybo, and details of the requirements will be coming out soon.

3. \$2,500 was put toward the DC Lodge being a major sponsor of the Memorial Wall to be erected at the National FOP Headquarters in Nashville, TN, this coming year. This Memorial Wall will encase the likenesses and description of those National FOP board members that have died of natural causes or killed in the line of duty.

4. \$5,000 to be put toward "Shop with a Cop" for the holidays that benefit families of our members who have died or are in distress, as well as members of the community. Information will be forthcoming.

5. Monies were put aside to pay for a valet company, a parking structure or a total street closure in front of the Lodge for the 2018 DC FOP Christmas Party. As you know, parking is one of the hardest things at the Lodge for this event and we want to make it easier so all of you can attend this year. More details to follow soon.



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6. \$5,000 to be put forth for "Taco Truck Tuesdays", where the highest rated Taco Truck in the District will be going out to many different locations to serve the membership with a FREE MEAL. This is a benefit to each of you and the dates and remaining locations are listed below. If you're near one, please stop by and enjoy a meal on us! The following dates have been completed and were a success: July 10 at DOC, July 17 at DC Lodge #1, July 17 at BEP/Mint/USPP/USSS area, July 24 at 5D, and July 31 at 6D

Upcoming dates (pending confirmation): August 7 from 1100-1300 – United States Capital Police area; August 14 from 1100-1300 – MPD Academy; August 21 from 1100-1300 – 7D; and August 28 from 1100-1300 – 1D. If you have any questions, please send me an email at DMKruggel@dc-fop.org.

As of the writing of this article, it's All Star Week at Nationals Stadium and the Taco Truck is near BEP/USPP/Mint/Secret Service area. Your DC Lodge #1 was also set up and serving our members until the food ran out. So far, the Taco Truck has served over 275 different members from the DOC, MPD, USPP, Metro Transit, BEP, Mint and many others that have stopped in. Thank you to those that came by to say "HI" and we look forward to serving the rest of you soon. After this article you can see a few pictures of our members enjoying a really good meal:

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support to the many committees, your board of directors and the agency trustees. As each of you know, we work on your behalf every day and appreciate all of the support throughout the year in making your Lodge the preeminent FOP Lodge in the country. Everyone knows us and everyone sees us!

Be safe out there!

D. Michael Kruggel FOP DC Lodge 1 Trustee at Large Jack Daniel's Fundraising Committee Chairman. 😒



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FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

by Steve Franchak | psfm15@verizon.net

Well here it is again: CRUNCH TIME! With only six months left in the Congress—counting the breaks for summer, time off for elections, holidays, and what few remaining days are left—we must get Congress to bring our legislative agenda to the forefront.

During this time of year there are numerous distractions, not only for us, but for our elected officials. Many of them will be spending time at their local offices. This would be a good time to meet with them or their staff, to remind them of our agenda, and to speak to them about it. It is imperative that we get our bills on the floor and passed prior to January 2019 so that we do not have to start over with a new Congress.

One third of the Senate is up for re-election. Add in our summer plans. The news media is more focused on what they deem as the important issue of the day—whether the Republican Party will maintain control of the Senate and keep control of the House. In spite of all these distractions, we must keep our legislative priorities on our representatives' forefront. Periodic phone calls or e-mails to our representatives will keep them aware that we are monitoring them as to whether they are co-sponsoring our legislative priorities.

I ask each of you to check www.congress.gov to see if your representatives have become co-sponsors to our legislation. If not, the periodic phone calls and e-mails may be the catalyst for them to co-sponsor the legislation. If they are co-sponsors, thank them, and

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also check the committee assignments to see if they are on one of the committees where our legislation will be heard. If so, encourage them to bring the legislation up and support passage. As large as our Lodge is, a lot of us have the same representatives. It is easy to think that "the other guy" will call or e-mail. Just remember that to that other guy, you are "the other guy".

I ask each of you join either Grass Roots on Twitter, Face Book, or, like us dinosaurs, get it by email.

Members of this Lodge are encouraged to join the National FOP Grassroots Network to keep abreast of our legislative agenda. As always, we encourage the members of this Lodge to join the National FOP PAC. Visit www.fop.net for more information.

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FROM THE NAVAL DISTRICT WASHINGTON TRUSTEE

by Alfonso Ortiz | alfonsogortiz80@gmail.com

The membership of the Naval District Washington (NDW) police department held its quarterly labor committee meeting early in July 2018. At this meeting, they discussed their new contract along with ongoing problems with several government facilities and bases.

Also, last year the NDW PD joined forces with FOP DC Lodge #1 in the holiday toy drive for kids, along with Philadelphia FOP #7. There are plans in the works to be part of more volunteer events with DC Lodge #1, including continued involvement with annual Police Week events.

Pictured in this photo from the recent meeting, from left to right: Leon Coleman (standing for John Branscomb), Secretary Happy Sims, Chairman Phillip Griffin, Agency-Trustee Alfonso Ortiz, and Recording Secretary Floyd Freeman. ©





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- To assist needy members and aid their families in the event of a line of duty death.

We have quarterly meetings and various social functions. Some of those include; St. Patrick's Day Parade & NLEOM Wreath laying Ceremony (March), Memorial March & Hospitality Night (May during Police Week), Picnic (June), Camden Yard Baseball Night (Sept), Family Fall Fling in Ocean City (Oct) and a Christmas Party (December).

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During those days, two police officers from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania met and decided there was a need for an organization to improve working conditions and represent the thin blue line between crime and society. From that simple beginning, the Fraternal Order of Police was born and has grown to an organization with 275,000 members. The FOP is the largest law enforcement organization in the United States. Along with civilian associate members from all walks of life; the FOP of today continues to represent the interest of working police officers.

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ABOUT THE FOP STAR

The emblem adopted by the National Fraternal Order of Police is designed to remind the membership of the duties that are expected of them as a citizen, a police officer and a member of the Lodge. The five-cornered star tends to remind us of the allegiance we owe to our Flag and is a symbol of the authority with which we are entrusted. It is an honor the people we serve bestow upon us. They place their confidence and trust in us; serve them proudly.

Midway between the points and center of the star is a blue field representative of the thin blue line protecting those we serve.

The points are of gold, which indicates the position under which we are now serving. The background is white, the unstained color representing the purity with which we should serve. We shall not let anything corrupt be injected into our order. Therefore, our colors are blue, gold and white.

The open eye is the eye of vigilance ever looking for danger and protecting all those under its care while they sleep or while awake. The clasped hands denote friendship. The hand of friendship is always extended to those in need of our comfort.

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U.S. Park Police Officer (and FOP DC Lodge #1 Vice President) Robert Berretta and K9 Shiloh joined a dedicated team of USPP Officers at the "Citi Open" Tennis Tournament, held annually at the Rock Creek Park Tennis Center in DC.