

Dear Members:

As I will always say to you, it is an honor and a privilege to serve the members of this great organization.

This is the first in a series of emails you will be receiving from the New York State FOP website. I am asking you to please pay close attention to the information in these emails. Member benefits and services will be rolled out and explained in these emails and at your lodge meetings.

Beacon Financial Group has been offering their services to our organization. Take advantage of the benefits which you and your family are eligible for. These benefits have been negotiated for FOP members and are not available to those not associated with the NYS FOP.

It is a privilege to have BFG working with us and negotiating the best benefits for our members, associate members and our families. Participation in these group benefits help strengthen our organization and allow more benefits to be offered.

These benefits and services are a great way to grow our membership. We need to grow. Gentlemen and ladies, I am asking you to please assist us in this very urgent matter. For us to survive in the future, we must bring in new members. If you cannot bring in new members, please bring in your spouse or adult children as associate members. Associate members are eligible for most of the benefits that active members are entitled to. I am asking you to assist us in accomplishing this goal to increase our membership. Ask your lodge president or trustee for an application. Please attend your lodge meetings; attendance makes a significant difference in the strength of your lodge and our organization

Please go to our website www.nysfop.org and register so that we will be able to send you information that you may not be receiving from your lodge. The website will be the new information center for our members and all of the benefits and services available to members are listed on the www.nysfop.org website under the benefits link.

Each FOP member received a special addition Badge Magazine dedicated to 9/11. This organization will never ever forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our families. I have spoken with National President Chuck Canterbury on the outcome of New York City saying they will not cover cancer care for 9/11 survivors. Chuck has vowed that the Grand Lodge will monitor this and will assist us in any way they can.

You will see in the magazine that there are many new contributors and new sponsors. The Badge magazine could not have been completed without their cooperation. Many thanks to BFG for bringing in new ideas to help keep the FOP alive in the state of New York.

Beacon representatives will need to be in attendance at every lodge meeting, please welcome them as partners with our organization. BFG is here to assist us with our benefits and they need your cooperation to get this information out to every FOP member.

BFG has brought to us a prescription card that can be used by any member of your family. Please look at our website for information on how to download the prescription card or contact your lodge for the card. With this card you will receive a discount on the purchase price of your prescriptions. In addition BFG will be presenting FOP group products such as; Cigna Dental Plans, Guaranteed Issue Life Insurance, Cancer Policy, Free Financial and Retirement Planning and much more! These are just some of the things the FOP is working on to benefit our members.

There are so many people working diligently behind the scenes for us to go on in the future. The nysfop.org website will be the new communication center for the organization. I hope that when you finally finish reading this article that you will realize that for us to prosper you must register on our website.

Once again, it is an honor and privilege to serve you and your family. Never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us!

Fraternally,

Charlie Caputo
President