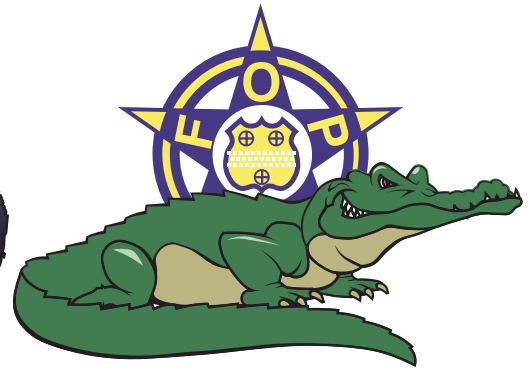


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From the President

Congratulations to the District 6 lodges for a great Conference. At the direction of District 6 Director Martin Garcia, the event went off without a hitch.

Congratulations are also in order for Martin Garcia again as being recognized as this years Member of the Year for 2002. This prestigious award is selected by the Past Florida State Lodge Presidents' with input from former recipients. Gentlemen, GREAT CHOICE.

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Congratulations to Officers' Robert Norvis and Samuel Bryant, Fort Lauderdale Police Officers and members of Fort Lauderdale Lodge 31 as being named Officers of the Year for Florida. These officers were selected by the Committee made up of all seven District Directors. The committee reviewed every application/recommendation made and agreed unanimously with this years choices.

Congratulations and good luck to the recently FSL Elected Board. A lot of work is on the horizon for the Florida State Lodge. Get ready because two years passes quickly and we have a lot to get done.

Several capital improvements were made this past month updating bathrooms that had not been functional, replacing a thirteen year old phone system and making several electrical repairs. Our State Office is picture perfect and we own it outright without any debt whatsoever. We have a lot to be thankful about today thanks to all of you.

This edition of the newsletter is small and will be appearing on the webpage. I hope you find it informative. I also hope that each of you and your loved ones are well and in good health. Thank you again for your support and confidence.

***Note of thanks From
Governor Jeb Bush***



6-22-02

JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Re: Phil:

Thank you so much for the endorsement. I am truly honored. On to victory!
Sincerely, Jeb Bush



**WILLARD JOSEPH AITCHISON
MARCH 19, 1929 - MAY 28, 2002**

I wanted to write a Memorial to Will, but you, his friends and family, have done it for me. I will share with you some of the thoughts that have been expressed to me during the past few weeks.

“ He was tall, strong and handsome;” “His wonderful deep voice filled a room;” “He was dedicated and hard working;” “He was an intelligent and learned man;” “He was always willing to share and teach;” “He was a treasured mentor and friend;” “I have a deep respect for his vast knowledge of procedures;” “His wit and leadership benefited any organization he belonged to;” “He was never a yes man and he was always there;” “He was always willing to help;” “He bailed me out during the tough times;” “He kept me out of trouble;” “He understood me;” “He kept us legal;” “He was fair;” “I am really going to miss him;” “He is a tough act to follow;” “He is our loss too!”

Will was my life partner. We met when I was 21 years old. We were lovers and best friends, everything we did we did together. He has taught me so much and always encouraged me. He was my other half. I don't know how I will ever go on without him beside me, but I know he would want me to be strong.

Thank you to everyone for the cards, phone calls, planters and flower baskets, and your generous offers of help. Thank you for attending Will's Memorial Service and offering comfort to me and our girls. Will was a very unassuming man who never knew how rich he was in friends. You have truly honored him.

With love and appreciation,

Carol

Florida State Lodge Endorsements for Governor and Cabinet

Jeb Bush
Governor
Locke Bert
Attorney General
Charlie Bronson
Commissioner of Agriculture
Tom Gallagher
Chief Financial Officer

Fort Lauderdale Police Officers' Samuel Bryant and Robert Norvis Named as Florida State Lodge Officers of the Year



Officer Robert Norvis being presented his award by Ft. Lauderdale Chief Bruce Roberts, FSL Pres. Phil Cameron & Florida Governor Jeb Bush



Officer Samuel Bryant being presented his award by Ft. Lauderdale Chief Bruce Roberts, FSL Pres. Phil Cameron & Florida Governor Jeb Bush



News about FOP Online

Just a reminder that on October 31, 2002, the state lodge will no longer make changes to your lodge rosters. Please make sure that when you make changes to your lodge that you use all **CAPITAL LETTERS**. We will continue to make the changes for you until the above date. If you have not entered your lodges SS Numbers please do so as soon as possible. If you do not list the numbers your members will not be able to access the Members Only Area of the web site. As of this date we have over 95% who have complied.

We are continuing to work on additional areas of the FOP Online that will enhance to useability of the area for officers of the local lodges.

We have started work on the Labor Council Committee area of FOP Online and you will see these areas come online in the near future. Some of the areas are LCC member Tracking, Contracts on line for the use of the Staff Reps., and more. Check the site often to see the new changes.

Your Florida Legal Defense Plan Manual Read It Before You Need It

As I have said in the past, if you are a law enforcement officer and you are not cover by the Florida Legal Defense Plan odds are you will pay dearly for not having it. The fact remains, it is not if you will need the Legal Defense Plan it's when. Each time you respond to a call chances are you could be putting your career or even your own freedom in jeopardy. Why risk it?

Once covered by the Legal Defense Plan, I cannot overstate how important it is for you to familiarize yourself with the plan coverages. Often time members contact their Staff Representative when they need service only to find out that they are not covered. This leaves the member thinking that he did not get what he was paying for. Remember this, the best time to read the instructions for the proper wearing of a life vest is not when the boat starts sinking. The same applies for the Legal Plan Manual. Read it before you need it and if you have questions contact your Staff Representative.

Currently, the Legal Defense Plan Manual is going through revisions brought about by the recent merger. I anticipate mailing all 4,500 members a copy of the new manual sometime in early October. If your address has changed in the last year, make sure to notify your lodge Secretary of the change.

The Labor Council Committee is committed to providing you with the best legal plan possible. If you have any questions or suggestions call me at 1 (800) 873-3671.

National Trustee's Corner

Fall will be a busy month traveling for the National Meeting in Denver, Colorado on Sept. 13-14, 2002 at the Marriott Denver City. If anyone is interested in attending this conference, the deadline for reservations is no later than Aug. 21st. The number to call for reservations is 800-444-2206 or 303-297-1300. If you need more Information contact the Grand Lodge at 800-451-2711.

I will be traveling with Jimmy Holderfield and David Scott to the Eastern States Coalition Meeting on Oct. 19-20 In Warwick, Rhode Island. Our goal is to inquire as to the requirements for Florida to join the Eastern States. At The June Conference in Miami Beach, the Board, the delegates and the State Trustees voted unanimously to seek Membership in Eastern States Coalition.

Check the National Website for upcoming events and all legislative information coming out of Washington D. C. Please remember to keep President Steve Young in your prayers as he recovers.



District 6 Director Martin Garcia, is joined by his wife Amy and Past State Lodge Presidents as he receives the much deserved Member of the Year Award for 2002, .

MEMBER OF THE YEAR **2002**

The Member of the Year Award is special. It distinguishes a brother or sister F.O.P. Member from within our ranks the notoriety that is often overlooked, The selection process is precise. The former State President's meet along with the former award recipients. The former recipients have a voice regarding the selection process. After lengthy discussions, the former State Presidents' make their selection by majority vote.

This year's selection exemplifies what the award is all about, Martin Garcia, District 6 Director and an active member of Miami Lodge 20, was given a thankless and difficult assignment of delving into possible improprieties regarding the operation of the Florida Labor Council. The results were evident and saved the Florida State F.O.P. potential embarrassment as well as financial hardships. Because of his tenacity, neither occurred. Congratulations Brother Garcia for a job well done.

Labor Council Committee Elections to be held at the October Board Meeting

The delegates present at the 53rd Conference passed Article 3 Section 6(b) of the Florida State Lodge Bylaws, which states;

“B. There will be seven (7) members of the Labor Council Committee. The Florida State Lodge President shall appoint the majority (4) of the Labor Council Committee. These appointees shall be selected from lodges having a FOP bargaining unit. The members of the Lodges represented by the Labor Council will elect from their membership the minority (3) members of the Labor Council Committee. The seven members of the Labor Council Committee shall select the Chairperson of that Committee. Members and Chairperson shall serve for a two (2) year period or until there successors are selected or appointed. “

To be in compliance with this bylaw an election must be held for the 3 elected director positions on the Labor Council Committee. The election will be held at the October Board meeting schedule for October 23rd -October 26th, 2002. All Labor Council members in good standing wanting to run are encouraged to do so. Eligible members wanting to run must write a letter to the FOP Florida State Lodge Labor Council Chair announcing their intent to run. The letter must be post marked no later than October 11th, 2002 to have your name placed on the ballot. The address to the Florida State Lodge is 242 Office Plaza, Tallahassee, FL 32301. If you have questions regarding the election process please free to email me at gator67fop@aol.com or leave me a message at the State Lodge.





Fraternal Order of Police

FLORIDA STATE LODGE



Dear 2002 Chairperson/Committee Member:

First, let me begin by thanking you for the diligent work many of you have displayed over the past year and in many cases, many years. The Florida State Lodge endeavors to train its nearly 22,000 members statewide by first having you, the Committee Member, participate in the very important business that is conducted by your committee.

Further, participants such as you provide an opportunity for you to see and then share the correct procedures in managing a lodge and local committees. Your affiliation with the Florida State Lodge and our affiliation with the National Lodge have promoted harmony, fraternalism, knowledge and member representation for nearly 100 years nationwide and 53 years in the State of Florida alone.

New Committee assignments will be announced in the very near future. Vice President Mann is currently in the process of reviewing and placing those candidates on various committees for the next year. Those members being assigned or in some cases reassigned to various Committees will be notified by mail.

Again, thank you for your participation this past year and I hope the experience was as fulfilling to you and your local lodge as it is to the membership statewide.

Fraternally,

Philip Cameron
President



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We have added these additional domains due to the overall success of the website.

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

Dates to Remember **Florida State Lodge**

October Board of Trustee's Meeting
Sheraton North Hotel
Maitland Florida

October 23rd to 26th 2002

Room Rates \$89.00 + Tax single or Double

Quick notes

Announcing a updated Benefit of Membership

We are pleased to announce that all FOP and FOPA members throughout Florida are now entitled to a 10% discount on most Nextel service plans. Additionally, equipment discounts are available on select phones at time of activation.

AT&T Wireless is also offering to "members only" a low monthly rate of \$16.99 including 60 anytime minutes and voice mail

These special membership rates are available through Kathy Donohue of Almac Communications at 1-888-98ALMAC. Your current membership card will be required.