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JOSE 'JOE' FALCON REMEMBERED



It is our deepest regret to announce the passing of our brother Jose Falcon. On Sunday May 27, 2007, Jose Falcon succumbed to his injuries due to a fall several weeks prior. Jose is survived by his 23 years old son Jose Jr.

Jose was a member of the elite NYCD Emergency Service Unit, and AMKC. Jose 'Joe' Falcon was an active member of our lodge, attending most of our meetings, and participating in many group discussions.

The wake was held on Tuesday May 29, and our President Reggie Wilson and Public Relations Vice President Charles Paris Jr. attended to assist the family, and pay respects to our brother Jose. The Department of Correction Ceremonial Unit attended the funeral and gave Jose Falcon a proper send off Home.

Jose 'Joe' Falcon, you will be missed.



2007 BUS TRIP

On Saturday May 19, 2007, our lodge held the first annual event "Fun in the Sun" casino bus trip to Mohegan Sun. The trip was successful, and kicked off without a hitch.

The bus company Academy, provided a brand new coach, and the ride to the casino was smooth. We made good time with very little traffic to and from.

Once there, we were greeted by a casino representative, who issued our vouchers. Let the fun begin.

Our President sat most of the day playing the Jeopardy slot machine. Up about \$700 Reggie



The Executive Board at Mohegan Sun on Saturday May 19th, 2007

put most of it back. The Smith family didn't do too bad.

CO Betty Depradine and her guest also had a fun time.

Thanks to our Executive VP Mr. Terrance Burke for bringing the food and drinks.

Jose & Maribel had a good time.

At one point members gathered for lunch at an excellent buffet.

Dave Lewis, Charlie Paris, and the rest of our members-Thanks.

Next year we will have more members attend, and hopefully ride a limo back home.

If any member have suggestions for our next outing, feel free to let us know. Our Sgt. At Arms Dave Lewis and our Benefits Coordinator Robert Smith are setting up another event this year. It might involve hooks, line and sinker.

A Message from the President



President
Reggie Wilson

Greetings to all the Sisters, and brothers of Lodge 89. I am sad due to the passing of our brother Joe Falcon. He called me on a regular basis to talk about life. He will be missed.

Summer is here, and I want to remind our members of their health, and safety. We have to take care of ourselves in order to take care of our loved ones. As civil servants, we tend to work overtime to pay for a cruise, or trip with our families. Lack of sleep is a major reason we disregard our bodies. Six to eight hours of sleep is recommended by

most doctors. GET REST! After you get your proper rest, eat right. Double cheese burgers, everyday is not good. I am guilty of this. But the cholesterol level of this quick and easy lunch is very high. Vary your menu selection everyday, try a grilled chicken salad, or a tuna wrap-your heart will love you for it.

I know, because I speak from experience. I am going to practice what I preach. Eat right, and get more rest. You will be more tolerant, and less irritable at work, and home.

If you are going to a BBQ or Yankee game on a hot day, hydrate with water-NOT beer. Its ok to have a few drinks, but remember to have water every hour.

I am not preaching, just concerned about the health and safety of our membership.

May you and your family have a safe summer.



A Message from the Executive Vice President



Executive Vice President
Terrance Burke

It is good to talk to you, again. I would like to take the time to tell you of the different bills that are being submitted for you by the senators, and assemblymen. These bills will affect either all of us, or some of us. I can't give you the summary for all the bills, because it will take up too much space, but I will give you the bill number, and you can read the bill yourself on the NY Assembly page at www.assembly.state.ny.us

Follow the instructions on the page by entering the bill number, or the key word. Remember "A" in front of the number stands for assembly, and "S" stands for senate. Usually, all bills will be sponsored by both houses, so there is an assembly version of the bill, and a senate version.

A04144 – Permits Correction Officers to ride the trains and buses for free

A04956 – Guaranteeing certain payments from the Correction Officer Variable Supplement Fund

A04974 – One year final salary, through NYCERS

A05280 – Removes restrictions for post retirement earnings

A05739 – Grants C.O.'s detective, or investigator status after working in title for 18 months

A06104 – Grants police officer status to members of uniformed correction force of nycdoc

A06105 – Establishes a maximum age limit to become a C.O., just like a P.O.

A06536 – Affords member retiring, the option to take money instead of terminal leave

A06612 – Provides for permanent deputy warden rank in nycdoc, civil service title

A06539 – Provides for health coverage for surviving spouses of members of doc, through NYCERS

A06915 – Increases the maximum loan amount for correction members of NYCERS

There are a lot more bills for correction officers, but I gave you a few to peak your interest. Please be advised that just because the bill is put forth, does not mean it will pass the senate, assembly, or even the governor's office. Stay safe, and keep reading.



Benefits

I am distributing to all of our members a BENEFICIARY FORM that we must have on file in the untimely passing of a member. It is important for our members to complete the form and send it back to me ASAP.

If a member is ill, it is important for the family to have immediate, and constant communication with me so I can make the proper notifications, or announcements.

As your benefit coordinator, I recommend maintaining a list of

ALL your insurance, medical, union, and other important information together in one location. Inform your significant other of the location. The list should be itemized with the plan or account numbers, telephone numbers, and your Social Security number. We don't like to talk about this matter, but it has to be discussed with your loved ones.

I am working hard on getting more member benefits. Everyday I'm on the telephone, and computer with many companies who are glad to help our members.



Benefits Coordinator
Robert Smith

A Message from the Vice President

I know there are a lot of you out there that are beginning to doubt this agency and maybe yourselves. Some have even come to hate this job. Many of us "hate" this job not because of the inmates but because of the administration and other officers. But before you do, think of the job we do. Yes we can get better paying jobs with better recognition. Yes we can be our own bosses. Yes we do not have to put up with this Administration. But why would you. Think of the

great service you are providing the community. You are keeping the worse kind of people behind bars that if let out would cause havoc for the community. Worse.... for you, yes for you and your family. We come from the same community that these thieves, drug users, drug dealers, rapist and murderers come from. I sometimes feel let down by the administration. But I have come to a conclusion and that is I am here to do a job, I am here to earn money to provide for my family and I am here to actually serve my city. It's not as grand as serving the U.S.A. but it's doing good for someone.



Vice President
Jose Friere

Remarkable Kids

Brandon L. Smith, Son of James and Karen Smith graduated from Kindergarten as valedictorian on June 12, 2007. He recently came in first place in his Tae Kwan Do tournament. Brandon has far exceeded the boundaries of a 5 year old.

We the members of FOP Lodge 89 wish him great success in 1st grade and his endeavors.



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RETIREMENTS



Our past Membership Chair **Salvatore Zappala** has served his time, and is now free. Sal retired on June 20, 2007 from the New York City Department of Correction. He was the head CDL driving instructor of the Transportation Division. Sal was also an instrumental part of NYS-FOP Lodge 89's revival. We at Lodge 89 thank you, and wish you well. **GOOD LUCK SAL!!!!**

MEMBERS IN ACTION



Lodge 89 member CO Jesse Clark of RNDC and the NYCD Pistol Team captured 2 gold medals at the NYS Police Olympics in Albany.



Lodge 89 members Jesse Clark and Mark Washington are members of the NYCD Ceremonial Unit

Associate



I would like to welcome all associates members to the F.O.P

Here is a little about me: I am the Associate chairperson for NYS FOP Lodge 89. I am a full time homemaker & mom of three beautiful boys. I have been married for 12 years. I am not an officer but I am married to one. I Hope that one day I can meet every member in person at one of the meetings or at an F.O.P event. I enjoy being a part of the F.O.P This is a FAMILY that keeps growing and growing. Feel free to contact me with any question. I am here to assist you any way I can.

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Associate Chairperson
Maribel Freire