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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Day On The Hill

The annual FOP Day on the Hill took place this year from February 27 thru March 1st for the delegation from Illinois. This year once again the Illinois delegation was headed by State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Mehrrens, along with State Secretary Fred Scholl from Troopers FOP Lodge 41, Steve Trame from Lodge 117 at U of I and myself. Once again we sought the support of the legislators from Illinois who represent us in Washington on the primary issues of: the "Social Security Fairness Act"; the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Act" [nationwide collective bargaining]; and the "State and Local Law Enforcement Officer's Discipline, Accountability and Due Process Act" [nationwide "Peace Officers Disciplinary Act"]. Although we here in Illinois enjoy the benefits of the latter two issues, we are in the minority of states that do and we attempt to assist our brothers and sisters across the country to obtain these benefits. We once again have a unanimous consensus of sponsorship on the "Social Security Fairness Act" which when enacted will reverse the damage caused by former Congressman Rostenkowski and allow those who receive a public employee pension to also collect their full entitlement of Social Security. The only Illinois Legislator who hasn't signed on, and traditionally

doesn't, is the Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert. There are currently 306 co-sponsors in the House and 23 co-sponsors in the Senate. With this extensive support, it is beginning to appear more and more that the passage is more a question of when instead of if.

"Hampton Way" Street Naming

While in Washington I received the call from a reporter that the City's Transportation Committee had passed a request to name a "short" street on the west side after the former Chairman of the Black Panthers Street Gang who in 1969 died in a gunfight with Law Enforcement Officers who were executing a search warrant. The story played out on the front pages of the newspapers for 4 days and when all is said and done, the fact stands that those who sponsored this action are attempting to re-write history. This issue is not about us against them or black against white, this issue is about right against wrong. Based on facts at that time and now, the Panthers plagued the communities in which they professed to foster the movement of Civil Rights in this country. They passed out cereal and cookies to kids along with coloring books that depicted themselves, as well as women and children, shooting, stabbing and beating what they perceived to be Police Officers. Their mantra, "off the pigs", was ad-

hered to by their more feeble minded members who had a measure of success in killing 8 Law Enforcement Officers across the country including Officers Frank Rappaport and John Gilhooly right here in Chicago. There were numerous other officers who were wounded and disabled in the Panther's attempts to kill cops. The allegations in 1969 and again in 2006 by the then Panther Minister of Defense and the now U.S. Congressman Rush, were as irresponsible then as they are now. In 1969 the remarks caused a Federal Grand Jury to investigate the allegations that Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were assassinated, a Federal Grand Jury which found no basis in the allegations. In 2006, these same remarks, which were based on opinion and feelings, have caused a resurgence of emotions of those family members of the officers killed and wounded then and since then. History and the Civil Rights movement have identified the real heroes of that time and the Panthers are not part of it. They were a blight on the communities they professed to serve. Honoring any of them in any way is an outrageous offense to the thousands of Police Officers who put their hearts into their work in doing the right thing for all of the people of our City. Alderman Tom Allen, who chairs the Transportation Committee, is to be commended for coming out to the Unit Rep meeting

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that was held on March 9th to explain the process they adhere to and how it went wrong in letting this issue get by. As of this writing the Lodge has sent letters to all of the Aldermen seeking their support in ensuring that this does not happen and we have asked the membership through the hot line, web site and Unit postings to stand with us at the City Council Meeting when the issue will be heard. We have been assured today [March 21st] by Alderman Allen that he will not call the ordinance out of Committee at the next meeting on March 29th. The issue cannot be motioned from the floor for a vote until 60 days after being introduced in Committee, which would mean sometime after April 28th. The Lodge will give as much advance notice as possible to the membership when it will be called for a vote. We have

received support from Law Enforcement Officers and Unions from around the country on this issue and it is greatly appreciated.

HR218

From the Retiree pages on our website, members can access information regarding H.R.218 [Retired Officer Concealed Carry]. The State of Illinois has a site at www.rpocc.com to accommodate retired officers who wish to continue carrying their firearms. You can also reach them at 217-726-9537. Please remember that the federal legislation requires that you qualify in your state of residence so if you now live out of state you will not be qualifying in Illinois. Active officer's credentials will be honored across state boundaries as a result of H.R. 218 but you still must comply with airline/transportation, and any

other regulation that restricts carrying of firearms.

Racial Profiling Bill

The Springfield Legislature is winding down with little being accomplished due to the shortened session. The main issue we are fighting is over the data Collection Bill relative to Racial Profiling. Even though the first 2 years of analysis has been received and shown that the "perception" of racial profiling is far worse than the actuality of profiling, certain legislators are pushing for expanded questioning on traffic stops, removing the end of the study and keep it going forever and imposing an oversight committee to things that have yet to be defined. This Board is to be made up of 28 individuals, many of whom traditionally view Law Enforcement in a negative light. It is unfortunate at this

time that out of all of the Police interests out there it is only the FOP who is standing up to this latest challenge and that is due to the fact that we represent the rank and file officers who are neither elected or politically appointed.

Agenda Update

We have received a few calls at the Lodge about our agenda that was posted in the February newsletter. All of the posted bills are what we are attempting to accomplish this session. Some members mistook the words "effective immediately" at the end of the description to mean they had already passed. When they pass it will be posted in all the usual places.

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

Wellness Benefit

The Wellness Benefit includes routine physicals, immunizations, mammograms, pap smears and vision. The Wellness benefit is for members who have the PPO Insurance. Members who have HMO insurance already have these five items included in their insurance. The Lodge has gone to arbitration in the vision portion of the Wellness Benefit and we hope to have a decision from Arbitrator Benn by the end of the month. If you go to an out of network vision center and have paid for your glasses or contacts on your own then you need to fill out a Davis Vision claim form to be reimbursed. You can go to www.chicagofop.org and click on the medical issues button

scroll down to the Wellness Benefit and print out a copy of this form. If you have any question please call the Benefits Management Office at (312) 747-8660.

Health Fairs

We have Health Fairs coming up on 25 April 06 in the 006th District, on 27 April 06 in the 001st District and on 25 May 06 in the 008th District. All Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7 members (active, disabled and retired) are eligible to participate in these fairs. These fairs are free for our members. You must contact Cheryl Grendahl at (800) 811-0174 in order to make an appointment for any of these fairs.

Vocational Training

Vocational Training is a

benefit that was awarded in our latest contract. The Retirement Board must have awarded applicants duty/occupational disability benefits and be below the rank of Sergeant. The applicant must submit an award letter from the Retirement Board at time of application each school term. The Administrative Special Order on Vocational Training defines what classes/courses can be taken for reimbursement. Reimbursement is subject to the availability of funds. Requests for vocational training reimbursement will be processed on a first come, first serve basis in receipt of application by the Employee Resource Services Division each term. Officers inter-

ested in vocational training can request an application from the Employee Resource Services Division at (312) 745-5369.

Firearms Safety Day

The Lodge will again be hosting Firearms Safety Day at the Hall on 16 and 17 May from 0900 until 1700 hrs for both days. There will be representatives from various gun manufacturers who will conduct onsite safety inspections and adjustments of our Officers duty related weapons at no cost. Also attending the event will be representatives from leather goods, soft body armor and firearm related companies. Officers take advantage of this benefit, which the Lodge

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Vice Presidents' Report Continued...

is providing for you its members. An ounce of preventative maintenance can be invaluable at a crucial moment. Hope to see you there.

F.O.P. Fishing Tournament

The Lodge will again be hosting, on 31 May 06, our annual Fishing Tournament on the Waters of the Chain of Lakes. The entry fee is \$70.00 per boat two (2) fisherman and one (1) must be a FOP 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 relax with some friends. Please note that due to a scheduling conflict the date which is in the 2006 Calendar Book has been changed to 31 May 2006.

Stress Management Program Classes

The Stress Management Classes that were cancelled in 2005 have been reinvented and are returning as a benefit to our members. The classes are

now being held at Chicago Lake Shore Hospital located at 4840 N Marine Drive. The first class will be held on 30 and 31 March 2006 and is already fully scheduled with officers who had previously signed up for the training, which was cancelled in December 2005. Anyone interested in future Stress Management Classes please contact the Lodge to register. Let's keep this worthwhile program running.

Police Memorials

The Month of May is des-

ignated as a time to honor our fallen officers. The following are significant dates to remember:

2 May 06,
Lodge#7 Memorial
4 May 06,
Illinois Police Memorial
7 May 06,
St Jude's Police March
15 May 06,
National Memorial

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

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.

CPD Training Academy, The Chaplains Section,
The EAP & The F.O.P.

Present...

Police Couples Workshop

The workshop helps officers' and their families understand and overcome the unique struggles and temptations that lay at the root of the high rate of personal tragedies, (i.e. burnout, alcoholism, divorce and suicide). It is based on the video training tape and book *Emotional Survival*, by Dr. Kevin Gilmartin, Ph.D

April 15, 2006, 0745 - 1500 hours

Timothy O'Connor Training Academy

For more info or tickets please call
Chaplain Tori Wilson at 312-746-8458
Or Tom Cline at 312-746-8310 ext 164

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**

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

Constitution and By-Law Changes

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

to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary within a two-month period commencing April 1st and ending May 31, 2006.

Weapons Inspection and Cleaning

Every Wednesday, in each District, weapons inspection takes place. When is the last time you cleaned your weapon? By that I mean, unassembled the weapon and cleaned and oiled each part. Some of

your weapons have dust, lint or foreign objects lodged in the barrel and cylinder. Take a look at your weapon, which could save a life, maybe yours or your partner. That weapon needs to be cleaned to function properly.

Uniform Inspection

General Order 98-10, Add 1, (IV / A1) Unit Commanding Officers will conduct an annual formal inspection of the spring dress uniform, including items listed in 1V-A-1 of G.O 98-10. This spring dress inspection will take place be-

tween 01 and 10 May 2006. Members are reminded to be prepared for the spring dress inspection by starting now and locating all items, needed including proper cleaning and maintenance of said items. There is a uniform resale on April 19, 2006 at the FOP Hall; members are reminded that any uniform items that are purchased may need to be updated to conform to standards. **Be prepared, start today,** the inspection is a few weeks away.

Retiree 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 Rd, River Grove, IL

For More Info call: John Sweeney @ 630-690-0409

3rd Thursday of Month / 9:30 am

Green Street Café

1219 Green Street, McHenry, IL

For More Info call: Richard Olle @ 847-973-1366

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

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

The Ice Cream Prayer, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

In our journey through life it is important to remember, yes it will rain, and yes you will be thrown a curved ball or two, but it is ok to pray for and enjoy some ice cream once in a while. Let me explain with the following story...

A few weeks ago I was sitting in a restaurant and in walked a dad with a group of children. A little boy in the group asked if he could say grace. As they bowed their heads he said, "G-d is great and G-d is good. Let us thank Him for the food, and I would even thank you more G-d if dad gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!" Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking G-d for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, the boy burst into tears and asked his dad, "Did I say something wrong? Is G-d mad at me?" As his dad held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and G-d was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table, winked at the boy and said, "I happen to know that G-d thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" the boy asked. "Of course" said the gentleman. Then in a whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks G-d for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, the dad bought the kids ice cream at the end

of the meal. The boy stared at his for a moment and then did something that put a lump in my throat. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul and my soul is good already."

Let me share with you a short note that was sent to me by a friend that survived a near fatal incident, that kind of puts it all in perspective.....What should I fear...

I used to live in perpetual fear of losing things I had, or never having the things I hoped to acquire in my life. What if I lose my hair? What if I never get the big house I want? What if I become overweight, out of shape, or unattractive? What if I lose my job? What if I am disabled and cannot play ball with my child? What if I get old and frail and have nothing to offer those around me???

But life has lessons for those who listen, and now I know: If I lose my hair, I will be the best darn bald guy I can be, and I will be grateful that my head can still stimulate ideas, if not follicles.

A house does not make a person happy. The unhappy heart will not find contentment in a bigger house, while the heart that is merry will make any home a happy one.

If I spend more time developing my emotional, mental, and spiritual dimensions, I will be more beautiful with each passing day.

If I am physically unable to teach my child to throw a curve ball, I will have more time to teach him to handle

the curves thrown by life, and this shall serve him better.

And if aging robs me of my strength, mental alertness, and physical stamina, I will offer those around me the strength of my convictions, the wisdom of experience seasoned with adversity, and the spiritual stamina of a soul that has been carefully shaped by the hard edges of a long life.

No matter what losses or broken dreams may lie in my destiny, whatever burdens shall be my fate I will meet each challenge with dignity and resolve. For G-d has given me many gifts and talents that I

never would have cultivated were the course of my life to a l w a y s r u n smoothly.....Kind of makes you stop and say I think I'll have another scoop of ice cream, and say thank you G-d for letting me enjoy this moment.

On behalf of ALL your chaplains, may G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in his loving care. Amen.

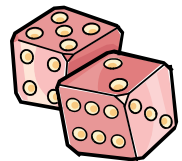
Compliments of Your Police Chaplain. Rabbi Moshe Wolf
773-463-4780 or
moshewolf@hotmail.com

Departed Brothers & Sisters

James E. Maher, Age 67
Thomas R. Martin, Age 70
Carl E. Ostrowski, Age 76
Walter T. Hayes, Age 83
Louis A. Cesario, Age 74
Joseph T. Casey, Age 90
Walter F. Biszewski, Age 71
William Joyce, Age 82

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**

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

Federal Court FLSA Lawsuit

We are currently in the process of taking depositions from FLSA plaintiff officers and supervisors. Additionally, we are taking depositions from the members of the Department's exempt rank staff, to determine the origin of the Department's policy in denying the use of compensatory time to officers. At this time, the attorneys for the city have raised an objection to the Lodge's request to depose Former Superintendent Hillard, Superintendent Cline, First Deputy Starks, and Former Chief of Patrol Mauer. Judge Shenkier has allowed the city's objection at this time. Once all the other depositions are finished we will revisit the city's objection with Judge Shenkier.

We believe the Department's policy regarding the use or denial of compensatory time does not come from the Watch Commander, District Commander, or Deputy Chief. We believe the Department policy originates from the Superintendent, First Deputy, and the Chief of Patrol. These are the people we want to hear from. Just because the Watch Commander denied you time due, doesn't mean he or she created the policy. They are just following orders. Mid-level supervisors may have input to a Department policy, but the ultimate authority to create and implement a Department policy comes from the Superintendent in the form of a General Order, Special Order, Department Notice, or AMFN message, all under the signature of the Superintendent.

We are due back in court in June for a status hearing on this case. At that time we should be finished with all the scheduled depositions.

We believe the depositions will demonstrate to Judge Shenkier the need to depose Hillard, Cline, Starks and Mauer, because they were and are the policy makers within the Department.

Circuit Court Korshak Case

The Marshall Korshak class action settlement is the regulating authority concerning the cost of retiree healthcare for all City of Chicago annuitants. This final judgment on this settlement was approved by Judge Dooling in August 2003. In short the settlement states that the City of Chicago will make healthcare coverage available, and pay at least 55% of the healthcare cost for annuitants, and their eligible dependents. There are other conditions and rates depending on when you retired, and how long you worked for the city, but the city's responsibility for paying 55% of healthcare to annuitants and their eligible dependents is the main issue.

The Korshak settlement applies to all City of Chicago annuitants, not just Police Officers. All four pension funds, Police, Fire, Municipal, and Laborers approved this settlement prior to Judge Dooling signing off on it. F.O.P.'s only involvement at the time of the settlement was to file an objection to the settlement and all the conditions contained therein.

During contract negotiations, the Lodge hired a C.P.A. to check the city's numbers on healthcare. It was during this process that we determined the city was not paying their full 55%. The city was actually paying closer to 47%, which translates to approximately 20 million dollars that the city owes to their annuitants, in addition to lowering the annuitants' current cost of healthcare. Since F.O.P. has

no legal standing in this settlement, the Lodge could not enter this case. However one of our attorneys, Paul Geiger, representing three retired officers, did file suit in this case on behalf of the retired officers. This case is now in front of Judge Donnesberger.

Present in court at the last hearing were attorneys representing the Police, Fire, Municipal, and Laborer's Pension Funds, along with attorneys for the city, and Clinton Krislov. Krislov is the court-certified class counsel for the all annuitants that retired prior to 23 Aug 89. The city attorneys agreed that the city had not been paying the correct amount for retiree healthcare. However they disputed the 20 million figure, stating that it was probably closer to 15 million. If they admit to 15 million, who knows how much they really owe?

The other thing the city attorneys, pension fund attorneys, and Krislov agreed upon, was that Paul Geiger could have no standing in this case. Not the retired officers he is representing, but their attorney Paul Geiger. In other words, you don't have the right to any attorney if you retired after 23 Aug 89. Judge Donnesberger has instructed all parties involved to file a motion supporting their position. The Lodge contacted the Police Pension Fund representatives, and explained what this case is about. The Police Pension Fund has since withdrawn any objection to Paul Geiger's standing in this case. The Fire, Municipal, and Laborer's Funds, along with Mr. Krislov and the city have filed motions to have Paul Geiger removed from the case. And to effectively deny any and all retirees after 23 Aug 89 of their right to counsel. Judge Donnesberger has yet to set a date to hear the motions.

An interesting side to this case is the position the city, pension funds, and Mr. Krislov

have taken. They agree that the city did not pay what they were supposed to. They also agree that the city overcharged all of their annuitants, and that the annuitants are owed a refund. They agree that the original settlement agreement needs to be revised so that the situation does not recur. They don't want Paul Geiger/F.O.P. to have any say in this case. As a matter of fact, Mr. Krislov was quoted in the newspaper as saying there was no need for F.O.P. to get involved in this matter, because he has been working with the city for many months on this matter. We have not seen one piece of correspondence, e-mail, or any other record of this work. While I was standing outside the courtroom I overheard a city attorney complaining that Krislov had been misrepresenting the amount of time that they had working to resolve the issue. If they had truly been working on this case for so long, why were none of the retirees represented by Krislov made aware of it?

The bottom line is this is a bad settlement. This is not just a bad settlement, it's a Dracula settlement. If it ever gets to the light of day it will explode in flames. We cannot trust the people that were involved in this case to give us a fair accounting. They had their chance and they were off by about 20 million. You should contact any city retiree you know, firefighter, municipal worker, or laborer, and inform them of what their pension funds are doing. These pension funds have a fiduciary responsibility not only to the fund, but to the annuitant as well. Denying their annuitants the right to an attorney is not only a breach of their fiduciary responsibility, but also their moral responsibility.

Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

Prudential Insurance Update

Every police officer has \$25,000.00 of life insurance at no cost to them from the City. This policy is held by the Prudential Insurance Company. According to recent telephone calls made to the Lodge, there seems to be

some information that did not quite make the transfer from Bankers Life to Prudential. Members are encouraged to check their beneficiaries with Prudential Insurance by calling 1-800-778-3827. Only active officers need call. This does not include or affect retirees.

Washington D.C. Police Memorial Trip 13 - 16 May 2006

This May marks the 25th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service in Washington D.C. More than 150 Police Officers were killed in the Line of Duty in 2005.

Once again, room availability in the D.C. area is at a premium due to several conventions in town during the same time frame. Rooms need to be booked as soon as possible. **If you are planning on attending this year, book your reservations now.** Group rate is \$199.00 per night.

Please contact one of us to book your room:
PO Marikay O'Brien, 016, 773-677-4397
Or PO Monica Ortiz, 016, 708-899-8363

Time is limited...call today...

The Members of Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge No. 7

*Invite You to Join Us at twelve
o'clock the morning of
Tuesday, the Second of May
at the F.O.P. Hall
1412 West Washington Boulevard*

*As We Recognize Our Brothers and
Sisters Who Have Died In Service
to the People of Chicago*

*After the Memorial Services there will be a
small reception with light refreshments*

*Please R.S.V.P. before April 25 to
Mary Pat McCullough at 312-733-7776*

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. web site, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

February Pension Update – Advocates present were PO Cedric Brumley, Det Steve Schorsch, VP Greg Bella, and Financial Secretary Tim Fallon. Two claims were granted – 1 Permanent & Total and 1 Occupational Heart. The Pension Board meeting has been changed to April 26, 2006.

Vocational Training Reimbursement Program

Update – The final draft for this program has been presented to the F.O.P. and Committee. This will be presented in a Special Order. Duty and Occupational officers are eligible for this program.

Wellness Benefit – Officers must be enrolled in the City's PPO plan and each covered member is eligible for up to \$600 of wellness benefits per person in the family per year. The benefits can be used for anything billed as routine preventative services such as routine checkups, immunizations, mammograms, etc. Vision

benefits can be used, at this time, through Davis. For further information you can contact Blue Cross/Blue Shield at 1-800-772-6895.

Veterans' Corner

Operation Enduring

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

Traumatic Injury Service Members Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) Coverage

– A provision of the Legislation provided a retroactive period back to October 7, 2001 for SGLI insured whose injury was a direct result from Operation Enduring Freedom and/or

Iraqi Freedom. For basic policy questions call the SGLI office at 1-800-419-1473.

Chicago Vietnam Memorial - The Veteran Community wants to thank Commander James Keating (1st District), Public Transportation Section, Area 4 Detectives, and 9th District Officers for the arrest of the vandals responsible for defacing the memorial.

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character give him power." ~ Abraham Lincoln

Airborne Sal

The Job...The Job...The Job..., By Father Tom Nangle

The policeman wanted to get a small TV for his young daughter. He went to the front closet, grabbed a baseball jacket and a hat, and drove to the appliance store. He looked around for a while, found just the one she'd love, and approached the young salesman. The salesman gave him a price and, in one of policing's oldest traditions, our man showed the salesman the button and said quietly, "Can we do better than that? I'm a police officer." The salesman said, "Yeah, man, I could see that when you walked in." Seems our man had put his uniform hat on when he left the house in a hurry.

I still wonder what that kid thought, you know? He must've thought I was a real softball. Or SuperCop. Geez...!" The Job does have a way of intruding, following you home, appearing in daydreams and nightmares, tragedy and comedy. But it will not be ignored.

Why pay attention to work or The Job? There are a couple of good reasons. First off, work takes up a third of our lives. Eight hours out of every twenty-four goes to work. If we count the time we spend traveling to and from, along with the time we spend thinking about bosses, co-workers, workplace politics and unfairness, we're bumping up against twelve hours easily. Work takes up a big part of our time. Secondly, on a deeper level, we go to work and wonder if it has any meaning. Does my work make a difference in people's lives? Or is it sheer drudgery? As different as we can be in outlook and appearance, our human soul

or spirit hungers for meaning; none of us wants to lead a meaningless life or have a meaningless job. And when we suffer, we desperately want it to have some meaning, so we hear flat phrases like God's will, punishment for our sins, God testing us, etc. The human being is hungry for meaning. I have always thought that police work has a godly flavor to it, a level of meaning and accomplishment that society will never understand or appreciate. Police officers know The Job; they understand The Job. Non-police never will. That sense of meaning or godliness can come and go throughout a police career, an ebb and flow that is tied to burn out or the depressions that are to the human soul what the common cold is to the human body. There are police officers who say, "Six more years and you can take this job and..." while others seem to realize in a strong, abiding way that The Job has moments that God does notice and care about. It seems that for most, though, those two positions or mindsets change places numerous times throughout a long career of policing. One day you're up, next day you're down. But The Job will have its way with you. You can love The Job. It will never love you back.

There's a good story about three stone masons being interviewed in the fourteenth century while they went about their work of building a cathedral. They all had the exact same job: cutting stone into 1' x 1' x 2" blocks. When asked what he was doing, the first man replied, "I'm cutting stones into

blocks. I'll do this every day until I die." He was frustrated, flat and bored. The second man said, "I'm cutting stones into blocks. I'm earning a living for my family. My wife has a roof over her head and my kids have food and clothes." He spoke with a smile and warmth. The third man said, "I'm cutting stones into blocks. I'm able to provide for my family. And I'm helping build a great cathedral to honor God; people will come here and be inspired. It will stand for a thousand years." He spoke with pride and clarity.

All three had the exact same task. All did it well. The first man had purpose, but no meaning (cutting stones into blocks). The second man had purpose and meaning (cutting stones and providing for his family). The third man had purpose, meaning, and a sense of the divine. Guess which one was happiest.

Respectfully,
Fr. Thomas Nangle
Chaplain CPD
312-738-7588

INFORMATION FOR THE POLICE:

-Your Police Chaplains Ministry finally helped dedicate the two marble benches we bought in memory of the two Milwaukee County Deputy Sheriffs killed in a helicopter crash while hunting for a suspect in the homicide of an off-duty Chicago Police Officer. The benches are at the sheriff's memorial site, and they have the Chicago star and the Milwaukee sheriffs star engraved along with the words, "From the Officers of the Chicago P.D." Your donations made this gesture of respect and gratitude possible.

-Mass cards continue to be available via telephone (312-738-2831) from Police Chaplains Ministry; it's simply a promise of prayer in gratitude for the life of the deceased, as well as prayers for the grieving family. No donations expected or accepted.



Chicago's 4th Annual Battle of the Badges

Charity Boxing Event...
Chicago Police vs. Chicago Fire

De La Salle Institute
3455 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Friday Night, April 21, 2006
Doors will open at 6:00 pm

Admission is only \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

For tickets or more information please contact
Dale Caridine at 312-745-5838

The following Officer retired in January and was mistakenly left off of the list in the March Newsletter.

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Kupetis, Walter S.	Officer	DPR	36

ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME...

 <p><i>Store Hours:</i> Mon-Thurs 9:00 – 5:00 Friday 9:00 – 4:00 Saturday 9:00 – 1:00 Direct Line: 312-733-2344 Closed: 14 - 16 April 2006 29 April 2006</p>	<h3>A Sale To Get Ready For The Spring Inspection and Police Memorials In May</h3>	
	10% Off  	<p>All Leather Duty Gear, Including Wallets...All Weapon Cleaning Materials...and...All Duty Ties</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>...This sale is from April 15th through 30th only...</i></p> <hr/> <p>...Gold Sale...In Time For Mother's Day All Gold Star Pendants, All Ranks...And All Gold Rings Are On Sale</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>.....This sale is from April 15th through May 6th...</i></p>

Back In Stock...& On Sale...
CPD Patch Bath Mat
Originally priced at \$17.95
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Was \$27.95
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Leather Covers
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New Item Ladies Scoop-Neck, Short Sleeve, Knit Top In Blue Stripe, Light Gray & Black Stripe....
Sizes Small to XL...With A Variety of CPD Embroidered Logos. Affordably Priced At Only **\$14.95 Each**



Don't forget Mother's Day is May 14th And Father's Day Is June 18th.
All Vanmark Police Statues & Frames Now On Sale For Only 10% OFF



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.

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

Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 4:00 pm - Midnight
IBEW Local 134 Hall
600 W. Washington Blvd. (Jefferson & Washington)

Tickets can be purchased from Pat Suchocki at the F.O.P. Office; 312-733-7776

Visit the website at JohnHurleyMemorial.com

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

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Insert PLEA flier here

Pension Board News, *By Ken Hauser*

Pension Fund Market Value Update

The total Fund's market value was \$3.786 billion at the end of the fourth quarter, December 31, 2005. There is approximately \$34.925 million paid monthly to annuitants. This comes to approximately \$419.1 million per year. The Pension Fund received approximately \$247.4 million in employee/er contributions in 2005. As you can see, the Pension Fund is minus \$171.7 million before the Pension Fund receives any return on their investments. There was 7.3% total return on the Fund's investments for 2005. This is the third year that the Fund has had positive returns. The return wasn't as good as 2004/2003 which was 11%/21% respectively. The Fund was .07% below our 8% actuarial assumption requirement. Hopefully, 2006 will finish with higher than 8% returns.

Pension Fund Update

On February 27, 2006, there were articles in the Sun Times and Tribune and a study was released by the Civic Federation (a tax watchdog) addressing the unfunded portion of all the pensions in the states. They stated that several of the funds are a mess and one fund is teetering on insolvency. The Police Pension Fund is funded at 56%. If every active police officer (13,600) retired on the same day, the pension fund would not be able to make its' pension obligation for benefits because we are 44% underfunded. That will never happen. There are 500-600 police officers retiring every year. The Civic Federation recommended some ways of

improving the funding of the pension funds. They suggested that new hires get less benefits than present employees, any new benefits be tied to clear funding sources and then limiting the benefits offered. I received a number of calls from concerned annuitants who read these articles. They were worried about losing their benefits because the Pension Fund was broke. I assured them that we are not broke and let them know that we should all be grateful to the Legislators who re-wrote the Constitution of the State of Illinois at the Constitution Convention of 1970. They had the foresight to put a section into the Constitution that protects pensions and retirement rights. Article XIII, Section 5 states that membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government, or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired.

Healthcare Rates Reduced

I hope all annuitants are aware that their monthly healthcare rates have been reduced effective March 1, 2006. The rates were reduced by category, one category as much as \$58.00 and another as little as \$10.00. The categories are: Medicare eligible, Medicare non-eligible, with children, born before January 1, 1909, retired before August 23, 1989, retired on/after August 23, 1989, retired on/after July 1, 2005 with 20 years of service, etc. The only category that didn't receive a reduction is: those that were born be-

tween December 31, 1908 and December 31, 1913. In this category, the rates are capped.

3% COLA Adjustment

House Bill 1009 was signed by the Governor on January 6, 2006. This bill provides a 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) to police officers born after January 1, 1950 but before January 1, 1955. The Pension Fund's target date is March 31, 2006 to get you your retroactive check. It is retroactive to January 1, 2005 for those who were 55 years of age on that date. The retro check will be included in your monthly annuity check and will consist of the increase and the retroactive money.

13th Holiday Check

It was great hearing from all the annuitants who wrote letters and sent thank you cards for receiving the \$400.00 13th holiday check. I will make the same motion in the fall of this year and, hopefully, get you another check before the holi-

days.

Overpayment Of Healthcare Premiums

You were informed on February 20, 2006 by the Fraternal Order of Police President, Mark Donahue, that their in-house attorneys filed a petition with the City of Chicago requesting that retirees be reimbursed for overpayments they made on their healthcare premiums. The first hearing was held on February 21, 2006 in Judge David Donnersberger's court. The Judge issued a 21-day window ending March 14, 2006. During this window, all concerned can file a motion to address the issue of standing. The Judge also set a status hearing for April 3, 2006. This is to see if any of the funds have filed a motion. At this time, a hearing date will be set.

I wish a warm and enjoyable Spring to all.



2nd Annual Run To Remember 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, May 6, 2006
Registration Starts At 6:30 am
Race Kicks Off At 8:00 am

Gold Star Family Park
(Just East Of Soldier Field)

The Run To Remember benefits the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Participants can choose the Champion-chip times USATF certified 5K run or the non-competitive 5K walk.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!!
Contact Tony Baio at 312-745-5286

Questions, please contact Rhonda Anderson at
312-745-5286 or visit the website at
www.momentumchicago.com



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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