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President’s Report, By Mark Donahue

Contract Update

Although the Mayor has failed to sign the contract 15 days [and counting] after the City Council approved the decision, all provisions of the contract are in effect. Unless specifically spelled out in the language of the decision with a date of effectiveness [wages, health care premiums, wellness program, etc.], all provisions went into effect on April 6th. The signature of the Mayor is merely a formality and any reason for him not signing it as of yet is pure speculation. The Lodge is in the process of getting bids for the printing of the new contract books, which will be distributed to all working members as soon as they are completed.

Labor Movement

The labor movement in this town and in this state has been taking some hits lately as most newspapers have been reporting. We all know that although we have resolved our contract issues, no other labor union has been able to do so. Elected and appointed representatives in City Hall and Springfield have made disparaging remarks about labor and what we have accomplished for our members and have even bantered about changes to current and future pension reform. The time may have finally come when we need to get “more” involved with other labor organizations in the political business.

We have seen and have been the recipient of this advantage during the contract negotiations process in dealing with health care costs and I am optimistic that we can continue to be successful in the future in dealing with retiree health care together. It has often been suggested that the political process as it stands in this town is unbreakable. Not true. But we can only have an impact on the political future here if our membership gets involved. Police historically, with few exceptions, have shied away from political involvement, often for obvious reasons. Unfortunately many don’t even exercise the most basic of political rights, the right to vote. With the current turnover in manpower on the department, younger officers, as with the rest of the population, tend to vote even less. We need to change this if we are to succeed in many of our initiatives and mostly to be able to keep what we have fought so hard for. There are two constants that politicians want from us and their entire constituency: MONEY and VOTES. Although we may be able to do more because of the position that the FOP holds in the process, these constants never change and we need to improve on our ability to deliver both for our future. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Board with recommendations on these or any issues of importance to you.

Legislation

There have been some advances in Springfield on bills that are important to us. First, the bills that will allow for the process to take place to qualify retirees to carry/concealed to conform to the provisions of HR218 are moving along well. Both bills, SB189 and HB3597 have each been passed out of their respective houses and have gone into the other houses for consideration. The fact that the bills are identical should tell us about their chances of passage. When it happens, the Police Training Standards Board will be responsible for carrying out the process and we have been told that they are putting the mechanics together now in anticipation of the bills passage. A bill sponsored by Sen. Cullerton which would have allowed for the early parole of convicts due to their suffering from a serious illness or disease, failed to get enough votes in the Senate last week. This bill could have allowed for the early parole of individuals who are serving sentences for killing police officers. Another bill that unfortunately passed out of the Senate was sponsored by Sen. Raoul. This bill, if it passes in the House, will cause the City to turn over the data found on the Field Contact Cards, to IDOT who then will surrender the data to Northwestern University for analysis. This legislation was at one time part of the larger bill that now causes data collection information relative to

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perceived racial profiling to be collected on traffic stops. Common sense prevailed two years ago and this mandate was removed from the bill after lengthy negotiations with the bill's sponsors. The ACLU has now taken as their cause passage of SB581 and has excluded all other law enforcement in the State except the City of Chicago due to the fact that we have "voluntarily" been collecting it for about four years now. It was an unnecessary and bad decision to do it then and depending on how it is analyzed now, can cause problems for the department if passed. The ACLU and many politicians fail to realize that Social Science is far from an exact science and taking steps that in the future can cause a cessation of discretionary powers on the part of law enforcement can have serious negative consequences.

We continue to get calls on

the progress of HB750, which calls for increases in the State income tax and would allow the State to tax pensions if a pensioner's total income is over \$75,000. Although so far it has seen little action, this bill is meant to alleviate the shortages in education in this State. Of the three house sponsors of this bill, one of them is John Fritchey from the north side. Those of you who live in his district need to call him and let him know how you feel about the potential of having your pensions taxed! Our other pension related items are basically at a stand still waiting for movement from both City Hall and Springfield. We don't really have any opposition in Springfield at this time except that many legislators are acting conservatively on the issues in relation to the finances of the State and most municipalities. The 3% COLA bill

and the Administrative Review Bill [relative to the Pension Board] are "no brainers" waiting for City Hall approval. On the FOP web site are the instructions for logging onto the FOP's reports from the General Assembly's website. You can use this internet site 24/7 to check the progress of the Lodge's legislative agenda and to monitor other activities and bills in the Illinois Legislature.

Memorial Services

As May is upon us there are also many events scheduled to honor those who have been taken from us through acts of violence. It is important that we attend as many of these services as possible to show our continued support to the families and friends of our fallen brethren and to express our continued support for our fellow officers and our occupations. The Lodge will host its Memorial Cere-

mony here on May 19th where the name of Michael Gordon will be added to our wall. This event is open to all of our members and meant to reinforce the support of the FOP to those who are left behind.

Seeking the Truth?

Finally, there has been a little more misinformation than usual floating about on issues that the Lodge is engaged in as often happens before, during and after elections. If there are any questions that have been raised due to this misinformation or any rumors for that matter, please contact us here at the Lodge. You can reach us by phone, e-mail, snail mail or stop in. You can also address us at the General and Board Meetings if you prefer. Misinformation can be harmful to the Lodge and we need to address it as soon as we can.

Vice Presidents' Report, *By Bill Dougherty, Frank DiMaria & Greg Bella*

Your Personal Information And The Internet

It has come to our attention that there is a website that contains names, addresses and other personal information. The website is **zabasearch.com**. When you go to this website and type in a name and state, a page will appear containing the name, year of birth, address and telephone number of that person. A background check is possible but has to be paid for by credit card. One of our retirees has traced the website to **Zabasearch, 2828 Cochran St., Simi Valley California 93605**. The Simi Valley Police Department has been notified but refuses to take any action.

The Lodge has notified the Illinois Attorney General and requested that action be taken against **zabasearch** and other companies that post personal information on websites. We are also in contact with our elected politicians to explore introducing legislation to stop these rogue companies.

We are not alone in having our information available, the President, Rod Blagojevich, Lisa Madigan, Richard Devine and other ASA's, all have their personal information on this website. Hopefully, this will be the catalyst that spurs them to action especially in light of what happened to the family of Judge Lefkow.

Removal From Database

To delete your information

from this website you must go to **zabasearch.com** and scroll to the bottom of the first page click on the **zabatools** link, which will open a window that you must complete and submit. This will enable your information to be deleted from the database.

Rather than give the website additional information, the Lodge suggests you make a written request to the address listed.

No one knows how many websites are out there that give out this type of personal information, so we must remain vigilant to protect our personal information as well as the safety of our families. Please, for your families, contact this website and have them remove your informa-

tion until legal action can remedy this problem.

Court Orders For Mentals

The Lodge notified the City that their interpretation of the State Law regarding the signing of a court order to admit mental patients for psychiatric evaluation is flawed. The law specifically states that a police officer has to sign the court order if the officer observes abnormal or dangerous behavior. The law doesn't state that an officer has to sign the order if he is told about such behavior. The person who witnesses the behavior has to sign the order. Be that as it may, the City, in usual fashion, will

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not admit they are wrong and insist that the transport officer must sign the order.

Since we have to obey orders when given, make sure to write, on the order, the name of the supervisor that ordered you to sign the court order. Unfortunately, there is nothing legally that the Lodge can do to rectify this situation until one of our members is contractually harmed.

Uniform Resale

The semi-annual Uniform Resale was held at the Hall on 20 April 05. The event was visited by over two hundred officers who took advantage of the bargains that were being sold. There were over twenty tables set up by officers who were selling their vintage uniform items. The Lodge had also set up a table and sold uniforms which had been donated to the F.O.P. with the proceeds being donated to the CPD Chaplains Ministry. The next Uniform Resale will be

scheduled sometime in October 2005.

Police Trial

The case against Daniel Salley, the offender who shot Detective Joe Airhart, was scheduled for trial in May before Judge Joan Lefkow. The case was re-assigned to Judge Anderson and is scheduled for a hearing on 28 April 05, room 1403 at 1330 hrs at the Dirksen Federal Building. This case is before a new judge and we must show support for this officer and his family.

Firearm Safety Day

The Lodge will be hosting two days for Firearms Safety on 24 May 05 and 25 May 05 from 0900 until 1700 hrs. There will be representatives from S&W, Beretta, Sig Sauer and possibly Colt who will conduct onsite safety inspections and minor adjustments on Officers firearms at no cost. Also attending will be representatives from the holster and other police equipment manufacturers.

Reporting IOD's

When you are at work and you are injured on-duty no matter how minor you think the injury you received is, you should contact your supervisor and report the injury on-duty. Have your supervisor complete an IOD report. Those minor injuries may begin to hurt more and can be more serious than you think. Make sure that your IOD report is filled out accurately and that it shows the police function (writing tickets, arresting offender, responding to a call, etc.) that you were doing when you were injured.

Who Is Your Beneficiary?

When was the last time you checked to see who your beneficiary is? For some officers the answer is not since you filled the cards out in the academy. You need to check your beneficiary at the Lodge and update it if you need to. Officers also need to check with the Pension Board located at 211 N. LaSalle, Room 1626 during their business hours of 8:30am to

4:30pm and check with the Department of Personnel to see who your beneficiary is for your term insurance with the Chicago Police Department. Keep in mind whoever is on your beneficiary cards will receive the benefit.

Adding A Dependent To Your Insurance

When an officer gets married or has a newborn he/she has 30 days in which to fill out an enrollment form. Along with the enrollment form, you must provide a certified marriage certificate or a certified birth certificate as proof of dependency. The officer has 60 days to provide a certified marriage certificate and 180 days to provide a certified birth certificate to the Benefits Management Office. If you don't elect to enroll for coverage within 30 days, you will not be able to enroll until the next open enrollment period. I suggest you bring these forms to the Benefits Management Office in person. You can ask for a time stamped copy at the front desk. The Benefits Management Office is located at 333 S. State Room 400.

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

Leave of Absence

An upcoming arbitration is scheduled regarding leave of absence extension. This arbitration involves an officer on leave of absence to attend medical school. The officer involved submitted an extension request for one year, which was denied by the Department. The Department gave the officer no official reason for the denial, simply stating that the leave of absence extension would not be granted.

Several months ago the Lodge met with Superintendent Cline, one of the subjects discussed was leaves of absence, and extensions. According to the Superintendent there are several hun-

dred officers on approved leaves of absence. The Superintendent was concerned that these are all budgeted positions within the Department, and cannot be filled with replacements. To make it simple if the City budgets the Department with 11,500 officers, and 500 officers are on leave of absence, that means there are 500 less officers on the street. The Department cannot go back to the City and ask for 500 more budgeted positions.

While we understand the Superintendent's concern, we disagree with the method the Department has chosen to address the situation. Officers that are currently on approved leaves of absence are

being informed by the Department that there will be no 1-year extensions granted. They are being told that they may have a 90-day extension. At the end of the 90-days the Department will then terminate the officer's employment. There are officers that are on approved leaves of absence, working as Police in Bosnia, because they responded to an ad in the Daily Bulletin. These officers had to sign contracts for periods of a year at a time. Since the past practice of the Department was to grant extensions, the officers signed for another year to work in Bosnia. The officer that we are going forward on arbitration made a commitment to finish medical

school, with the reasonable belief that extensions would be granted as necessary.

The position of the Lodge is that the Department should have negotiated a change in the contract, and rewrote the personnel rules governing leaves of absence. They should then start by bringing back the people that have been gone for the longest period of time. Instead the Department has chosen to deal with this problem in what the Lodge believes to be an arbitrary and capricious manner. There doesn't appear to be any consistency with the officers they choose to grant extensions to, and the officers they deny. I will keep you updated on this issue and the pending arbitration.

Disability Report & Veterans Corner, *By Carlos 'Sal' Saladino*

Disability Report

The best of health from the Disability Committee members. We are available for calls at the F.O.P. office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Check out the Disability Page link on the F.O.P. web site, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

Pension Board Hearing

Present were Lt. Carson Earnest, Sgt. Lazzaro, PO Kim Shemash, PO Cedric Brumley. Four PO's were awarded Ordinary Disability and one was awarded Occupational Heart. One Total & Permanent claim was heard and will be contacted by mail on the decision. Four cases for Duty Disability were heard and 3 officers were awarded 75% and 1 for 50% disability. Dana Levenson, CFO for the City, is now a trustee on the Pension Board appointed by the Mayor.

Vocational Retraining

The Disability Committee is meeting to give input on vocational retraining for officers on Duty or Occupational Disability. As per contract, the City is allocating at least \$120,000 for 2006 and 2007 to fund the program. Information will be posted on the FOP web site and the news-letter when a policy is set.

Veteran's Corner Operation Enduring Freedom

Our thoughts and prayers go to the CPD members who are actively serving our country in the military.

New VA ID Card

Benefits of the new card include new modern and patriotic design, limited veteran information on card to promote privacy, larger and enhanced color photo, and magnetic and barcode scanning capabilities. The new ID cards are available at your local VA Medical Center and Outpatient Clinics. It is advised to bring your old VA

JOB OPPORTUNITY

MVM is a Government security contractor based out of Northern Virginia and they are currently in the process of kicking off a new contract with the US Marshals Service in the Northern District of Illinois.

They are seeking to hire qualified, active-duty law enforcement officers for part-time work. Applicants must be able to successfully clear a background investigation, must have a current FOID card and must be able to qualify with firearms on a required course. Compensation will be \$22.00 per hour.

Please contact Henry Guerriero at 312-907-5342 for more information.

card and copy of your DD Form 214, if you have not been to a VA medical facility in over a year, as you may need to reenroll. It is a good idea to keep your information with the VA current and up-to-date.

Memorial Day Events

Wreath Laying ~ Saturday, May 28, 11:00 a.m., Daley Center, Eternal Flame

City of Chicago Parade ~ Sat-

urday, May 28, noon, State Street from Lake to VanBuren
Milton Olive Park ~ Monday, May 30, 8:00 a.m
Norwood Park Parade ~ Monday, May 30, 11:00 a.m., Onahan School

A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers. ~ President John F. Kennedy

Airborn, Sal

Pension Update, *By Ken Hauser*

There are 13,450 active police officers on the department. This breaks down to 3,168 females and 10,282 males. The total number of police officers hired during 2004 was 497, 138 females and 359 males. The total number of police officers who left the Police Department during 2004 was 660. Of the 660 police officers, 28 officers died while on the job, 4 officers were discharged, 5 probationary officers were discharged, 53 officers chose to resign without a pension, and finally 570 officers completed their career and retired with a pension. For the month of March, 57 years of age was the average retiree's age with 29.7 years of service.

The rank breakdown of the 570 retirees is 448 under the rank of sergeant, 82 sergeants, 21 lieutenants, and 19 exempt rank. The total number of officers on disability is 415, which breaks down 274 on duty disability, 36 on ordinary disability, 85 on occupational heart disability, and 20 on total and permanent disability. Note, ordinary disability is 50% of the salary when last worked (an officer can receive ¼ of the net service, not to exceed 5 years) and the officer must provide his/her own health insurance. During the year of 2004, the Pension Board granted duty disability to eleven police officers, occupational heart

disability to six police officers, ordinary disability to forty six police officers and permanent and total disability to three police officers. The majority of officers receiving ordinary disability are pending a duty disability hearing in the near future.

As of February 28, 2005, there are 7,923 retired police officers and 3,204 spouses of deceased police officers. There were 11,923 checks mailed/direct deposited in February to annuitants of the Pension Fund. There is approximately \$34.137 million paid monthly to annuitants. This comes to approximately \$408 million per year. The Pension Fund received ap-

proximately \$211 million in employee/er contributions this year. As you can see the Pension Fund is minus \$197 million before the Pension Fund receives any return on their investments. The total Fund's market value was \$3.715 billion at the end of the fourth quarter, December 31, 2004. There was 11% total return on the Fund's investments for 2004. 2004 is the second year that the Fund has had positive returns. The return wasn't as good as 2003 which was a 21% return but 11% is well above our 8% actuarial assumption requirement.

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

Gun Registration

Department members are reminded that, according to the Chicago Municipal Code 8-20-200 and General Order 92-3, they are to re-register all non-duty weapons annually. Per General Order 92-3, add 5d, non-duty related firearms are defined as any firearm not specially authorized by the Department for use while on duty. All applications must be accompanied by the appropriate registration fee.

2005 F.O.P. Fishing Tournament

The date for the 2005 F.O.P. Fishing Tournament has been set for Wednesday, June 1st 2005. All members who anticipate fishing should mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing all anglers back for another

year of fishing and fun. There will be a **free** safety inspection for boats conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The inspection will be done on a first come, first serve basis as boats come in from fishing.

Constitution and By-Law Changes/Amendments

Only active members in good standing of this Lodge may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Such proposals shall be attested by the signatures of eleven (11) active members in good standing. The signatures will not be necessary when proposals are made by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee appointed by the President and 1st Vice President. Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Recording

Secretary within a two-month period commencing April 1st and ending May 31st of each year.

Suicide/

Out of The Darkness

The Fraternal Order of Police supports the Out of The Darkness/American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which is sponsoring an over-night 20-mile walk on July 16, 2005. I plan to walk the 20 miles and have pledged to raise \$5000.00 for the research of suicide. Members who wish to make a contribution may log onto the website www.theovernight.org and make a donation. The net proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, funding research, education and awareness programs – both to prevent suicide and to assist those touched by suicide. Thanking you in advance, Fraternal Order of Police.

2005 F.O.P. Picnic

The Annual F.O.P. Picnic has been scheduled for

Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at Santa's Village in Dundee, Illinois. Members are encouraged to send in any ideas or suggestions that would benefit the annual outing. The Board of Directors look forward to seeing all the familiar faces as well as new ones this year. Please send your comments to Sid Davis or Frank DiMaria care of Unit 541.

Retail Liquor Establishments

Department members are reminded that Rule 18 prohibits engaging directly or indirectly in the ownership, maintenance or operation of a tavern or retail establishment. In addition, Rule 23 requires that members obey Department Orders concerning other employment, occupation or profession. General Order 89-08 specifies that secondary employment is prohibited in an establishment where the primary business is the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Current Events

The following events listed will occur from May 8th thru June 8th, 2005. For further information on any events posted below contact the Lodge (312) 733-7776, log onto the F.O.P. website at www.chicagofop.org, or call the Hotline number at 312-733-2101.

08 May 05	Mother's Day
10 May 05	4 th Annual Memorial Ceremony Peace Officers Memorial Foundation
13 May 05	National Memorial Service
14 May 05	CPD Charity Bicycle Ride
17 May 05	F.O.P. General Meeting (7pm)
19 May 05	F.O.P. Lodge 7 Memorial Service
20 May 05	Pay/C.T.A., Holiday
21 May 05	Armed Forces Day
25 May 05	Knights of Columbus Meeting
26 May 05	6 th Period Begins
28 May 05	Memorial Day Parade
30 May 05	Holiday/Memorial Day
01 Jun 05	Fishing Tournament
01 Jun 05	Watch Bids Open
01 Jun 05	Recognized Openings
03 Jun 05	Recognized Vacancies/Transfer Bids
04 Jun 05	Benefit/Miglore Family
07 Jun 05	German American Police Assoc. Meeting
08 Jun 05	Watch Bids Close

On May 19, 2005 The Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 will host a Memorial Service for Chicago Police Officers who have made the supreme sacrifice.

This year, Office Michael Gordon will be added to our Memorial Wall, here in the Lodge Courtyard.

Please join us in memory of all fallen officers at the F.O.P. Lodge Hall

Ceremony starts at 11:00 am

They Will Not Be Forgotten

Financial Statement, Years Ended December 31, 2004 and 2003

The following numbers have been taken from the audited financial reports dated December 31, 2004 by the CPA firm, Frank L. Sassetti & Co. The audited report includes footnotes and disclosures not presented here. These footnotes and disclosures could influence the reader's view of the financial position of the Lodge. To view the Financial Statement in its entirety, contact my office, 312-733-7776.

Thank you,
John Capparelli,
Treasurer

**Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7
Financial Statements
Years Ended December 31, 2004 & 2003**

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7 (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7 as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Frank L. Sassetti

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24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PEACE
OFFICERS MEMORIAL
(WASHINGTON D.C.)
MAY 13 - 15, 2005

This May 15th marks the 24th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service in Washington D.C. More than 150 Police Officers were killed in the Line of Duty during 2004.

This year, *"The Roll Call of Heroes"* in Washington D.C. will include the name of one of *"Chicago's Finest"*
Police Officer Michael Gordon
011th District

Once again, room availability in the D.C. area is at a premium due to a physicians convention in town during the same time frame and rooms need to be booked **ASAP!** If you are planning on attending this year, it is suggested that you book your hotel reservation **NOW.**

Yeah Squad, *By Father Tom Nangle*

The policeman and his wife were enjoying Chinese food and talking about their son, who has been on the job about five years. I asked if the job had changed him in any way. "He's more quiet", they said, "and he has a healthy fear for the power of the street". Dad said, "He told me this police work is scary business, but he won't tell me the stories. He's protecting me from the bad stuff, but I've been there-done that. To him I'm not a copper...I'm his dad. It bothers me that he won't confide in me, but what can I do?" Then you hear stories about police parents who have a kid come on the job, and there is a bond that develops that defies measurement or description. It's a mix of marital intimacy, beat car partners with a capital P, and wartime bonding all jumbled together. "The kid" did tell his dad that he gets scared silly sometimes, enough to make the hair on the back of his neck and arms bristle. And dad knows the kid has grown into true law enforcement professional. "He's going on a call of a man shot, and he's running plates of cars going in the opposite direction as he's racing to the scene. I like that." What is it that scares him silly? "Some of the tactical situations...you get a call of a man with a gun and you've got to go up 3 flights of stairs and you know if he's up on 3 he's got the drop on you in that stairwell. He's got a healthy respect for the power of the street. He hasn't become complacent. And I like that a lot, too." They mentioned how excited he was in his first year in a busy district; every call was interesting, and the experience was deep and rich. He's beyond that now;

he's seen it all, he's handled it all. And he has the same number of holes in his body he was born with, no more and no less. The city couldn't afford to actually pay the kid what he's worth. He has grown into being a quiet, competent, brave police officer who nightly approaches scenes choreographed in hell, handles them, and moves on to the next job. He loves being a part of the Chicago Police Department.

The detective's wife spoke about her husband's time on the job. "Over 20 years I watched my husband's heart turn to stone." How could it not, I wondered. The bodies and victims and stories accumulate in the soul until there's no room for the good things of life any more. It took him a while to decompress after retirement, she said, and he's back on track after almost 40 years of being The Real Police. He was a superb detective; his peers paid him the ultimate compliment (never to his face, though) when they'd say, "If I was a bad guy, he'd be the last one I'd want coming after me." He was hard at work on the stabbing death of a prostitute one-summer night and he told me quietly, "No one should get away with murder." That simple belief was what drove his personal search engine so well. Over his long career he'd been involved in countless instances of excellent police work. If you could get him to talk and tell a story, you'd be completely absorbed and entertained. You would also get the impression that there were hundreds of other stories you'd never be privy to, and you'd be correct. But you would get a hint of the

three H's of the police world: heroism, horror, and humor. The City of Chicago paychecks on the 1st and 16th never came close to adequately compensating him for his efforts. How could they? For him, the job was a matter of heart and soul, something that God cared about every once in a while.

May is the month in which police officers in America honor themselves. That sounds sarcastic, but look around at the memorial services and monuments and color guards during May: not too many communities or civilians or churches are bowing in your direction. So, as usual, "we'll do it ourselves." And it will get done with style and heart and soul. So many great police quotes float through the air this month, and they all come together in my mind to form some kind of free-form picture: I don't miss the circus but I miss the clowns. Nobody should get away with murder. Never had a bad day on this job. What? I've had bad decades on this job! Where you gonna dine, 13? This is what we *do*...we are The Police. Yeah squad how about a personal? Twenty years of vaudeville and a pension. A front row seat to the greatest show on earth. Yeah, but sometimes you get pulled into the lions' cage. You're The Police...just do it. The most fun you can have with your clothes on. I'm coming to work for \$3 a day. Get me an assist in here squad---make it a 10-1 now a 10-1! And the earth seemed to move as the starred brothers and sisters came to your side.

Respectfully,
Fr. Thomas Nangle
312-738-7588

INFORMATION FOR THE POLICE

-Five years ago this August an off-duty Chicago police officer was a murder victim. In the search for the offender, two deputy sheriffs from Milwaukee County (WI) were killed when their police helicopter crashed: Ralph Zylka and Sung Hui Bang. A Chicago officer, when he heard the crash news, said, "*They* died for us." For the fifth anniversary, your Police Chaplains Ministry will provide some benches (maybe a tree, too, or something else appropriate) for the new county police training academy outside Milwaukee. Whatever is chosen will have a Chicago Police Department logo and a Milwaukee County Sheriffs logo to show our respect and gratitude for their efforts. Donations can be sent to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 60607.

-Mass cards are available from the Police Chaplains Ministry via telephone: 312-738-2831...no donations expected or accepted for this service.

General Meeting Notice

The next General Meeting is scheduled for

17 May 2005
1900 hours

All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

Why Do Mothers Cry?, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

The Month of May has in it that one special day called "Mothers Day". I dedicate this month's article to those special women in our lives, who proudly wear the title of, "MOM".

Why Do Mothers Cry?

"Why are you crying?" a little boy asked his mom. "Because I'm a Mother," she told him. "I don't understand," he said. His mom just hugged him tightly and said, "You never will!"

Later, the boy asked his Father why Mother seemed to cry for no reason. "All mothers cry for no reason," was all his Dad could say.

The little boy grew up and became a man, still wondering why mothers cry. So he finally put a call to G-d. When he got G-d on the phone, the man asked, "G-d, why do mothers cry so easily?" G-d said, "You see, when I made mothers, they had to be special. I made their shoulders strong enough to carry the weight of the world, yet gentle enough to give comfort. I gave them an inner strength to endure childbirth and the rejection that many times come from their children." "I gave them a hardiness that allows them to keep going when everyone else gives up and to take care of their families through sickness and fatigue without complaining." "I gave them the sensitivity to love their children under all circumstances, even when their child has hurt them very badly. This same sensitivity helps them to make a child's boo-boo feel better, and helps them share a teenagers anxieties and fears." "I gave them a tear to shed. It's theirs exclusively to use whenever it's

needed. It's not a sign of weakness; it's a sign of compassion and strength. It's on the same level as a good laugh, both were made to share and help keep our hearts in balance."

So if you're lucky enough to have a mother, give her a big hug, and tell her how much you love her and thanks for not giving up on you. Share a laugh and if you shed a tear, that's OK too.

May is also Police Memorial Month. I dedicate the following short poem to our Brothers and Sisters in Blue who made the ultimate sacrifice. Please keep these families in your prayers. If your schedule permits, give them a call; a kind word is always appreciated.

"Tomorrow"

If I knew it would be the last time, that I'd see you fall asleep,

I would tuck you in more tightly, and pray the Lord your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time, that I see you walk out the door,

I would give you a hug and kiss, and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time, I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,

I would videotape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming, you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time, I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just

this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow, to make up for an oversight.

We always get a second chance, to make everything right.

There will always be another day, to say our "I love you's,"

And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you, and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike. Today may be the last chance you get, to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day

that you didn't take that extra time, for a smile, a hug, or a kiss.

You were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, Tell them how much you love them,

and that you'll always hold them dear.

Take time to say, "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay."

And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

May G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in his loving care. Amen

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf
773-463-4780

moshewolf@hotmail.com

Memorial Mass

The Daily Bulletin dated 21 May 1975 read as follows:

All Police Personnel are deeply saddened at the tragic death of Police Officer Joseph Cali, Star #3271, of the 013th District. Killed in the Line of Duty 20 May 1975.

30 years later the tragedy of Joe Cali is but a faint memory. Chicago has witnessed the loss of many officers since 1975 and each loss is another heartbreak to our City and its citizens, but to the men and women of the Chicago Police Department, both active and retired, such tragedies just reopen old wounds. We will never forget the memories of our fallen Brothers and Sisters.

On Friday, May 20, 2004 at 10:00 am, there will be a memorial mass in memory of Officer Joseph Cali at St. Juliana's Catholic Church, 7200 N. Osceola Ave., Chicago Illinois.

The mass will commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Joe's death. Please join us and pray for the safety of the men and women of the Chicago Police Department.

May 15th is National Police Memorial Day; May 5th is the Illinois Memorial and May 19th is our own Lodge 7 Memorial Service here at the F.O.P. Hall. Don't Forget Mother's Day on May 8th and Father's Day on June 19th.



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- John D. Elliott, Age 59
- Devon M. Anderson, Age 54
- Herbert L. Murphy, Age 64
- Joseph T. Rahe, Age 72
- Harry A. Tannehill, Sr., Age 85
- Richard L. Wagner, Age 60
- Robert B. Williams, Age 78
- Wade L. Spencer, Age 53
- Michael F. Rodgers, Age 23
- Nick K. Rossi, Sr., Age 80
- Alex S. Muscolino, Age 80
- Terence J. O'Neill, Age 54
- Cy Martin, Age 78
- Francis M. Powers, Age 91
- William Joseph, Age 81
- James R. Floore, Age 58
- James J. Bulger, Age 76
- Phillip Bue, age 67
- Richard E. Baum, Age 75

Job Opportunity - "Crimes Detection Specialist - TC9107"

Retired Chicago Police Officers are encouraged to apply for the part-time position of "Crimes Detection Specialist - TC9107".

A Crimes Detection Specialist mans a work station equipped with monitoring equipment to observe real time video images from multiple police surveillance cameras; operates equipment to manipulate the movement of cameras to observe activities from different angles and directions; identifies and reports criminal activity recorded by the surveillance cameras; relays and communicates to the Watch Manager and police dispatcher detailed descriptions of observed activities, physical descriptions of individuals and movement of traffic and individuals in the view area; responds to gunshots and relays information to the W/M and police dispatcher; receives notifications of emergency calls in the area of a surveillance camera, observes activities and reports observations to the W/M and police dispatcher; may retrieve and record requested segments of video tape; may testify in court regarding established protocols as required; performs related duties as required.

Applications are being accepted at City Hall, Room 101 or VIA the internet. Their phone number is 312-744-4976. The closing date for applications is 13 May 2005. This is a part-time position with the 2005 salary of \$15.59 per hour.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Chicago. Proof of residency will be required at the time of application.

Resume must be submitted at time of application.

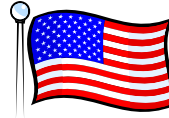
Applications must be submitted by the individual applying. No second party applications will be accepted.

Three years of progressively responsible law enforcement or professional security officer work experience, or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Must pass a drug screen and background check prior to employment.



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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its 11th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament, at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, June 1, 2005. All members, active and retired, are invited to take part in this event. There will be a bar-becue at the weigh-in with beer and soft drinks from 2 – 4 p.m.

THE BASIC RULES:

Starting time: 0500 hrs – with all boats in by 1430 hrs. All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes waters between the Wisconsin Border and McHenry Dam.
 Two fishermen per boat; one must be an FOP member.

NO PRO FISHERMEN PLEASE.

We'd like everyone to have a fun time. Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making application for the Tournament.

Name: _____ Active: _____ Retired: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fishing Partner: _____ If youth, age _____

Make checks payable to F.O.P., Lodge 7
 Attn: Frank DiMaria
 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

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 \$35.00 Per Man
 or \$70.00 Per Boat**