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FOP, Chicago Lodge 7
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NOTICE!

*The date for the 2006
Fishing Tournament
has been changed to
May 31, 2006*

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F.O.P. NEWS

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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Police Officer Eric Solorio

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors I would like to extend sincere condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of Police Officer Eric Solorio. After having been seriously injured in an on duty traffic accident on January 17th, Eric succumbed to those injuries and passed on February 12th. Eric was a remarkable young man whose other career options were overshadowed by his desire to help people in the capacity of a Chicago Police Officer. In his short time on this job he exemplified the performance that is expected of all of us and by his actions caused a sense of pride for all who worked with and knew him and he will be sorely missed by all.

The Korshak Case

On February 14th, one of our in house attorneys, Paul Geiger, filed a petition in Court on behalf of our retired members challenging the premiums paid by retirees for their health care. The Korshak settlement established that the City would be responsible for at least 55% of retiree health care costs until July of 2005 and 50% of the total costs thereafter for those who retired with at least 20 years of service. What our retirees, and in fact all City of Chicago retirees, have been paying is the "anticipated costs" of health care since September of 2003. The "actual costs" for almost 2.5 years since the settlement,

have been much less than the anticipated costs and the Lodge feels that the retirees are due a reimbursement.

Our interests in the actual costs of retiree health care became an issue during the past negotiations process when we were attempting to identify what the costs were for the City for our collective bargaining unit members. When we discovered a potential disparity between the costs and the premiums charged for retirees, we began to request the City's documents to either refute or corroborate our findings. When our requests went unanswered, we filed in Circuit Court on February 1, 2005 in an attempt to get the information. That petition led the way for the one just filed in which we state the amount overpaid to the City for retiree health care is in the area of \$20,000,000.00. The City almost immediately countered that the figure is more in the area of \$15,000,000.00 that is owed to retirees, which caused us concern that we may have underestimated our original amount. We have asked the court for: refunds of the overpaid amounts with interest; that the City account for all costs on an annual basis and reconcile same; and that the City pay for all court costs and attorney's fees.

Ironically, the City's response was that they were aware of the overcharges to retirees and that they were working on a plan to resolve the issue. The question then

is, after the filing in February of 2005 and the City's typical stalling antics in response to that petition, when the heck were they going to tell somebody? Without the "nudge" of this latest petition, they probably weren't going to say anything anytime soon. They have now sent out notices to retirees informing them that their premium payments beginning in March are being adjusted to reflect more closely the actual costs of the health care plan because as our petition reflects, if the current charges were to continue for the duration of the settlement, the overpayments could have reached over \$100,000,000.00. The Lodge feels confident that the City would not have spent the overpayments on any other program so that the issue of the repayment of the monies to the retirees will not be detrimental to the taxpayers in this town [theoretically of course].

Vote In The Primaries

At the direction of the Board of Directors, the Lodge sent out letters to all members reminding them of the responsibility to register and to vote in the upcoming elections. The Board felt that a direct appeal to the members would signify the level of importance that we feel this issue should take as most of what we are able to do in our professional lives in Law Enforcement is dictated by legislation that is passed on the National, State and Local levels. We need to be able to elect those we feel would best protect our interests. This

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campaign was done in concert with the other Unions representing employees here in the City of Chicago in an effort to collectively ensure those who are labor friendly get re-elected and we can't succeed in that unless our members vote.

Endorsements

On January 27th, the Lodge Political Action Committee met for the purpose of interviewing candidates for office who had requested the F.O.P.'s endorsement. After the interviews, the Committee proposed recommendations for the Board of Directors to consider. Their decisions for endorsements are posted in this newsletter and we ask that you give those endorsements the same serious consideration the Committee applied arriving at them. Please remember to vote in the primaries on March 21, 2006.

Legislation

There has been little movement as yet on our state legislative agenda which was posted here last month. Although we are having positive talks over the issue of Pension Portability, the abbreviated session could come into play as to our chances of getting anything passed. There are a lot of bills that we are following both in the House and Senate. At the forefront are those dealing again with racial profiling and the collection of data. Also at issue is the placement of video cameras in police cars. Although our position on the subject is that we do not object to it, the legislation that is proposed can have significant financial impact on municipalities that accept "State" money to buy them. The cost of equipping a car

with a camera is miniscule when compared to the costs of maintenance and the storage and distribution of the recordings.

Carry Concealed

The Carried Concealed issue for Chicago Retirees is now an issue of the past. I was informed last week that of the 650 applications that were held up being processed due to the City's position, all but about 50 have now been processed and many have completed the course of fire and have received their proper credentials. We received a great deal of assistance in resolving this situation from the Illinois Police Training and Standards Board. I am proud to announce that as of March 2nd, our F.O.P. State Lodge President Ted Street will be the

new Chairman of the Training Standards Board. Not only is this a personal honor for Ted but it is also a great recognition for the F.O.P. to have its president hold this position. Knowing the work ethic of Ted, congratulations

Retirement Party Celebrating

Jack Hurley

34 Years CPD, 005,
Bomb & Arson and Area Two

April 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm

Beverly Woods Restaurant

11534 S. Western Ave
Chicago, Illinois

For more info or tickets please
call Pat Sheahan at 312-735-
8704. Tickets are will also be
available at the door.

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

Uniform Resale

The Lodge will be hosting the Spring Uniform Resale at the Hall on 19 April 2006 from 1300 hrs until 1800 hrs. Officers, take advantage of this event to purchase a new uniform item at a discounted price for the Spring Inspection. Anyone wishing to sell their uniforms can come to the Hall by 1200 hrs on the day of the sale and tables will be provided. The Lodge will also be selling donated items at a discounted price. Hope to see you at the Resale.

Fishing Tournament

The Lodge will again be hosting on 31 May 2006 our annual Fishing Tournament on the waters of the Chain of Lakes. The entry fee is \$70.00 per boat and one (1) fisherman must be an F.O.P. member. Included in the entry fee are a

prize, lunch and refreshments at the weighing in of the days' catch. This is a great opportunity to get away for the day, possibly catch some trophy fish and to relax with friends. See the back page of this newsletter for the entry application.

Please note that due to a scheduling conflict the date which is in the 2006 Calendar Book has been changed to 31 May 2006.

Expandable Baton

On 8 February 2006, the Department issued Department Special Order 06-02, which will allow Officers to purchase and carry expandable batons. The authorized expandable baton is the ASP and the Monadnock brands. To carry an approved expandable baton Officers must attend a four (4) hour training course at the

Training Academy. Officers who were previously trained and authorized to carry the expandable baton during the pilot program are still authorized to carry the expandable baton with which they were trained. Officers who become involved in a use of force incident involving the expandable baton will complete a Tactical Response Report (TRR). Officers completing the TRR should complete boxes 38 and 40 checking other and inserting the words, Expandable Baton. Officers, please also continue to write the disclaimer in Box 40 of the TRR.

Injuries On-Duty and Duty Disability

Every officer who is injured on-duty starts out with a trip to the emergency room for treatment with follow-up

referrals through the Medical Services Section. The officer is given referrals for follow up treatment, therapy and surgery (if necessary).

Contractually, an officer is entitled to 365 days of paid time off to recover from each injury on-duty. These 365 days are limited to that 1 year of recovery time in an officer's career. Should an officer use all 365 days, he/she goes into a no pay status pending a hearing at the Pension Board. The officer at this time goes to the Pension Board and receives an affidavit (that the officer fills out) describing the circumstances of his/her injury on-duty. The Lodge attorney will assist the officer with this affidavit. The officer then turns the affidavit into

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the Pension Board.

While an officer is waiting for the final determination of benefits by the Pension Board, they are required to contribute the same amount as active officers for health care benefits. The Pension Board then starts the process where the officer is sent to the Pension Board doctor along with a copy of his/her medical records. The doctor then makes a decision based upon a physical exam and the medical records from the Medical Services Section, whether or not he believes the officer is disabled or able to return to work.

The Pension Board, which normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, then takes testimony from their doctor. If the doctor believes that the officer is incapable of returning to work, the officer is granted 50% of his/her salary pending a full hearing before the board to determine if the officer is granted the 75% Duty Disability. If the doctor believes that the officer is capable of returning to work, then nothing is awarded until the officer's full hearing before the board. There are occasions where the board's doctor has to send the officer to a specialist to determine capability of duty.

Once the officer is granted Duty Disability his benefits include 75% of his salary, tax free, which is determined by the salary rate on the date of the award. The City agrees to pay all hospital, medical and prescription costs for an officer who is on a leave of absence for Duty Disability or occupational disability purposes, all at no cost to the em-

ployee. The employer also shall make pension contributions on behalf of the employee as if he had remained in active service. Further, while on disability, if the officer needs any treatment for his/her IOD, he gets a referral from the Medical Services Section and continues his care

for as long as necessary. The officer is represented at the Pension Board by an F.O.P. attorney free of charge for the duty disability hearing.

Update on Wellness

Vision Arbitration

The City put on their side of the case in February and, by this time, the briefs

have been submitted to the arbitrator. We are patiently waiting for his decision that we hope to have by the end of this month. Save any receipts that you have spent on vision for 2006.

Lodge Endorsements For The Primaries On March 21, 2006

Incumbent Candidates Endorsed by Lodge #7

Representative Richard T. Bradley	(District - Party)
Representative Marlow Colvin	(40 - Democrat)
Representative Louis I. Lang	(33 - Democrat)
Representative Joseph M. Lyons	(16 - Democrat)
Representative Michael P. McAuliffe	(19 - Democrat)
Representative Robert Rita	(20 - Democrat)
Representative Edward Acevedo	(28 - Democrat)
Representative Maria A. Berrios	(2 - Democrat)
Representative Milton Patterson	(39 - Democrat)
Representative Kenneth Dunkin	(32 - Democrat)
Senator Don Harmon	(5 - Democrat)
Senator Edward D. Maloney	(39 - Democrat)
Senator Antonio Munoz	(18 - Democrat)
Senator John J. Cullerton	(1 - Democrat)
	(6 - Democrat)

Candidates Endorsed by the Lodge in Primary Races

	(Office, Candidate, Party)
Cook County Sheriff:	Thomas J. Dart DEM
Cook County Sheriff:	Peter Garza REP
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Water Reclamation Commissioner:	Dean T. Maragos DEM
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Water Reclamation Commissioner:	James "Jim" Harris DEM
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Water Reclamation Commissioner:	Terry O'Brien DEM

10th Subcircuit	James McGing DEM
11th Subcircuit	Mary Colleen Roberts DEM
First Appellate - Hartigan Vacancy	Deborah Mary Dooling DEM
First Appellate - Hartman Vacancy	David Erickson DEM
Burr Vacancy	JoAnne Guillemette DEM
Jaffe Vacancy	Margaret Ann Carey DEM
Nudelman Vacancy	James Patrick Murphy DEM
O'Brien Vacancy	Joan O'Brien DEM
Schiller Vacancy	Thomas J. Byrne DEM
Travis Vacancy	John Stalmack DEM
33rd Senate	Dan Kotowski DEM
6th Representative	Sam Bunville DEM

Work Schedule Committee Report, *By Kevin Graham, Chairman*

The Work Schedule Committee has been working hard, first to expand the 10-hour day and identify those officers who would like to work this compressed schedule, as well as those who would prefer another choice.

Since the Department has stopped the pilot program, the Work Schedule Committee will continue its work to find a better schedule than 6-2 with which the majority of our members are unhappy. The Committee is determined to collect as much members' input into the work schedule as possible. As of March 1, the Work Schedule Committee will be accepting reasonable suggestions from our members.

There are hundred of different schedules used by other agencies.

If you would like to submit a schedule for the Committee to consider, we need the following data:

1. Total annual hours. The schedule should be approximately 2080 hours in one year, according to the Fair Labor Standards Act.
2. Appropriate: The schedule must be FAIR to all members.
3. Supporting evidence: Include any supporting evidence of the proposed schedule's workability, benefits to officers and/or the Department (including

copies of the schedules that other departments work) and all concerns with new arrangements both obvious and not underlying.

4. Equipment: On previous occasions, the CPD has told us that it does not want to purchase additional vehicles or radios.
5. Documentation: Most importantly, provide supporting evidence that is published, either a study, (medical, academic or otherwise) a new report or other article addressing the effects of police officers' working long hours, thus spending little time with their families. Be sure sources and dates of

publication are included.

All suggestions should be sent to the F.O.P. Work Schedule Committee, Unit 541 via Police Mail before 01 June 2006. The Committee will consider all suggestions, no matter how numerous. The Committee realizes this is a large Police Department with many perspectives. It is probable that one schedule will not make everyone happy, but we are committed to doing our best. The City is happy with the current schedule. If you are working a 6-2 schedule and are satisfied with that schedule let us know.

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

Recognized Watch Vacancies

Under Section 31.5 of the contract, Filling Of Vacancies, if and when the employer decides to fill a recognized vacancy by bid, such vacancy to be bid shall be posted on the seventh calendar day of the 3rd period (March 8th), the sixth period (May 31st) and the ninth period (23rd). The posting shall remain up for seven calendar days. The vacancy shall be filled by the most senior qualified officer. If no such qualified officer within the unit bids for such vacancy, the Employer may fill the watch vacancy by reverse seniority.

Fishing Tournament

There has been a schedule change for the 2006 F.O.P. Fishing Tournament. The original date had been set for June 1, 2006. The new date is May 31, 2006. The change was made due to a scheduling conflict with other events. We hope the change will not be an inconvenience for our fishing members. This issue of the

newsletter contains the annual information application on the back page; please complete the form and submit it ASAP with the appropriate funds. The Fishing Committee looks forward to seeing old anglers as well as new ones. If you are a fisherman and have never fished with us, come on out and have some fun. We provide music, refreshments, food and prizes (one per boat), not to mention cash for the top ten anglers based on weight of the fish and size. It's a day for bragging rights and camaraderie. Location will be the Chain Of Lakes near the Wisconsin border. Contact the committee for directions. See you out there!

Roll Calls

The Lodge continues to visit Districts and Units providing a forum for our members to ask questions about hot topics and news articles of the day. All Board members are tasked to make two roll call visits per month.

Members may have been on furlough, medical, military leave, funerals, etc, and may have missed a Board member's visit; return visits are always being scheduled for our members. We hope the visits have been well received and informative to all. The strength of the Lodge comes from the membership and its ability to communicate and participate within the ranks of our officers. We ask those members who have never been to a General meeting or Board meeting to make a date to attend the next General and or Board meeting. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, and General meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Stay informed by attending meetings and by asking your watch or unit rep for the latest and updated information on F.O.P. business. A well-informed member can dispel the rumors when heard.

Source of Information:

There are eleven ways of receiving F.O.P. Lodge busi-

ness: (1) F.O.P. website at www.chicagofop.org; (2) Hotline at 312-733-2101; (3) F.O.P. Newsletter; (4) F.O.P. Newsbrief; (5) Trustees; (6) Board of Directors; (7) Unit Representatives; (8) Watch Representatives; (9) Attending General Meetings; (10) Attending Board Meetings and (11) F.O.P. Bulletin Boards.

Recognized Vacancies

Section 23.8 occurs each month for Lodge members. PLEASE READ the instructions contained within the monthly Facsimile Message on bidding procedures. It may save you the embarrassment of not being transferred even though you may be the senior person in time. It happens frequently. Also the PAR Form must be signed within 72 hours of its posting and then received at Management and Labor Affairs by the following Wednesday (10am), there are no exceptions to this rule unless the posting was delayed by the Department.

I Wish You Enough, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

At the time of this writing, our police family mourns one of our own, Police Officer Eric Solorio, who lost his life in the line of duty. Eric was loved by all and loved all. Eric always gave 200% of himself. You could always count on Eric in time of need. The world is a richer place because of Eric, and is now poorer because Eric is gone. Eric accomplished more in 26 short years than other people do in a lifetime. Please keep the Solorio Family in your prayers. I dedicate this month's column to Police Officer Eric Solorio.....

I Wish You Enough.....

Recently, while sitting at the airport waiting for my flight, I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together, saying good-bye to each other. They had announced her departure and standing near the security gate, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough." She in turn said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy."

They kissed and she left. He walked over toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing it might be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. Saying that brought back memories I had of expressing my love and appreciation for all that my Dad had done for me. Recognizing that his days were limited, I took the time to tell him, face to face, how much he meant to me.

So I knew what this man experiencing. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever goodbye?" I asked. "I am old and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is, the next trip back might be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying goodbye I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?" He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more. "When we said 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with enough good things to sustain them through difficult times," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish enough 'Hello's' to get you through the final 'Goodbye.' He then began to sob and walked away. End of story.....

My dear friends, my blessing to you today is, "I wish you ENOUGH today's, so that tomorrow comes with no regrets." P.O. Eric Solorio taught us a lesson; no one is guaranteed a tomorrow, so take a moment reach out to your friends and loved ones

and TELL them how much they mean to you. They say, "It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them." To our dear Eric we say, 'We salute you', 'Gone But Never Forgotten'.

On behalf of all the Chaplains, a special thank you to all the officers whose presence was a tremendous show of support

and comfort to the Solorio family, throughout this most difficult time. You just 'being there' was appreciated more than words can say.

May G-d bless you, and your loved ones, today and always. Amen

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail me at moshewolf@hotmail.com.

Departed Brothers & Sisters

Donald E. Varallo, Age 67
 Carl D. Smith, Age 63
 Ralph J. Merola, Age 59
 Thomas J. Hughes, Age 66
 Michael Herbert, Age 67
 Patrick J. Gannon, Jr., Age 57
 John M. Dixon, Age 55
 William Bussie, Age 72
 Martin F. Burke, Age 67
 Joseph Dolan, Age 82
 Millard E. Garrison, Age 77
 Cornelius Gordon, Age 66
 John W. Mercer, Age 70
 Miles D. Myers, Age 57
 Arthur J. Rossi, Age 78
 Daniel G. Wagner, Age 67
 Robert K. Westerholm, Age 84
 David R. Olsen, Age 75
 George C. Piazza, Jr., Age 68
 Eric Solorio, Age 26

The Chicago Police Association of Nevada's

12th Annual Law Enforcement Reunion

April 30th through May 4th, 2006

The Stardust Hotel and Casino
 Las Vegas, Nevada

Reception, Golf Outing, Shows, Dinner Dance and More

For Further Information, Please Call George Hitzman at 702-459-4576 or E-mail George at the-hitman@outdrs.net



Current Events

The following events listed will occur from March 7, 2006 thru April 7, 2006. 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.

March 2006	National Women's History Month
07 Mar 06	Board of Directors Meeting/10am/Time Certain Noon
07 Mar 06	Chicago Police Marines Monthly Meeting
08 Mar 06	Recognized Openings in Districts and Units
08 Mar 06	Watch Bids Open
09 Mar 06	Unit Rep Meeting - F.O.P. Hall, 10:00 am
10 Mar 06	Transfer Bids
11 Mar 06	Annual St. Patrick's Day Party at the F.O.P. Hall
15 Mar 06	Watch Bids Close
17 Mar 06	St. Patrick's Day
21 Mar 06	F.O.P. General Meeting/1900 hours
22 Mar 06	Knights of Columbus Meeting
25 Mar 06	13 th Annual Police/Fire Charity Hockey Game
26 Mar 06	Annual Pre-Act Exam /F.O.P. Hall/1300 – 1600 hours
26 Mar 06	Chicago Storm Soccer/Chicago Police vs Chicago Fire
30 Mar 06	4 th Period Begins
01 Apr 06	April Fool's Day
02 Apr 06	Daylight Saving Time Starts
04 Apr 06	Chicago Police Marines Monthly Meeting/1900 hours, F.O.P. Hall
05 Apr 06	Recognized Openings in Districts and Units
07 Apr 06	Transfer Bids

All Are Invited To Sing With Us

This is an invitation to all CPD retirees who would like to lend their voice and join their brothers and sisters in the Chicago Police Department Regimental Concert Chorale.

The goal of the group is to sing at the dedication of the Police Memorial and other police events, such as funerals, ball games and other venues.

Please contact Dennis Kamalick at 773-294-3427 or e-mail at dennis.kamalick#chicagopolice.org

Financial Secretary's Report, By Tim Fallon

Arbitration Decision

The Lodge received a winning arbitration decision from Arbitrator Peter Meyers in February. This case involved an officer from SOS assigned to Comiskey Park area during a night game. During roll call the officer involved remembered that he left his star and ID at home. The officer notified his immediate sergeant that he did not have his star, and requested permission to go home and retrieve the star. This is where the story differs from the officer and the sergeant. The officer states that the sergeant gave him permission to go home to retrieve the star. The officer then went home, retrieved the star, and stopped for lunch in the vicinity of his house. While having lunch the officer's car was observed by an Exempt Rank member at a restaurant. The Exempt Rank knew by the beat tag that the car was as-

signed to the Comiskey Park neighborhood for the night. The Exempt Rank contacted the officer's Commander to inquire of the officer's status. According to the Commander the officer was supposed to be at Comiskey Park. A CR# was obtained, and during the investigation the officer's sergeant gave a statement that basically said he never gave the officer permission to go home to retrieve the star. As a result of the CR investigation the officer received and served a 10-day suspension. The Lodge then proceeded with the case to arbitration. In the arbitration the Lodge and the department both put on witnesses relative to the incident. All the witnesses testified in keeping with their reports submitted to the CR investigation.

At this point the case boils down to the officer's word against the sergeant's. This is not a strong position to be in. We would have to con-

vince the arbitrator that the sergeant was not telling the truth, merely because the officer's story was in conflict with the sergeant. Absent any other corroborating evidence, the arbitrator would have probably found for the department and upheld the grievance. However there was another factor in this case, the CR investigation.

While preparing for arbitration we checked through the CR file and found that the investigation was done improperly. The first of several department errors in the CR investigation was that there was no CR initiation report. The department then obtained a report from the officer before getting reports from the supervisors involved. The supervisors involved were allowed to read the officer's report prior to submitting their own. The department then added another allegation to the investigation, and did not allow the officer to respond to the allegation. The Lodge told the arbitrator that the issue of an

improper CR investigation and denial of the officer's due process must be addressed before making a determination on the CR itself. The Arbitrator agreed with the Lodge in rendering his decision. In the decision the Arbitrator stated, "The impact of requiring the accused to give a statement first, and then making that statement available to witnesses as they prepare their own statements, is staggering." Arbitrator Meyers also stated "All of these departures from the dictates of General Order 93-03 must be viewed as more than innocuous procedural errors. Each of these problems could have worked to deprive the Grievant of a fair investigation and the benefit of his due process rights." What Arbitrator Meyers told the department in his decision is you made the rules you have to obey them. The grievance was granted, and the officer received 10 days of pay.

Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

Payroll Problems

There has been a problem with the processing of Step Increases for officers who should have had a step increase in January and February of 2006. The Payroll Section is aware of this and is working to remedy the problem.

Any officer who experiences discrepancies with their payroll checks should E-mail the Finance Division explaining the problem. This starts the paper trail and sets in motion the remedy.

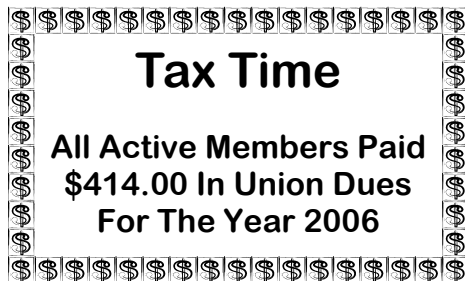
Telephone Solicitation

Just a reminder that F.O.P., Chicago Lodge 7 does not telemarket from businesses or individuals at all.

Furthermore, Lodge 7 has not telemarketed for over three years and has no intention of starting up again.

Prudential Insurance Update

Last month I reported that members might want to check their beneficiaries with Prudential Insurance and offered a telephone number to contact. This telephone number was wrong and sent officers all over Prudential on a wild goose chase. The correct number is 800-778-3827 and only active officers need call. This does not include or affect retirees. I apologize for the confusion.



Tax Time

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

Michael P. Gordon Memorial Foundation

2nd Annual

"Roof Raiser"

Come out for a great time and support a great cause!

Funds raised will be used to launch a fast ride program to combat drinking and driving. They will also be used to provide scholarships to law enforcement majors and assist specific causes and charitable organizations.

Saturday, April 8, 2006

1:00 pm - Game End

Cubs vs Cardinals

**Beyond The Ivy Rooftops
1010 W. Waveland**

\$105.00 per person (regularly \$140.00 per person)

Includes admission and all food and beverages
(Visa & MasterCard accepted)

For more information or to make reservations, e-mail
mpgfund@comcast.net or call Heather at 708-574-4609

*Space is limited and will fill up fast -
reserve your spot today!*

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.

January Pension Update -

Two claims were heard for Disability - 1 was granted for 75% Duty and 1 was granted for Ordinary.

Basic Life Insurance - The Class Action Grievance for basic life insurance under

Section 25.1 of the current contract has been settled. Disabled officers, as well as active officers, will be covered for \$25,000 life insurance benefit until retirement. Thanks go out to 1st VP Bill Dougherty, the F.O.P. attorneys, and the Disability Committee who brought this to their attention.

Salary Increase - Effective January 1, 2006 for Duty Disability officers with over 25 years on the job and on Duty Disability for 7 full years, you will see an increase on your February 28, 2006 check, which will also

include retro for the month of January 2006.

Veterans' Corner

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

DD-214 - All veterans should have a copy of their DD-214 (Report of Separation). This information is needed to verify military service. If you don't have one you can obtain a form by calling 1-800-827-1000 and ask for Form SF180 or go online at www.va.gov/forms/. This is a valuable document for you and your family.

New Veteran ID card -

Once again, there are new ID cards using barcode scanning, which has limited veteran information to promote privacy (no social security numbers). Only veterans who are eligible for VA medical benefits will receive one. You may obtain one, in person, at Jesse Brown Medical Center (820 S. Damen) or call 1-800-827-1000 for the nearest location to you.

*No man and no force can
abolish memory. ~ Franklin
D. Roosevelt*

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)

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State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Effective Date: _____

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

ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME...



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Mon-Thurs 9:00 – 5:00
 Friday 9:00 – 4:00
 Saturday 9:00 – 1:00
 Direct Line: 312-733-2344

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Long Sleeved Polo Shirt With Or Without Pocket In Navy Blue Or Gray

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1/4 Zipper Anti-Pilling Fleece In Navy Blue

Sizes: Medium - 3XL, All Sizes Only **\$19.95**

All Kids Caps Were \$7.95, Now On Sale For Only **\$5.00** Each

Don't forget the St. Patrick's Day Party at the Lodge Hall on March 11th. Get your tickets at the F.O.P. Gift Shop for only \$20.00 each. And when you purchase your ticket, take a look at all of our new Irish and St. Patrick's Day apparel and novelties.

Sale!! 30% OFF Sale!!

Extreme Polo Shirts With The
 New Star In Black & Ice Blue
 Sizes: Medium - XL, Only **\$18.16**
 2XL & 3XL, Just Slightly Higher

Sale!! Sale!! Sale!!

Youth 1/4 Zipper Polar Fleece
 Shirt With Pull String Bottom In
 Gold or Grey
 Sizes: 6/8 - 10/12 - 14/16,
 On Sale For Only **\$14.95**

Sale!! Sale!! Sale!!

Kids Chicago CSI T-Shirt
Crime Scene Instigator
 All Sizes On Sale For Only
\$6.95

- **Irish Garda Chicago Police Sweat Shirts In Irish Green Or Baltic Blue - What A Great Looking Shirt!!**
 Sizes: Medium to XL, \$16.95 2XL, 17.95 3XL, 18.95
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 Adult Sizes: Medium to XL, \$11.95 2XL, 12.95 3XL, 13.50
 Youth Sizes: 6/8 - 10/12 - 14/16 \$10.95 All Sizes

**Sale!!
 10% OFF
 Sale!!**

All Irish Ties

T-Shirt Sale!! 30% OFF T-Shirt Sale!!

"Men In Blue"

"24-7-365"

"It Takes One To Know One"

Medium - XL Now On Sale For Only **\$8.36**

**Sale!! Sale!!
 Sale!!**

Selected Adult
 Caps

\$7.66 Each

BENEFIT FOR JOHN HURLEY

On September 11, 2005, CPD Officer John Hurley was on his way home from attending a fundraiser in Indiana for a fallen officer when he was struck and killed. John left behind his pregnant wife, Cheryl, who now faces the difficult task of raising their child alone. Please join us as we raise money for this family. Must be 21 years of age to attend.

Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 4:00 pm - Midnight

**\$20.00 donation
 includes food,
 soda, beer, wine
 and live
 entertainment...**

IBEW Local 134 Hall
 600 W. Washington Blvd. (Jefferson & Washington)
 Tickets can be purchased from Pat Suchocki at the F.O.P.
 Office; contact her at 312-733-7776
 Visit the website at JohnHurleyMemorial.com

**There will be a
 silent auction
 and raffles...
 win a 2006 Chevy
 Cobalt**

2006 Annual
St. Patrick's Day Party
Featuring The Music Of The Katie Sullivan Band

Saturday
March 11, 2006
 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Fraternal Order of Police Hall

1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois

Donation of \$20.00 per person includes Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner,
 Refreshments & Entertainment
 All Proceeds Will Benefit The F.O.P. Chicago Lodge 7 PAC Fund

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Gift Shop at 312-733-2344.

F.O.P. Auxiliary's 15th Annual
 Lunch With The Easter Bunny



Saturday, April 8, 2006
 Noon—3:00 pm

F.O.P. Hall
 1412 W. Washington Blvd.
 Chicago, Illinois

Tickets cost \$5.00 each and
 everyone attending must have a
 ticket to enter.

For more information or to
 purchase tickets please
 contact Angie Haynes at
 773-334-5718 or Neesie
 Lampman at 773-736-2581



**BENEFIT FOR
 CHRIS RANIERI**

Chris Ranieri is the wife of Retired Officer "Bob" Ranieri from the 014th District. Chris is in the early onset of Alzheimer's and requires extensive medical assistance.

Friends of Bob and Chris are gathering to hold a benefit to help with the medical expenses.

*Please join us at **Biaggio's Suparossa**
 4224 N. Central Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois*

Friday, March 31, 2006
 7:00 pm - Midnight

Tickets cost \$25.00 each and can be purchased at the door the day of the benefit.

For tickets and prize information, please contact Paul Vitaoli at 312-402-1040 or Frank Tholke at 773-852-1311

Pension Board News, *By Steve Robbins*

Retirement Seminars

Greetings from the Pension Board. Attending the City of Chicago Employee Retirement Seminar is an opportunity everyone should take advantage of before they pull the pin. To register, call Sol Tsaoussis at (312) 745-5342 or register online via the CPD Intranet by going to Bureau sites, then Bureau of Administrative Services, then Employee Resource Services. Click on Retirement Seminar Registration and fill in the blanks. There are still openings on the following seminar dates for this year: 24 May, 20 July, and 24 October. All seminars are held at the Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State.

Just a reminder for those who have set a retirement date this year; please contact the Pension Fund Office two to three weeks prior to that date to make sure we have your file updated and complete. This will allow for a smoother transition for you and the fund.

Hurley Benefit

On April 29, 2006, a benefit will be held at Electricians Hall, 600 W. Washington, to help the widow and child of Officer John Hurley. Please help take care of one of our own by supporting this worthy cause. To obtain more information, visit the website www.johnhurleymemorial.com.

If you have any pension questions or concerns, contact me at the fund office at 312-744-3891.

"A snowflake is one of Gods most fragile and unique creations, but look what they can do when they stick together." Author Unknown.

January 2006 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Aguilera, Oscar M.	Detective	603	25
Alberts, Scott M.	Officer	019	29
Ambrose, Katherine	Officer	003	29
Arens, Patrick C.	FTO	015	25
Bradshaw, Michael	Officer	001	29
Carfora, Edward R.	Officer	025	30
Clayton, Maurice A.	Officer	003	32
Cooney, Dennis P.	Officer	008	29
Coons, Michael R.	Officer	008	28
Davis, Kerry J.	Officer	171	21
Depoian, Sheila	Officer	020	18
Droba, Gerard E.	Officer	153	29
Geisbush, Gregory	Detective	610	29
Hartigan, Nancy J.	Officer	140	20
Jin, Tony H.	Detective	630	29
King, Tommie E.	Sergeant	007	29
Kucharski, John M.	Officer	701	30
Langston, Jr., Richard L.	Officer	701	35
Larry, Johnny B.	Officer	004	26
McGovern, Daniel B.	Officer	193	38
Milton, Herbert G.	Officer	153	38
Morley, Christine M.	Youth Inv.	640	30
Mroczkowski, Carol A.	Youth Inv.	079	28
Nielsen, James A.	Officer	017	30
O'Sullivan, Gerald J.	Captain	012	33
Ostafin, Gerald J.	Officer	177	33
Peete, Ovetta	Officer	006	20
Spaulding, Michael C.	Detective	603	27
Trisoliere, Robert J.	Officer	050	33
Ware, Alfonso	Officer	011	36
Wiechert, Paul J.	Officer	166	34
Wilson, Eileen F.	Officer	022	15

Your Right To Vote, *An Editorial By Rhonda Bullock, Newsletter Editor*

In last month's newsletter, President Donahue made an appeal to all active and retired members encouraging them to vote. I would like to expound on those comments. The Illinois Primary Election will be held on March 21st, additionally, elections will be held all across the United States during the next few months. It is extremely important that all FOP members get out and vote. A lot of people feel that they don't have to vote in the primary elections; this however, is an ill-conceived notion. The primary election is probably one of the most crucial elections held. The primary is where we the voters get to determine who we want on the ballot for the General

Election. Your apathy and lack of voting in this election could make the difference between a candidate you want in office being on or off the ballot in November.

This election will also give us an opportunity to decide who will be our next State Senators and Representatives. As you know from past newsletters, Lodge 7 has been very active downstate attempting to get our legislation passed. We need officials in office who are sensitive to the needs of Police Officers. In this month's newsletter the Board of Directors compiled a list of candidates that they are endorsing for the upcoming election. Please take a good look at the list and remember it when

you cast your ballot. The candidates that Lodge 7 endorses have indicated that they will stand with us on the issues that are of concern to Police Officers and their families. I talk to officers all over the city and most of them do not understand that one of their biggest concerns, the issue of residency, must be addressed through the State Legislature. There is a state law that requires emergency personnel working in municipalities with over a million residents to live within the boundaries of that municipality. Well guess what, Chicago is the only municipality in Illinois with over a million residents. Therefore, if you want to get rid of the residency clause in Chicago, you need State lawmakers who will pass the necessary legislation. There are

many more legislative issues that we need addressed so having the right lawmakers downstate is vital to our endeavors.

There are no excuses, you can now officially vote early. For the first time ever, you can legally cast your ballot before Election Day. Starting Monday, February 27th through March 16th you can cast your ballot at various city locations. Contact the Board of Elections to find a location near you. You can help make your lives and jobs safer and more rewarding by performing your civic duty. Tell your family, tell your friends, tell your neighbors, and most importantly make sure that you exert your power. Get out and VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!



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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its 12th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament, at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 31, 2006. 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

Include Fees of:
\$35.00 Per Man
or \$70.00 Per Boat