



## FOP Lodge NY 3100 Newsletter "The Call Box" November 2024



### President's Message

We had our 3rd annual golf outing on October 11th after having to change the date and tee times because of Hurricane Milton but everything worked out great. Another great success thanks to our 1st VP Paul Read and his committee. We also have a date for next year's outing - Friday, October 10th 2025 . If you haven't been to one of our outings, mark the date and make the time to attend You will enjoy it.

We are in the process of collecting dues for 2025. The dues will stay the same as last year at \$60. If you haven't submitted your payments, please do so ASAP!!!! THE NATIONAL AND STATE LODGES WILL DROP YOU.

Our Holiday Party is also right around the corner and the price will stay the same as last year - \$100 pp. Tables are starting to fill up. if you plan on attending, let us know as soon as possible . Details are attached in the Callbox.

The Lodge has a Zelle account to make payments easier for everyone. Please use our email address for payments. You can Zelle both dues and holiday party monies.

Next meeting will be November 21st. Join us for the start of the holiday season.

On a final note, we lost a special member and friend Alan Berkowitz last week. Alan was the past President of Broward 10-13 club. Our deepest condolences to his family & friends. May he rest in peace

Remember...please keep checking your emails for other updates and events.

Fraternally,

*Joe Berardi*  
President

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## ***Coming Events***

Nov 21st Meeting at 6:00 PM  
Boynton Beach FOP Hall  
1200 Miner Rd., Boynton Beach

**Dec 12th Holiday Party at 6:00 PM**  
**Benvenuto's 1730**  
**N Federal Hwy**  
**Boynton Beach, FL 33435**

### **Notice**

*Current FOP Dues of \$ 60.00 for 2025  
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## **Editor's Corner**

In an effort to make this newsletter more inclusive for all of our members and their Law Enforcement Agencies, we are requesting your assistance. Members that have any information, that you would like to share with our membership, please forward that information to the editor.

Please visit our website at [WWW.flfopny3100.com](http://WWW.flfopny3100.com) (Click on link) for additional information concerning our lodge.

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# New FOP 3100 Hats and Shirts



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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you would like to join NY Lodge 3100, please complete this form and mail it to the Lodge with the appropriate dues and a copy of your retired law enforcement officer ID from any NY Law Enforcement Agency. The annual dues for retired NY Law Enforcement personnel are \$60.00. Please make your check payable to the FOP LODGE NY 3100 and mail it to the address listed above. Retired NY law enforcement personnel who reside anywhere in the State of Florida are eligible to become members. **Another option is to send a completed application via email along with a payment of \$60 through ZELLE. ZELLE payments to FLFOPNY3100@gmail.com**

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### NON LAW ENFORCEMENT OCCUPATION:

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*To the Officers of the Fraternal Order of Police:* I, the undersigned, an Active Retired New York law enforcement officer, do hereby make application for Membership in FL FOP Lodge NY 3100. If my membership should be revoked or discontinued for any cause while in good standing, I do hereby agree to return to said Lodge my membership card and any other material bearing the F.O.P. insignia, such as auto emblem, lapel pin, etc.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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The NY FOP 3100 Golf Outing  
at the Village Golf Club  
Royal Palm Beach  
October 11, 2024





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## South East Honor Flight on September 21, 2024 at the Air Force Memorial



Stanley Kriegsman President Emeritus and Charles Balsamo Outer Guard  
of NY FOP 3100

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NYC Health Benefits Program

## **Annual Fall Transfer Period**

This year, the annual transfer period will be held November 1st - November 30th for active employees **and** retirees.

Any changes made during the annual transfer period will become effective in January 2025.

[New York City Office of Labor Relations Health Benefit Link](#)



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## NYC Health Benefits Program

### **Information and Update: \$15 copays to resume January 1, 2025 for the EmblemHealth-GHI portion of the GHI/Anthem Senior Care Plan**

Senior Care members—As you may know, \$15 copays for the EmblemHealth-GHI portion of the GHI/Anthem Senior Care Plan were previously suspended by court order. Now, in accordance with a more recent court order, \$15 copays will resume on January 1, 2025.

Senior Care members will receive a new ID card before January 1, 2025.

**As of January 1, 2025, Senior Care members will be required to pay a \$15 copayment each time they use the health services listed below:**

- Primary Care Physician Office Visits: \$15 Copayment
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- Vision Care: \$15 Copayment

Please note, that Senior Care members are responsible for the annual Medicare Part B deductible and \$50 GHI Senior Care deductible.

For questions, please call the EmblemHealth Customer Service phone number on the Senior Care member ID card.

**See letter from EmblemHealth: [\\$15 Copay Letter](#)**

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*At Benvenuto's on December 12, 2024*

*Located at:*

*1730 N. Federal HWY, Boynton Beach, FL 33435*

*Cost Per Person \$100.00*

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*Or Via Email with the name of those attending and*

*Payments of \$100.00 Per Person to Zelle.*

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Courtesy of Vernon Geberth

**Vernon Geberth as an NYPD tactical patrol officer. He later became an authority on homicide investigations.**

# He wrote the book on murder

**BY ROBERT MLADINICH**

Throughout the international law enforcement community, retired NYPD Lieutenant Commander Vernon Geberth is known as the "Godfather of Homicide" and "the cop who wrote the book on murder."

Over the course of his stellar career, which began with his appointment to the NYPD in 1965, he personally investigated, supervised, assessed or consulted on over 8,000 death cases nationwide. As the commander of the Bronx Homicide Task Force, his unit averaged 400 murder investigations a year.

Geberth was the longtime primary instructor at the NYPD's fabled homicide training course and in fact had written not one but several books on all aspects of murder investigations. Among the titles of his 10 textbooks are "Practical Homicide Investigation Checklist and Field Guide," "Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques" and "Sex-Related Homicide and Death Investigations and Autoerotic Deaths: Practical Forensic and Investigative Perspectives" with co-author forensic pathologist Amy Sauvageau.

Geberth spent his childhood in Mt. Vernon, where he developed his fierce work ethic. He served as an altar boy who once traipsed through a blizzard on foot to get to church on time, and worked as a newspaper delivery boy and lifeguard. He was also a Boy Scout and a bugle player for the VFW.

For as long as he can remember, Geberth's primary goal was to join the NYPD. To that end, he got himself appointed to the New York World's Fair Police Department as a wide-eyed 21-year-old in 1964. The provisional department was composed of retired NYPD superior officers who told the young, ambitious Geberth "not to screw up" because he might get on the real job when his name came up.

Geberth was sworn into the NYPD in April 1965. Before he established himself as one of the nation's leading authorities on homicide, he was a street cop, compiling a dizzying array of experiences. These included his tenure as a young officer in the NYPD's legendary Tactical Patrol Force (TPF), an elite and incorruptible unit specifically created in 1959 to augment precinct personnel in crime-ridden communities and maintain crowd control during the violent protests of the late 1960s.

"I absolutely loved the spit and polish of the TPF," said the now 81-year-old Geberth. "It was one

**of the only units you didn't need a hook to get into. it was filled with gung-ho cops dedicate to doing good police work. It was like being in the Green Berets as opposed to the regular Army. In my opinion., it was the best unit the NYPD ever put together." In April 1971, Geberth was in his personal car returning from**

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# GODFATHER: He wrote the book on murder

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court on his day off when he witnessed three mobsters abduct a diamond merchant on a Little Italy street corner. He engaged the kidnappers in a high-speed car chase that ended with a shootout and the merchant's rescue. One suspect was arrested at the scene. The other two, one of whom was wounded by Geberth, managed to escape, and were never apprehended.

About six years later, Geberth was contacted by a friend in the Intelligence Division who was monitoring an organized crime wiretap. According to written accounts, the subject of the wire, a still relatively unknown up and coming mobster named John Gotti, "alluded to his near capture by some crazy cop with a siren in his personal car that chased him and his partners through Little Italy after a jewelry heist. He couldn't believe the balls of this maniac."

Geberth was promoted in 1971 and returned to TPF as a squad sergeant, before moving into the Organized Crime Control Bureau's Special Investigations Unit and onto Manhattan North Narcotics.

He was ultimately assigned to the 7th Homicide Division in the South Bronx. Comprising six square miles covering just four precincts, the unit handled up to 225 homicides a year.

"I was like a kid in a candy shop," said Geberth. "I was fascinated with the work. I learned from the A team of investigators and began going to the library on my days off to learn all I could about gathering forensic evidence and investigating all aspects of homicides. I created checklists, which would later be the nucleus of my first book. There was no Google then and everything was on index catalog cards."

## 'Working for God'

After being assigned to two Bronx detective squads, Geberth was eventually promoted to lieutenant commander of Bronx Homicide, which he describes as the "epitome of my career."

"I got better and better at understanding the psychology associated with murder and the follow-up investigation," said Geberth. "It was my passion."

Geberth headed up the investigation involving Larry Davis, a suspect in multiple homicides who shot and wounded six police officers who came to question him in November 1986. Davis managed to escape from the scene of the shooting but was captured after a 17-day manhunt. The politically charged case caused an abundance of internecine squabbles so Geberth chose to retire on a high note after Davis's apprehension.

Since then, Geberth has conducted worldwide seminars, consulted with police agencies around the globe, and is a charter member of many associations and commissions, including the International Homicide Investigators Association, the United States Association of Professional Investigators and the New York State Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence Fatalities.

He has served on the faculties of Mercy College, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the University of Delaware and Northwestern University. In addition, Geberth has consulted with state and federal agencies and major media outlets on many serial killers, including Dennis Rader, who was known as the BTK Killer for Bind, Torture and Kill. Rader, a dogcatcher and compliance officer in Park City, Kansas, murdered at least 10 people between 1974 and 1991.

Among the many other subjects assessed by Geberth was John Robinson, a prolific con man and first known serial killer to use the Internet to lure a minimum of seven lonely women into his web of deceit in the Midwest, and the cannibalistic Jeffrey Dahmer, who killed at least 17 men in Milwaukee between 1978 and 1991.

Geberth insists he is not responsible for the moniker "Godfather of Homicide," saying he was christened with it while discussing a serial killer case on Fox News.

Geberth has been married to his wife Laura for 60 years, and they are the parents of four children and grandparents to 14. One son, Vernon, retired from the NYPD as a detective assigned to the Joint Terrorist Task Force. Another son, Robert, retired as an Investigator with the New York State Police.

One of Geberth's favorite mantras is that homicide investigators are the "good guys" and "we work for God," which he maintains to this day.

"Law enforcement is an honorable and noble profession," said Geberth. "Police officers, like military officers, priests and ministers have a calling. A calling or vocation that often transcends their own careers and personal life. We, in homicide, have a mission. Our mission is to bring justice to the deceased and their surviving family. If that's not God's work, I don't know what is."



Courtesy of Vernon Geberth

**The Geberth Blue Bloods:** Ret. Lt. Commander Vernon Geberth with, from left, grandson Thomas, an NYPD detective; son Vernon, a retired NYPD detective; and grandson James, an NYPD officer. Thomas is wearing the same detective shield as his father and grandfather.



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### **Retiree Program**

In 2006, POPPA started its Retiree Program. The program began with 26 retired NYPD officers dedicated to help meet the needs of fellow retired police officers. The mental health and other unique needs of this group are often overlooked. Retired police officers can use

POPPA services for a variety of stress or mental health issues, relationship problems, substance use, or if they feel suicidal. Sometimes, retirees just need to reconnect with another person who can identify as a law enforcement peer.

The Retiree Program has grown to more than 100 volunteers spanning several states across the country in addition to New York.



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## **RET. DET. ALAN BERKOWITZ TRIBUTES**



**5/26/1953 – 10/21/2024**

### TRIBUTE TO ALAN BY BILL McKECHNIE.

(Former President of the New York City Transit Police Benevolent Association, 1978/1990.)

I learned of Alan's passing and while I knew he was ill, fighting for his life, I never expected it to be this fast. Throughout his life he had faced many serious illnesses such as two kidney transplants etc. He did so with extreme courage and calm. He was the Transit Police information Guru. There was not a thing going on in the city or the NYC Police community that Alan did not know about and did not report. I have known Alan since he was a Trainee. He rose to the rank of Detective serving for a while with the infamous Jack Maple as a partner. I was pleased that he agreed to serve with me on the Transit Police Reunion Committee when I was the chairman. We could not have done it without him. I spoke with Alan often and during his last week we spoke about his most recent illness. We both knew how serious the diagnosis was, but Alan always was upbeat. He made all believe it was just another hurdle he would have to clear. Unfortunately, it was more serious than he let on. In my opinion it is not very often that we come across a man that has dedicated his life to others. Whether it be the Transit Police reunion, the Broward 10-13 club, the HR 218 qualifications or Social Security information etc. Alan was the guy to turn too. We all have people we have met in our lives that we will never forget. For me that is Alan Berkowitz. My heart goes out to his loving family who has shared Alan with us. May we never forget all he did. Rest in peace little brother.

### TRIBUTE TO ALAN BY HARVEY FEIT, FOP 3100 CALL BOX EDITOR.

I met Alan years ago, when I joined the Broward 10-13 Group, Palm Beach 10-13 Group, and the NY FOP 3100 Lodge. Alan was also a member of the three groups. He was twice the Past President of the Broward 10-13 Group and was a current Director of the Broward 10-13 Club. Alan would do anything to help a fellow human being. Alan and I would coordinate having lunches with other Police Comrades during the week. Alan had a wealth of knowledge on different topics that he would share with anyone who asked him. He would always give you information through emails and telephone calls even if you didn't ask for it. (He kept you informed.) I went to Lunch on numerous occasions with just him. We would converse on what was happening with the City and various retiree and social issues. Sabrina from Aetna would let us both know what was happening with the current Aetna Plan. He would have her come to the Broward 10-13 Club to disseminate information. Alan will be Sorely missed, My friend Rest in Peace. To the Berkowitz Family thank you for sharing Alan with all of us.

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## Police Memorial

**When a Police Officer is killed, It's not an agency that loses an Officer, it's an entire nation.**

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This Year

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LAST FIVE YEARS

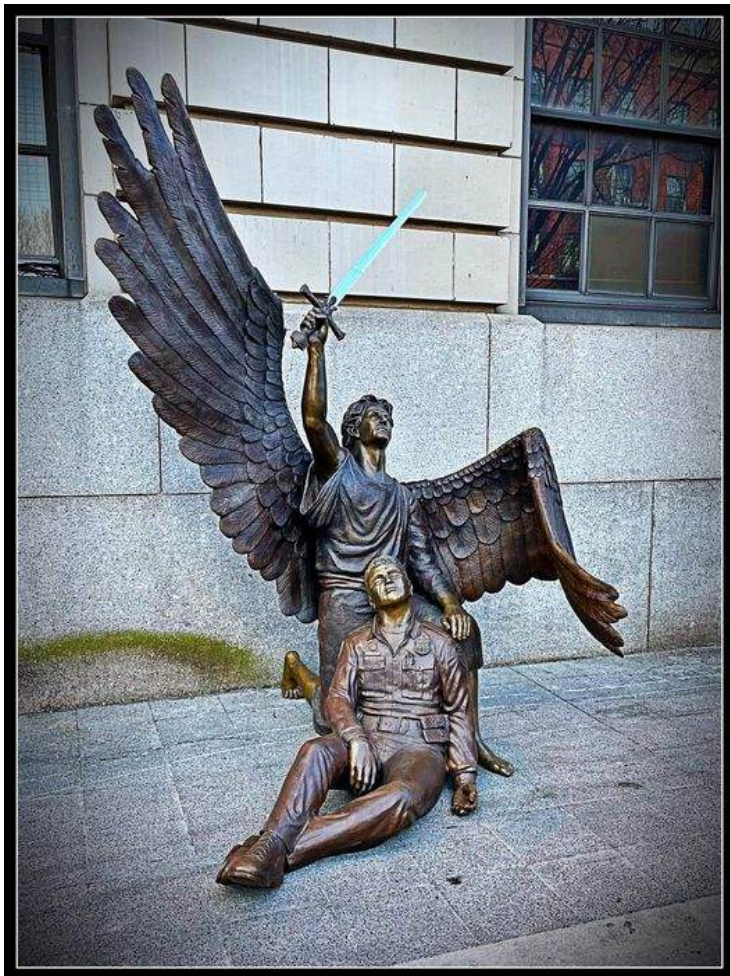
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LAST TEN YEARS

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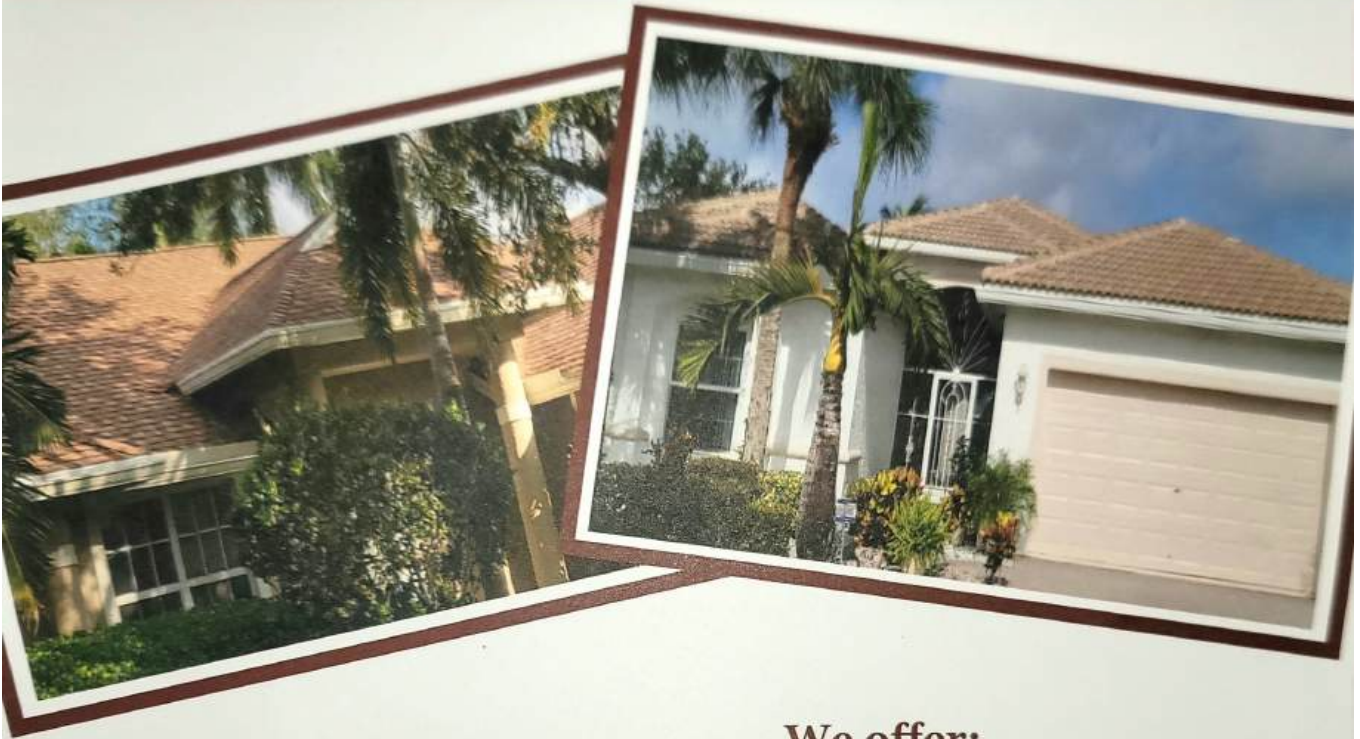
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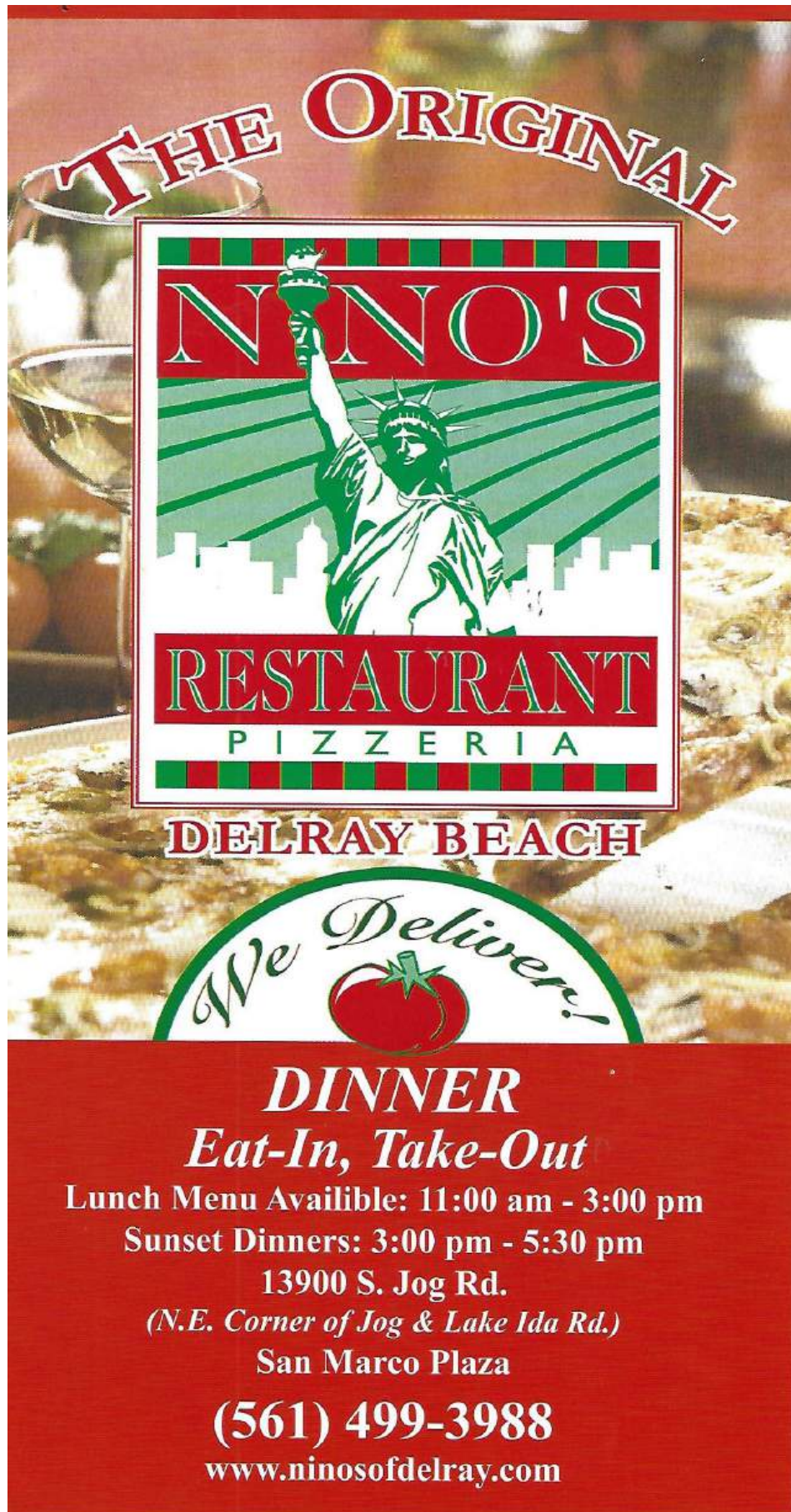
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