

## Member qualifications, responsibilities, etc. (a.k.a. the “fine print”)

### Membership Qualifications

Membership is open to any salaried, regularly appointed, full-time (or retired) law enforcement officer of the United States, New York State, cities, towns, villages and political subdivisions therein, permanently employed or temporarily detailed within the boundaries of the State of New York (the employer must be governmental, non-private/commercial). A law enforcement officer (LEO), for purposes of the FOP membership, is a **police officer** (as defined in NYS CPL Art. 1.20 Sect. 34), a **peace officer** (as defined in NYS CPL Art. 2.10) or a **federal officer** (as defined in NYS CPL Art. 2.15). In all circumstances, the individual cannot simply have a certain LE qualification and employed by a non-governmental entity. The LEO's primary duty/assignment/status **must** be that of law enforcement; the law enforcement authority cannot be secondary to another function, title, duty, assignment, etc. AND meet the criteria as listed in the FOP Constitution & Bylaws.

### “Obligation of Membership”

I do most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, that I will to the best of my ability comply with all the laws and rules of this Order; that I will recognize the authority of my legally elected officers and obey all orders therefrom not in conflict with my religious or political views, or my rights as an American citizen; that I will not cheat, wrong, or defraud this Order, or any member thereof, or permit the same to be done if in my power to prevent it; that I will at all times aid and assist a worthy Brother or Sister in sickness or distress, so far as it lies in my power to do so; that I will not divulge any of the secrets of the Order to anyone not entitled to receive them. To all of which I most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear. Should I violate this, my solemn oath or obligation, I hereby consent to be expelled from the Order. *(A copy of the lodge's Constitution & Bylaws are available upon request.)*

### Regulations regarding FOP name, logo and paraphernalia

If you participate in the optional NYSFOP License Plate Program, such plates will be revoked by NYS DMV if your membership status is not maintained. Additionally, the FOP regulates any and all use of the copyrighted FOP name, logo & emblem (collectively known as “the marks”) and prohibits the use of it in any manner w/out the express permission and consent of the FOP.

### Proof of Law Enforcement Officer Status

A b/w **photocopy** of your law enforcement ID card (active or retired) or a letter from employer on official letterhead (with current date) verifying your present law enforcement status, **must** be provided to process your application. We have documented cases of non-law enforcement trying to join the FOP, as well as those who no longer work in law enforcement but are trying to remain in the FOP. In addition, the State and National Lodges periodically audit the member rosters of local lodges to maintain integrity.

### Agreement and Signature

I have thoroughly read all items listed above as well as the membership Application and hereby agree to all items as stated and **affix my signature and date (on application)** in furtherance of my membership application.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN FOP MEMBER?

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Your yearly membership dues give you access to a large variety of local, state and national benefits and opportunities in the largest law enforcement organization in the United States!

Here's an overview of just some of them.....

- **Membership Cards & decals recognized throughout the entire country**
- **Survivor Aid Benefit** (for qualified members)
- **Accidental Death & Dismemberment Policy** (for qualified members)
- **Educational Scholarships**  
State Lodge: Scholarship Program  
Lodge 38: “Project Learning” Program
- **Lodge 38 “Project Stork” Gift Card Program**
- **Newsletters, Magazine & Social Media**
- **Meetings, Events and Outings**
- **Travel & Theme Park Discounts**
- **Legislative Representation**
- **Legal Defense & HR 218 Plan Programs**
- **State and National Conferences**
- **Product & Services Discounts**
- **Officer Safety Initiatives**
- **Officer Wellness Initiatives**
- **State & National Police Memorials**
- **Much, much more!**

*As an FOP member, you can network professionally and socially with over 377,000 other members from over 2,500 different lodges located in nearly every U.S. State!*

**TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES CAN MORE THAN PAY FOR YOUR DUES!**

**SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

← **COMPLETE THE APPLICATION INSIDE AND MAIL IT IN TODAY!**

## Fraternal Order of Police

**Kings County, New York  
Law Enforcement Lodge #38**

*Established 1989*

*Over 35 Years of Service and Fraternalism*



# 2025

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

for

**Active / Retired Law Enforcement**