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Sister and Brother Officers,

2009 Membership Drive

Just a reminder, if you haven't renewed your membership for 2009, time is running out. Our Constitution provides that renewals should be paid by March 31st each year. Please renew now to avoid paying \$40 for late renewal. New members can join through July 31st at the standard yearly \$20 fee. A membership application can be downloaded from our website at www.foco.org.

2008 Review: The State of Your Organization

This past year, your organization has assisted in several successful fundraising projects, including 10-13s for C.O. Ken Pettit in Suffolk, C.O. Margaret Mausberg in Nassau and S.C.O. Gerry Stefanelli in Westchester. I am also extremely proud that this past holiday season, thanks to the success of our holiday raffle, we were able to raise \$1,000 each for the children of Officers Brenda Steward and Francisco Rosa. It also enabled us to help members in Westchester with their Blythedale Children's Project and our members in Suffolk with their Little Flower Orphanage Toy Drive. We also ran our Fifth Annual Teddy Bear Drive and collected 902 bears for hospitalized and less fortunate children. Thanks to S.C.O. Nancy Puglise for running this project.

Our Executive Board

I would like to take this time to welcome S.C.O. Robert Abarno and C.O. Steve Hervan to our Executive Board. I also want to thank Lew Unger and Andy Servat for their years of service to the organization.

Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner-Dance

Our annual dinner-dance will take place on Friday April 3rd, 2009 at the Swan Club in Nassau County. This year we have an excellent group of honorees, including C.O.s Jessica McCoy and Mike Garry. Tickets are extremely limited at \$55 for members in good standing while quantities last!

*****Dinner-Dance Journal*****

We are able to fund our projects throughout the year and keep prices low for our members *by selling journal ads*. If you know any business or attorney who would be interested in taking an ad, please give them a copy of the enclosed Journal Ad Request Form.

Fifth Annual Francisco Rosa Scholarship

Frank Rosa was a F.O.C.O. member, having joined two weeks before his death. To honor his memory, our Fifth Annual College Scholarship will be awarded by random drawing on April 3rd, 2009. Enclosed, please find an application for this scholarship, which is open to full-time college students who are children of our members in good standing.

Help Wanted: Special 10-13 Raffle Volunteers Needed

We are donating a 40" Toshiba 1080p HDTV to help our Sister Officer Sue Gerner, who has to make two trips to Switzerland for cancer treatments that are not covered by our insurance. If you would like to sell raffles at your Command, please contact us at (516) 808-7009.

10-13 Fund-Raiser March 27th, 2009

Queens Criminal Supreme is running a fund-raiser for C.O. Sue Gerner. It will take place on Friday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Jericho Turnpike in Mineola, Nassau County. There will be plenty of raffles and prizes. To donate a prize, or for more information, please contact S.C.O. Rich "Woody" Weber at (917) 902-9916.

Time to Get Involved

F.O.C.O. is not a brick and mortar organization; we are an organization of volunteers. Our success depends on Court Officers getting involved in promoting the fraternal spirit and stepping up to help their Brother and Sister Officers in times of need. We are currently looking for members to serve on the following committees:

Membership – Be our 'go-to' person in your Command.
Pistol Competition – Help organize shooting teams in your J.D.

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For information on all events, please be sure to check our website. Send in an article, correspondence or idea; or perhaps donate a patch to our collection.

As always, stay safe and cover each other's backs.

Fraternally Yours,

Joseph Cannella

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Enclosure