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Sister and Brother Officers,

Time to Get Involved- Your Help Is Needed

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 Brother and Sister Officers in times of need. We are currently looking for members to help out in the following roles:

Command Liaison – Be our ‘go-to’ person in your Command to promote events throughout the year

Membership Secretary - Looking for a member or group of members, active or retired, with basic knowledge in Word and Excel programs to maintain/update membership rosters.

Call (516) 808-7009 or email RitaRusch@foco.org to inquire.

2010 Membership Drive

Just a reminder, ***if you haven't*** renewed your membership for 2010, time is running out. (If you have, please don't send us a 2nd application and check!) Our Constitution provides that renewals must 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. Any memberships, late or new, received after July 31st, will be held and processed for 2011 membership. A membership application can be downloaded from our website at www.foco.org.

2009 Review: The State of Your Organization

This past year, your organization has assisted in several successful fundraising projects, including 10-13s for C.O. Sue Gerner in Queens, C.O.s Mary Mingoia and Marianne Moody in Suffolk, and C.O. Pedro Fonseca in the Bronx. 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 Sixth Annual Teddy Bear Drive and collected 1,300 bears for hospitalized and less fortunate children. Thanks to S.C.O. Nancy Puglise for running this project. Special thanks go to C.O.s Christine Petito and Christina Gordon for running a F.O.C.O. Toy Drive in Queens Family Court and to S.C.O. Tom Quinn who coordinated a F.O.C.O. Coat/Food/Toy Drive in Queens Criminal Supreme.

Twentieth Anniversary Dinner-Dance

Our annual dinner-dance will take place on Friday March 26th, 2010 at the Swan Club in Nassau County. This year we have an excellent group of honorees, including Captain Patricia Mack, S.C.O. Thomas Quinn and C.O. Brian Young. 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.**

Sixth 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 Annual College Scholarship will be awarded by random drawing on March 26th, 2010. 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.

Our Members Come First

F.O.C.O. prides itself on its history of being there for our members in times of need. The \$20 dues you pay might be the best investment you make. Throughout the year, we receive many calls for assistance with 10-13s; unfortunately, our assistance to non-members is limited, so please encourage interested, eligible co-workers to join.

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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.

Fraternally Yours,

Joseph Cannella

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Enclosures