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**NORTH PROVIDENCE – LODGE NO. 13
NEWSLETTER
April 25, 2009**

President’s Corner

Dear Members:

Winter is finally over. The days are longer, warmer, and “Thank God”, no more snow on the ground. It’s been a cold one this year and except for the “snow birds” we managed to meet each month, except for January. I think there were more members in Florida this year than here. They will all be back here next month, and we will again fill the squad room to capacity.

As I reported, we have the support of the Mayor, Chief of Police, F.O.P. President and the entire police force and are looking forward to a very good and productive year. We cannot do it without you, so do attend and take a positive role and help achieve the goals we have set. Our Lodge is growing with new members, see the January and February newsletters, and a few others have applied and are in the process for approval. Let’s make this a banner year and do participate. We need you. There’s more to this Lodge than to place a sticker on your car and carry an identification card. Do take an active role.

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Please mark your calendars for the Police Memorial Service scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2009.

The memorial service begins with a mass at the Church of the Presentation of Mary located on Mineral Spring Avenue at 10:00 a.m. After the mass a memorial service will be held at Police Headquarters. Following this service there will be a reception in the lower squad room. During this time Lodge 13 will hold the drawing for our annual raffle. Please make every effort to attend the mass and the memorial service.

F.O.P. President, Sgt. David Drezek attended our April 19th meeting and asked for a donation towards the purchase of a memorial stone for the police department's deceased K-9 Officers. As most of you know, K-9 Officer, Icarus, recently died. Lodge members voted to approve the request for the funds. It is hoped that the memorial stone will be in place for the May 17th service.

Associate members also approved the purchase of a memorial plaque for the deceased members of F.O.P.A. Lodge 13. This memorial plaque will be displayed in a place of honor at Police Headquarters. We are currently compiling a complete list of all deceased members. So far we have the following names: John Ando, William Della Valle, Jack DiMarcellis, Joseph Fera, Henry Forgue, Frank Lancia, Louis Piccolo, Peter A. Trementozzi, Jr., and George J. Varatta. Please contact President Marini if you know of any other deceased associate member that should be included on the memorial plaque. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Just a friendly reminder about Lodge 13's various committees. All of the committees are still looking for help. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the Chairperson of said committee or contact one of your Officers for assistance.

A parade committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Lymanville VFW Post on Fruit Hill Avenue. Function Chairman, Joe Menella will be attending the meeting. If you would like to join him or provide help with this project, please see or call Joe Menella.

Lodge members approved the donation of \$100 towards the Memorial Day Parade Fund. With this donation our organization's name will go on the parade workers' t-shirts and possibly a "sponsors billboard."

PLEASE NOTE: The parade is scheduled for Monday, May 25th at 1:00 p.m. Those members driving/riding with the trailer need to report to the North Providence High School parking lot by 12:00 p.m. in order to register for the event. Those members working the raffle table will be notified a week before the event as to what time they need to report at Governor Notte Park. All members are strongly urged to participate. Again, if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marybeth or Joe.

Community Service Committee members, John Bonaventura and Marybeth Sulkowski, purchased \$200 worth of gift cards for St. Mary's Home for Children. This charity was designated by the Board of Officers as a community service project for Lodge No. 13. Mr. Bonaventura will be making the presentation to Ms. Susan DeRita, Director of Development and Communications, in the near future.

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News from President Seel – R.I. State Lodge F.O.P.A.

To: Lodge No. 13

Spring brings with it daffodils, warm weather and the start of the baseball season. It also brings us an opportunity, especially in May, to reflect on the sacrifices made by the members of our law enforcement community who have gone before us. Through our local memorial services and observance of National Police Week activities in our nation’s capital and elsewhere, we honor them and especially those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Please support you law enforcement community year round, but especially during the month of May, when we pay special tribute to them.

The R.I. State Lodge FOPA plans to participate in this year’s Aquidneck Island National Police Parade on Sunday, May 3. Please come to Newport and march with us or just come watch the parade with your family and friends. We’ll be looking for you along the way. This is an opportunity not only to have fun, but to support our statewide and regional police community. Contact Marybeth or me at candy_seel@mac.com, and let us know if you’ll be marching.

We’re still looking for a volunteer to coordinate our float/trailer program. Can I see a show of hands?

Best wishes for a happy and healthy Spring.

Fraternally,

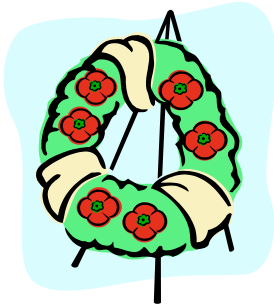
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Important Dates:

Parade: Sunday, May 3, 2009 – Aquidneck Island National Police Parade

Memorial Service: Sunday, May 17, 2009 – North Providence Police Memorial Service

Parade: Monday, May 25, 2009 – North Providence Memorial Day Parade



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Calendar

2009 Meetings

January 18th
Regular Meeting

February 15th
Regular Meeting

March 15th
Regular Meeting

April 19th
Regular Meeting

May 17th
No. Providence Police Memorial Service

May 25th
Memorial Day Parade

June 7th
Breakfast Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
Location: North Side Grille

Breakfast is free for all paid up members for 2008-09 year. Non-paid members and any guests will be charged \$10.00 per person.

September 20th
Regular Meeting

October 18th
Regular Meeting and Nominating Committee Reports

November 15th
Regular Meeting and Elections

December [TBD]th
Breakfast and Installation of Officers

Reminders

Our regular meetings take place on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. (October – June). All meetings are held at the North Providence Police Headquarters – Lower Squad Room.

Please remember to inform your officers when a fellow associate is feeling ill. The officers will be sure to send a card or note wishing them a quick recovery.

Just a reminder about the 2009 RAFFLE. Please get your monies and ticket stubs to Treasurer Giammarco as soon as possible.

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| 2. David L. Amalfitano | 23. Larry Marini |
| 3. John Bonaventura | 24. Julio A. Marsella |
| 4. John M. Borek | 25. S. Gerald (Jay) Marsocci |
| 5. Paul F. Caranci | 26. Fred Marzocchi |
| 6. Anthony J. Campanelli | 27. Joseph Menella |
| 7. Antonio Ceprano | 28. Ronald R. Montecalvo |
| 8. Michael Ciancaglini | 29. Anthony D. Pomposelli |
| 9. Sylvester "Chic" Coletta | 30. Lewis J. Pucci |
| 10. Cosmo H. Comello | 31. David M. Racano |
| 11. Robert J. DiMaio | 32. Robert A. Ricci |
| 12. George Donahue | 33. John F. Santaniello |
| 13. Kat Donahue | 34. John J. Santaniello |
| 14. Marco E. Ficocelli | 35. William J. Sherlock |
| 15. Dan Forlasto | 36. Nicholas R. Simone |
| 16. Donald T. Gammino | 37. Pete B. Simone |
| 17. William Gaynor | 38. Marybeth Sulkowski |
| 18. Henry P. Giammarco | 39. Edward Tamboe |
| 19. Timothy H. Giammarco | 40. James T. Travis |
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Rhode Island State Lodge F.O.P.A. Website:

http://web.mac.com/candy_seel/RI_State_Lodge_FOPA/Welcome.html

Lodge 13 Message Center/Home Page at Yahoo Groups:

[npfopalodge13](#)

If you need directions on how to become a member of yahoo groups please see Marybeth Sulkowski for an instruction sheet.



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