

Albuquerque Lodge #1 News

President's Message

Meetings at a Glance:

- October 9, 2014
- November 13, 2014
- December 11, 2014

Meetings are held at the Moose Lodge, 2121 Edith NE.

Board meets at 5:30pm.
General membership meets at 7:00pm.

2014

I would like to start off by saying I hope all our brothers and sisters are doing well. Let me start off with some sad but exciting news. The closing on the remaining land on Jefferson was done October 22nd 2014. I would like to encourage our members to try and make it to the November meeting due to the fact we will be discussing where we go from here. We have several options which include buying an existing building or buying some land and building a new home for Albuquerque Lodge #1. The first thing we need to decide is exactly what we need in a new building. We need to remember that whatever we decide on we will need to be able to afford in the coming years.

We will be having nominations for Executive Board

positions and the 2015 State and National Conference Delegates at November's meeting. At December's meeting we will be voting on the nominations. Just a reminder the National Conference will be the 100th birthday of the FOP and the conference will be at our birth place in Pittsburg Pennsylvania. This should be an exciting conference.

I would like to end this by reminding my fellow brothers and sisters that are retiring to please continue being a member of the FOP, whether you stay here or move elsewhere. We are continuing to lose valuable members due to retirements.

Be safe and I hope to see you at the next General Membership Meeting.



FOP #1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Manary	President
Toby Gallegos	Vice Pres.
Robert Radosevich	Treasurer
James Flores	Secretary
Harry Tipton	Chaplain
Julie Jessen	Sgt at Arms
Robert Valtierra	Conductor
Robert Martinez	Past Pres.

FOP #1 TRUSTEES

Roberta Radosevich	State
Mike Benavidez	APD
Oscar Alvarez-Ruiz	MDC
Mary Jones	At Large
Donald Davis	At Large
Vince Harrison	At Large

Chaplain's Report *By Harry Tipton*

On October 22nd, Mr. Donald Theodore Kelm passed away. Mr. Kelm was Brother Warren Kelm's father. Services were held in Mr. Kelm's home town of Plainview, Texas. Mr. Kelm would have celebrated his 81st birthday on November 18th.

Mrs. Mary Ekern passed away on October 26th due to injuries sustained in an auto accident. Mrs. Ekern was Brother Robert (Radar) and Sister Roberta Radosevich's aunt. Mrs. Ekern (age 94) and her husband Bryce shared sixty-four years of marriage.

The FOP Lodge #1 Board officers and Brothers and Sisters extend their condolences and support to the family, friends, and colleagues of Rio Rancho Police Department Officer Anthony Phillip Haase. Officer Haase, 24, died following an auto accident while responding to a call involving domestic violence.

As a reminder, it is again time to think about applying for the New Mexico FOP State Lodge scholarships. The scholarships are \$750.00 each. The FOP State Lodge has, for several years, awarded four scholarships. Applications and by-law guidelines can be obtained at the Lodge #1 office or online at www.fop1abq.org. Brothers and Sisters may also contact me as FOP State Lodge scholarship Committee Chairman.

Please continue to support all of our Brothers and Sisters who may be confronting other issues. To report on any of our membership, you can reach me at (505) 459-5249, or at htipton@q.com.



Calendar of Events

- Oct: 9th.** Lodge #1 Board meeting 5:30pm. General meeting 7:00pm at the Moose Lodge.
- Nov: 13th.** Lodge #1 Board meeting 5:30pm. General meeting 7:00pm at the Moose Lodge.
- Dec: 11th.** Lodge #1 Board meeting 5:30pm. General meeting 7:00pm at the Moose Lodge.
- Dec: 14th.** Auxiliary Christmas Party from Noon to 3:00pm at the Moose Lodge.



FOP Dues and Membership Information

In the month of November, Lodge #1 members will be receiving a notice about paying dues for 2015, and a form to update their information for our records. Those who currently have their dues paid through payroll deduction will receive a letter just asking them to update information.

It is important to pay your dues in a timely manner in order to ensure the continuation of your status as a "member in good standing." Your dues pay for your membership in the local, state, and national FOP lodges, as well as the Life Insurance, and general administration of the organization.

But it is also very important to return the information update form. In many cases, people move to a new home and forget to notify us of their new address, phone, or email. If we don't have your current information, we can't send you the newsletter, or other notices about FOP events or benefits. PLEASE send us your update form, even if you are on payroll deduction for the dues. Also, if you know any members that may have moved and forgotten to notify us, please tell them to contact the Lodge #1 office. Thanks.

Auxiliary News

\$100 Winners Drawn every month for a whole year June 2014 thru May 2015

The FOP Albuquerque Lodge #1 Auxiliary picks winners every month. The winners thus far:

June – Jason Katz

July – Erlinda Hourigan

August – Eric Jojola

September – Karl Isselha

October - Linda Martinez

The next winning ticket will be drawn at the FOP/Auxiliary meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at the Albuquerque General Membership Meeting. The money earned assisted the Albuquerque Lodge #1 FOP/Auxiliary volunteers who attended National Police Memorial week in Washington DC in 2014 and assisted the survivors.

FOP/Auxiliary Christmas Party

The Annual FOP/Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at the Moose Lodge, located at 2121 Edith NE. **Time 12:00 – 3:00 PM.** All family and friends of law enforcement are invited. There will be Food, fun, raffles, and of course a visit from Santa. Come join in the fun!



Fun Stuff

Any One Can Do It – Join us for an evening of friendship, painting, and wine. The Albuquerque Lodge #1 Auxiliary is hosting a relaxing evening of painting and wine. You will receive all the supplies for you to create your very own “masterpiece” along with refreshments. The cost is \$25.00 per person. We have had two events. Everyone who attended has had a great time. More events will be scheduled soon. Also, if you would like to have a “**painting party**”, please call Sharon Valtierra at 379-1669. Join us for some fun and a new adventure.

Upcoming Raffle

The Albuquerque Lodge #1 FOP/ Auxiliary is working with the Grand Lodge Auxiliary to raffle a Henry Golden Boy rifle personalized for the FOP. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The winner will be drawn at the National FOP Conference in Pittsburg, PA in August 2015.



The Auxiliary is comprised of family members of an FOP Member. “Family Member” is defined in the Albuquerque Lodge #1 Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws as, spouse, significant other, parent, sibling, child/grandchild 18 years of age or older, grandparent, mother-or father-in-law, sister or brother-in-law, son or daughter-in-law aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. The membership dues are \$30 a year; this includes a \$2500 accidental death benefit for all members. Anyone wishing to join the Auxiliary please contact President Linda Martinez at 385-2117, or Secretary Sharon Valtierra at 293-1284.

The Auxiliary meetings are held at 6:00 PM on the second Thursday of the month, at the Moose Lodge.



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The Albuquerque Lodge #1, of the Fraternal Order of Police was established in 1948. It is an organization of law enforcement officers of the United States and is affiliated with the State Lodge and National Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police. We strive to create better working conditions for members of the law enforcement profession by solidifying their strength and promoting their mutual welfare in the City of Albuquerque, the State of New Mexico and the Nation.

Help us Save a Tree! We will be happy to save paper and postage costs by sending you an electronic version of our future newsletters. Just call, write, or send an email to Diane at the FOP Lodge #1 office. Provide your name and your email address. You can also view it on our website at <http://www.fop1abq.org>.

New Mexico State Lodge Report

by Bob Martinez

APD REFORM DIALOGUE

As you know, the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division (DOJ) held a press conference on April 10, 2014 regarding their findings about the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and its use of force. In their forty-seven page report, the DOJ stated that there is a pattern and practice in the Albuquerque Police Department of violating the civil rights of citizens in Albuquerque. The leadership of the City of Albuquerque (executive and legislative) decided to hire outside counsel to negotiate a consent decree as a result of these findings and to develop a process for input from all the sectors in the City of Albuquerque and from the several stakeholders throughout the city. For several months, the contents of a consent decree have been discussed and negotiated between the representatives of the City and the DOJ; yet, to date a consent decree has not materialized even though a considerable amount of money and time has been spent. Additionally, a considerable amount of press has been given to developing a process to obtain input from stakeholders in Albuquerque including police officers. And many gatherings have been held by those who are charged with finding solutions to the problems; but, it is my understanding, whereas many individuals have been specifically invited to participate in these meetings, police officers have been excluded.

Now, before the DOJ issued their report and after issuing their report, several articles have been written in the ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL and reported by the electronic NEWS MEDIA OUTLETS where a considerable amount of time and effort has been expended discussing the problem and talking about a process to be developed. However, it appears

that the print and electronic media is mesmerized by portraying the police, in my opinion, to be the problem. There also appears to be a tendency in their reporting to focus on the “who” rather than on the “why”.

Clearly, I believe the problem is not the police officer. The police officer does have a difficult job and has been trained to protect and serve the public. The media has reported we are living in a volatile society where a large number of the residents in Albuquerque are experiencing a lack of employment opportunities, are homeless and/or are having mental health issues, thus, we are seeing an increase in calls for police service from a variety of citizens who expect and deserve to be protected. Yet, an undue burden has been placed on the shoulders of the police officer to the extent that the police officer is expected to respond to the problem and solve the problem immediately; but, if the problem is not fixed and the problem escalates, we are finding the police officer is blamed.

I mentioned that a process would be developed to gather information. Also, the DOJ and the City leadership announced the process would include participation from citizens and police officers. A great deal of time has evolved around establishing a process and scheduling interviews and forums to get input from the citizens and the rank and file of the Albuquerque Police Department; however, to date very little input, if any, has been sought from the men and women in the APD or their families.

Regarding the specific process to reform the APD, the media has announced that several APD “stakeholder dialogues” have been scheduled. **I encourage the members of the Fraternal Order of Police, your families, friends and neighbors**

to participate in this APD Reform Dialogue. The schedule (time, date, subject and location) of the “stakeholder dialogues” aka “Albuquerque Forums” is as follows:

9:00AM--Saturday, November 1, 2014-Mental Health- CNM Workforce Training Center
11:30AM--Saturday, November 8, 2014-Aggrieved Families & Personally Affected Citizens-North Domingo Baca Mutigenerational Center
3:30PM--Monday November 17, 2014-First Responders- Palo Duro Senior Center
3:30PM--Wednesday, December 3, 2014-Faith Based Community-Highland Community Center
3:30PM--Monday, January 5, 2015- Access to Justice Organizations & Providers-Wells Park Community Center
3:30PM--Tuesday, January 20, 2015-Minority and Underserved Communities-Well Park Community Center
11:30AM--Saturday, January 31, 2015-Educators and Education Community-Highland Community Center
3:30PM--Wednesday, February 11, 2015-Government & Policymakers-Highland Community Center

VISIT WWW.CABQGOV/MAYOR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Fraternally,

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“Building on a Proud Tradition”



Santa Claus is Coming...

Sunday

December 14, 2014

12-3

Christmas Party

pictures with Santa!

raffles

food

games



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