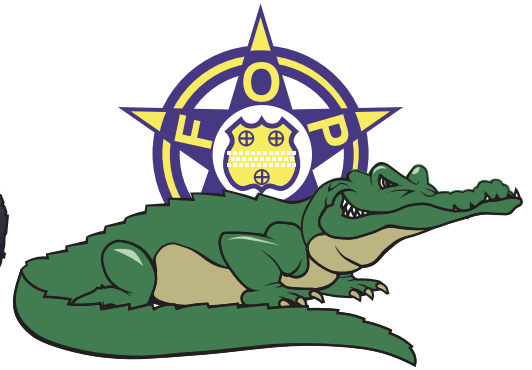


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From the President

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A full spring and summer edition will be coming out following the June Conference

The 52nd Annual Florida State Fraternal Order of Police Conference is only weeks away. The District 7 Lodges continue to work as you read this update in an effort to make this conference pleasant for all of those attending.

Some very important business will be conducted this year. First, several By-laws proposals will be voted on by the delegates and State Trustees. The By-laws voted on and approved by the Elected Board were mailed several weeks ago for your review and the review of your delegates to this conference. Please come prepared to make an educated decision. These changes should help insure the future of our State and its 22,000 members and will certainly assist us in the area of growth and benefits of the Florida State F.O.P. The support of the Elected Board was overwhelming and I support the approved changes. Several other proposals were submitted and mailed to the Lodges as well. Though several were redundant to those supported by

the Elected Board they too have been forwarded to the Constitution and By-laws Committee for their recommendation to the Conference. The Elected Board did not recommend those proposals.

Thanks to you the membership, the Florida State F.O.P. will enter this conference with all bills being paid "As Agreed" and money in the bank. We're not out of deep water by any stretch of the imagination but lots better off than we were. My personal goal is to improve the financial status of our great organization not only for us but also for the generations of members that will follow us.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the conference in Orlando. You, the membership, will conduct a lot of important business of the Florida State F.O.P. The greatness of the F.O.P. is the simple fact that we continue to be "Member Driven".

I hope this brief issue of the Florida on Patrol finds all of our members and their families well and in good health.



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Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police

The conference finds us doing some very important Lodge business that should insure the future endeavors and growth of the Florida State Lodge. The Florida State Executive Board has voted on and approved several By-laws changes that you received several weeks ago. Those By-laws were mailed to each Lodge and I hope you have familiarized yourself and your delegates with them. Several other By-laws have also been submitted. They have not met the scrutiny of the Elected Board but were also mailed to each Lodge. The Constitution and By-laws Committee is in receipt of these proposals and will be making recommendations at the Conference. Finally, the delegates attending the Conference along with the Elected Board and the Board of Trustees will be asked to vote on their approval or disapproval. I support each By-law change approved by the Executive Board **ONLY** at this time.

The 2001 Legislative initiative was moderately successful. Several issues which we had hoped to get passed just didn't make it. For several of those issues there is always next year. But of vast importance to many of our members was the passing of the retroactively of the 3 % multiplier for our F.R.S. Brothers and Sisters. As I'm sure you have heard, the F.O.P. had nothing to do with the passing of the bill. **Surprise.** Erick's Consultants, Lisa, and a whole bunch of F.O.P. brothers and sisters were very instrumental in the passing of this legislation. I really don't care much who tries to take credit for our hard work. Pride in authorship is someone else's worry and not that of the F.O.P. Our members and thousands of F.R.S. non-members know how this great legislation came into being.



Fraternal Order of Police Legislative Session 2001

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

This year wound up being a good year for FOP in Tallahassee. We started this Legislative Session with high hopes on several bills. With the help of the Florida Sheriff's Association and the Florida Association of Fire Fighters, we were able to pass a major piece of legislation, SB #2. This bill restored the 3% to all retirees, who retired prior to July 1, 2000. These subjects were dropped from the bill passed last year. This bill was given little to no chance of passing at the beginning of the session, but through tremendous cooperation of all parties, we did prevail. Our other main priority bill, the restoration of the Disability to 65% for those who had retired before July 1, 2000 died in committee as a result of an agreement reached to get SB2. We will try to address this bill again next year.

There were several new bills that we had sponsored this year, which made their way through several committees, but died or never got heard on the floor. We will have these bills refiled next year.

We have to thank our lobbyist Lisa Henning from Ericks Consultants, Inc. and David Ericks for an outstanding job- As I mentioned above, the Florida Sheriff's Association and the Florida Association of Fire Fighters did a tremendous job and worked with us to get the results that we had, making this session another success. Thanks everyone.

John Nelson
1st Vice President
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This position will be available sometime in July or August 2000. It requires that the applicant reside in or around the Tallahassee area of the State. All applicants must have the minimum requirements as follows:

High School Diploma or GED certificate

Ten years of law enforcement experience

Some experience in law enforcement labor; collective bargaining or as a shop steward preferred

Must be able to travel throughout the northern part of the state of Florida and on occasion to other areas when needed

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Be sure and check out the site regularly as we update the site to accommodate our members needs and requests.

52nd Annual Conference June 13-17th

**Rosen Centre
700 International Drive
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Registration Fee: \$75.00 (all in-inclusive)