Lodge UPDATE

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From the President

Greetings,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the quieter time before the holiday season begins. It seems like time is flying by!

Your 2026 FOPA State Board has been busy! One of our primary focuses has been ensuring that each lodge's Per-Capita payments accurately match the membership numbers reflected on the Velarium Membership website. If discrepancies are identified, either I or your District Trustee will be reaching out to you. It is imperative that these numbers match to ensure the accuracy of our Per-Capita payments to the FOP on behalf of our members, the FOPA State Secretary's salary, and the funds transferred to our Scholarship Fund. Unfortunately, we have identified several lodges where these numbers do not currently match.

Please understand that any lodge with unresolved discrepancies at the time membership cards are printed in December will have its membership cards held for 2027 until accurate numbers are confirmed. Now is the time to address any outstanding issues.
If you believe your lodge may have a discrepancy or have experienced difficulty accessing the Velarium Membership website, please do not hesitate to contact me. My goal is to ensure that no lodge has its membership cards withheld. I am confident that by working together and maintaining open communication, we can resolve these issues without interruption.

I also want to share that our FOPA State Winter Meeting will be held on January 23, 2027, via Zoom rather than in person. This format was approved by the State Board, and I am optimistic that it will be a successful way for us to connect and conduct our business. All members are welcome to attend, and additional details will be provided as we get closer to the meeting.

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In the coming months, I will also be sending out proposed bylaw changes that we anticipate presenting for consideration at the January Zoom meeting. Please keep an eye on your email for this important information.

Lastly, I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your continued support of our organization. We are making great strides, and none of this would be possible without your dedication and involvement. Together, we are building a stronger FOPA of Ohio!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to me at WhiteStateFOPAPres@gmail.com.

Thank you for all you do for FOPA!

Fraternally,
Tammy White
Ohio FOPA State President

From the Editor

Your FOPA quarterly newsletter has a fresh new look! I hope everyone continues to enjoy the content, and more importantly I hope you continue sending in your updates so that we can share them with the other lodges.

If your lodge has any upcoming events or fundraisers, let us know! We'd love to share that for you. We also like to recognize lodges or individual members that go the extra mile for the FOPA. If you would like to see your lodge or one of your members featured, let us know and we will send you our submission guidelines.

You can continue to send Newsletter Submissions to: alodgeupdate@gmail.com or to State President White WhiteStateFOPAPres@gmail.com

Kind regards,
Theresa Drennen
Ohio FOPA Immediate Past President

Erie County Lodge #35

Touch-a Truck 2026. Kasey and Mia were thrilled to win our bikes! Thank you to our members that came out to help. We had 137 kids sign up for the bikes. Thank you to Christine for donating the crayons and coloring sheets and Mary M for providing suckers and stickers. A HUGE thank you to Hazel for donating the funds to purchase these bikes in memory of her son Harry.

Our Lodge also gave away a bike at the Perkins Township Community Days!
Chief Musser drew our lucky winner, Carter. We had 68 entries. A beautiful day and a bigger crowd this year! Thank you to Tim, Mark and Mary for volunteering your time! I spoke with 3 people regarding joining our lodge and secured one new member.

Our lodge is also one of the sponsors for the Kelley's Island Police "Run the Rock" fundraising event held on Kelley's Island!
Lodge #35 members also helped pass out candy at Cedar Point's annual Trick or Treat

Submitted by: Time Meade, Lodge #35 President











Lima Lodge #8

FOPA Lima Lodge #8 spent the night supporting The Lima Samaritan House fundraiser. This worthy organization helps women and children at risk with temporary shelter and resources. We are so proud to be a supporter!!!

The FOPA Lima Lodge #8 also grew by one member in October.
Welcome aboard Adam Elchert !

Submitted by: Tammy White Lodge #8 Secretary and State Lodge President

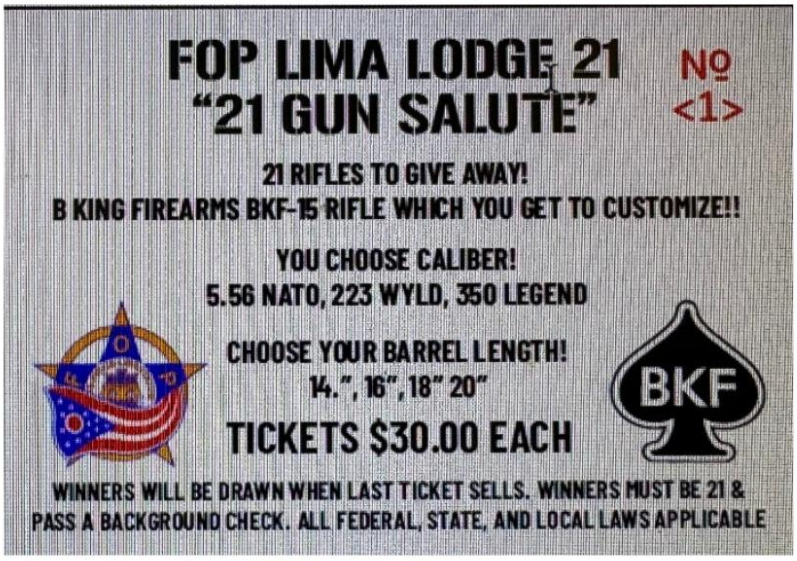


L-R Darrell Ball, Laura Ball, Nancy Rex, Doris Cole, Dale Baker, Tammy White and Mike White



L to R - Adam Elchert & Laura Ball, Lodge President

FOPA Lima Lodge #8 will again be helping Lima FOP #21 with their gun raffle fundraiser. For tickets or more information contact: Jeff Jacomet 567-204-4709




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