

A Lodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

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Hello Members,

It was great to see some of you at the winter board meeting last weekend. Thank you to those that were able to attend.

I am happy to welcome a new addition to our State Board. Pete Bohrofen, Lodge President of Queen City #4, was sworn in at the winter board meeting as the new trustee for districts 5 & 9. If your lodge is in District 5 he will be reaching out to you soon.

Our next in person meeting will be at State Conference June 4th-6th at Kalahari in Sandusky Ohio. The FOP will be having it's Spring board meeting March 17th and 18th in Cincinnati. We made the decision to cancel our meeting, as we had nothing on the agenda. Vice President Leezer and Secretary-Treasurer Domonkos will be in attendance to give our report to the FOP.

Lastly, I'm working with the FOP office on getting the State Constitution and Bylaws with the changes approved last year out to all of the lodges. I apologize for the delay, but we will get them to you soon.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, I welcome your input! Please feel free to reach out to me anytime. You can email me at ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com or call and text 419-357-2813.

Fraternally,

Theresa A Drennen, State Lodge President

Around the State

Belmont Monroe FOPA Lodge #13

The Belmont Monroe FOPA Lodge #13 and FOP #6 are proud to announce the release of the Alan Duvall



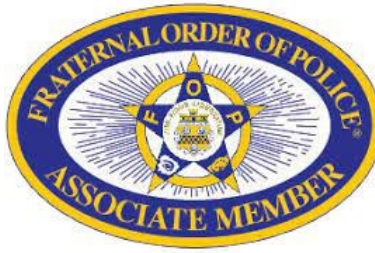
Scholarship. It honors Alan Duvall who was a career law enforcement officer and an officer in FOPA Lodge #13. Alan passed away one year ago, and we have established this scholarship as a memorial to Alan. Alan dedicated his life to public service through his commitment to the welfare and safety of others. During his career, he served as an intermittent Deputy US Marshal, a Court Security Officer, Lead Officer, and supervisor of Court Security for the northern district of West Virginia, ensuring the safety of all of those entering the federal courthouse in Wheeling West Virginia. For 30 years on Monday evenings, he volunteered as a Special Deputy for the Belmont County Sheriff's Office. Officer Duvall also revived and served as President of FOPA Lodge #13.

Alan was very committed to his values and beliefs. With the BCSO he provided his leadership, knowledge, and experience to the next generation of law enforcement. He supported Hunter's Education Program and was devoted to the 'Shop with a Deputy' program. With this scholarship program. His legacy will continue.

Submitted by: Rick Johnson, Lodge #13 Secretary

Special Deputy Alan Duvall

State Secretary-Treasurer Report



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE ASSOCIATES OF OHIO, INC 222 East Town Street; Columbus OH 43215

Greetings from your Secretary/Treasurer, Elaine Domonkos.

2023 is here and it's the start of a new year. The 2022 per capita should have all been paid and we are now going forward with 2023. The membership cards were delayed as there was a slight problem with the printing. Once they are back from the printers, Denise Young has them all set to be sent out. Be on the lookout.

Membership / Per Capita

That being said, your first per capita payment is due March 1. Remember when sending in your payment, please remember to include the list of members that correspond with the payment. We need to make sure that the amount paid matches with the number of members being submitted. Please remember to make your checks payable to FOPA of Ohio Inc (DO NOT make your checks payable to any board member or to Denise Young)!

As stated many times in the past, please get into the habit of sending in your per capita payment as they come in. Please do not wait until the March 1 date to send this in. This holds especially true if you have new members. One is not considered a paid member until it is received by the state. This is extremely important if they member wishes to purchase the license plates and/or register for the free education.

IRS / Tax Filing (990)

Now is the time to get your 2022 tax filling complete. Do not wait until the May 10th deadline. Get it done now! 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.

2023 State Conference

The 2023 State Conference will be here before we know it. The conference is being held the first weekend in **June**, not July as in the past. It will be held, June 4 -6, 2023 at the Kalahari Conference Center in Sandusky. More information to follow in regard to registration and room reservations.

Officer Contact

Please remember to keep your contact information up to date with the State Lodge. Communication is the key and in order to do, we need to make sure we have all the correct information. Please submit this to the state if you have not yet done so.

Awards – Deadline **April 1, 2023**

The FOPA Member of Year nominations are due early this year due to the earlier conference date. If you have a member that has show exemplary service, please consider nominating them for FOPA member of the year. Nomination forms can be found on the website (www.fopohio.org) click on the Associates tab. FOPA Lodge of the Year and the Virgil McDaniel Award are also due in by April 1, 2023. These nomination forms can also be found on the FOP website under the Associates tab.

Scholarship Application

Does your "P" lodge members have any graduating seniors? If so, please let them know about the State FOPA scholarship. This is a \$4,000 scholarship (paid \$500 each semester with the submission of grades). Scholarship applications are due by May 1st.

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State Secretary-Treasurer Report

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BANK BALANCE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2022, TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

General Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$111,900.15
Ending Balance	\$ 85,233.49
Difference	\$26,666.66

The payments made during this time period ranged from postage, copies, conference hotel room charges and the spring board meeting room charges. The State FOP also cashed their per cap payment during this period as well.

Scholarship Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$12,194.14
Ending Balance	\$11,194.14
Difference	\$1,000.00

Payments include scholarship installments to the following:

Jessica Streckfuss	Check 2 of 8	\$500.00
Seth Dunning	Check 8 of 8	\$500.00

**Check for Meleah Oney was written in January so it is not reflected in the above numbers

In closing, your State Board is here to help you in any way that they can. Please contact me (2jeds1010@gmail.com) or 614-323-5557 should you have any questions or concerns.

Fraternally,
Elaine Domonkos
FOPA State Secretary/Treasurer

Around the State

Columbus Lodge #5

We introduced two new fundraisers for our lodge in 2022. First, we raffled off a Henry Law Enforcement Gold Plated Tribute Rifle. Tickets were \$10 and we sold them throughout the year and held the drawing at the December FOP meeting. Second we had our First Car Show at the Whitehall VFW. The original date was rained out so it was postponed until October. Both were successful and we will continue them in 2023.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 2 at the FOP Lodge. It is always a great afternoon for the children and we provide food, face painting, coloring, the Columbus Mounted Police, and an appearance by the Easter Bunny prior to the egg hunt.

We are focusing on recruitment and building our membership back up in 2023.

Submitted by: Paige Ludwig Lodge Vice President-Treasurer

Around the State

Lorain Lodge #46

The Lorain Police Charities received \$3,000.46 for the Cops and Kids program from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOPA) No. 46. "In the past, we've always donated \$3,000 and the 46 cents represents us as lodge 46," said Committee Member Cynthia Theodorapoulos.

The funds were generated from the FOPA's first Chili Cook-off, which took place in November. "So often, volunteers come in and they don't get much more recognition than a simple 'thank you,' but we wanted to add a personal touch with the aprons," Theodorapoulos said. "We want them to be able to boast that they participated, and hopefully, spark some discussion around our organization." The check was presented Dec. 8 at Lorain City Hall, 200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain police officers will take those qualified for the program Christmas shopping Dec. 10.

Jim Malick, president of FOPA No. 46, said the group is grateful for everyone who helped make the fundraiser a success, especially major sponsors Mayor Jack Bradley and state Sen. Nathan Manning as well as Lorain's business community. "It's a huge support and great to see people involved in the community from that standpoint," Theodorapoulos said. "The Chili Cook-off was a brand new event, so it was amazing to see their confidence in us and their willingness to give." The organization will continue to prioritize community engagement, she said.

"There are more child community programs that we would like to establish and be able to give more," Theodorapoulos said. "A lot of meetings and gatherings were on pause during COVID, but we're now trying to rebuild our organization and also draw younger members to pass the torch to a younger generation."

Theodorapoulos, who joined the organization a year ago, said she hopes to inspire others to get involved. "I was approached and in the position to get involved, but I think it's important to give back and support the police," she said. "We want to create camaraderie between the community and police officers because there are good cops, and it's important that they get support from us."

Story from December 8th issue of The Morning Journal



The Fraternal Order of Police Associates #46 present Lorain Police Charities a \$3,000.46 check for the Cops for Kids Program. Also the FOPA #46 issued each "Chili Chef" their apron as a show of support during their support during the First Annual Chili Cookoff. Pictured from left to right - Jim Malick, Paula Malick, Sylvia DuVall, Victoria Kempton, Mayor Jack Bradley, Eloise Chaffin, Max Schaefer, William Matesic, Cynthia Theonorooulos and Miguel Baez

Amazing work Lodge #46!!

Around the State

FOPA #4 Queen City Lodge

The October FOPA #4 Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 11. Congratulations to PO Antonio Hamilton, PO Kelly Moore and PO William Wolner. Officers Hamilton, Moore and Wolner are members of the Personal Crimes Unit and were nominated for their work on a case that began in February of 2020 involving three juvenile victims. During the course of their investigation, these investigators were able to identify the suspects, as well as additional juvenile victims. The case concluded in July of this year when the suspects were convicted of a total of 19 felony counts of Rape and Gross Sexual Imposition. Two of the suspects are now serving life sentences and the third is serving a three-year sentence. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work!

The November FOPA #4 meeting was held on Tuesday, November 1st. Congratulations to Sgt. Bradley White, PO James Ball, PO Jason O'Brien and PO Samuel Giver. Officer Giver responded for a suicidal man holding a firearm to his head. PO Giver and his fellow officers negotiated with man until he surrendered the firearm to the police. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work!

The December FOPA #4 meeting was held on Tuesday December 6. Fire Lieutenant Fidel Akemon was honored for saving the life of Police Recruit John Brown. Fire Lieutenant Akemon was nominated by CPD Captain Aaron Jones for, "The quick and decisive actions he took on January 17, 2021, when Recruit Brown suffered a lifethreatening medical emergency during a training scenario". Lt. Akemon immediately rendered necessary first aid measures to Recruit Brown and was able to contact the Cincinnati Fire Department directly with critical information, thus reducing response time and allowing for quicker application of advanced life-saving measures by responding paramedics, as well as quicker transport to University Hospital. Thank you, Fire Lieutenant Akemon, for your quick actions that resulted in an expedited response by paramedics, quick hospital transport, and thus saved Recruit Brown's life!

Submitted by: Pete Bohrofen, President Lodge #4 and Districts 5 & 9 Trustee

FOPA Erie County Lodge #35

Members of Lodge #35 along side other community members helped to place around 1,600 wreaths on December 17th for Wreaths Across America. This is a charity that lodge #35 has supported for several years and this year they were able to raise the funds to purchase over 200 of the wreaths.

Submitted by: Tim Meade, President Lodge #35



Above: Cemetery at The Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky



*Members of Erie County FOPA Lodge #35
Left to Right: Fran Bermoser, Trustees Holly Price and Mark Dahlmann, Front: Lodge Treasurer & State Trustee Mary Meade, Bill Theisen and lodge President Tim Meade*

FOPA State Lodge Fundraiser FOP & FOPA Thin Blue Line Flags



Tickets

\$5 each -or-

3 for \$10

**Custom made wooden flag. 13 X 23 with hooks on back for hanging.
Email ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com to purchase tickets**

***Winners drawn at State Conference **Need not be present to win**



**THURSDAY
MARCH 2ND**

DOORS OPEN 6PM | FIRST FIGHT 7PM

HOLLYWOOD Casino
COLUMBUS, OH

**200 GEORGESVILLE ROAD
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228**

GENERAL ADMISSION \$25 | FLOOR SEATS \$35-50
G.A. AND FLOOR SEAT AVAILABLE THROUGH TICKETMASTER

VIP TABLES \$1,000 (10 SEATS)

**VIP TABLES ARE LIMITED PLEASE CONTACT F.O.P. LODGE #9
OR LOCAL IAFF 67 TO PURCHASE VIP TABLES**

Submitted by: Fran Heimerl, Secretary Newark FOPA Lodge #10

The annual Guns and Hoses Boxing will be held March 2, 2023 at the Hollywood Casino. I have included the Ticketmaster link to purchase tickets. If you would like to purchase a table, please reach out to me. We are also in need of fighters from Police, Fire, Probation, Law Directors. If you are interested, please reach out to me ASAP, we have begun the process of matching fighters. This is always a great event. <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/05005E2594DD1650>

Fraternal Order of Police Associates

Erie County Lodge #35



**Join us for our 9th Annual
FUNdraiser!**

Saturday April 29th Noon-4pm

at Daly's Pub in Downtown Sandusky

ALL-U-CAN-EAT Wings Pizza & Select beverages

Raffle Prizes, 50/50's and FUN!

Proceeds support FOPA #35 of Erie County



**Tickets
\$25**



For tickets email: ckd988half@gmail.com

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Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to see your lodge featured or would like to recognize one of your members please let us know! We are happy to share your stories as well as your events and fundraisers.

Submission Guidelines

- ◆ The quarterly newsletter is sent out the first week of February, May, August and November. Any submissions are due no later than the 15th of each month prior to publication.
- ◆ If you would like to see your lodge or member featured, we have questionnaires to help. Let us know if you're interested and we can email the questionnaire forms.
- ◆ Picture submissions need the names (and positions if lodge officers) included.
- ◆ Fundraiser and event submissions need a contact phone or email that will be published for members to contact if they need more information.
- ◆ If your local FOP lodge or Auxiliary lodge would like to share their fundraisers, we will be happy to include those as well. These will also need a point of contact included.
- ◆ Please make all submissions in Microsoft Word format or in text format.
- ◆ All submissions and inquiries can be sent to ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com