

A Lodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

May 2024

From the President

Greetings Members,

National Police Week kicks off on May 12th. Please consider showing your support for law enforcement by attending one of the many police memorials across the state this month.

Our FOP-FOPA State Conference is coming soon, July 21st - 23rd. As discussed at our last conference we will have a hospitality suite and a round table style discussion outside of our official meetings. These will both be great opportunities to share ideas and get to know other members. Also, it is an election year so if you have ever considered running for a state office, now's the time! If you do intend to run for office you must be a designated delegate from your lodge, per our by-laws alternates and guests are not eligible to run for office.

Speaking of elections, I will be seeking re-election. It has been an honor to serve on the state board for many years now. First as a Trustee from District 3, then as your Vice President, and the past two years as your President. If I am re-elected I will work to grow our membership, I will continue to find ways to save money and to better utilize our funds to support law enforcement, and I will work with the FOP to be an organization that they see not only as an ally but also an asset.

Lastly, forgive me if I sound like a broken record, but please continue to send in your lodge by-laws. We still have only received them from less than half of the lodges. Your by-laws are crucial for us to review when situations arise and you ask the state lodge for assistance. If you have any questions about establishing new by-laws or about revising existing by-laws please reach out, we will be happy to help.

Fraternally,

Theresa A. Drennen, State President

Coming Soon...



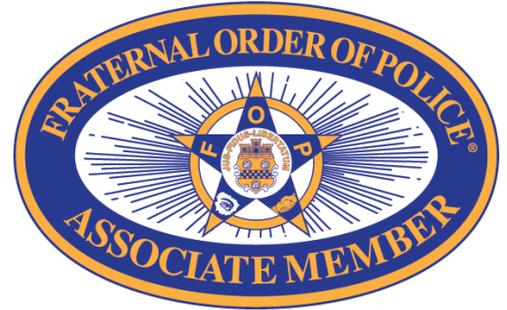
NEW Fundraiser! Beginning at our State Conference we will be selling our FOPA of Ohio challenge coins. Coins will be \$10 each with bulk pricing available if you want to buy several for your lodge.

State Secretary-Treasurer Report

Greetings from your Secretary/Treasurer, Elaine Domonkos.

Spring has sprung and the flowers trees are coming out and they're beautiful! Take the time to enjoy.

Some of my correspondence may be a repetition, but I want to make sure that everyone has this information:



E-MAIL

My email, specific to FOPA business is up and running. Please start using the following email for any correspondence you may have:
FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com

If you continue to use my prior email, your message may not be reviewed in a timely manner. I get a lot of emails on my prior email, and those pertaining to the FOPA may be lost.

I will try to reply within 24 hours of receiving any email. I look several times during the day but cannot always reply while at work. If there is anything that needs immediate attention, please call me on my cell and leave a message if need be (614-323-5557)

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS – MEMBERSHIP CARDS

A new year is upon us and we should now be submitting the per capita for all members who have paid for their 2024 membership.

Membership Cards:– IF you have any cards that needs corrected or cards for a new member, please keep the following in mind:

1. DO NOT contact Denise Young requesting new cards or corrections. All requests for new cards or corrections, need to go through me! NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. New Member cards will be completed once the per capita for the new member has been received by the state. Again, no exceptions. Therefore, it would serve your lodge to add this member to the data base and submit their per capita immediately following their joining of your lodge.
3. Contact me for any card corrections, need for additional disbursement forms or questions.
4. Please note that members who have been *Reinstated* are not to be considered a new member if they have had a few years between being a member. *New members* are members who have *never* been a member of the FOPA. We want to make sure we do not duplicate the cards that print every year.

Again, a reminder: **ALL CHECKS NEED TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: FOPA of Ohio Inc!** Please do not make your checks payable to the FOP - checks need to read FOPA. We are two separate entities.

One more reminder: ALL per capita payments need to be accompanied with a list of who is being paid for. Example: If you submit a payment of \$100, you should have a list of 5 name to accompany this payment. If it is for a new member, then the address of the new member (in addition to their name) needs to be included as well.

Why do I continue to repeat this? I still have lodges that do not send in the names of those being paid for. Let's all try to get on the same page with this if we could.

As of this writing, ALL lodges should have sent at least one per capita payment. Those lodges who have not, are now considered a lodge not in good standing. Lodges not in good standing are not able to send delegates to the state conference. It would behoove those lodges who have yet to send in a payment to do so immediately!

RS / Tax Filing (990)

May 10th is approaching fast. Every lodge MUST submit your 990. Do not wait until the May 10th deadline. Get it done now! This should only take about 5 minutes as most lodges only have to complete the postcard – not the full return. If you have any questions regarding what to do in order to get this completed, please do not hesitate to contact me and I can walk you through this process.

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2024 STATE CONFERENCE

The 2024 State Conference will be held in Columbus (Dublin area), July 21– 23, 2024. The FOPA has secured a block of rooms at the Hyatt Place. (This is the same hotel that has been used the last couple of times that the conference was held in Columbus. The room rate \$119 per night (plus taxes). You can begin making your reservations now. This will be the overflow hotel to the FOP, so make your reservations early to make sure your room is secure. You can call the **Hyatt Place at 614-799-1913** or you can go online as well. For those of you who are Trustees, we have already secured your room.

We will be having “hospitality” immediately following the Monday session. There will be no alcohol served during this time or in this room. Please note that alcohol is not permitted in this room. You can have it in your personal room, but we cannot have it in the meeting room.

We will have more information as it becomes available.

2024 - ELECTION YEAR

The 2024 State Conference will be our next Election. During this conference, we will be voting on our Executive Board, and Trustees. If you would like additional information on a particular office, please let me know, as I would be happy to review it with you.

Please consider running for a position. If you're leery, start out by running for Trustee to get some experience under your belt. We are always looking for members who want to help with the State Board. I do plan on running, once again, but please do not let that stop you!

If any other member would like to run for an office, and would like to submit a letter of intent, please email me and I will include it in the next Newsletter if time permits.

Please consider running for one of the offices – All offices are up for election/re-election.

Other than trustees (who are voted on in their caucus from the delegates present), the following members have let me know their intentions to run:

President – Theresa Drennen

Vice President – Tammy White

Secretary/Treasurer - Elaine Domonkos

ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting applications for the 2024 Scholarship Award. Please let your FOP know and encourage those officers that have a senior in high school to apply. They are eligible for the state scholarship even if they were awarded their local lodge scholarship.

We are also in need of members who wish to serve on the scholarship committee. You don't need to do much, as it is done at your pace. We forward the scholarship application to each person on the committee to review. It is towards the deadline date that gets the busiest – deciding who should be awarded. If interested, please let me know.

As always, your State Board is here to help you in any way that they can. Please feel free to contact me via email (FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com) or phone 614-323-5557 if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Fraternally,

Elaine Domonkos

FOPA State Secretary/Treasurer

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BANK BALANCE FROM January 01, 2024 thru March 31, 2024

General Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$95,626.50
Ending Balance	\$104,857.25
Difference	\$9,230.75

The payments made during this time period ranged from the Winer Board Meeting officer expenses. This balance does not reflect payments that were made in April. We have had many deposits reflecting per capita during this time.

Scholarship Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$14,058.14
Ending Balance	\$16,871.72
Difference	\$2,813.58

Payments include scholarship installments to the following:

This time period we had three payments for scholarships. There should have been more, but the scholars are not sending in their grades, so we have been unable to issue their next installment. Marion Lodge made a generous donation to the scholarship fund (\$2462.58) and we paid our \$3 per member obligation of \$1,851 from the additional 617 members we had from July through December 2023.

As always, your State Board is here to help you in any way that they can. Please feel free to contact me via email (FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com) or phone 614-323-5557 if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Fraternally,

Elaine Domonkos

FOPA State Secretary/Treasurer

Candidate for State Board

My name is Tammy White and I am running for Vice President for the FOPA Ohio State Executive Board.

I have been a member of the Lima Lodge #8 since March of 2015. Since joining I have held positions on our executive board of Vice President, Trustee and currently serving as both the Secretary and Treasurer positions. I was named Member Of The Year for the Lima Lodge in 2018 and named Ohio State FOPA Member of The Year in 2023.

I have been highly involved with the fund-raising efforts of the Lima Lodge. I have been the coordinator for our main fundraiser, our annual purse bingo. This event has raised over \$50,000 in 6 years.

Our lodge has continued to bring in members on a regular basis. We have sworn in 15 new members since January 2024.

I have been endorsed by the President of the FOP at the Lima Lodge Darrell Ball, the President of the FOPA at the Lima Lodge Laura Ball and the Immediate Past President of the Ohio State FOPA John Nicholson.

I would appreciate your support in July at the conference for the position of your Vice President.

Thank you,
Tammy White



Around the State

Upper Ohio Valley Lodge #102

We are proud and humbled to join the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police Associates community!

We were formed in November of 2023 after working closely with the FOP Lodge #97 as volunteers for many years. Our Board members are the friends and family of current FOP Lodge #97 members. Currently, we have 15 active FOPA members and look forward to welcoming more!

We were formed for the sole purpose of assisting them in obtaining training and educational opportunities as a supplement to what they already have available.

Having funds readily available for these Officers allows them to access other resources not attainable by traditional means. This includes not only funds for the training/education itself, but also monies for travel expenses, equipment, etc.

Continuous learning and training is imperative for these Officers. Now, more than ever. We are honored to give our time and talents to assisting them. We have already assisted #97 with scheduling their first sponsored group training on April 25th, led by an Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations official. Collaboration with local community organizations has been the foundation for us and we are eternally grateful for these opportunities.

We serve 80+ FOP Lodge #97 members from Jefferson, Harrison & Carroll Counties.

Our upcoming events include the 1st Annual FOP Lodge #97 Poker Run June 22nd and the FOP Lodge #97 Sportsman's Bash on September 28th. You can find us on Facebook @FOPA102.

Submitted by: Amy Stover, Lodge #102 President

Welcome Lodge #102! You've hit the ground running, keep up the great work!

Beachwood Lodge #88

At our last meeting we honored Mel Jacobs. Mel has been a member for 50 years!

Submitted by Robert Marimberga, Lodge #88 President

Congratulations Mel, and thank you for 50 years with the FOPA!



Mel Jacobs and Lodge #88 President Rob Marimberga



Mel Jacobs



Lodge #102 members, hard at work

Around the State

Lima Lodge #8

Lima Lodge #8 has been busy recruiting members. We swore these members in at our February meeting. Since January we have gained 15 new members!

We also had our biggest fundraiser of the year on March 1st. Their 6th Annual Purse Bingo was a huge success!! It had been sold out since November! We have increased our profits for this event every year and this year was no different!!

Submitted by Tammy White , Lodge #8 Secretary-Treasurer



The huge turnout for the 6th Annual Purse Bingo



New members from L to R: Mark Miller, Teresa Bucher, Heather Harris, Timothy Hammel and John Bucher

Welcome New Members!!

Erie County Lodge #35

Lodge #35 in Sandusky held their 10th Annual Wing Party last weekend, and it was a huge success! Your ticket was good for all –you- can-eat chicken wings, pizza, select beverages, and delicious homemade desserts provided by lodge members. They had raffle baskets, 50/50 drawings, and door prizes. Good times, good food, and great people!

Great fundraiser! Great job Lodge #35!



Top L to R: Lodge #35 Secretary Christine DeSalle, Lodge Guard Mary Dahlman, FOP #17 member Doug Bayer and his wife Vicki FOPA #35 Trustee, Fran Bergmoser Trustee, FOP #17 President Eric Costante and FOPA state President Theresa Drennen Bottom L to R; Laura Porter, Lodge VP Mark Dahlman, and from FOP #17 Tracey and Ron Susana



S — FOP of Ohio SPAGHETTI and Bourbon Bar Dinner

To Benefit the FOP of Ohio Foundation

SATURDAY
July
20

Join us under the tent at the
State FOP Conference in
Dublin from 5PM - 7 PM



*Tickets are \$30.00
per person.*

*Tickets will not be
sold after July 1, 2024*

MORE INFO: 614-224-5700 EXT. 1150 RHAWLEY@FOPOHIO.ORG



1ST ANNUAL



FOP Lodge #97



**JUNE 22, 2024
\$10 PER PERSON**

POKER RUN

FOOD - DRINKS - GUN RAFFLE - 50/50 - CHINESE AUCTION + Much More!

SIGN IN @ 11am

BIKES OUT @ 12pm

PRESENTED BY:



RETURN @ 5pm

ALL BIKES & VEHICLES WELCOME!



FOP Lodge #97 - 341 Kragel Road - Richmond, OH 43944

Questions? Contact Dale 740-317-0580 or Sheila 740-632-0905