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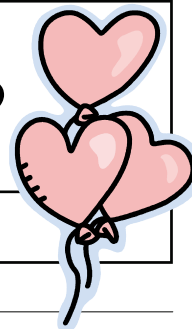
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F.O.P. NEWS



Newsletter Committee: Rhonda Bullock, Chairman Steve Robbins Gerry

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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

THE NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM

The new payroll system in the City of Chicago has failed again. It appears that all the meetings in the world are not enough to correct this horrendous situation, which prevents our members in addition to all City employees from getting their proper pay on time. The blame is consistently laid at the feet of the City's computer and its software that was instituted in July of last year. If the computer and its program were police officers they would have been fired by now but due to the decision to invest in this new "state of the art" system, no one is willing to pull the plug and return to the more dependable former system of paying employees. On January 23rd the Lodge filed a grievance over the non-payment of C.T.A. Special Employment checks and other checks that were incorrect when they were received. A top level decision needs to be made at City Hall to correct this problem and those who can, are retreating from doing so.

REGISTER TO VOTE

All of our members will be getting letters from the Lodge seeking their assistance to ensure that they and all of their family members are registered to vote in the upcoming primary elections. Taking part in any election process is vital to achieving our objectives. Members of law enforcement better than

all others should realize that everything we do in our job is dictated and dependent on Federal and State Legislation as well as City Ordinances. Those whom we elect are responsible for the passage of those laws that we live by. The Lodge's Political Action Committee will be conducting interviews of many of those candidates for office that have requested our endorsement on January 27th. The recommendations of the Committee will be brought before the Board of directors at its February 7th Meeting for a decision on whom to endorse. Those decisions will be published here next month in time for your consideration before Election Day, which is March 21st. We go to great lengths in determining who is best suited for the Lodge endorsement and we ask our members to give serious consideration to those recommendations.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

HB1009 was signed into law on January 6th. This bill adjusted the dates, enabling retirees aged 55 to get the 3% COLA increase. The date has now been raised to those born before January 1st, 1955 and is retroactive to January 1st 2005. Additionally, SB189, which became Public Act 94-0103 on July 1st 2005, is now being fully implemented. This is the legislation that allowed retired law enforcement officers to qualify to carry concealed weapons throughout the United States.

We have heard from several of our retired members who have completed the testing and are now awaiting their qualification cards in the mail. Many have worked tirelessly to achieve this right for our retired members in spite of the City taking a position against it and we are grateful for the patience exhibited by our members while we were able to achieve this goal in the way we found to be most feasible.

On January 18th, our lobbyist Mark O'Toole and I went to Springfield to re-introduce most of our bills for the second half of the 94th General Assembly. In addition to those that were presented in 2005, we have added another to address the inability of the Lodge to arbitrate over residency. Only the City of Chicago is precluded from negotiating over residency in the whole state. Passage of this bill will be a long uphill battle but its potential to aid us when we go back to the table to negotiate future contracts should be obvious and it is that potential and the desire of our membership that has caused us to address this issue. Our legislation that we will be working for in this abbreviated session is listed in this newsletter and can be tracked on line at the Illinois General Assembly website at ilga.gov. Simply enter the bill number in the space in the left column to see its activity and read the entire bill. Most importantly, if your Representative or Senator is not listed as a

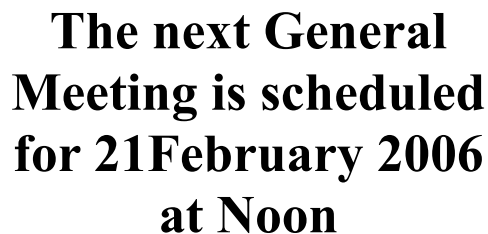
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co-sponsor on any of these bills, call them and ask them to sign on. They want to hear from you.

Our two priority civil actions against the City are both proceeding well. The FLSA lawsuit is at a point where there has been initial talk of settlement. Also, we have just received more favorable information relative to our action

against the City where we feel that they have charged our retirees too much for their health care costs. We have again hired a numbers cruncher to assist us with these details that will soon be included in our current action. We have received information that other City unions are now taking a serious look at this legislation because as we have



The next General Meeting is scheduled for 21 February 2006 at Noon

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

INJURY ON DUTY REPORT

Once again the City that works is at it again. The Lodge had a two-day medical arbitration last month regarding an Injury On-Duty that was denied. The Committee on Finance Director denied the Officer's injury because the IOD Report was not filled out until twelve days after the injury. The Officer was responding to a man with a gun call and tore a muscle in his calf while running to the scene. The Officer's Sergeant witnessed the Officer limping after the incident. The General Order states that an Injury On Duty must be reported before the end of your tour of duty.

The Officer, feeling that the injury was minor and was already feeling better and was aware that his sergeant witnessed his injury, did not have a report made out. He did contact his Unit when the injury flared up again, six days later, but for some reason the IOD report wasn't filled out for six more days.

We all have been injured on duty and because the injury was minor (scratch, bruise, pulled muscle) we have saved the Department the hassle of pulling ourselves, the sergeant and an evidence technician off

of the street to write reports and take pictures of our injuries. Not to mention the cost to the Committee on Finance and the taxpayers if the Officer went to the hospital for each of these minor injuries. How much more work would be thrust upon the Medical Services Section if each and every one of us filled out an IOD report for every little injury? Like every other Unit in the Department, the Medical Services Section is over worked and under staffed now. Can you imagine how long it would take for an Officer to get a referral or how much longer the Officer would be off work waiting if we filled out an IOD report for every scratch and bruise? How much down time would there be if we all sought medical treatment on every single injury? This was the testimony of the witnesses from the Committee on Finance and the Medical Services Section. **We are suggesting that you, not only heed this advice by making out an IOD report before the end of your tour, but also go to the emergency room and make sure that you receive the proper medical attention while you are still on duty. And don't forget to fill out that overtime slip at the end**

of your tour of duty.

HEALTH FAIRS

On February 9th 2006, our first Health Risk Assessment Fair will be held in the 022nd District. We will also have fairs at the F.O.P. Hall on February 14th 2006 and in the 016th District on February 28th 2006. All Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7 Members (active, disabled and retired) are eligible to participate in these fairs. You must contact Cheryl Grendahl at (800) 811-0174 in order to make an appointment for any of these fairs. You must have an appointment in order to attend any of the fairs as we can only accommodate 125 members per fair.

F.O.P. STARS VS. CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's that time of the year again. The Chicago Police Department against the Chicago Fire Department in the 13th Annual Charity Hockey game at the United Center on March 25, 2006 at 6:00 pm. This is a fun family event at the United Center. Come and watch these two teams square off. It is always a great time and the kids get to be close to the action. Tickets are \$5.00 and kids under 12 get in free. Tickets will be available at all

Districts and at the United Center box office the day of the game. Our half of the proceeds will be going to the F.O.P. Disabled Fund. Come out and cheer on your F.O.P. Stars to another victory.

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

Officers, when you are notified to appear and give a statement or submit a To From report answering allegations on a CR number, the investigator from Internal Affairs or OPS must show the accused Officer a signed sworn affidavit before the Officer submits to these reports. When one Department member makes an allegation of misconduct against another Department member, neither Department member will be required to sign an affidavit because both Department members are subject to discipline for making a false report under Rule 14 of the Department's Rules and Regulations. Anonymous complaints of Medical Roll Abuse and/or Residency Violations will not be made the subject of a Complaint Register (CR) investigation until verified, consistent with the current procedure. If the anonymous complaint has

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been verified, no affidavit will be required. No affidavit will be required in support of anonymous complaints of criminal conduct. If you experience any problems with this matter contact the Lodge prior to giving the

statement. The Sworn Affidavit is the Law and is also supported in our current contract under Appendix L.

UNIFORM RESALE

The Semi Annual Uniform Resale will be held at the F.O.P. Hall on 19 April 06

from 1300 hrs until 1700 hrs. Officers will be selling used uniform items at a discounted rate. Officers wishing to sell their uniform items should be at the Hall by 1200 hrs and tables will be available for displaying their wares. Any-

one interested in donating their uniforms for sale by the Lodge can drop them off at the F.O.P. Office anytime before the date of the sale.

RETIREES BREAKFAST/LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

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
Dappers Restaurant
 3131 N. Thatcher Ave, Chicago, IL
 For More Info call: John Sweeney @
 630-690-0409

South:

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

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3rd Saturday of Month / 10:00 am
Pancake House
 700 East 87th Street, Chicago, IL
 For More Info: Ulysses Campbell
 @ 773-471-0911

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

1st Tuesday of Month / 12:00 noon
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

Pension News, *By Steve Robbins*

Greetings from the Pension Board. What's new? On 6 January 2006, the Governor signed House Bill 1009. This new law entitles retirees born between 1 January 1950 and 1 January 1955 an automatic 3% Cost of Living increase every year upon attaining the age of 55. This benefit is retroactive, so if you are one of the numerous affected retirees, hang in there. The Pension Staff is currently working on the computations and you should receive your increase and back-pay soon. Retirees born before this timeframe already receive this benefit. Barring any unforeseen

changes in current legislation, the next Cost of Living legislative bill will cover retirees born between 1 January 1955 and 31 December 1959, as this has been the past practice.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, I would like to thank all the widows and annuitants who sent cards, letters and photos expressing your gratitude for the monetary gift you "eventually" received in January. We were overwhelmed by your thankful response. Keeping in mind that this was a one-time gift, the Board is looking at currently available financial mechanisms to

"possibly" repeat or expand this practice.

As long as I'm on the subject, are you familiar with our Widows and Orphans Fund? Many of our retired, active and disabled members are unaware that the Pension Fund has separate funding for Police Officers' widows and children. However, funding in this account is dependent on donations and gifts made in the memory of fellow Police Officers or to acknowledge and commend our present officers for the job they do everyday. For more details on the many different ways you can support the Widows and Orphans Fund, visit our website at www.chipabf.org, or call the

Fund at 1-800-656-6606.

February finds me attending various Roll Calls throughout Area 2. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at the Pension Fund Office at 312-726-3086, Monday through Friday, 0800-1600 hours.



Sometimes We Lead, Sometimes We Follow, *Compliments of*

In this beautiful world of ours, G-d works in mysterious ways. Sometimes we see the plan and sometimes we need to step back and trust in His ways. Let me explain....

Just up the road from the motel we stayed at this summer, was a field with two horses in it. From a distance, each looked like every other horse. But if one stopped the car, or walked by, one will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing. Listening, one will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, one will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her bridle is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is so he can follow her.

As one stands and watches

these two friends, one sees how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray. Like the owner of these two horses, G-d does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by G-d and those whom he places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see G-d.

Let us take a moment to reflect and pray....

Heavenly Father, help us remember that the person who cut in ahead of us last night at the supermarket is a working mom who just put in nine hours that day and was rushing home to cook dinner,

help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking person begging for money in the same spot every day is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in the worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is to love and be loved. Let us remember to verbalize those feelings to our spouses, loved ones, and children.

Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive and please bless us with patience and empathy.

And last but not least we

pray Lord, even though as Police Officers we are called to duty in many circumstances which boggle our minds and shake our faith, we thank you for the privilege to be among the select few who proudly 'Serve and Protect' your children.

Please remember, if you have a spare moment, please reach out to the disabled officers or those on the medical. Share a joke and a good word; you'll both feel better. Thanks.

On behalf of all your Chaplains, 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 773-230-7872 or moshe-wolf@hotmail.com



Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

FAMILY MILITARY LEAVE ACT (FMLA)

Since August 14, 2005, covered Illinois employers are required to provide job-protected unpaid leaves of absence for the family members of military personnel. Under the Illinois Family Military Leave Act, employers with 15-50 employees are required to provide up to 15 days of time off for this purpose, and employers with over 50 employees are required to provide up to 30 days of job-protected, unpaid leave. The leave may be taken in consecutive, periodic or partial day absences during the period in which the military personnel's unit has been mobilized and is preparing to leave its base to prepare for combat. Family Military Leave typically will be requested to allow an employee to spend time with a family member before deployment, and the regulations imply that it would not be appropriate to ask the employee to provide any further details or proof about the time spent away for this purpose.

Those eligible for time off under this Act are the spouses and parents of individuals called to military service of at least 30 days in length by the State of Illinois or the United States, who also both: (a) have been employed with the employer for at least 12 months, and (b) have worked at least 1,250 hours during the 12-month period immediately preceding the commencement date of the leave. An employee is not entitled to any pay or employer-provided benefits while on leave, but the employer is required to main-

tain the employee's health insurance benefits at the employee's own expense. Employers may require certification from the proper military authority to verify an employee's eligibility for the leave. Employers also may require eligible employees to exhaust their accrued vacation, personal and compensatory leave, and any other leave granted by the employer (other than sick and disability leave), before taking time off under this Act.

When possible, employees requesting leave that will extend over five (5) or more consecutive work days must provide at least fourteen (14) days of notice prior to the time off. Upon return from leave, employees must be restored to the position they held when the leave commenced or to a position with equivalent terms and conditions of employment. However, employees are not entitled to reinstatement rights greater than those they would have if they did not take leave.

RECOGNIZED VACANCY BIDDING SECTION 23.8

This section of the contract occurs each month and some officers continue to fail to adhere to instructions contained within the guidelines of the bidding process, and therefore again I will remind officers that:

Transfer Bids are posted the first Friday after change day. There have been cases when a unit/district has not posted the Transfer Bids on a Friday, when this occurs and the Lodge along with Management and Labor verifies the non posting, the required

72 hours of post time starts upon posting of the Recognized Vacancy within that unit / district. Members are reminded that the Par Form must be signed by the Commanding Officer / Watch Commander who will verify that the bid was submitted within the prescribed seventy-two (72) hours. Once signed, Bids must be received in the Office of Management and Labor no later than 1000 hours on Wednesday (following the Friday of original posting), to be considered. Members may fax a copy to Management and Labor Affairs at 312-745-6961 or 312-745-6962. To verify receipt of the P.A.R. Form set, members may call Sgt. Ron

Willis of the Management and Labor Affairs Section at 312-745-5806. It is the responsibility of the submitting member to forward his/her P.A.R. Form request for transferring from one unit to another. When you deviate from this, you take the risk of non-compliance and risk not be transferred. NOTE: Bids that do not contain the required information, are late, or are otherwise improperly completed will not be accepted

Watch Bidding, Section 31.5, Filling of Vacancies

Watch bidding will occur again during the 3rd, 6th and 9th police periods in 2006.

Departed Brothers & Sisters

James C. Adams, Age 48
 Julian G. Brooks, Age 82
 Thomas T. Brown, Age 85
 Floyd T. Browning, Age 73
 Robert W. Corless, Age 71
 James E. Coughlin, Age 79
 John V. Domico, Age 82
 Charles H. Gunther, Age 81
 George N. Karl, Age 59
 Donald S. Keevers, Age 69
 James J. Lampres, Age 67
 Russell T. Madia, Age 76
 Nicholas Matozzi, Age 69
 Ernest P. Neely, Age 89
 Edward L. Nilsen, Age 85
 Arthur J. Papineau, Age 73
 Nancy Stokilo, Age 57
 Harry M. Swanson, Age 78
 Desmond F. Walsh, Age 65
 John P. Creedon, Age 67
 Harry J. Swanson, Age 80
 Morris Green, Age 75
 Richard A. Last, Age 83

Current Events

The following events listed will occur from February 07 through March 6, 2006. For further information on any events posted below, contact the Lodge at (312) 733-7776, log onto the F.O.P. website at www.chicagofop.org, or call the hotline number at 312-733-2101.

Feb 2006	History and Health Risk Assessment Fairs
07 Feb 06	Board of Directors Meeting
07 Feb 06	Chicago Police Marines Monthly Meeting
08 Feb 06	Recognized Openings in Districts and Units
09 Feb 06	Health Risk Assessment at the 22 nd District. For more information regarding Health Assessments please contact Cheryl Grendahl at 800-811-0174
10 Feb 06	Transfer Bids
12 Feb 06	Holiday - Lincoln's Birthday
13 Feb 06	F.O.P. Office closed in observation of Lincoln's Birthday
14 Feb 06	Health Risk Assessment at the FOP Hall
14 Feb 06	Valentine's Day
18 Feb 06	Written Exam for job of Police Officer
19 Feb 06	Written Exam for job of Police Officer
20 Feb 06	Holiday - Washington's Birthday
20 Feb 06	F.O.P. Office closed in observation of Washington's Birthday
21 Feb 06	General Meeting at the FOP Hall at Noon
22 Feb 06	Knights of Columbus meeting at the F.O.P. Hall at 19:30 hours
28 Feb 06	Health Risk Assessment at the 16 th District
01 Mar 06	Ash Wednesday
02 Mar 06	3 rd Period Begins
06 Mar 06	Holiday - Pulaski Day
06 Mar 06	F.O.P. Office closed in observation of Casimir Pulaski Day

December 2005 Retirees

Name	Rank	District	Years
Bailey, James P.	Detective	610	38
Jambrosek, John P.	Detective	650	18

Retirement Party For Detective Jim Bailey

Formerly assigned to 002nd District, Area One Task Force, Area Two Auto Theft, Area Three and Area One R/B/T

Wednesday, March 8, 2006
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

115 Bourbon Street
3359 W. 115th Street, Merrionette Park, IL

Tickets cost \$25.00 each and for more information contact:

Jim Bailey	124	773-919-4865	Bill Dougherty	541	312-733-7776
Judy Castellanos	610	312-747-8380	Karen Huels	601	312-745-6020
Al Thome	009	312-747-8227	Joe Wilbert	610	312-747-8384

Tax Time

**All Active Members Paid
\$414.00 In Union Dues
For The Year 2006**

"Cops For Kids"

The annual "Cops For Kids" bowling tournament will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2006 and Sunday, February 26, 2006. This citywide bowling tradition helps to raise the needed funds for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago. This is a nonprofit organization that offers adult supervision for children who come from single parent homes. The tournament will be held at the following locations:

Habetler Bowl
5250 NW Highway
Saturday, 0900 hours & 1300 hours
Sunday, 1100 hours

Waveland Bowl
3700 N. Western Ave.
Saturday, 1300 hours

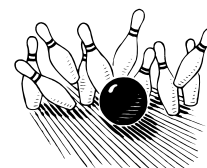
Diversey Bowl
2211 W. Diversey
Saturday, 1300 hours

Bluebird Lanes
3900 W. Columbus
Saturday, 0900 hours & 1200 hours

Skyway Bowl
9915 S. Torrence Ave.
Saturday, 0900 hours

Elmar Bowl
8435 S. Harlem Ave.
Sunday, 1200 hours

To register for bowling contact the Special Activities Section at 312-745-5844 or PAX 0207



Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

2006 BUDGET REMINDER!

The 2006 Budget will be published in the March issue of the Newsletter.

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

An Officer called the Lodge recently and informed us that he needed to change his beneficiary. He also told us that even though he changed the beneficiary information with the City, when he called Prudential Insurance, they had no updated information on him.

If you have changed your beneficiary information re-

cently, you might want to place a call to Prudential and make sure they have your new information. You can contact Prudential at 1-800-524-0542 and ask to verify your beneficiary information.

STEP INCREASE GRIEVANCE

On Monday, January 23, 2006, the Lodge filed a grievance on behalf of all officers who did not receive the 10-year Step Increase. This affects all officers with a December 1995 hire date. These officers need not contact the Lodge at this time. The Lodge will seek out offi-

cers when the grievance is heard. More information will be published as it becomes available. This grievance is different from the Special Employment grievance.

PAC FUND DONATIONS

Formerly, solicited donations were placed in the Political Action Fund. However, now that solicitations were eliminated more than three years ago, any member who would like to donate to the Political Action Fund may do so by completing the donation form and sending it in to the Lodge, to my attention. Please complete the entire form as is

required by law. If you have any questions regarding the PAC Fund, please contact the Lodge and ask to speak to me directly.

2006 HANDBOOKS AND WINDOW DECALS

Members can now purchase 2006 Handbooks and window decals in the F.O.P. Gift Shop. Handbooks sell for \$3.00 each and window decals sell for \$1.00 each.

Please remember to bring your F.O.P. ID card with you, as no decals or medallions will be sold without it.

Political Action Fund Donation Form

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please return to: The Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7, Attention John Capparelli
1412 W. Washington Blvd
Chicago, IL 60607

(Or Unit 541)

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

DISABILITY REPORT

The best of health from the Disability Committee. We are available for calls at the F.O.P. Office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the F.O.P. website, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

DECEMBER PENSION UPDATE

Advocates present: Sgt Mike Shemash, 1st VP Bill Dougherty and myself. Four claims were heard – 3 were deferred to January for full hearings and 1 was placed on light duty as a Lieutenant.

Cheryl Hurley (husband John) was granted widow's annuity. There was a huge participation by members of his SOS unit present for support.

Stephen C. Hughes, Comptroller for the City, was appointed to the Pension Board replacing the outgoing comptroller, Robert F. Reusche was appointed as President and Ken A. Hauser as Vice President.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

We will be meeting with the City early in February on the Policy for disbursement of monies.

VETERANS' CORNER TAX CHECK-OFF

Illinois taxpayers can lend a hand to veterans by simply making a donation on their 2005 Income tax return - see Step 10 (Donations), Line i (IL Veterans' Home). The donations help fund the state's four veteran homes. Last year \$140,000 was donated.

ILLINOIS STATE LOTTERY

The Illinois State Lottery will soon be announcing a new scratch off game aimed for Veterans. Be on the look out for those of you that play.

SALUTE TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN

VETERANS

The Salute To African-American Veterans will be held on Saturday, February 18, 10:00 am -12:00 noon. Hosted by the Montford Point Marines Association, 7011 S. Vincennes Avenue. Master of Ceremonies: Jim Rose, WLS-TV, US Army Veteran.

Thanks goes to the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Director, Roy L. Dolgos, for his dedication and hard work.

Only the dead have seen the end of war. ~ Plato

Airborne Sal

Annual Pre-ACT Exam Offered At The F.O.P. Hall

The best preparation for the ACT Exam is a solid academic high school curriculum. However, in our competitive academic environment, students must also have test "SMARTS." Statistics have shown that the students who have had preparation in testing strategies, practice testing, test format and test instructions, substantially outperform others. The COLLEGE VISIONS STRICTLY STRATEGIES workshop that will be offered at the F.O.P. Hall focuses on these important test strategies and techniques.

By mandate of the State of Illinois Department of Education, all public and private high school juniors will be required to sit for the ACT Exam this April. By attending this workshop and taking a practice ACT Exam, your child will have a week or two to become more prepared in certain areas where they may not have tested as well as they would have liked, prior to the ACT being offered at their particular school. In an effort to prepare the children of "F.O.P., LODGE #7" members for this very important exam, the F.O.P. has

invited COLLEGE VISIONS to conduct their workshop for the daughters and sons of F.O.P. members. This workshop will be offered on Sunday, March 26, 2006 from 1300 - 1600 hours and will be held at the F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. This program usually costs \$50.00 or more. The cost for the children of the F.O.P. will only be \$25.00 per child.

The presenters of this program are knowledgeable and experienced educators. They have prepared thousands of students in the Chicago area to be "test smart."

The Lodge encourages you to involve your child in this program. If your child only picks up one or two items that assist him/her in taking the ACT Exam, it is to his/her advantage.

There is limited space available at the F.O.P. Hall, so please complete the application and send it, along with a check or money order for \$25 made payable to the F.O.P., Unit 541 by Friday, March 17, 2006.

Ensure that your child has a seat at this important educational event that might very well effect his or her future.

College Visions

ACT WORKSHOP, Strictly Strategies

Session Time:

Sunday, 3/26/06
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location:

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 7
1412 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60607

Registration Fee:

\$25.00

Please return this registration form and your fee
(cash or check payable to **College Visions**)
to Kathy Moore at F.O.P. Lodge No. 7, by Friday, 3/17/06.

Name: _____

Address: _____/City _____/State _____/ZIP _____

Phone: _____/Year In School: _____/Cash: _____/Check: _____

ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

Name: _____ Star Number: _____
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Effective Date: _____

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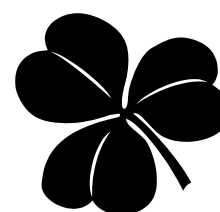
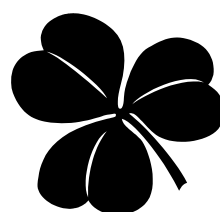


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2006 Legislative Agenda, F.O.P. Lodge 7, (94th General Assembly)

Bill Number/ Sponsor	Bill Number/ Sponsor	Bill Title and Brief Description
SB2624 DeLeo	HB4932 Joyce	Retirement Benefit Bill (80% Bill) Increases the formula to raise the annuity from 75% to 80% of average salary. <i>Effective upon signature.</i>
SB2623 DeLeo	HB4933 Joyce	Minimum Annuity Bill Increases the minimum monthly annuity payment to \$1,250 for any policeman, and increase the minimum widow's annuity to \$1,200. <i>Effective upon signature.</i>
SB2653 DeLeo	HB4935 Joyce	Widows' Increase Provides a compounded 3% annual increase in surviving spouse annuities. <i>Effective upon signature.</i>
SB2585 DeLeo	HB4934 Joyce	Pension Portability Provides for some officers with other sworn law enforcement service in Illinois to buy back service from those agencies for credit with the CPD. <i>Effective upon signature.</i>
SB2652 DeLeo	HB4887 McAuliffe	Retirement Annuity Automatic Increase Annual automatic increase in the Retirement Annuity raised to 3% (compounded). Removes the 30% maximum. <i>Effective upon signature.</i>
SB2667 DeLeo	HB4888 McAuliffe	Retirement Annuity Calculation Retirement benefits based on the highest 36 months (rather than 48) of salary within the final 10 years of service. <i>Effective December 31, 2006.</i>
SB2668 DeLeo	HB4889 McAuliffe	Occupational Disease Disability Benefit Provides that the Occupational Disease Disability Benefit shall be equal to 65% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the officer at the time of his/her separation from payroll. <i>Effective upon signature.</i>
SB2666 DeLeo	HB4878 McAuliffe	Duty Disability Increases the duty disability benefit to 75% of the current salary attached to the rank held by the police officer at time of separation from payroll. <i>Effective upon signature.</i>
SB2665 DeLeo	HB4938 Hoffman	Health Insurance Provides that retiree members of the City healthcare plans shall pay no higher premium, and shall receive no lower benefit than active Chicago employees with the same Medicare status. <i>Effective upon signature.</i>
SB2586 Milner	HB4967 Brady	Arbitration of Residency Amends Section 14 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/14) to expand the scope of an Arbitration decision to include residency requirements in municipalities of 1,000,000 or more. <i>Effective immediately.</i>



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