

# A Lodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

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## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the A Lodge Update, the FOPA quarterly newsletter is back. We will have stories about lodges and members throughout the state, updates from the state board, and we'll promote upcoming events, raffles, and fundraisers that your lodges have going on. Plus we will try to share some tips on working with your FOP lodge, ideas for fundraisers, and things your lodge can do to be more involved with the community.

To accomplish this, we need your input! Let us know what you've been up to. If your lodge has had a recent event tell us about it, include some pictures too. It's always interesting to

hear what other lodges are up to. Does your lodge have a great relationship with your local FOP lodge? Tell us about it! What kind of things do you do to help them and vice versa? There's so much we can learn from each other, let's share our successes.

Would you like to see your lodge featured, do you have an exceptional member that you would like to see recognized? Does your lodge have an upcoming fundraiser that you would like to promote? Let us know! If you would like to submit a story idea, an event, or would like more information please contact us at [ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com](mailto:ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com)

## State Board Changes

There have been a few changes to our FOPA State Board. As many of you are aware, at our State Conference last July Andrew McKenna resigned his position as President, as did Vice President Tony Veljanoski. In a letter from FOP State President Gary Wolske, he thanked our members for their patience as the FOP Board determined how to fill these vacancies. He informed us that Immediate Past President John Nicholson will assume the position of President and Theresa Drennen will be the Vice President. They will serve in these positions until the next State Conference in July 2020.

All executive board positions will be up for reelection at our 2020 conference. There are also vacant trustee positions. In this and upcoming issues we will have a section on the responsibilities and expectations or requirements of the different board positions. Serving on the FOPA State Board is quite rewarding and if you've ever considered running for office, this could be your year!

## Free College



**FOP  
FREE  
COLLEGE  
BENEFIT**



In Partnership With  
**EASTERN GATEWAY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Part of the University System of Ohio

**FOP members and their families  
can complete an Associate Degree  
with \$ZERO out-of-pocket.**

**[www.FOPFreeCollege.org](http://www.FOPFreeCollege.org)  
or call 1-888-590-9009**

Already trained as a Peace Officer?  
Your training counts for 33 credits  
toward your degree!

This program is not just for FOP members. FOPA members can take advantage of this program as well and complete an associates degree at no out of pocket cost! This offer applies to FOPA members AND their immediate family.

The free college program is also a wonderful tool when recruiting new members. Let any potential members know about this great program! For the cost of their yearly dues, they could earn a degree.

If any lodges need flyers to help spread the word, you can request them from [ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com](mailto:ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com)

# Lodge Spotlight:

## City of Fairfield Lodge 97

The City of Fairfield FOPA Lodge 97 is a small lodge in comparison to some Ohio lodges. Although small in member numbers, Lodge 97 is very active within the City of Fairfield community.

Events that are on-going are:

- ◆ A donation to Respect for Law Camp, a yearly event, where children age 11 to 13 spend a camp-like weekend with police officers to learn the duties and responsibilities of police officers.
- ◆ Members participate in National Night Out, set up an information table to inform Fairfield residents about the Fraternal Order of Police Associates.
- ◆ Lodge 97 volunteers at the Shred Event Day. Residents bring papers they want to shred and give a donation that benefits the Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers Organization. Members help with unloading of paper so that donations and shred event functions are quick and

orderly.

- ◆ Each year an organization is selected to receive either money or merchandise as a Christmas gift from Lodge 97. Members and Lodge donate toward this gift.
- ◆ Members participate in Adopt a Highway program. Twice a year debris is picked up and bagged from a designated area. This program helps to maintain a positive impression of the City of Fairfield business district.
- ◆ Lodge 97 volunteers at the City of Fairfield Police Department DUI check points.
- ◆ Monthly meetings are from September through June (no meetings in July and August). Each meeting has an interesting and informative presentation. Speakers are from the police department, fire department, city council, judicial system and outside of law enforcement.

In addition here are a few other things Lodge 97 members have been up to:

### 2019 Scholarship Award

The City of Fairfield FOPA LODGE 97 presented Brianna Wolfe, the daughter of Charley and Fairfield Police Officer Brad Wolfe, with their 2019 scholarship award.

Requirements to apply for the scholarship award: Applicant is a son or daughter of a City of Fairfield police officer, a current year high school graduate and college acceptance. Applicant submits a 200-word essay stating why he/she is proud of their parent as a police officer and the impact their parent's position has on their life. Additional requirements include proof of college acceptance, two letters of recommendation, being a community volunteer and a participant in school activities.

Brianna Wolf, a four-year honor student and 2019 graduate from Fairfield High School, received the President's Education Award, the Thespian Best Featured Actress award and volunteers at Rolling Hills Baptist Church. Miss Wolf attends the University of Dayton in Dayton Ohio, where she is majoring in Political Science and Public Administration.

### "Adopt a Highway" Cleanup

Lodge 97 has participated in the "Adopt a Highway" program for the past ten years. Twice a year litter is gathered from a specific Fairfield area. This past summer FOPA volunteers worked a couple of hours where they picked up and bagged trash. Their efforts help to keep the Wessel Avenue business area well-kept and present a positive impression of Fairfield.



L to R: Carole Arend FOPA, Brianna Wolfe Scholarship Recipient, Lew Hollinger FOPA, Brianna's parents, Brad and Charley Wolfe



L to R: Members Lew Hollinger, Jean Wesseler, Norma Maurmeier, Sandy Doyle, Toni Roberto, Kathy Contadino, Sis Norton

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L to R: Members Carole Arend, Kathy Contadino, Mike Aiken practicing the proper way to stop the bleed with Fireman Joe Guggenbiller & Lt

### **“Stop The Bleed” Training Program**

Fourteen members of Lodge 97 participated in the “Stop the Bleed” training program. City of Fairfield Fire Department, Lieutenant Jason Taulbee, presented an interactive video followed by hands on instructions of the proper way to stop a wound bleed. Participants practiced proper procedures on stopping deep wound bleeds, the use of available clothing items to shove into a deep wound and continued pressure to control the bleed. Each member received a certificate after completion of “Stop the Bleed” program.

Lodge 97 appreciates the Fairfield Fire Department for its on-going support in presenting various safety presentations to the FOPA members.

*Lodge 97, Keep up the great work!!*

## Get To Know Lowell Thomas Lodge #83

Lowell Thomas Lodge #83 was formed in the 1970s in Greenville Ohio. Greenville is located in Darke County which borders Indiana in District 5. They have eighteen members, a few of which are some of the original charter members! Those include: David Niley, Richard E. Baker, Marion Shellenbarger, and Jim Buchy.

Their current President is Joedy Deeter and their Vice President is Don Short. Their Secretary/ Treasurer is Cindy Lovejoy. She has had her position since the mid-90s when she took over for James Rindle and Ralph Mayo Jr as their health began to fade. They have both since passed away as have former presidents Robert Sanderson and Russell Huffman.

They have two yearly fundraisers which they have participated in for over 30 years! They man gate 4 and the pit gate at the tractor pull and demolition derby at the Great Darke County Fair. They also check IDs and do night watch at the Versailles Poultry Days in Versailles Ohio.

They may be a small lodge, but they are very dedicated. Keep up the good work, Lodge 83!



L to R: Richard E. Baker, David Niley, and Cindy Lovejoy . Richard a very active lodge member moved away to Arizona this fall.



L to R: Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Lovejoy & President Joedy Deeter manning the gate at Great Darke County Fair



L to R: Vice President Don Short, Dave Niley & Richard E. Baker Checking ID's at Versailles poultry days



# FOPA In the Community

Erie County Lodge #35 is quite active in their community. They volunteer their time and donate funds to many local charities. One cause they actively champion is Wreaths Across America. Wreath Across America's mission is to honor our nation's fallen military heroes. Though they began at Arlington National Cemetery, they now supply wreaths to cemeteries across the nation and abroad. This includes the Ohio Veterans Home (OVH) located in Sandusky Ohio. Lodge 35 has been involved with the wreath laying ceremony in December for several years. But they noticed, year after year, that there were never enough wreaths to cover even half of the 4,350 graves at the Ohio Veterans Home. Lodge 35 members weren't satisfied. Leading the charge, their treasurer Mary Meade got in touch with representatives at the OVH to find out what her lodge could do. For the past two years Lodge 35 has been actively soliciting donations along with the lodge and members donating funds themselves. They even challenged their P Lodge, FOP Lake Erie Lodge #17, to match their donation and they happily obliged. They were one of the largest fundraisers locally and were able to help cover around 1,900 graves last year. Their goal is to see a wreath on every grave.

Wreaths Across America is a 501c3 organization and you can read more about their story here:

<https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/our-story>

If you would like to donate and help FOPA #35 with their goal follow this link to their personal donation page:

[https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/150628/Overview/?relatedId=0&fbclid=IwAR1xjP3-XWYs1ZVQ943AnNb44kSG7cppiR-6DqPd8E7MUQerUyEJq\\_ZPGQQ](https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/150628/Overview/?relatedId=0&fbclid=IwAR1xjP3-XWYs1ZVQ943AnNb44kSG7cppiR-6DqPd8E7MUQerUyEJq_ZPGQQ)

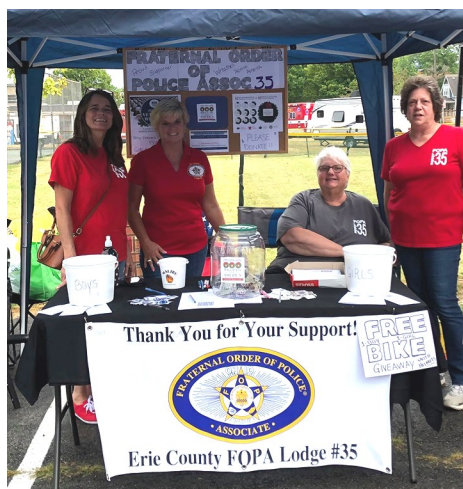


Through the same link you can also volunteer to help with the placing of the wreaths on December 14th.

Donations made through the website are tax deductible. Or you may send a check to:

FOPA 35, PO Box 1271, Sandusky Ohio 44870

The wreaths are \$15 each and for every two purchased a third is donated. The cut off to sponsor wreaths for this year's ceremony is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



L to R: Members Christine DeSalle, Mary Meade, Donna Bretz and Elaine Costante



L to R: Members Mary Meade, Cari Ritzenthaler, and Tim Meade



Lodge Treasurer Mary Meade collecting donations at Oktoberfest in Sandusky

# On the Board: District Trustees

This is an election year for our FOPA State Board. In the upcoming newsletters leading up to our Annual Conference in July, we will be giving you a more in depth look at what is expected of those who hold positions on our board. All executive board and trustee positions are open for nominations, so if you've ever considered running for office, here's your chance! In this issue we will talk about the position of District Trustee..

The district trustees serves an important role, he or she is that districts voice on the state board. The district trustee is the first point of contact when lodges have questions or concerns that they want to address with the board. They serve a vital role in keeping lodges up to date and bringing ideas or concerns to the table during meetings of the board.

District Trustees are chosen, each election year, during a caucus of the delegates from their district prior to the election of the other state officers. Any FOPA member of a subordinate lodge who is a member of good standing for a period of at least one year, and is serving as an accredited delegate from their respective lodge may be nominated to be that district's trustee. Each district may also have an associate trustee. The associate trustee is appointed by the district trustee and acts as trustee in their absence for official lodge visits and meetings of the state board.

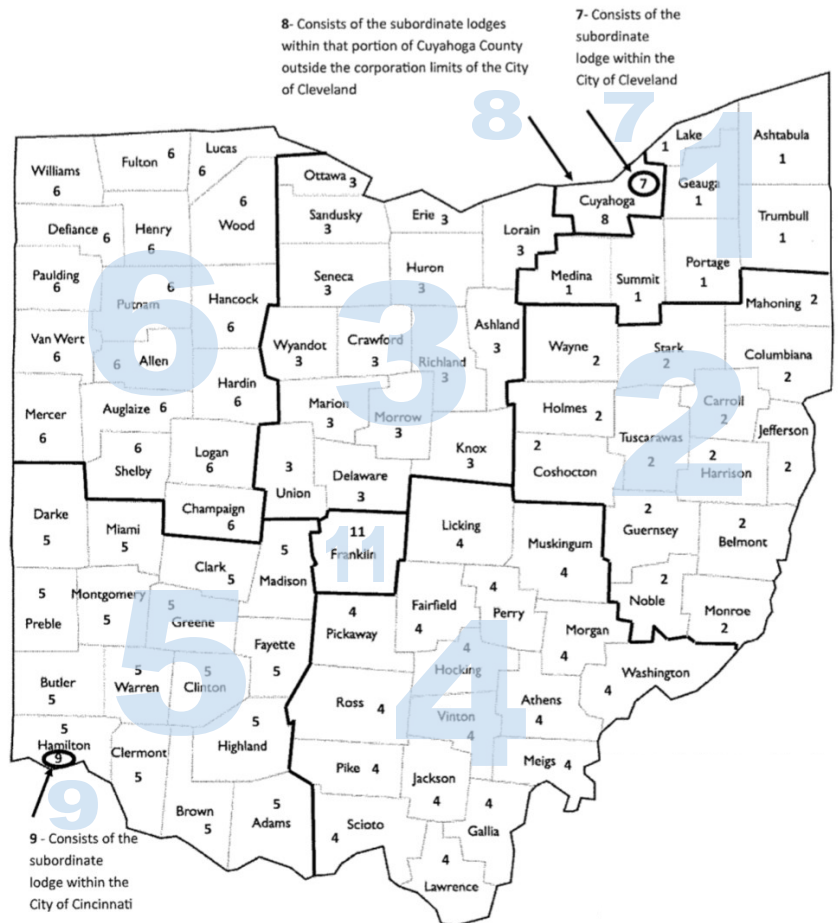
For a complete list of the duties of the district and associate trustees please review the state bylaws. Here are some of the basics:

- ◆ Attending meetings of the Executive Board and state conference and report the condition of his or her district.
- ◆ Examine the bonds of officers and review the treasurer's accounts for each subordinate lodge in his or her district.
- ◆ He or she (or their associate trustee) must make one official visit to each lodge in their respective district each conference year, each visit must be appropriately documented.
- ◆ The trustee may recommend suspension of any member of his or her district engaged in an unlawful business practice or conduct unbecoming, subject to review at the next meeting of the State Board.

It is not an official duty, but trustees and their associates are also encouraged to participate in various committees and fundraisers supported by the State Board. Trustees (and their associates when acting in their absence) do receive compensation for their travel to official lodge visits and meetings of the State Board.

Currently two of the ten districts are without a trustee, District three which currently has six active lodges and District five which has eleven. District three consists of lodges in Ottawa, Sandusky, Erie, Lorain, Seneca, Huron, Wyandot, Crawford, Richmond, Ashland, Marion, Morrow, Knox, Delaware, and Union counties. District five consists of Adams, Brown, Clermont, Highland, Butler, Warren, Clinton, Fayette, Clark, Madison, Darke, Green, Montgomery, Preble, Miami, and the part of Hamilton County that lies beyond the corporate limits of Cincinnati.

Anyone with questions about the trustee position can contact us here [ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com](mailto:ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com) or we encourage you to attend the winter board meeting and see firsthand what the position is all about.



Map of Districts



# Fundraisers & Events



## Western Cuyahoga Lodge 28

### FOPA Benefit Dinner

Grand Prize \$2,500.00

Special Prize Sideboards

**Only 200 Tickets Sold!!**

Friday, November 15, 2019

St. Demetrios Hall, 22909 Center Ridge Rd

Rocky River Ohio 44116

Donation: \$80.00

Refreshments at 6:00pm Dinner at 7:30pm

Call Greg Borocz for Tickets

440-759-8461

## Next Issue

In our next issue we will be continuing our 'On the Board' series and letting you know more about the State Secretary and State Treasurer positions.

If any lodges are participating in holiday events, please share with us! We would love to include pictures from your lodge holiday parties or other events you participate in.

This is YOUR newsletter, so let us know what you would like to see included. Please send us any input, suggestions, or story ideas. What would you like us to write about?

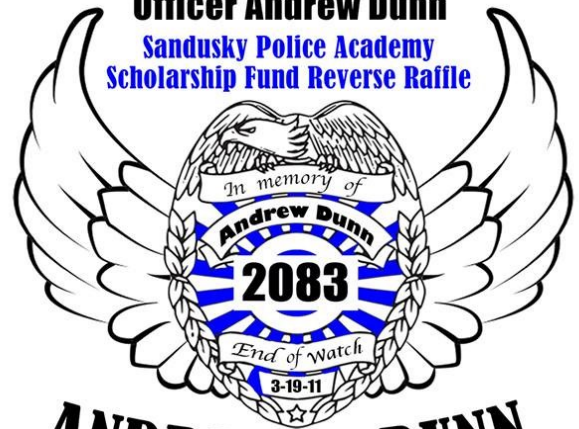
A special thank you to the lodges who shared their stories for this issue. Thank you for sharing! There is so much we can learn from each other.

Please send submissions or questions to:  
ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com

The Friends of 2083 Foundation presents

### The 8th Annual Officer Andrew Dunn

Sandusky Police Academy  
Scholarship Fund Reverse Raffle



## ANDREW S. DUNN

*Gone but never forgotten*

Sat. Feb. 8th, 2020 - American Legion Post 83  
3615 Hayes Ave. Sandusky, OH

**\$5,000 Grand prize!**

Only 300 tickets sold - \$75 per ticket

Doors open at 4:30 pm - Dinner at 5:00 - Raffle Begins at 6:00pm

**Ticket includes one spaghetti dinner, entry in raffle  
and open bar (draft and wine)**

Extra dinner/open bar tickets \$25 each

**For tickets or more info call Greg Hall at 419-656-6501**



### FOPA Lodge #34

Requests you 'Save the Date' for their:

## Thin Blue Line Ball

**A glamorous black tie optional dinner dance  
celebrating the outstanding work of our area law  
enforcement, who put their lives on the line each and  
every day to protect our communities.**

**Saturday March 28, 2020 6pm**

At the

**Port Clinton Yacht Club**

**127 Brooklyn Ave, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452**

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