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

#### **Membership Qualifications**

Membership is open to any salaried, regularly appointed, fulltime (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.

#### **Responsibilities as a Member**

I hereby declare my desire to apply for membership in the Fraternal Order of Police. I agree with the aims and objectives of the FOP as outlined in the local, State and National Constitution & Bylaws, and I shall conform to all said rules. I pledge to respect all laws of the United States, the State of New York, and to support law enforcement in every way I can. The lodges' Constitution & Bylaws are available, upon request, once membership has been accepted. I also attest that I am qualified to apply for membership, and that the information supplied by me on the application is both accurate and truthful in applying for membership, and that any misrepresentation or deception on my part will be grounds for the denial of my application or expulsion from the Order.

#### 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 364,000 other members from nearly 2,200 different lodges located in nearly every U.S. State!

#### TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ANY <u>ONE</u> OF THE ABOVE BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES CAN MORE THAN PAY FOR YOUR DUES!

SO, WHAT ARE <u>YOU</u> WAITING FOR?

# COMPLETE THE APPLICATION INSIDE AND MAIL IT IN TODAY!

# **Fraternal Order of Police**

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

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# 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Active / Retired Law Enforcement