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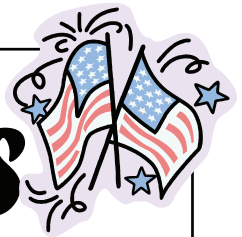
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# F.O.P. News



Newsletter Committee: Rhonda Bullock, Chairman Steve Robbins Gerry Majerczyk

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## President's Report, By Mark Donahue

### Retro Checks

It was a nice surprise to see the retro checks arrive 12 days sooner than the arbitrator had required. There are still issues to be resolved concerning those for retirees and disabled members. We have posted on our web site information received from the Pension Board as to when those checks will be available. Retro annuity adjustments from the Pension Board are anticipated to be recalculated for the 31 August payments and the adjustments for the disability recipients will be recalculated for the 30 September payment. There were other problems with the distribution of the retro checks for many members that are being addressed both by the Department and the Finance Division. Only FOP bargaining members are receiving checks as the other unions have not yet reached agreement with the City.

### Legislation

The Illinois State Legislature recessed for the summer on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Although there was movement on HB 1009, which would allow those born before January 1, 1955 to be included in receiving the 3% COLA at age 55, there was not enough time to get it through the Senate after passing out of the House on 30 May. This bill which narrowly passed out of the House will now be on the Senate calendar for the fall veto session.

There are several reasons why this piece of legislation has not gone through the process at this time, but the one that I feel should cause our members as much concern as it causes me is the consideration that this passed out of the House split down party lines.

At the time this was being considered, the Legislature was also considering whether to balance the budget on the backs of the pensions of Illinois State Employees. Although our member's pension benefits are not directly impacted by the actions of the Legislature in passing the budget, it is easy to see that they are willing to address the financial crisis that the State is in and are equally willing to gamble the future of state employees in the process. This train of thought in the Legislature will no doubt cause us to increase our efforts in not only obtaining further benefits for our members but to maintain what we have.

This type of movement in budget balancing in recent years is nothing new, not only in the public sector, but more so in the private sector. There is hardly a week that goes by where you cannot read about employees fighting for, and often times losing hard earned benefits. To protect against such actions we are going to need to become more active in the process which means all of us. As I wrote last month, both private and pub-

lic sector employees need to take a greater part in securing their benefits and we need to do this by becoming more involved politically. This collective effort needs the participation of all of the members of this Department. We can start by making sure early that we are all registered to vote. It won't be long before our pension system is once again eyed as relief for challenging financial times.

The Lodge is currently working on three very important legal issues for our member's interests. Two are currently in the Circuit Courts, one of which was addressed here in the Newsletter last month. The City passed an ordinance in 2003 covering the transfer of traffic control powers from the City to the Park District and the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, which we testified to as being unconstitutional. After receiving two favorable rulings from the Labor Board, the City went into Circuit Court to fight us and the decisions. We have currently filed an opposition memorandum relative to their request for a stay of the Labor Board's order and will then await their reply brief. Our ultimate success in this issue will assure sufficient job opportunities for our members, both on and off duty.

The other issue in Circuit Court addresses our position that we feel the City has not been paying their fair portion of the retiree Health Care Costs

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as is required per the Korshak decision. When our analysis of the costs was compared to what the City was charging retirees for health insurance, it did not balance. We then requested certain information from the City to either verify or refute our findings. The City refused to tender the documentation we requested and we went into Court to get it. The dollar amounts involved in the discrepancy could be as much as 10-12 million dollars that retirees have overpaid the City. We are currently in the discovery stage and have a status hearing in mid-July. Although both of these issues have the potential of benefiting all members of the Department, the FOP is addressing these issues on our own.

The third issue being addressed is the Fair Labor Standards Act relative to the use of compensatory time. This is the

federal issue that has been resolved in Milwaukee and Cleveland and our hope is that these decisions serve as precedent to our issue as well. With sufficient notification, those Courts have ruled that an employee cannot be turned down on a request to use Comp Time. Although we are far from the point of receiving a decision on this issue, the course of time has benefited our case by the settling of others.

### Mortgage Pay-Off

It has been 11 years since the decision was made to purchase a home for the FOP here in Chicago instead of renting one. Due to some extensive belt tightening by your Board of Directors over the past 3 years, we are in a position to pay off the building that was wisely purchased under the administration of Bill Nolan. At the June Board of Directors Meeting this

topic was addressed by the Board who unanimously voted to pay it off. The last payments will be made over the summer and we will have a ceremonial Mortgage Burning at our September General

Meeting. This is a major accomplishment for any organization and serves as testimony to the Board's fiduciary responsibility to the membership over these past years.

## Health and Insurance Committee Report By Ed King, Chairman

The Health and Insurance Committee met recently to discuss our future healthcare options. We discussed the cost of active and retiree healthcare.

The Lodge has been informed, through previous discussions with the City, of their intent not to provide retirees healthcare as of the year 2013.

At this time, we are investigating ways to combat the healthcare costs of retirees. If anyone has ideas regarding this issue, please contact the Health and Insurance Committee at the following E-mail addresses: Rhonda Bullock at [Rhonda.bullock@chicagopolice.org](mailto:Rhonda.bullock@chicagopolice.org) or myself, Ed King at [eking@chgofofmail.org](mailto:eking@chgofofmail.org).

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

### Subrogation

Whenever medical treatment resulting from an accident is submitted to Blue Cross/Blue Shield for payment from a medical provider, it prompts a letter to the officer from the law firm of Coughlin, Kukankos and Cook. This letter serves as notification from the City that they are invoking subrogation rights. This means that the City can recover any monies that they paid for medical treatment. In addition to the letter, a questionnaire requesting certain information regarding the accident such as:

- Whether or not you have retained an attorney to sue;
- If an insurance company

or another party is responsible for payment;

- Whether there is any other means of recovery.

**THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED OR PAYMENT OF BENEFITS MAY BE WITHHELD.**

**[WWW.CHICAGOFOP.ORG](http://WWW.CHICAGOFOP.ORG)**

When members of the board of directors go out and visit roll calls monthly we hear from officers that are not aware that we have a website that is updated daily. The website is a wealth of information that needs to be brought to our members. The website contains the current contract as well as grievance procedures and disability

information to just name a few of the items on the site. Please pass the word to your fellow officers that the website is there for them. Go to [WWW.CHICAGOFOP.ORG](http://WWW.CHICAGOFOP.ORG) today and be informed.

### F.O.P.'s Legislative Efforts

If you have not gone to the Grand Lodge's website, why not? Our National Office has put together a website that does all the work for you, when it comes to contacting politicians that are attempting to defeat our legislative bills.

Please check out the grassroots legislative efforts by going to [www.grandlodgefop.org](http://www.grandlodgefop.org) and becoming involved. We have more than 308,000 members

nationally, plus our families. We can become a political force to reckon with nationally as well as locally. Get involved today.

### Adding A Dependent To Your Insurance

When an officer gets married or has a newborn or adopts, 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 Bene-

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## Vice Presidents' Report Continued...

fits 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.

### New Injury-on-Duty Doctors List

The Lodge has the new list of doctors from the Medical Services Section. The list has over 800 doctors to choose from. Officers should now be given a choice from **any** of the doctors on the list. **I repeat you can pick any of these doctors off the list.** If you are told that you have to pick one of these three or a particular doctor ask to speak to a sworn supervisor. This applies to new injuries on-duty as well as recurrences.

If there are any problems relating to this, please contact the Lodge and make us aware of the problem. The Lodge would like to start a list regarding the quality of the medical care or lack of, which you are receiving from this new list of doctors.

Call Bill Dougherty at the Lodge with this information.

### Safety Alert

The Lodge has learned that Second Chance, the manufacturer of soft body armor, issued a press release recommending that police officers who have purchased their soft body armor containing the fabric Zylon should replace these vests as soon as possible because they may not be safe. The vests in question are the Tri Flex, Ultima, Ultimax and vests with the Performance Pacs.

It should be noted that the problems with the soft body armor is not exclusively with Second Chance but with any vest which was manufactured and contains the fabric Zylon. Officers should continue to wear their vests and replace the problem vests as soon as possible. We will advise our members of further information as it becomes available.

### FOP Picnic at Santa's Village

The Annual F.O.P. Lodge #7 Picnic is scheduled for 20 July 05 (DOG 4/5) at Santa's Village located in East Dundee, Illinois from 1000 hrs until 1800 hrs. Your admittance to the Park with your FOP ID card entitles you and your family to the use of the Park along with the reserved

## Drivers License Inspections

The Lodge has learned that the Department plans on changing its policy for the inspection of police officer's drivers' licenses from quarterly to a monthly inspection. If an officer is found to have a suspended or invalid drivers license, he/she will not be allowed to work and will be sent home immediately until the matter is resolved. The affected officer will either go into a no pay status or use elective time off at the discretion of the watch commander.

area of the picnic grove. Members may also purchase discounted tickets for the Water Park. We will supply soda and refreshments and will have candy to distribute to our members children. Please remember to take advantage of this benefit. Hope to see you there.

### FOP Lodge #7 Fishing Tournament

The Lodge #7 Fishing Tournament was held on 1 June 05 on the Chain of Lakes. 84 boats hit the water that sunny morning in search of that prize catch. The Boats started back into shore about 1230 hrs with the last to arrive at the weigh in at 1430 hrs. The luncheon and refreshments were served and the following fisherman won prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Boat #7  
Frank Scmalz & Rollo Desantis

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Boat #60  
Will Zahn & Ken Simpson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Boat #42  
Giusseppe Incaprera & Chris Weiker  
4<sup>th</sup> Place, Boat #27  
John Folino & Mark Golnik  
5<sup>th</sup> Place, Boat #82  
Donavan & Ken Markiewicz  
6<sup>th</sup> Place, Boat #22  
Kelly Bonzcek & Joe Bara  
7<sup>th</sup> Place, Boat #61  
Peter Montividas & Keith Johnson  
8<sup>th</sup> Place, Boat #57  
Mark Rodriguez & Daniel Gomez  
9<sup>th</sup> Place, Boat #77  
Dave Joritz & Tim Silder  
10<sup>th</sup> Place, Boat #37  
Carlos Ramirez & Marielle Ramirez

The Fishing Tournament Committee would like to thank all of the anglers who participated in this year's tournament. We hope to see you all again next year.

## ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Star Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Form To The FOP – Unit 541 or 1412 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago Illinois 60607, Attn: Doreen**



## 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 0800 - 1600 hours. Check out the Disability Page link on the F.O.P. website, [www.chicagofop.org](http://www.chicagofop.org) for beneficial information.

### May Pension Update

Advocates present were Lt. Carson Earnest, Sgt. Mike Lazzaro, Sgt. Mike Shemash, PO Steve Robbins and myself.

*Ordinary Disability:* 2 cases heard - both granted. *Permanent & Total:* 1 case heard but was continued by Board to next hearing. *Duty Disability:* 3 cases heard, 2 granted at 75% and 1 granted at 50%.

F.O.P. attorneys Tom

Pleines and Dan Herbert represented cases heard.

### Pension Legislation

No pension bills were passed this session and we will go forward to the Veto Session in November.

### Grant Program for Dependents of Police

The spouse and children of Illinois police disabled in the Line of Duty (Duty Disabled) may be eligible for grant assistance to meet college tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) approved Illinois colleges and universities. For more information, call 800-899-4722 or go online at [www.collegezone.com](http://www.collegezone.com).

### Veteran's Corner Operation Enduring Freedom

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

### Veterans' Benefits Day

On Saturday, 9 July, at Navy Pier, 7am - 7pm, service officers and benefits counselors will be available to assist in filing VA and Social Security Claims. There will also be health screening, employment assistance, legal services, and much more.

For more information call 800-437-9824 or go online at [www.veteransbenefits.us](http://www.veteransbenefits.us).

### Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program and Illinois National Guard Grant Program

This program pays tuition and certain fees for either undergraduate or graduate study at all Illinois public universities and community colleges for

Illinois residents who qualify. There are close to 60 schools throughout Illinois that participate in this program. The Fall Session will be starting soon so contact Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) at 800-899-4722 or go online at [www.collegezone.com](http://www.collegezone.com).

### Annual 'Bernie Burgers'

Saturday, 23 July, 1pm - 6:30 pm at Dugan's, 6051 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Everyone invited—hosted by VVA Chapter 242. (Bernie was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam 134<sup>th</sup> A.H.C. Tuy Hoa and only shot down six times). Paul (18<sup>th</sup> District) is his brother.

It is well that war is so terrible - we would grow too fond of it. ~ Robert E. Lee  
*Airborne Sal*

## Pension Update, *By John Dineen*

### Retro Checks And Pension Increases

The F.O.P. Contract has been approved by the City Council and all Officers who have retired since July 2003 will soon be receiving their Pension Retro Checks and having their Pension increased accordingly. The

Pension Board hopes to have this accomplished by the end of August. This is in addition to the Salary Retro checks you will receive.

### May Retirees

At the June meeting the Pension Board approved forty-one (41) pensions. This brings the total retiree count

to date this year to 243 Officers. The total is broken down to 185 Patrol Officers, 32 Sergeants, 14 Lieutenants and 12 Exempts.

### Springfield Short Comings

The State Legislature, as usual, has taken a pass on providing the 3% Pension Escalator to Officers born between

1950 and 1955. In their haste to approve the Budget and escape Springfield they did not take the time to act on this very important piece of legislation. As usual they now say "maybe during the Veto Session".

## "Remember", *By Gladys Young, President, Gold Star Families*

On April 30<sup>th</sup> the Chicago Police Runner's Club held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Run/Walk to Remember", with photos of fallen officers. The attendance and participation was awesome. Thank you Tony Baio, Rhonda Anderson and all the volunteers.

The St. Jude Police League Memorial March on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May brought people out from all

over the country to remember all fallen Officers. This year a special touch was added with photos of some of these officers. Thank you Kathryn Kajari.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's 2nd Annual Candlelight Vigil along with the groundbreaking ceremony on May 2. Thank you Scott Arney, Mike Murphy and all the volunteers.

The F.O.P. Memorial wall warms the heart of families to see their loved ones name. Thank you Mark Donahue and Staff.

The Gold Star Families will always remember the hard work, time, effort and support of everyone.

Thank you, Gladys Young  
GSF President

### Deceased Brothers & Sisters

*John Mulkerin, Age 73  
Harold C. Schulz, Age 74  
Charles E. Johnson, Age 81  
Harry J. Collins, Age 60  
Richard J. Liszewski, Age 62  
Salvatore F. Cutrano, Age 68  
Barry D. Batson, Age 70*

## Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

### Military News

Effective January 1, 2005, Officers who are deployed for military service in excess of fifteen (15) calendar days in a combat zone (as designated pursuant to the Executive Orders of the President of the United States) shall not be required to reimburse the Department the amount of military pay they receive. The City will continue to make its pension contributions for such officers.

Officers are reminded that when being deployed to contact Sol Tsaoussis (Personnel Division) 312-745-5342 and Sid Davis (F.O.P.) 312-733-7776. Of-

ficers who are returning from being deployed are also asked to contact Personnel Division and FOP. You must be reinstated (CPD) to be eligible for benefits (medical) and pay, prior to taking any leave or vacation time.

### 2005 FOP Picnic

It's that time again; party, party, party with the F.O.P. at Santa's Village. The Annual Picnic has been scheduled for July 20, 2005 and members are encouraged to send in any suggestions that would benefit the membership. The Board of Directors looks forward to seeing all of the familiar faces as well as new ones this year. Please send your comments to Sid Davis

or Frank DiMaria at Unit 541.

### General Meetings

Historically, the Lodge has taken a summer break from General Meetings during the months of July and August of each year. The Board of Directors voted at the June 2005 Board Meeting to continue that practice. The next scheduled General Meeting will be on September 20, 2005 at 1900 hours. By-Law and Constitution amendment changes will be on the agenda for that meeting.

### Watch Bids

Watch Bids will open again during the ninth period on Wednesday, August 24, 2005 and close on Wednesday, August 31, 2005. Section 31.5 (Filling of Vacancies) sets policy for bidding for a watch. Check with your Unit Rep if you are unsure on how to complete the form for bidding. An incomplete form or error can and may stop you from bidding to another watch. Officers who were placed in a management position during the annual bidding last November will not be allowed to bid for the same watch. The next time watch bidding comes around will be

the annual bidding during the month of November of 2005 for watch positions for the year 2006. Good Luck.

### F.O.P. Board Meetings

The Lodge's monthly board meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. Any Lodge member (active or retired) may address the Board (questions /answers) at 1 pm (time certain).

The August monthly board meeting, however, will be held on 26 July 2005 at 1000 hours.

### Weapons Cleaning

The Lodge recently held a Firearms Safety Day in which weapons of officers were inspected and cleaned free of charge. Of the 400 or so weapons that was inspected, most of them needed cleaning, 7 weapons were in bad shape. Please take the time to look at your weapon **right now**, is it dirty, is it rusting, can you see lint in the chamber or behind the trigger? Your weapon may need cleaning and oiling, do it today. An unsafe weapon can and may result in injury to you and/or your partner, **please take a few minutes**

## Current Events

The following events listed will occur from July 9th thru August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005. For further information on any events posted below contact the Lodge (312) 733-7776 or log onto the F.O.P. website at [www.chicagofop.org](http://www.chicagofop.org)

09 Jul 05	Supermarket of Veterans Benefits/Navy Pier
14 Jul 05	F.O.P. State Lodge Executive Board Meeting
14 Jul 05	Bastille Day 5K run/walk
16 Jul 05	Out of the Darkness/Overnight walk/Suicide Prevention
18 Jul 05	Knights of Columbus, Golf Outing
20 Jul 05	Santa's Village/F.O.P. Picnic
21 Jul 05	8 <sup>th</sup> Period Begins
22 Jul 05	Pay/C.T.A., Holiday
26 Jul 05	F.O.P. Board of Directors Meeting/1000 hours
27 Jul 05	Recognized Openings in Districts and Units
27 Jul 05	Knights of Columbus Meeting
31 Jul 05	National F.O.P. Conference
02 Aug 05	German American Police Assoc. Meeting



## Thank You!

*We would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the Miglore Family Fund benefit held June 4, 2005. Extra special thanks go to Kristen Gianfortune, Bob Fujara and Ed Denk as well as everyone involved in the planning, preparation and volunteering that took place over the last four months. Everyone was overwhelmingly generous and the money raised surpassed our expectations. We plan to use the funds to help Amanda and Gina attend college and help us remain in our house. The last six months have been incredibly difficult for all of us, and we cannot express how grateful we are for your prayers and continued support.*

*Sincerely,  
Adam, Amanda and Gina Miglore*

**April 2005 Retirees**  
No report from the City at this time.



**JOHN KNIGHT MEMORIAL  
MEN'S SOFTBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

*On Saturday, July 30, 2005, there will be a men's softball tournament in John's memory at St. Christina Fields in Mount Greenwood. The past tournaments have been outstanding. Each tournament has had an attendance of over a thousand people and at least fifty teams competing. This will be the third tournament.*

*All proceeds will go to The American Federation of Police, Concerned Citizens of Police Survivors (COPS), St. Christina's "Building On Our Blessings" and the Chicago Police Memorial Fund.*

*For more information,  
please contact Bill Dougherty  
at the F.O.P., 312-733-7776*



**Family Days at  
Six Flags  
Great America**

**August 12 - 14, 2005**

Tickets are available through the  
F.O.P. Gift Shop for just

**\$25.00 each.**

You can purchase unlimited  
tickets for your friends  
and family.

Remember, no weapons in park, ever.

**Retirees Breakfast/Luncheon**

**North:**

1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am  
**Lone Tree Manor**  
7730 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles  
For More Info call: John Grizzoffi @ 773-631-0676

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:00 am  
**NEW LOCATION: Noodles**  
5956 W. Higgins, Chicago, IL  
For More Info call: John Sweeney @ 773-763-7430

**South:**

2nd Wednesday of Month @ **NEW TIME: 10:00 am**  
**NEW LOCATION: Jedi's Garden Restaurant**  
9266 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL  
For More Info call: Don Januszyk @ 708-364-9903

**8th District - 8 Balls**

Last Wednesday of Month @ Noon  
For More Info call: Al Bilecki @ 773-767-1885

**Survivors Lunch**

2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am  
**Beverly Woods Restaurant**  
11532 S. Western, Chicago

**Active/Retired Mobile Unit & ET's**

**NEW TIME: 1st Tuesday of Month 12:00 noon**  
**NEW LOCATION: Maplewood Restaurant**  
115th & Pulaski Road, Alsip, Illinois  
For More Info call: Al Klaeser @ 773-646-3808

**Arizona Retirees**

3rd Thursday of Month @ 11:00 am  
**Hometown Buffet**  
1312 N. Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ  
For More Info call: Ed Plawinski @ 480-502-1630

**Arkansas Retirees**

3rd Friday of Month @ Noon  
**Elks Lodge**  
Highway 62 E, Mountain Home, AR  
For More Info call: Dennis Dwyer, 870-431-4458

**Las Vegas Retirees**

Every Thursday of Month @ 9:30 am  
**The Willows Restaurant**  
2020 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson, NV  
For More Info call: Joe LePore @ 702-407-5230

**Florida Retirees**

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm  
**Cop Shop**  
4403 S/E 16th Place, Cape Coral, FL  
For Info: Tom Faragoi 800-284-4198

## Monthly Awards



It is with great appreciation that the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 presents Officer Kristopher Rigan with the Life Saving Award.

From left: Mark Donahue and Officer Kristopher Rigan.

*For this same incident, the F.O.P. awarded the following Officers, who were unable to attend the Awards Ceremony, the Life Saving Award: Officer Vincent Stinar, Officer Daniel Torres and Officer Eric Lawriw.*



It is with great appreciation that the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 presents Officer Jose Pedraza, Officer Alla Awadallah, and Officer Mohammad Shamah with the Distinguished Service Award.

From left: Mark Donahue, Officer Jose Pedraza, Officer Alla Awadallah and Officer Mohammad Shamah.

*For this same incident, the F.O.P. awarded Officer Kevin Thomas, who was unable to attend the Awards Ceremony, the Distinguished Service Award.*

***Members Awarded The Distinguished Service Award But Unable To Attend The Awards Ceremony:***

***Officer James Butler  
GCS Frank Vukonich***



It is with great appreciation that the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 presents Officer Hillel Watkins and Officer Edward Tibbs with Distinguished Service Awards.

From left: Mark Donahue, Officer Edward Tibbs, Officer Hillel Watkins and family members.





## ILLINOIS STATE LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### REQUIREMENTS

- Parent must be an Illinois F.O.P. member in good standing.
- Applicant must be a full-time college student (12 or more credit hours per semester).
- Applicant must provide proof of registration for the Fall 2005 semester with application. Proof can include note from registrar, class schedule, tuition payment receipt or letter of acceptance. Letters of acceptance must be followed by proof of registration before scholarship is awarded.
- **Award:** \$500 (17 individual district scholarships awarded by random drawing at the State Lodge summer meeting).
- **Application deadline:** Must be received by 4:30 p.m. on July 8, 2005.
- **Please Note:** Incomplete applications will **NOT** be processed.
- **Mail/Fax to:**  
F.O.P. Illinois State Lodge  
4341 Acer Grove, Suite B  
Springfield, IL 62707  
**Phone:** 217-726-8880      **Fax:** 217-726-8881      **Online:** [www.ilfop.org](http://www.ilfop.org)  
Please use only one submission method.

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**D.O.B.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lodge #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**College/University:** \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only

**District/Trustee:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

A funny thing happened on the way to the Blues Festival. During the Blues Festival the City of Chicago hosted the National Mayors Conference. One of the entertainment events arranged for the visiting Mayors was a trip to the Blues Festival. The Mayors were to be transported from their hotels by bus to the Blues Festival. This would mean the Mayors had to travel on the downtown streets of Chicago to Chicago Park District property, where they would have seen the City's beloved TMA's hard at work screwing up traffic.

Apparently someone in the City or the Department made the decision that while it is per-

fectly okay for the citizens of Chicago to suffer through the traffic congestion and chaos created by the TMA's, visiting Mayors shouldn't have to endure the aggravation. Officers were pulled from their assigned posts and reassigned to the route that the visiting Mayors took to the festival.

The level of hypocrisy reached by the City in this case is not to be believed. On one hand the City is in front of the Labor Board swearing up and down that TMA's are doing a great job, and Police Officers are not needed for traffic control. When the Labor Board didn't buy that argument the City went to Cir-

cuit Court in an attempt to overturn the Labor Board. On the other hand when the City has invited Mayors from other cities to come to town in an attempt to impress them with Chicago, they hide the TMA's, and bring in Police Officers to do the job.

We have received a lot of calls from people who have attended events where TMA's have been involved in traffic control, or lack of traffic control. These callers are not Police Officers, they are average citizens who have witnessed first hand the mess created by the City's beloved TMA's. They have called the City to complain, but of

course received no satisfaction.

Chicago DJ Steve Dahl dedicated a segment of his show to the TMA's, and their feeble attempts at traffic control.

When dealing with contractual issues and Labor Board cases there are always two sides to a story. Having said that, I have never been more confident that we are right in this matter, and the City is wrong. If paid details for traffic control work all across the country, there is no reason it can't work here in Chicago.

## Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

### Mortgage Pay-Off

By the time you read this article, the Lodge will have completed paying off the balance on the mortgage loan for the F.O.P. office building. In 2002, the balance on this loan was over \$900,000.00. The Board of Directors at that time began a series of extreme cost saving measures with a goal set to pay off the mortgage. It is because of that Board of Directors' foresight that, at the September 2005 General Meeting, we will have a mortgage burning ceremony and all members are invited to attend to witness this accomplishment.

The members of Chicago Lodge 7 should know that their union dues are spent responsibly with this payoff. Even though this is a large step in securing the financial wellbeing of Lodge 7, there is still much more work to be done.

### Website Update

There are two new features added to the website for your information. Please check out

the Employment Page, which lists the help wanted jobs, along with contacts and telephone numbers. Anyone who wishes to post a help wanted listing should contact Doreen at the Lodge with all the pertinent information. Doreen can be reached at 312-733-7776.

Also, please check out the Fraternal Issues page. This page is set up for the times when a little extra Fraternal support is requested of our members.

### F.O.P. Awards

There are four different types of awards that the F.O.P. provides to our members. The awards are presented to the nominated officer(s) at the General Meetings and then published in the monthly Newsletter. I would like to take a moment and familiarize you with the types of awards and the requirements for them.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is the award most often given by the F.O.P. To be

considered for a Distinguished Service Award, the nominee(s) must have performed exceptional police work. For example, police shootings – aggravated assault, shots fired at the police with return and physical fights.

The **Life Saving Award** is also offered by the F.O.P. and the name is pretty self-explanatory. Examples include pulling someone out of a burning building or vehicle or performing CPR on a child. If you directly save someone's life, you are eligible for the award.

The **Award of Valor** is only presented under the gravest of circumstances. Saving the life of a fellow police officer under fire or in grave danger, shot in line of duty and serious injury, non-accidental with malice.

Keep in mind that the above listed requirements are only guidelines and if you think someone deserves to be

recognized for exceptional police work, please submit the award nomination paperwork. If the incident does not meet the standards for the above listed awards, but is still remarkable work, it most likely falls into the Officer Recognition Certificate guidelines. This is a personalized certificate that is presented to the officer(s) by a member of the Awards Committee or a Board Member at their roll call.

### F.O.P. Board of Directors July 2005 Meeting

The July 5th Board of Directors meeting will begin at 1300 hours instead of the usual 1000 hours. Time certain for F.O.P. members to address the Board of Directors will remain 1300 hours.

## You Do Make A Difference, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

I was asked by a copper on the street, "I sometimes wonder can the act of kindness by one person make a difference in the big picture"? And the answer is a big YES!! Let me explain with the following story.

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A man was walking down the beach at sunset. As he walked along, he saw another man in the distance. He noticed this man kept leaning down, picking up something and throwing it out into the water, again and again. As he approached even closer, he noticed that the man was picking up starfish that had been washed up on the beach. He was throwing them back into the water, one by one. Puzzled, he approached the man and said, "Good Evening, I was wondering what you are doing?" "I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it's low tide and all these starfish have been washed up onto the

shore. If I don't throw them back into the ocean, they'll die up here from lack of oxygen." "But, there must be thousands of starfish on this beach. You can't possibly get to all of them. And don't you realize this is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast? Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?"

The man bent down and picked up yet another starfish and threw it back into the ocean. With a smile he replied, "Made a difference to that one!!!"

Just remember, no matter how small the deed, it really does make a difference. You are G~d's presence on the streets. To you it might seem a small deed, but to the person you are assisting, YOU MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

The question is how do you want people to remember you when you move on? Some points to ponder; Ready

or not, someday it will all come to an end. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments and frustrations will finally disappear. So too, your hopes, ambitions and plans are not what they used to be and the to-do lists will get shorter. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from, or on which side of the city you lived. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant, even your gender and background will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built - not what you got, but what you gave. What will matter, included with what you learnt, is how much have you taught others. Not what you gave in to, but what you stood up for. What will matter is every act of integ-

rity, compassion, courage, love or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example. What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many people will remember you when you're gone. Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance, but of choice. You have chosen a profession of serving others and helping G~d's children, and that's what makes you so special. You have earned the privilege to feel proud, BECAUSE YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

On behalf of all your Chaplains, may you be blessed with a healthy, safe summer. Amen.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or [moshe-wolf@hotmail.com](mailto:moshe-wolf@hotmail.com)

## Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 Annual Golf Outing

St. Andrew's Golf Club  
Rte 59 at North Avenue  
West Chicago, Illinois

Monday, August 29, 2005, Tee off starting at 0700

Reservations are being taken now by calling Kathy Moore or Doreen Plachta at the office, 312-733-7776.

\$340.00 per foursome, Cart & Dinner included  
(Cash Bar)

Dinner only? \$50 per plate

Money due when making reservations.





**Store Hours**  
 Mon-Thurs 9:00 – 5:00  
 Friday 9:00 – 4:00  
 Saturday 9:00 – 1:00  
 Store Closed 2, 3 & 4 July  
 Direct Line: 312-733-2344

**NEW ITEM**

Electric Revolving Blue Light  
 A Great Novelty For The Bar  
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CPD New Star Caps...With The Stars & Stripes In The  
 Bill...Rank On The Star...P.O., Det., Sgt., Lt., & Capt.  
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**NEW ITEM** ➡**CPD Tee-Shirt & Cap Combo.**

A Grey With Navy Blue Raglan Tee-shirt & An Embroidered Navy Blue Cap For The Introductory Price Of,  
 Small -XL, **\$17.95** -- 2XL, **\$19.95**. This Is A Great Deal For A Sharp Looking Tee & Cap Set!

## It's July! Time For An Independence Day Celebration, The F.O.P. Picnic & A Sale...

**Police Station Bird House Now 10% OFF - Was \$12.95 Now On Sale For Only \$11.66**

**Pewter CPD/F.O.P. Key Chains - Was \$7.00 Now On Sale For Only \$4.00**

**Police Thermometer 10% OFF - Was \$6.50 Now On Sale For Only \$5.85**

**All P.O. Mickey Tee-shirts (Adult Size Only) 30% OFF...While They Last...**

**CLEARANCE**

F.O.P. Anniversary Knife In An  
 Engraved Wood Presentation Box  
 Clearance Sale  
**\$17.48**

**BACK IN STOCK**

CPD Polo Shirts  
 3 Styles To Choose From  
 Come In & Take A Look

**NEW ITEM**

Leather Weapon Fanny Pack  
 Don't Pay The Big Money For  
 The Brand Name.  
 Four Pouches and Adjustable  
 Holster

Get One For Only  
**\$19.95**

**CLEARANCE**

CPD Hawaiian Camp Style Shirt  
 Clearance Sale  
**50% OFF**  
**While supplies last...**

Join us at the F.O.P. Picnic, Santa's Village on July 20, 2005. We are moving the F.O.P. Gift Shop out there for the day. We will bring many "New" items with something for the whole family! Our famous "bargain bin" starts at noon sharp. Come out and join the fun!

**As always, thanks for your support!!**

**Christmas In July?**

40% OFF Grey Winter Jackets With  
 Fleece Lining

L - XL was \$49.95 Now Only\$ 29.97  
 2XL was \$51.95 Now Only \$31.17  
 3XL was \$53.95 Now Only \$32.37



This Is A "Hot" Deal For July Only

### I don't need a will! Nothing is going to happen to me! I'm too young!

Wrong, this is the most important time for you to have a will. Do you think that it doesn't matter that you hold the title to your house in your name alone because if you die your wife will just get it anyway? Wrong, again. Do you think your kids don't make any difference to what your wife gets if you die without a will? Wrong, again.

The last three officers who died in the line of duty never thought it could happen to them, but it did. None of them had a will. All of them held the title to their homes in their names alone. All of them had one or more kids.

So what, the wife still got everything, right? Wrong! If a man dies without a will, he dies intestate. The State of Illinois has a special law that controls what happens to property if you die without a will (intestate). If you are married and have kids, your spouse gets one-half and your kids get the other half. And since the kids are minors, the probate court must appoint a guardian for each of them (No, your spouse is not automatically their guardian -- only the court may appoint someone to that position). The court may appoint your spouse, but it can appoint anyone it feels can more properly do the job. And guardians other than parents can get paid for doing that job. The guardian, then will hold title to one-half of your home.

Can you see where this is going? Plus, if the mortgage is in your name alone, who is to say that the lender will want to make the new mortgage in the name of your wife (and in the name of the kids or their guardian) if your wife is on the mortgage when you die, it stays that way, but only if she gets the title to the whole house. See, more trouble.

**How to avoid this mess?**

**Put the house in both your and your spouse's name.**

**Put the mortgage in your and your spouse's name.**

**And most importantly, Go to a lawyer and make a will. Do it now!**

Ralph G. Scheu, President, The 100 Club of Chicago.



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## **F.O.P. Picnic**

**For Members & Their Families Only!**

**Wednesday, July 20, 2005**  
**10 am—6 pm**

### **Santa's Village**

**Routes 25 & 72 -- Dundee, Illinois -- 847-426-6751**

**Free:**

- ♥ Ice Cream & Drinks
- ♥ Entrance Into The Park
- ♥ All Rides
- ♥ Exclusive Use Of Picnic Area

**Water Park Open With Discounted Prices!**

**Members Must Show Their F.O.P. ID Card To Enter Park.**