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Lodge #13  
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**NORTH PROVIDENCE – LODGE NO. 13  
NEWSLETTER  
February 27, 2009**

**President's Corner**

Greetings!

Due to heavy snow and cold conditions we did not meet last month for our January meeting. We made up for it this past Sunday and I'm happy to report that many members were in attendance, even though half of our total membership are snow birds and are residing in sunny (cold) Florida.

I'm happy to report that Sgt. David Drezek, our North Providence F.O.P. President, attended our meeting and brought us up to date on our Parent Lodge's future activities. His participation was welcomed by all.

Many of the new chairpersons gave their reports on the State F.O.P.A. Lodge, the Memorial Day Parade and the May raffle, etc. Plenty of new and old business was discussed and donations were approved for various community charities. It was great to see the majority of the members participating in the discussions and to see their eagerness about getting involved in the upcoming events.

Tim Giammarco, our Treasurer, reported that our charity and operating accounts are in good order and that we can meet the donations made and discussed.

We are making good progress and are looking forward for all the snow birds and past members to return and participate in future meetings.

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**Good of the Order**

F.O.P. President, Sgt. David Drezek, joined us for the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sgt. Drezek brought the t-shirts and sweatshirts that members purchased from F.O.P. Lodge 13's fall fundraiser. If you ordered a t-shirt or sweatshirt, please see Tim Giammarco at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sgt. Drezek then updated members regarding some of the 2009 events that F.O.P. Lodge 13 has planned. One upcoming event is a cigar/dinner fundraiser. Another is the annual North Providence Police Memorial Service. More information will be provided as the time gets closer.

The 2009 Committee Listing was distributed to members at the February meeting. (Copies of this list will also be distributed at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.) This listing provides a description of each committee and their objectives. **Please remember that the success of these committees depends upon the participation of all members. Please consider serving on one or more the various committees.** We need your help!

Operation Warm Blue Blanket has wrapped up for 2009 and it was a big success! Please read the message below from President Seel regarding the project. On a side note, the North Providence Rotary also contributed \$200 towards the project. Past President, Joan Assante coordinated this project for the Rotary Club. Many thanks to our friends at the North Providence Rotary for their donation!

**Congratulations to John Bonaventura!** President Marini swore in Mr. Bonaventura as a new member of Lodge No. 13 on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please introduce yourself to Mr. Bonaventura and welcome him to our Lodge. (See photos below.)



Photo of: Sgt. David Drezek; Conductor, Henry Giammarco; new associate, John Bonaventura and President, Larry Marini. Taken after the swearing-in ceremony of John Bonaventura.

Congratulations John!

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A recent photo of some of our new members who joined F.O.P.A. Lodge 13 in 2008. In the front row (left to right): Dan Forlasto, Steven Vaillancourt, Marco Ficocelli and Bill Sherman. Standing in the last row: Vice President, Lew Pucci; Conductor, Henry Giammarco; President, Larry Marini and Past Secretary, Bill Gaynor.

On Tuesday, February 10, 2009, Marybeth Sulkowski attended the Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting. Ms. Sulkowski reported that the committee is currently soliciting sponsors for the event. If you know of any businesses that would like to be a sponsor for the event, please see or call Ms. Sulkowski with the information. Please keep in mind that we will need members to walk/ride in the parade. We will also need members to work the raffle and information booth that will be set up in Governor Notte Park. **If you would like to assist with this project, please see Function Chairman, Joe Menella. Remember: this is an important event and all members are strongly urged to participate.**

#### News from R.I. State Lodge F.O.P.A.

Next scheduled meeting is March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., at Warwick Lodge No. 7, 95 Tanner Avenue, Warwick, RI. All members are welcomed to attend.

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

To: Lodge No. 13

The R.I. State F.O.P.A. and F.O.P. Lodges joined together in Operation Warm Blue Blanket, a drive to collect new or 'gently used' mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, heavy sweatshirts, coats and twin-size blue blankets for those in our Rhode Island community who need our help to keep warm this winter. A presentation was made to Midnight Cry Ministry on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at the B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 2337 in East Providence.

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Midnight Cry was chosen as the recipient of our donation. Midnight Cry, named from the words of a religious hymn, has been in operation since October. The two founders, Cathy Aiello and Denise Ferzan, along with their band of volunteers, scour the city of Providence several nights a week in search of cold and needy people who have sought shelter beneath overpasses, in dumpsters, in abandoned buildings, parks and cemeteries. Cathy and Denise offer warm clothing, hot coffee, pizza (if they have it), a warm smile and a helping hand to whoever they find along the way.

East Providence F.O.P.A. Lodge No. 1 stepped up to the plate with a generous donation of \$500 from its lobster raffle proceeds. These funds were used to purchase blankets, hats, gloves and sweatshirts. F.O.P.A. members have contributed similar items. North Providence F.O.P.A. Lodge No. 13 also donated many bags filled with gloves, hats, sweatshirts and more. Many were bought new, thanks to Lodge No. 13's very generous contribution of \$200 to support this worthy cause. Thanks to President Larry Marini and members of the lodge for their great support; and a special thanks to Marybeth Sulkowski and her parents for doing the shopping.

A very generous donation came from R.I. State Lodge F.O.P.A. Vice President, George Camplin, as well as a pledge from the Mission Board of the Central Baptist Church in Westerly, RI.

Many thanks to the members of North Providence Lodge No. 13 for all your help and support. (See photos below.)

Fraternally,

Candy Seel  
President  
R.I. State Lodge F.O.P.A.  
February 2009



Photo of some of the blankets, hats and gloves donated to Midnight Cry.

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Photo of: R.I. State Lodge F.O.P.A. President, Candy Seel and Vice President, George Champlin, with Denise Ferzan, Ralph Davis, Jerry Seel, Dave Seel and Cathy Aiello



Photo of the attendees at the presentation

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## Calendar

### 2009 Meetings

January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting

February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting

April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting

May 17<sup>th</sup>  
**No. Providence Police Memorial Service**

May 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Memorial Day Parade**

June 21<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting

September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting

October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting and Nominating Committee Reports

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Regular Meeting and Elections**

December [TBD]<sup>th</sup>  
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.

**2009 DUES ARE STILL BEING COLLECTED!** Dues are \$35.

**2009 RAFFLE TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!** Please see or call Treasurer Giammarco if you can help sell the last few tickets.

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## All Officers, Trustees and Members in Good Standing

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| 1.  | John F. Aldrich          | 23. | Larry Marini             |
| 2.  | David L. Amalfitano      | 24. | Julio A. Marsella        |
| 3.  | John Bonaventura         | 25. | S. Gerald (Jay) Marsocci |
| 4.  | John M. Borek            | 26. | Fred Marzocchi           |
| 5.  | Paul F. Caranci          | 27. | Joseph Menella           |
| 6.  | Anthony J. Campanelli    | 28. | Ronald R. Montecalvo     |
| 7.  | Antonio Ceprano          | 29. | Anthony D. Pomposelli    |
| 8.  | Michael Ciancaglini      | 30. | Lewis J. Pucci           |
| 9.  | Sylvester "Chic" Coletta | 31. | David M. Racano          |
| 10. | Cosmo H. Comello         | 32. | Robert A. Ricci          |
| 11. | Robert J. DiMaio         | 33. | John F. Santaniello      |
| 12. | George Donahue           | 34. | John J. Santaniello      |
| 13. | Kat Donahue              | 35. | William J. Sherlock      |
| 14. | Marco E. Ficocelli       | 36. | Nicholas R. Simone       |
| 15. | Dan Forlasto             | 37. | Pete B. Simone           |
| 16. | Donald T. Gammino        | 38. | Marybeth Sulkowski       |
| 17. | William Gaynor           | 39. | Edward Tamboe            |
| 18. | Henry P. Giammarco       | 40. | James T. Travis          |
| 19. | Timothy H. Giammarco     | 41. | Pete Trementozzi         |
| 20. | Alfred G. Gomes          | 42. | Steven F. Vaillancourt   |
| 21. | John F. Luca             | 43. | Pasquale J. Zarlenga     |
| 22. | Frank Marini             |     |                          |

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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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