

Susquehanna Valley Lodge No. 52

Fraternal Order of Police

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Dear Associate member,

I regret to inform you that Assoc. Secretary Chief Larry Z. Smith (ret) Bloomsburg Pd. passed on 12/26/2013 at the age of 80. Members of Lodge 52 had a lot of respect for Chief Smith and his continual efforts to support law enforcement and the community he served. He has been greatly missed.

As a result, his duties have been passed on to the Recording Secretary. President Larry Wilcox and I have reviewed the Associate Membership program. Currently we have 108 Associate Members, with 11 having 40 years, and 28 members having 30 years or more of membership. We have not increased Associate Membership dues in many years. Current active law enforcement officers in our lodge saw an increase of their membership fees to \$60.00 per year, from \$30.00.

You are aware that Associate Members are friends and families of law enforcement Officers, responsible and respected business persons, professional men and women, and citizens from all walks of life. We believe Assoc. Members actively support legislation, charitable causes, and all law enforcement efforts on a local, state and national level. As a member you have an understanding of the rights, duties and problems of law enforcement officers, of fostering respect for them, and of bettering conditions under which they serve society. As a member you believe that Law is the safeguard to freedom, and it is everyone's duty to defend it. The benefit you receive as a member is being part of the National Fraternalism of our law enforcement family. You may proudly display a membership card, decals and emblems which are recognized nationally.

In an effort to keep costs down, and to continue offering you annual membership for \$15.00 per year, we have initiated a few changes. First, Assoc. Members with over 40 years of membership will receive free annual membership. Annual membership will now run from January 1, through December 31 of each year. With your membership you will receive your annual card and one window decal. Please be aware that I often do not receive the cards or window stickers until after 1 January. Additional window decals will cost \$ 1.50 each. If you would like a metal emblem to place on the rear of your vehicle that cost will be \$15.00 each. Please do not place the metal decal in a position that it covers any part of your license plate.

You may begin sending dues to me at your earliest convenience and prior to 1 December 2014. This will cover your membership through 31 December 2015. I have enclosed a membership form for you to complete. If you have an email address please include that on the form. Your check needs to be written to: Susquehanna Valley Lodge 52 FOP. Note: Contributions, or gifts, &/or dues to Lodge 52 are not deductible as contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions please contact me at your convenience. Please be certain that members of Susquehanna Lodge 52 greatly appreciate your continual support.

Respectfully,

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