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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

While it has been a few months since you received a Georgia FOP magazine, I will take this opportunity to update everyone on the activities of the State Lodge. Much has been going on during the past months, including the start up of a new state magazine that you will be receiving beginning in June. It has taken us longer than I anticipated to make the transition in publishers, but I feel the extra time was necessary to insure that we properly studied the many offers available. Excellent quality of workmanship and reputation for high integrity were the key factors that resulted in the selection of Collegiate Concepts as our new magazine publisher. I hope everyone will help the new magazine by sending in local lodge articles. The folks at Collegiate will provide us a magazine to be proud of if we assist them.

The Georgia Special Olympic's Law Enforcement Torch Run is coming up in May. The State Lodge has help sponsor the event and encourages all local lodges to get involved. Please help your lodge to support this very worthwhile project. For more information, call your State Trustee or give me a call.

Also, the State is considering the formation of a FOP Honor Guard. If you are interested or need more information, again contact your State Trustee. He has been mailed forms to be submitted by those interested.

Time is nearing for the State Conference. It will be held June 17th thru 20th in Jekyll Island. If you have never been to a State Conference, consider combining a vacation with the Conference. Jekyll Island is an excellent place for a family vacation. Until the May 17th

deadline, you can reserve a one, two, or three bedroom condominium at special FOP rates. For rate information contact:

Villas By The Sea Resort Hotel
1175 North Beachview Drive
Jekyll Island, Georgia 31520
Phone: (912) 635-2521
(800) 342-6872

In closing, I want to challenge everyone to give more time to the FOP. Let us remember that FOP accomplishments directly reflect the labor and efforts of our members. While we have grown substantially in the last few years and have raised our benefits, and improved our programs; I still find that in too many lodges it is the same few members doing all the work. It is time that more members come forward to help carry some of the load being place on local lodge leaders. It is not enough to just pay your dues, your ideas and thoughts are needed as well as your effort and labor. The Georgia FOP has ambitious goals for the future. These goals are directed at improving the quality of life for those who choose the law enforcement profession. These goals can be achieved much quicker with the help of every member. Remember, your the key to our success.

A.J. "Bud" Mote

Note - Note - Note-

The National FOP Training Program is pleased to announce a Training course that will be held in Macon, Ga. July 10-11, 1990 on Ritualistic Crimes. The Tuition is \$115.00. For information Call Ken Gorman at 1-913-354-9227

Karl F. Eidam Lodge #9 installs new officers for 1990.

They are:

President Dan Scoggins
1st Vice President Bruce Whitehead
2rd Vlce PResident Paul Ezell
Sec./Treas Barbara Atkins
Conductor Ricky Stinson
Chaplin R.P. Jackson
Inner Guard Bud McMichael
Outer Guard Gary Bolen
State Trustee Dan Scoggins
Local Trustees Carolyn Tidd
L.S. Johnson
Lyn Joiner

Our annual Legislative luncheon was held on December 6th, at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbus. Our local legislators were honored with a plaque to thank them for their help and support of out goals during the year. President Dan Scoggins emceed the event and Brother J.D. Hawk outlined the legislation proposed by the State F.O.P. for the 1990 Legislative session.

This was the fifth year that the Columbus Lodge and the Elks gave away food baskets at Christmas. By raising \$1,200, 24 food baskets were purchased and delivered to needy families on December 16th.

Officer Robert Oliver had been selected as the F.O.P. Officer of the Year for 1989. He is to be commended for his excellent work. Robert is a credit to the Columbus Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police.

**21st ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE
JEKYLL ISLAND GEORGIA
JUNE 17-20, 1990**

Sunday June 17th, 1990

2:00pm -- 5:00pm ----- Registration
Center Lobby

5:30pm -- Till ----- Hospitality Rooms

Monday June 18th, 1990

8:00am -- 8:45am ----- Registration

9:00am -- 9:30am -----Welcome Speakers
(Glynn County Police Chief Carl Alexander,
Glynn County Sheriff Thomas F. Jones,
City of Brunswick Chief Jimmy Carter)

9:30am -- 10:00am ----- Memorial Service
(Business attire requested)

10:00am -- 4:00pm -----Regular Business
Meeting Plantation
Hall Conference Center

7:00pm -- 10:00pm -----Shrimp Boil & Beer Bash

Tuesday June 19th, 1990

9:00am -- 4:00pm -----Regular Business
Meeting

1:30pm -- 4:00pm -----Pistol Match
(Will be held at FLETC in Brunswick. Will leave
from plantation hall at 1:00pm Sharp.)

7:00pm -- 9:00pm -----Banquet & Awards
Dinner

F.O.P HONOR GUARD

We are now in the process of forming a F.O.P. Honor Guard made up of members only. At current out first priority is the total cost of putting this unit together. Since the cost of this endeavor will be substantial, we are going to look for officers who will be willing to sacrifice some time and effort into the training of this unit.

Once the unit is formed, we will drill at least once a month. We have already been extended the opportunity to be assisted by Major Russell Baker, Director of the Public Safety Training Institute in Clayton County. IF you are interested in representing the F.O.P. and your department, please contact Mike Banks at 579 St. Andrews Court Conyers,Ga. 30208.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

As you know each year at our Annual State Conference we give an award for Officer of the Year. There are two categories for this award. The first is "Officer of the Year for Heroism" and the second is "Officer of the Year for Outstanding Work to the Fraternal Order of Police".

I ask that each lodge submit the name of a person or persons they feel is deserving of this award. Include in your nomination a detailed letter as to why this award is deserved.

The deadline for this year's entries will be May 25th, 1990. Please send all nominations to: Mike Banks at 579 St. Andrews Court Conyers, Gerogia 30208

1990 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

As most of you are aware, this is the first year that the F.O.P. has been involved as a sponsor of the Ga. Special Olympics. Since the first of January 1990, with the help of the F.O.P., we have been on a steady increase with our fundraising drives and man-power participation. If we could get more of our members to join in our goal, to provide the best Special Olympics these kids have ever had, this would be an accomplishment that could reward each of you as well as the kids.

We at Lodge 12, have been putting on Rape prevention/Self-Defense Seminar's, Softball tournaments, Parades, and giving talks on the Special Olympics to civic organizations to help in any way it would



FOP President A.J. "Bud" Mote Presents a check to Norm Sterling for \$2,000 at a recent Special Olympics meeting.

make this the best year. both from a financial standpoint as well as a participation standpoint, that has ever been.

Our goal financially is to raise \$100,000.00 for the State of Georgia. This should not be difficult to achieve if we all do our part.

If you could just come to the opening day ceremonies, it would open your eyes and make it all worthwhile. These kids really look up to the police and are very happy to see us and thank us in their special way.

The day of the Torch Run is May 23th and the day of the opening ceremonies is May 25th at Emory University. If you can participate in any way, please contact me or President Bud Mote at the East Point Police Department 765-1100 or 765-1096

Thanks in advance for anything you can do, believe me it will be appreciated.

Tom Jones
Metro Atlanta
Torch Run
Director

FOP LEGAL AID PROCEDURES

The following is a reminder of the legal aid procedures of the State Lodge.

Any member in good standing with the State Lodge is entitled to a free initial conference with the State Attorney on any job or police related matter. An initial telephone conference can be obtained by the member phoning the State Attorney's office at (404) 535-7000. All non-emergency calls must be routed through the office, and there will be a response

time of no greater than 24 hours. Calls will be returned between the hours of 8:00 to 9:00a.m., and 5:30 to 6:30p.m.

Emergency calls will be handled as swiftly as possible, and the member may phone the State Attorney at home at (404) 536-0174. If no one is home, an answering machine will take the message. Emergency calls during the day will be returned by the State Attorney, or a member of his firm, as expeditiously as possible. In addition, he is authorized by the State Board, in an emergency situation, to, depending on the circumstances, either undertake the representation of the member, or, in the alternative, contract for emergency local representation of the member, with a local attorney, until such time as the member may apply for legal aid through the normal channels. Of course, once the emergency is stabilized, the member will have to make application for legal aid under the normal procedures before he will be authorized to continue representation, or authorize further local representation.

If any member needs a more detailed guideline please contact one of the State Board members and they will be able to furnish you with more information.

NATIONAL FOP LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Debate will begin within a few days on the floor of the US. Senate on the Senate Crime Bill. The Debate will begin with S-1970 which was introduced by Senator Biden of Delaware and will continue on as other bills such as Senator Thurmond's S-1971 and many other bills are attached, amended and adopted. This process is expected to take several days and the Fraternal Order of Police is playing a major role in all of this.



Governor Joe Frank Harris signs House Bill 1149 into law as President Bud Mote, First Vice President J.D. Hawk and John Thomas look on.

INDEMNIFICATION BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Joe Frank Harris signed into law House Bill 1149 on March 30th. House Bill 1149 was introduced by Representative Roy Allen of the 127th Savannah, Georgia. HB-1149 was introduced on the House Floor as Fraternal Order of Police legislation.

The legislation now covers law enforcement officers who at the time of their death or bodily injury causing permanent disability shall be considered to be acting in the line of duty if such death or injury causing permanent disability occurred as a result of criminal activity or such law enforcement officers attempt to prevent a criminal activity.

With the previous wording Officers acting while off duty would not have been covered. It is important that officers remember that while working part time jobs they should be covered by their employers workmens compensation. All members need to

check with their part time employers.

The members of The Fraternal Order of Police around the state should let their legislators know that their support of this legislation was appreciated. Representative ROY ALLEN of Savannah, Senator PAUL C. BROUN of Athens and the House and Senate Public Safety Committees deserve a special thanks for their work.

The Georgia Fraternal Order of Police Legislative Committee is now working on the Georgia F.O.P Legislative proposals to be voted on at the June Conference. If you or your lodge have ideas on needed legislation, send the information to the Legislative Committee. The committee will need the information in writing along with the reasons the legislation is needed and any data supporting the legislation.

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