

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

WELCOME DELEGATES to the 24th Biennial Conference of the Fraternal Order of Police, Illinois State Lodge and to Springfield, IL.

Much attention has been given to every detail of this conference by State Lodge Office Staff to ensure an informative, educational and enjoyable time for all delegates, alternates, guest and family members. It is our desire that your experience will be one that will encourage others to participate in the future through your reports to local membership and assist you in your service to the Fraternal Order of Police in what ever capacity you choose to serve.

As we assemble to welcome special guest, hear reports of activity, conduct business, address proposed by-law amendments which will ensure a sound financial footing for the future, may we put first in all our efforts what is in the best interest of the organization. As times change, experience teaches, and we plan, let us be vigilant in our efforts to grow this organization and provide for generations to come a strong, healthy and stable operation. I will stand before you seeking that we take necessary steps to be "self supporting" in ours dues structure to no longer rely on the ups and downs of telephone solicitation, but pay our own way. I'm certain the facts will set forth long standing sound fiscal management of the State Lodge revenues and the need to stop the drain on reserves which have carefully been built over many years.

The Illinois State Lodge works to provide services which in some cases supplement the local lodge(s) and in other instances serve as the only means to receive a variety of member benefits and services. The Illinois State Lodge certainly represents a variety of things to different members and during the next two days it is my desire that as a delegate you will pause to take notice of the value received and support the mission and programs of your State Lodge.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we are here to serve and make ourselves available to assist you and your membership in whatever manner to ensure the "Good of the Order." We look forward to this time together conducting an informative and productive conference. It is our goal that at the conclusion of the 24th Biennial Conference, you can say this is one the best conferences I've attended.

Sincerely,



Ted Street
State President