

Michael G. Lutz Lodge #5 Philadelphia

Fraternal Order of Police

~ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ~

Subject: **2008 National F.O.P. Membership I.D. Cards**

Dear Lodge #5 Active and Pensioned Members:

Once again, I bring to your attention problems encountered with the 2008 National F.O.P. Membership Cards:

As you know, every year we conduct a membership mail-out which consists of your National F.O.P. Membership I.D. Card, Lodge #5 Home Association Card, and Courtesy Cards.

The Membership Card which you receive with your name printed on it, along with Lodge #5's designation, and a Member Number comes directly from the National F.O.P. Lodge. Lodge #5 does not print these I.D. Cards.

Whether during the mail-out process or after, we are faced with misspellings, incomplete names (due to length) or wrong names of our members. In addition, due to the size of our membership and similar names, I.D. Cards have been misdirected to members or lost during the mail service delivery process. Throughout the year, many members also misplace, lose or have their Cards stolen.

In all cases, Lodge #5 has manually typed new I.D. Cards for our members.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE.

We were advised in 2007, by the National Fraternal Order of Police, Grand Lodge, that they "*can no longer send out blank cards.*" The blank cards would have given us the ability to type you up a new Card and send it off to you. We - Lodge #5 - can no longer do this for you.

In the event you need a new National F.O.P. I.D. Membership Card, please call or email the National Lodge directly:

RUTH SPROUSE - 1-800-451-2711

E-Mail Address: rsprouse@fop.net

The National Lodge also suggests that you Register on their website, with a Username and Password. However, you will need your National I.D. # to do this. If there are misspellings to your name or missing initials, you can make those changes directly to their site. **Please Note:** all changes will need to be verified through me, as the Local Lodge Secretary, then the Pennsylvania State F.O.P. Secretary, and then onto the National Lodge for approval, before any changes take affect.

Lodge #5 does record all National F.O.P. I.D. Numbers in our computer database. We are in the process now of obtaining the I.D. Numbers for the new members which we reported in our last Per Capita Payment.

In addition, it is important to note that Lodge #5 pays Per Capita to both the State and National F.O.P. Lodges twice a year - in May and November. New Class members are not reported for at least a six month period – after their Graduation - due to rejection or resignations.

When you request a new I.D. Card from the National, the Card will be sent to me and Lodge #5 will have to forward you the Card. Please remember this if you need a new Card - it will not come directly to you!

Just remember too, that this is the National's "new procedure," not Lodge #5 Philadelphia.

At the conclusion of our mail-out process, Lodge #5 discovered that we were "missing" 248 National I.D. Cards for the Letter "J" and 91 Cards for the Letter "O."

If there any corrections that need to be made to your "mailing label," please call Lodge #5.

If the National I.D. Card is incorrect (other than a wrong name; not your Card), you will need to contact the National Lodge as stated above.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me (215-629-3621) or my Assistant on this project, LindaLee (215-629-3612).

Fraternally yours,

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