

A Lodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

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On June 23rd two Lorain police officers, Officers Pete Gale and Phillip Wagner, were ambushed in broad daylight and a third officer, Ofc. Brent Payne, who rushed to help was also shot. One of the officers did not survive. Officer Phillip Wagner passed away the following day as a result of his injuries. Our thoughts and prayers are with these officers, their families, friends, and the City of Lorain. Anyone wishing to donate to these officers, please see the bottom of the page for more information.



Ofc. Pete Gale & Ofc. Brent Payne



Phillip C. Wagner EOW 07-24-2025

Police Officer Phillip Wagner was ambushed at River Bend Drive near the 2200 block of Colorado Avenue in Lorain on July 23, 2025. At 1:00 p.m., Officer Wagner and another officer were in their patrol vehicle eating lunch when a man opened fire on their patrol car. When they called for help, another officer was also ambushed. Two officers were Life Flighted to MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, and one officer was treated for a gunshot wound to his hand at Mercy Health- Lorain Hospital. Officer Wagner succumbed to multiple gunshot wounds the next day. The shooter was killed in an exchange of gunfire with responding officers. Officer Wagner was a United States Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Lorain Police Department for three years and the Sheffield Village Police Department for four years. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Anyone who wants to contribute funds for these officers and their families may do so by either mailing a check to:

Lorain Police Officers Charitable Foundation
100 West Erie Ave.
Lorain, OH 44052

Or by using a credit or debit card and donating through the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio Foundation website, where all donations between now and September 1 will go to those officers affected by this incident.

The site is: unionly.io/o/fopohio/officer-assistance-fund

From the President

Greetings Members,

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend our annual conference in July. I was unfortunately unable to attend due to some health issues, but I have gotten great feedback from many of you that were in attendance. I want to thank my Vice President Tammy White for stepping in and running things in my absence, it's a huge relief to know I have a very capable VP ready to step up any time she is needed!

Our next board meeting will be Saturday January 24th in Columbus. Between now and then we will be working on some new forms geared more toward the FOPA, we will be revamping the scholarship application and process for the committee members, and updating the award nomination forms. Our goal being to make forms more user friendly and to have all forms your lodge needs available on the website for easy download.

We had three bylaw amendments that were passed at the conference. We will be sending out the revised version of the state constitution and bylaws to all of the lodges in the next few weeks.

Exciting new membership recruitment ideas were discussed at the state conference, and we have flyers regarding that program and also general membership flyers available as well for download. Please reach out to me for more information on this program.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch!

Faternally,

Theresa A. Drennen, State President

From the Vice President

I hope this finds everyone well and rested!! I first wanted to give a big THANK YOU, for everyone that attended the FOPA Conference in Sharonville. I appreciate the patience you had with me during the conference as I navigated new territory in running the conference. I appreciate everyone's help with fundraising, setting up snacks and drinks, setting up hospitality, selling raffle tickets, etc. I could not have done it without you. We are so fortunate to have so many great people in our organization.

Please remember you can contact me whenever you need me by texting or calling me at 419-230-6800 or email at Whiteohvp@gmail.com. I love to hear your ideas, concerns or questions. I along with Theresa and Elaine are here for you. We want to help you be the best you can be.

I will be chairing the Scholarship Committee this year and am looking for volunteers to help. We are revamping the application and the process of how it runs and flows. Please contact me if you are interested or have questions.

Thank you again and I hope you have a great rest of your summer.

Tammy White, State Vice President

Would you like to see your lodge or a member featured in the next edition? We love to share stories from across the state!

Would you like to see your lodge's event or fundraiser featured here? Deadline for submissions for the November 2025 issue is October 15th.

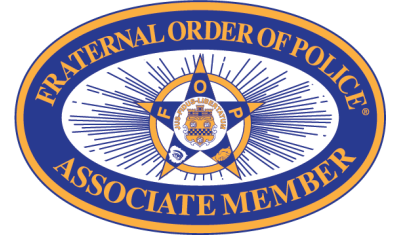
Please email submissions to ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com

Please include details of the event/raffle and who to contact for tickets or for more information.

State Secretary-Treasurer Report

Greetings from your Secretary/Treasurer, Elaine Domonkos.

Let me begin by saying how great it was to see everyone at the annual conference in Sharonville! As I stated in our meetings, I want to apologize to everyone for the delays as my husband has been ill and I have been taking care of him. He is on the mend, so things should be getting back to normal. I thank you all for your patience!



CONFERENCE UPDATE

- The three (3) proposed By-Law changes were read for the third and final time followed by a vote for each proposed change. All passed and will now become part of the State's official By-Laws.
- The Round Table discussion held on Sunday afternoon continues to be a worthwhile gathering. Members from around the state shared some great ideas. I think everyone was able to walk away with something new to bring back to their own lodges. This ranged from fund raising to recruiting new members.
- Those of you who have access to the membership database may eventually find yourself locked out. If this happens, unfortunately, there is no way to regain access as the National FOP is changing their database and going to a different program. Because we "piggyback" on their database we have no control. Once their new system is in place and they have had training, we will get the information and training. Be on the lookout for this information. Until then, you may wish to back up your information NOW for those who still have access.
- The trustees reported that things were going well within their districts. However, some lodges have yet to pay their per capita and/or file their 990 tax with the government. Please let your trustee know the status and/or your situation as to why these have not been completed.
- Unfortunately, there were no awards presented by the State FOPA this year as there were no submissions. If there is a member of your lodge that you believe deserves to be recognized, please nominate them next year. This also holds true for Lodge of Year.

I know some of you were "locked out" of securing a room in the host hotel. We understand the frustration. Please know that for next year's conference, we will do our best to have a hotel that will accommodate us along with a meeting room or a meeting room close to the host hotel. The State FOP set the dates and locations of these, so unless there is not a hotel large enough to accommodate all the groups, we help in securing our location. Next year the Conference will be held in Independence, Ohio, July 19-21. Hotel information to follow. If you know you will be attending, please plan accordingly once we have secured the hotel.

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS – MEMBERSHIP CARDS

- All per capita payments should be in as the first two deadlines for submitting the per capita have also come and gone. Your final payment is due by October 1st. As was presented in the Secretary / President's meeting, all checks need to be made payable to **FOPA of Ohio Inc.** DO NOT make the checks payable to the FOP – we are not them.

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

- DO NOT contact Denise Young requesting new cards or corrections. All requests for new cards or corrections need to go through me! NO EXCEPTIONS!
- New Member cards will be completed once the per capita for the new member has been received by the state. Again, no exceptions. An updated "New Member" form was passed out at conference for those lodges needing to add new members. If you are in need of them, please let me know and I can email you the PDF.
- Contact me for any card corrections, need for additional disbursement forms or questions.
- 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 are printed every year.
- When requesting duplicate, replacement, new member, or corrected cards, please note that these have to be hand typed by Denise, do if your member does not need them or if you correct them yourselves, please do so.

Rituals: We had new rituals printed. Each lodge present was able to take on with them on Tuesday. If you wish additional Rituals, please indicate on your disbursement form - they are \$5 each, and I can get it mailed to you.

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State Secretary-Treasurer Report

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

I am proud to say that we are, again, presenting three (3) scholarships this year. When we increased the annual contribution from \$2 a member to \$3, our scholarship account has really grown. I would like to congratulate the following as our 2025 FOPA Scholarship Winners:

- Megan Bizup – Mother, Heather Bizup from Eagle Lodge 117, Cambridge
- Isabella Menefee – Mother, Eisha Menefee from FOPA #139, Norton, Ohio
- Amanda Couch – Parents Catherine and Kenneth Couch, both from Capital City #9

This year the State FOP had two Scholarships for a one-time payment of \$1,000. These two scholarships were named after two very dedicated FOP members, Nick DiMarco and Virgil McDaniel.

- Virgil McDaniel Scholarship – Delaney Tussing – Father, Christopher Tussing from Capital City FOP #9
- Nick DiMarco Scholarship – Averie Campese – Father, Chad Campese from Capital City FOP #9

I was honored to be able to present these three young ladies their scholarship awards. Pictured with FOP #9 President Brian Steele are Delaney Tussing, Amanda Couch, and Averie Campese



BANK BALANCE – July 01, 2024 thru June 30, 2025

General Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$120,912.62
Ending Balance	\$127,277.13
Difference	\$6,364.51

These figures are based on the bank balance from July 1, 2024 when we last met at Conference thru June 20, 2025. During this time, we had the deposits for Per Capita to the State FOP, along with the expenses for the Winter, and Spring board meetings. The expenses for this past conference are not included in these figures. We did present the State FOP with a check in the amount of \$21,720 for 2172 members. This figure is based on the monies deposited beginning in January through June. Monies deposited July through December for per capita are presented to the FOP at the Winter Board Meeting.

Scholarship Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$16,871.72
Ending Balance	\$20,499.72
Difference	\$3,628

Payments include scholarship installments to the following: Dia Durrett, Isabella Violi, and Theo Troullos and Lauren Aamodt.

It was also mentioned at the Conference about the possibility of getting a Venmo or Zelle account for payments primarily for our fund raising. I will look into the possibility of getting set up with a QR code or the use of tap machine through Clover. This would be safest way as opposed to using Venmo. More to come on this at the Winter Board Meeting in January.

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 Treasurer

State Conference



The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio honored Denise Young for her 40 years of service to the FOP. We want to say a HUGE Thank You to Denise, the FOPA wouldn't be where we are without you, thank you for your many years of service and all you do for us!



Around the State

Lima Lodge #8

Lima Lodge #8 has been busy since the last update. We swore in 4 new members. We also participated in the Allen County Memorial Day Parade. We love doing community outreach activities and are very fortunate to have so many participate.

Submitted by Tammy White, Lodge #8 Secretary-Treasurer & State Vice President

Great work Lodge #8!! Welcome New Members!!



L to R in front of float - Robert Rose, Codi Rose, Harper Rose (in stroller), Gina Rutter, Randy Crossley, Tana Crossley, Zeus, Kristen Sinica, Chris Adams, Stacie Shine, Laura Ball, Darrell Ball and Pam Sinica. L to R in float - Allyn Sinica, Tammy White, Shrita Cloud, Cindy Mefferd, Deb Beemer

Erie County Lodge #35

In May we gave out two \$500 scholarships to two very deserving applicants. In June we started a monthly appreciation gift giving to Erie County law enforcement agencies such as taking them donuts or snack baskets. Erie County Sheriff's Office was the June recipient and July's was the Kelley's Island PD.

We had seven members attend the FOP/FOPA state conference. It's always a good experience to see and hear about the other lodges in Ohio and the different ways they handle recruitment, fundraising and how they impact their community.

Submitted by: Tim Meade Lodge President

Keep up the GREAT work Lodge #35!!



L to R: Lodge President Tim Meade presenting \$500 scholarships to Malaya Alley and Ava Dickman



Lodge #35 members & their scholarship recipients

Around the State

Beachwood Lodge #88

Beachwood #88 had their scholarship ceremony at their city hall. The lodge presented a \$500 scholarship to Jack Korinek, son of Beachwood detective captain John Korinek. Jack currently attends The Ohio State University.

Submitted by: Rob Marimberga Lodge President

Great work Lodge #88!



L to R: Beachwood Police Chief Dan Grispingo , Beth Korinek, Jack Korinek, Detective Captain John Korinek and Beachwood FOPA Lodge President Rob Marimberga

Events & Fundraisers



The FOP 🌟 BANG BASH 🌟 of 2025 (formerly known as “Cops N Slobbers”) is a fundraising event hosted by and benefiting Upper Ohio Valley Fraternal Order Of Police Lodge 97 and its missions.

Saturday - September 27th, 2025

Doors open at NOON

Hosted at Mingo Sportsmans Club

For Tickets: [https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fop-bash--2025?](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fop-bash--2025?fbclid=IwY2xjawLouxtleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETE4b1hLd2cyVmtvTIJmUjFhAR7GnMS3hbJXCGGwK4crzbRYtnMepjZw0y4QiYEqHodEUj9DrHUZ91wDVkIEYw_aem_Lwlb3zIAd_Hko5at1MIVJQ)

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2025 Licking County Fraternal Order of Police Golf Outing



September 12, 2025

REGISTRATION: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

SHOTGUN START AT 2:00 PM
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE \$300 PER TEAM

THE LINKS AT ECHO SPRINGS

5940 LOUDON STREET RD,
JOHNSTOWN, OH 43031



MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO
FOP LODGE #127,
PO BOX 944
NEWARK, OH 43058-0944

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT ZACH MARKLEY

740-403-5462

OR

JUSTIN WOODYARD

740-403-7130

Food will be provided by Heritage Catering



****Please see next page for registration**

Events & Fundraisers

2025 Licking County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #127 Golf Outing Friday, September 12, 2025 The Links at Echo Springs

Mail registration to FOP Lodge #127, PO Box 944, Newark, OH 43058-0944
Questions, contact Zach Markley 740-403-5462 or Justin Woodyard 740-403-7130

Team Captain: _____ Phone: _____

Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____

Golfer #4 _____

The Links at Echo Springs, 5940 Loudon Street Road, Johnstown, Ohio 43031

FOPA Challenge Coins



We have challenge coins for sale! Coins are \$10 each or 2 for \$15. If your lodge would like to purchase a larger quantity please ask about bulk pricing. Proceeds benefit the FOPA State Lodge general fund.



PORTAGE COUNTY
FOP 70 & FOPA 9 PRESENTS



AN EVENING
OF MAYHEM,
MURDER... AND
WEDDING BELLS?



TIL DEATH

do us part

MURDER MYSTERY RECEPTION DINNER EVENT

SAT, OCT 11, 2025

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM

AT RAVENNA ELKS CLUB - 776 N. FREEDOM ST. RAVENNA, OH 44266

50\$ PER PERSON
DINNER & DRINKS INCLUDED

For more information and/or to
buy tickets, please call
Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Mikesina at 216-577-8170