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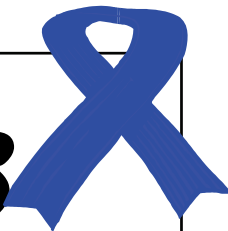
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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The month of May is upon us which means that there will be a number of Memorial Services to honor the job that we do as Law Enforcement Officers and, more importantly, to honor those who have come before us, many of them losing their lives in our chosen profession. Our Memorial Service here at the Lodge is scheduled for May 2nd at Noon. This is a rare occasion for us in that we will not be adding any names to our wall because we did not lose any officers in 2005 and those officers from our past, who are being honored by having their stars retired at Headquarters, have already been added to our wall over the years. Please stop by for the Memorial Service or anytime to pay your respects and to see the many improvements we have made to our Memorial area. On Thursday, May 4th, the Illinois State Memorial Service will take place in Springfield. The FOP State Lodge is in charge of the service this year and this will mark the last year that FOP Lodge 41, the Troopers Lodge, will sponsor an event the night before on the Lake due to its recent sale. FOP Lodge 55, Sangamon County, is taking up the slack at their Lake Lodge on the other side of the lake again this year. On May 7th, the Annual St. Jude Police League March will take place, stepping off on Michi-

gan Avenue and ending with a Catholic Mass at Holy Name. On May 10th, the annual Police Recognition Ceremony takes place at Chicago Hilton and Towers at Noon. The National Police Memorial events are scheduled in Washington for May 13-15th. The Candlelight Ceremony in Judiciary Square will take place on the 13th and the FOP Memorial Service will again take place on the West Lawn of the Capitol on the 15th. In between there are color guard and bagpipe competitions in D.C. Every officer should take the opportunity to at least once in their career attend the memorials in Springfield and Washington. It is particularly moving to attend the services in the company of other officers from across the State and Country.

LEGISLATURE

The Legislature in Springfield has now extended its schedule for a second time so far. There are issues that are very important to us that have gotten the attention that we needed. I'll first report on SB2368 which is the Racial Profiling legislation that we have addressed on several occasions. This legislation initially sought to establish an "Oversight Board" whose powers would have allowed them to "develop, adopt and implement plans and strategies to eliminate racial profiling in Illinois". This 28 member Board was to be made up of many individuals from groups that historically have

not been Law Enforcement friendly. It also would have extended the collection of data forever and allowed for the Board to do the analyzing on the collected data. The FOP took the position based upon the results of the first year's data being analyzed. That report showed that the disparity between stops of minority and non-minorities was less than 5%, well short of the level of concern that was established by the original promoters of the legislation in which they stated they would not be concerned unless the disparity rate was in the 30-35% range. Our position was that if the results of the study are coming back in the range that we felt it would be, why then is there a need to expand the time element of the study and why would there be a need to replace the Legislature with an oversight board. Even though the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police filed as "neutrals" in Committee Hearings that were scheduled, the FOP took a position in opposition and continued to negotiate with the involved parties. The outcome of those negotiations is that a new amendment was tendered which limits the Oversight Board to: 15 [from 28] members; being advisory only; it doesn't form until 2008; and it is repealed in 2010. The data will be collected only until 2010 as well. We felt that as the data was being analyzed in our favor, to concede to a minimal extension would not be

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harmful to our position.

SB 2872

Relative to the concern that was sparked over the Civic Federation's "Recommendation to Reform Public Pension Boards of Trustees in Illinois", the Lodge was pleased to see that the City has shown a level of concern over the funding of our pension funds. SB 2872 addresses the potential of the City to lease Midway Airport to private entities sometime in the future. Although there are no takers at this time, the legislation includes a provision that would earmark the proceeds received from such an agreement. The section mandates that 90% of the net proceeds from the lease shall be obligated to City infrastructure and the pension funds of municipal employees. Although we do see areas for improvement in this section and are making attempts to discuss changes, we were glad to discover that the City is showing concern for the worsening problem of under funded City pension funds.

PERSONNEL SUITE POLICY

The Department has asked the FOP to be part of a process in formulating what has been referred to as an "Early Intervention Program". This program, called the "Personnel Suite Policy" is designed to identify and track the activities and accomplishments of all

Department members. It is very much "unlike" any programs that had been recommended in the past and the difference is that the Unions are now included as active participants in formulating the program instead of being presented with one. Our involvement will ensure that it will not be disciplinary in nature and that it will be as much a benefit to the membership as it is to the Department. As the planning is in the early stages, there is not much to tell about how this program will work. Bill Dougherty, Greg Bella and I are on the three Joint Committees that will address formulating thresholds, establishing intervention policy and securing the data collected for the program. The only data that will be addressed is that which the Department already has and the intent will be to make that data secure. We will be forming a committee made up of Unit Reps to update them on any progress of the program and to ensure that any concerns they have are addressed to the City. The timetable to have the program up and running has yet to be established but I don't feel that it will be ready anytime this year. Due to the nature of this program and programs that had measurably different intents in the past, there will be those who are going to rush to judgment and conclusions

even now. For them, ask yourself, would you rather this program be formulated with or without the influence of the Unions. This inclusion is a major step for the Department that we consistently push for and one that should not be criticized at such an early stage of the game.

FRED HAMPTON ISSUE

As of this writing, April 24th, the Lodge has been assured by members of the City Council that the issue of naming a street after Black Panther Fred Hampton will not be called up for a vote at the City Council Meeting on April 26th. We have informed The Gold Star Families and others of this position and the Lodge will continue to monitor the situation and will inform the membership if and when this insult to Law Enforcement will be addressed.

MISINFORMATION GIVEN TO RETIREES

For the second time in as many months, the Lodge has fielded questions from retirees about misinformation that has been circulated by a retiree group. The first issue was over this group laying blame on the FOP for negotiating increases in premiums to CareMark benefits for retirees in our contract. Those increases were included in the Korshak Settlement and

had nothing to do with our contract negotiations. Recently the group felt a "need" to tell their members that an agreement between the City and the health care provider over overpayments for health care had been finalized and that rebates should be received within the next ninety days. This is apparently in reference to the court action that has been filed by our in-house attorneys in regards to the overpayments that we discovered in late 2004. This court action is ongoing and the next date is May 1st. The City is the provider first of all and although the City has adjusted the charges relative to the actions taken by the Lodge, there is no timetable for the rebate of owed monies. This misinformation has caused concern for many retirees. There are currently four present or past members of Lodge 7's Board of Directors on this group's board and any one of them could have corrected this misinformation if asked. Any group has a responsibility to disseminate accurate information particularly when it deals with benefits to active and retired members.

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

SUSPENSION NOTIFICATION

If you have a C.R. number sustained, and the recommended penalty is a suspension of 6-15 days, you have a right to a review by the Police Board. You will receive a

form from the Department and you will have the option to accept the suspension or have a Police Board review. If you check the box for a Police Board review, you must immediately call Kathy Moore at the Lodge so that she can order

the file from either OPS or IAD. Once the Lodge receives the C.R. file, the Lodge will call the officer so that the officer can come to the Lodge, review the file and write a "To-From" to the Police Board explaining why

the penalty should be reduced. The officer has 14 business days to write the "To-From" once the Lodge receives the file. The "To-From" must then be hand carried to the Police Board

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within the fourteen (14) business day time limit. If the officer does not get the "To-From" in within the fourteen (14) business day time limit, the officer will serve the suspension.

If an officer receives a 16-30 day suspension recommendation, the officer has the options to accept the suspension or have a Police Board review and/or have a review by the Superintendent. The officer has the same fourteen (14) business day time period to submit a "To-From." If you select a Superintendent's review, you must hand carry the review to the Superintendent's office. Remember, the fourteen (14) business day clock does not start ticking until the Lodge receives the C.R. file. It is very important that the day you make your selection you call the Lodge so that we can order the file. The Lodge has no way of knowing that you have made a selection unless you notify us by telephone.

F.O.P. MEDALLIONS AND DECALS

When you dispose of, sell or trade in your old vehicle make sure that you remove your F.O.P. medallion and decals. There are many vehicles on the street with F.O.P. medallions and decals that are not being driven by F.O.P. members or their immediate family.

The Grand Lodge has a trademark on the F.O.P. logo and Grand Lodge Standing Rules and Procedure address this issue.

Regulation #4 states: Active member emblems and decals shall only be displayed by a member or by a member of his/her immediate family who live in the household.

Regulation #5 states: No member shall sell, give or loan to a non member any item bearing the wording, "member or active member" nor items that would lead a reasonable person to believe that such individuals displaying such items are active members of the Fraternal Order of Police.

The Grand Lodge is working with e-bat to stop the sale of these items on the internet and if you find decals or medallions being sold contact the Grand Lodge at 800-451-2711.

RECURRENCE OF AN INJURY ON-DUTY

First contact your unit of assignment and inform your watch commander that you are placing yourself on recurrence of a previous IOD. When you have a recurrence of a previous injury on-duty you must go to the Medical Services Section and fill out a recurrence of IOD form. While at the Medical Services Section you must ask the nurse for a referral to a doctor. The nurse should show you a list of at least three doctors in which you can choose from. If you are denied a referral then you must contact the Lodge to file a grievance. You have 10 days from the denial date to file a grievance. Refer to Appendix N in your contract when requesting a recurrence of an injury on-duty.

SUBROGATION

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

treatment. In addition to the letter, a questionnaire requesting certain information regarding the accident such as:

- Whether or not you have retained an attorney to sue.
- If an insurance company of another party is responsible for payment.
- Whether there is any other means of recovery.

This questionnaire must be filled out and returned or payment of benefits may be withheld.

FIREARM SAFETY DAYS

The Lodge will again be hosting the annual Firearms Safety Days at the FOP Hall on 16 and 17 May 06 from 0900 hrs until 1700 hrs for both days. There will be representatives of the various gun manufacturers who will conduct on site safety inspections and adjustments of officers' duty weapons at no cost. Also attending the event will be representatives from various leather goods companies and firearm related companies. Officers take full advantage of this benefit, which your Lodge has provided. An ounce of preventative maintenance can be invaluable at a crucial moment. Look forward to seeing you there.

ZYLON VEST CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

Officers who had previously owned bullet proof vests manufactured by Second Chance which contained the fabric Zylon and who registered to become members in the Class Action Lawsuit should be receiving their checks or vouchers from the settlement agreement which had been reached between Toboyo and plaintiffs in the Class Action Suit. Anyone

who owns one of the affected bulletproof vests (Ultima, Ultimax and Triflex) and who has not previously registered should contact the Class Action Law Suit Administrator at 504 524-5777 who is still accepting members into the lawsuit.

The deadline for signing up is 1 July 06.

STRESS MANAGEMENT CLASSES

The Stress Management Training Class is just that a training program. We all have stress in our daily lives and this program helps you to identify stress and how to avoid stress. The Stress Management Classes have been reinvented and have returned as a benefit to our membership. The location for the classes has changed and the next class will be held on 8 & 9 June 06, at the Chicago Lake Shore Hospital located at 4840 N Marine Drive from 0830 hrs until 1630 hrs. Anyone interested in attending the class should contact the Lodge.

PEER SUPPORT APPLICATION

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is in the process of accepting applications for the Fall Peer Support Team Training. The Peer Support Program is a program that offers assistance and appropriate support resources to Officers when personal or professional problems negatively affect their work performance, their family or themselves. If you are interested in the Peer Support Program contact the EAP at 312 747-5492 to obtain an application. The Peer Support Program is voluntary and a serious commitment to the program is a must. The deadline for applying is August 6, 2006.

Pension News, *By Steve Robbins*

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF BENEFITS REPORT

In April, working Police Officers received a Personal Statement of Benefits report from the Fund via US Mail. There are a few points to keep in mind when reviewing this statement. This year's statement is an estimate based on the pay rates of 2005. The statement is designed to give an estimate of the benefit paid upon completing the combination

of 20 years of service and age 50. These informational statements are sent out every year intending to provide every active member with a general estimate of future benefits. The statement also provides each member with a basic understanding of how benefits are calculated.

STUDENT LOANS

Members with children currently enrolled in college may find the following information useful. Under new legislation passed last November, beginning July

1, 2006, current college students will no longer be able to consolidate their existing school loans while still in school. Prior to that date students can still consolidate their student loans and lock in current rates. For more information, check with your school's Financial Aid Office.

CARRY CONCEALED

Congratulations to those retirees who have successfully completed the requirements and received their retired carry – conceal permits. So far, over 1000 retirees have had

their Retiree Carry-Conceal Form 3 authorized and returned by the Fund. For more information, retirees should call the I.R.O.C.C. Office at (217)-726-9537, or check their website at www.rpocc.com.

General Meeting Notice

**The next scheduled
General Meeting will be
held on 16 May 2006 at
1900 hours.**

Health & Insurance News, Vision Plan For Retirees, *By Ed King, Chairman*

The Committee was contacted in January by a retired officer who stated that he had retired in 2005. Upon retiring, this officer signed up for the Cobra healthcare plan, which is offered by the City for a period of eighteen months. In December of 2005, this officer was informed by the City, via a letter from Benefits Management, that as of 1 January 2006 vision coverage would be eliminated from the Cobra benefit package, subsequently eliminating vision coverage for this officer and his eligible dependents.

Upon hearing this, I contacted Benefits Management and spoke to the Director who related that this was in fact true. This benefit was eliminated when the City renegotiated contracts with their healthcare providers during the last quarter of 2005.

Realizing that the elimination of this benefit posed a serious problem to many retired officers, the committee immediately met to address this issue. We con-

tacted Davis Vision, FOREYES, Lens Crafters and several other providers in an attempt to secure some type of vision coverage comparable to what the active members currently have, but at a discount rate, realizing that retirees now would have to pay for this coverage.

Of the several companies that were contacted, only two responded with proposals that met the criteria requested by the committee. These companies were Davis Vision and FOREYES. The committee then met to discuss and break down the proposals. After review and further contact with each company, the committee concluded that FOREYES was the best company to facilitate our retirees with a good discount vision program.

At the March Board of Director's meeting, a recommendation was made from the committee to the full board to recognize and endorse FOREYES as the company to handle discount vision coverage for our retired officers affected by the Cobra

change, as well as any others who wish to utilize the program. A motion was made and passed by the full Board of Directors.

FOREYES was then contacted by the committee and the specifics were put in place. Retirees and their dependents can now go to FOREYES and simply present their FOP membership cards. This will entitle you to services with discounts up to 20% below WHOLESALE prices! Typically, most discounts are below RETAIL, so this is a drastic savings for our members. There is no enrollment fee or cost to our members and you only use the services when needed. There are no restrictions to the type of lenses you can purchase or services utilized. FOREYES is a complete eye care facility with on site Optometrists for eye exams and frame fittings. In addition, active members and their eligible dependents can also use FOREYES instead of Davis Vision. You have the services performed, pay for the services and then submit a claim form to Davis Vision for reimburse-

ment.

You can obtain all the information needed for FOREYES by visiting the FOP website then going to the Discount Program page and scroll down to vision care. The FOREYES link is listed right there. Just click on to obtain information. Davis Vision claim forms can be downloaded from the Benefits Management Website from the CPD Intranet or by visiting DavisVision.Com.

The Committee hopes that this program will help alleviate most of the vision concerns with our retired members. Special thanks must go out to Committee member John Fitzgerald, who acted as the liaison between the Committee and FOREYES. Questions that may arise can be directed to the Committee via the FOP Office or by e-mail.

The Committee will continue to investigate concerns or issues relative to healthcare that our members encounter. We remain committed to giving our members the best information and options available to combat the numerous healthcare issues that arise daily.

“Before I Was A Mom”, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

The month of May is known as Police Memorial Month. A time we pay tribute to all Police Officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We also give honor and salute all men and women of law enforcement, who give so much of themselves and put their lives on the line on a daily basis. May they be blessed today and always. Amen. I dedicate this month's 'food for thought' to all our brothers and sisters in blue.....

Also this month, in honor of the special women in our lives called 'Mom', we pause to pay a special tribute.

“BEFORE I WAS A MOM”

Before I was a Mom, I made and ate hot meals. I had unstained clothing. I

had quiet conversations on the phone.

Before I was a Mom, I slept as late as I wanted and never worried about how late I got into bed. I brushed my hair and my teeth everyday.

Before I was Mom, I cleaned my house each day. I never tripped over toys or forgot words to lullabies.

Before I was a Mom, I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous. I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mom, I had never been puked on, pooped on, spit on, chewed on, peed on, or pinched by tiny fingers.

Before I was a Mom, I had complete control of my body and my mind. I slept all night.

Before I was a Mom, I never held down a screaming child so that doctors could do

tests or give shots. I never looked into teary eyes and cried. I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin. I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mom, I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put it down. I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt. I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much. I never knew that I could love someone so much. I never knew I would love being a Mom.

Before I was a Mom, I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body. I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby. I didn't know that bond between a Mother and her child. I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important.

Before I was a Mom, I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure everything was ok. I had never known the warmth, the joy, the love, the heartache, the wonder and fulfillment or the satisfaction of being a Mom....I love every moment, and I'm thankful for the most beautiful blessing of being able to wear the title of "Mom".

So if you are blessed with having a Mom, give her a call let her know how much she means to you.

On behalf of all the 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 e-mail moshewolf@hotmail.com

CURRENT EVENTS

The following events listed will occur from May 6th thru June 9th of 2006. For further information on any events posted below contact the Lodge (312) 733-7776, log onto the FOP website at www.chicagofop.org, or call the Hotline number at 312-733-2101.

06 May	2 nd Annual Run to Remember/5k Run & Walk
	Gold Star Families Park/Rhonda Anderson, 745-5286
07 May	St. Jude Parade
09 May	Italian American Police Assoc. Meeting
13 May	Washington D.C. Memorial
14 May	Mother's Day
15 May	Peace Officers Day/National Police Memorial
	Service/Washington D.C./312-733-7776
16 May	General Meeting/FOP Hall/1900 hours
16 May	Firearm Safety Day
17 May	Firearm Safety Day
19 May	Wheeler/Barker Family Benefit
20 May	Armed Forces Day
25 May	6 th Period Begins
29 May	Holiday/Memorial Day
31 May	Watch Bids Open
31 May	Recognized Openings in Districts and Units
01 June	FOP Fishing Tournament
02 June	Transfer Bids
06 June	Chicago Police Marines Monthly Meeting
07 June	Watch Bids Close

The Fraternal Order of Police Proudly Sponsors A *Financial Education Program*

Freddie Mac professional trainers will provide training to 15-18 F.O.P. Members from Chicago Lodge #7. The program will consist of training our members to understand credit and money management, set clear financial goals, create a budget, save for the future and borrow less expensively.

Once these F.O.P. Members are trained, they will be able to instruct other F.O.P. Members to become more financially literate. The training will take place here in Chicago on June 8th and 9th. Any member wishing to participate in this program is asked to contact Mary Pat here at the Lodge. This free training is provided as a benefit through the National Lodge and **Freddie Mac**.

Financial Secretary's Report, By Tim Fallon

CHA GRIEVANCE

On April 19, 2006 the Lodge received Arbitrator Peter Meyers supplemental decision and award dealing with the remedy for the CHA grievances. This award covers all of the officers formerly assigned to Public Housing South. There were 88 officers that filed timely grievances regarding the department's position to deny them the opportunity to work the CHA overtime initiative. There were also approximately 40 officers that were similarly denied the opportunity to work, but either did not file a timely grievance or filed no grievance at all. All of the issues pertaining to these grievances are finally resolved in the Arbitrator's supplemental award.

In the supplemental deci-

sion and award, the city made an argument that according to the Arbitrator's primary award, only officers who were assigned to Public Housing South prior to June 23, 2003 should be awarded a monetary remedy. The city emphasized the Arbitrator's finding that officers who work within the Public Housing Unit develop a specialized knowledge of the unique problems and situations found there, and that such knowledge is essential to the success of any police effort within the Public Housing complexes. The city further argued that to award a monetary remedy to officers assigned to Public Housing South after June 23, 2003 would be an "undue enrichment", or "windfall" for these officers.

Arbitrator Meyers denied

the city's argument. In his decision he wrote that the reference to the June 2003 implementation of the CHA overtime initiative was intended only as a sort of short-hand description of the large number of grievants involved in this arbitration. He also wrote, "To attempt to use this reference to June 2003 as a means of defining all of the individual grievants who properly qualify for monetary relief here represents an improper and unwarranted stretching of the true meaning and significance of these words. Quite simply, the reference to June 2003 in the cited paragraph does not carry the significance and weight that the city ascribes to this phrase in making its argument here." However Arbitrator Meyers did uphold the city's argument on the approximately 40 officers who did not file timely griev-

ances, or filed no grievance at all. In his decision, the Arbitrator ruled that these officers are not due any monetary relief. While we do not agree with this part of the decision, this is binding arbitration and the decision is final.

The next phase of the procedure is to meet with Management and Labor Affairs, and the Finance Division to implement the award. This meeting is scheduled on 27 April. At this meeting we will discuss the most efficient, and expeditious way to implement the award. The results of this meeting will be announced at the next general meeting on May 16. Should any problems arise out of this meeting, Arbitrator Meyers has retained jurisdiction on this case until it is fully implemented.

ILLINOIS STATE LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



REQUIREMENTS:

- Parent must be an Illinois F.O.P. member in good standing.
- Applicant must be a full time, undergraduate student (12 or more credit hours per semester)
- Applicant must provide proof of registration for the Fall 2006 semester when sending in this scholarship application. *Proof can include note from registrar, class schedule, tuition payment receipt or letter of acceptance. Letters of acceptance must be followed by proof of registration before scholarship is awarded.*
- **Award:** \$500 (17 individual district scholarships awarded by random drawing at the State Lodge summer meeting)
- **Application Deadline:** Must be received by 1630 hours on 23 June 2006.
- **Please Note:** Incomplete applications will NOT be processed. **Please use only one submission method**
- **Mail/Fax to:** F.O.P. Illinois State Lodge, 4341 Acer Grove, Suite B, Springfield, Illinois 62711
Phone: (217) 726-8880 FAX: (217) 726-8881 Online: www.ilfop.org

Student's Full Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____ Lodge #: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

College/University: _____

Office Use Only - District/Trustee: _____

Treasurer's Report, By John Capparelli

COP KILLER...DEAD

In 1967, Leon Gregory West was sentenced for four counts of armed robbery, for which he received four concurrent 1 – 10 year sentences. In 1973, West was convicted of armed robbery and murder in Winnebago County. The victim of this murder was

Officer Charles Williams, a Rockford Police Officer who was responding to a call of armed robbery.

We have been notified of the death of Leon Gregory West. According to Menard Correctional Center of the Department of Corrections, West died on Thursday, March 16, 2006.

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...

2006 BUDGET

The numbers are in for the 2006 Budget. The following is a summary of the allowances for 2006. Any active or active/retired member interested in viewing the entire budget can do so by contacting the Lodge and making an appointment with either myself or another Officer of the Lodge. The 2006 Budget reads as follows:

Total Income:	<u>\$5,901,494.00</u>
Other Expenses:	\$10,000.00
Total Merchandising:	\$385,000.00
Total Interest & Grievance:	\$143,300.00
Total Legal Defense:	\$445,000.00
Total Insurance Program	\$300,000.00
Total Local, State & National Programs & Activities	\$155,280.00
Total State Conference:	\$14,000.00
Total Newsletter:	\$141,200.00
Total Special Events:	\$108,700.00
Total Other Fraternal Programs:	<u>\$2,991,800.00</u>

The 2006 Budget Summary is as follows:

Total Income:	\$5,901,494.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$4,694,280.00</u>
Total in excess of Expenses:	\$1,207,214.00
Less restricted funds	
Merrill Lynch Dividends:	\$500.00
Interest, Merrill Lynch	<u>\$140,000.00</u>
Total Restricted Fund Revenue:	<u>\$140,500.00</u>
	\$1,066,714.00

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.

March Pension Update

Advocates present were Det Steve Schorsch, VP Bill Dougherty, and myself. *Total and Permanent* – 1 claim continued, *Ordinary* – 2 claims granted, *Duty Disability* – 1 claim granted and 2 claims taken under advisement. There are currently 13 cases that have gone before

either the circuit, appellate, or supreme courts. Some of these court cases are final and some are continuing to the next court level.

For those scheduled for a disability hearing at the Pension Board, there is free parking at the Fund. Call Trustee Steve Robbins or Trustee Mike Lazzaro for more information at 312-744-3891.

Social Security Disability Income – You may be eligible for Disability Income. Call 1-800-772-1213 or check the web site at www.socialsecurity.gov to request #1) your complete earning record, #2) date last insured, and #3) if you will be affected by the windfall

elimination provision. File your claim, regardless of the outcome, so you will be able to seek counsel if necessary.

VETERANS' CORNER

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

Veterans Job Fair & Career Expo – Wednesday, May 17, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Navy Pier Grand Ballroom. Sponsored by The New York Times Salute Our Heroes™.

Memorial Day Parade – Saturday, May 27, 11:00 am – Wreath Laying at Eternal Flame, 12:00 noon – State Street Parade

Memorial Day Events – Monday, May 29. Medal of Honor PFC Milton Olive (173rd Airborne) ceremony at Olive Park at 7:30 am. Norwood Park Parade at 11:00 am. Rosehill Cemetery, parade begins at 10:00 am from 5700 N. Clark, ceremony at 11:00 am. Ridge Park, parade begins at 10:00 am at 111th & Longwood Dr. and proceeds to 96th & Longwood for 11:00 am ceremony. Bernie Burgers BBQ, 1:00 pm, at Dugan's at 6051 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

"We fight for men and women whose poetry is not yet written." ~ Col. Robert Gould Shaw

Airborne Sal

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION SYSTEM

Members are reminded to read Appendix J (page 111) of the Agreement between Fraternal Order of Police and the City of Chicago when placed into either the Behavioral Intervention System or the Personal Concerns Program. Also, please read Administration Special Order 05-04 (P.C.P.) or Administration Special Order 05-02 (B.I.S.). It is very important that you request a hearing within seven (7) working days of being presented with the Individualized Performance Plan (IPP) for the Behavioral Intervention System, or seven (7) working days of having attended a Personnel Concerns Conference. The request for a hearing must be in writing to the Director of the Personnel Division. Department members upgraded from BIS to PCP are not entitled to a hearing.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES/ AMENDMENTS

Only active members in good standing of this Lodge may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Such proposals shall be attested by the signatures of eleven (11) active members in good standing. The signatures will not be necessary when proposals are made by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee appointed by the President and 1st Vice President. Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary within a two-month period commencing April 1st and ending May 31st of each year.

2006 F.O.P. FISHING TOURNAMENT

The date for the 2006 F.O.P. Fishing Tournament has been set for Wednesday, May 31, 2006. All members who anticipate fishing should mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing all anglers back for another year of fishing and fun.

2006 F.O.P. PICNIC

The Annual F.O.P. Picnic has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Santa's Village in Dundee, Illinois. Members are encouraged to send in any ideas or suggestions that would benefit the annual outing. The Board of Directors look forward to seeing all the familiar faces as well as new ones this year. Please send your comments to Sid Davis or Frank DiMaria care of Unit 541.

MILITARY RESERVIST

Members of Lodge 7 who are reservists, are asked to contact the Lodge when ordered to active duty, even when performing Annual Training. There are new benefits that you may not be aware of and a simple meeting of 15 to 30 minutes with a Lodge Rep will be very beneficial to you. Members who think they still may be owed money from recent mobilizations or retro should also contact the Lodge, please have all documentation including orders, DD214 and any source references that may assist finance in computing what may be owed to you.

WEAPONS, REGISTRATION

Every Wednesday of each week weapon inspection is conducted throughout districts and units. Some offi-

Wheeler - Barker Family Benefit

Bernard Barker, the husband of Officer Annette Wheeler-Barker, passed away on November 29, 2005 from complications caused by Sickle Cell Disease.

Alone, Annette is now faced with the difficult task of raising their children, ages 1, 4 & 6. Please come and join us to help support Annette and her family.

Friday, May 19, 2006

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

F.O.P. Hall

1412 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, Illinois

Donation \$25.00

Life Entertainment by
Musically Yours DJ Entertainment

For tickets or more information please contact:
Debbie Spraggins, 773-510-7903
Iris Flores, 773-817-3960
Ed Carter, 773-457-6118

Monetary Donations May Be Directed To:

*Wheeler-Barker Family Benefit
C/O Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union
1359 W. Washington Blvd Chicago, Illinois 60607*

cers may miss it due to furloughs, medical, days off, etc. Please take the time to check your weapon for serviceability, cleanliness and the correct ammunition. While you are at it, you might as well remove your driver's license and weapon card to include your FOIC from your wallet or purse and check them for expiration dates. Stay safe, be careful, and if you have a dept vehicle that does not meet SOP, **DOWN IT.**

WATCH BIDS


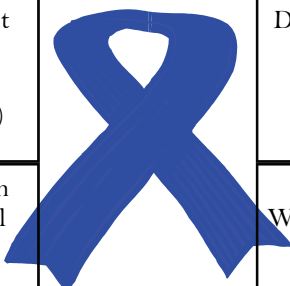
Section 31.5 of our contract book covers watch bidding. If and when the employer decides to fill a recognized watch vacancy by bid, such vacancy to be bid shall be posted on the seventh calendar day (Wednesday - May 31st) of the sixth period and shall remain posted for seven (7) calendar days from the date of posting.

An officer may bid for only one watch. if posted, during the 3rd, 6th and 9th periods. When bidding for the new-year an officer may then bid for more then one watch.

ROLL CALLS

Over the past four years the Board of Directors have been attending roll calls throughout the various units and districts. While we have tried to attend each watch in each district some members have complained of not seeing a representative, in some cases when we have attended a roll call for a watch members may have been days off, on the medical or furlough and missed the representative. If your unit or district has not had a roll call visit please call the lodge and arrangements will be made to send a representative to your unit.

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: 27 - 29 May 2006</p>	<p align="center">It is Police Memorial Month Dedicated To All Who Serve & Protect...Lest We Forget...</p>	
	<p align="center">All Police Figurines or Photo Frames Now 25% OFF</p> <p align="center">Police Prayer Sun-Catcher Now 20% OFF</p> <p align="center">New CPD Star Pewter Keychain For Police Officer, Detective and Sergeant Originally Priced at \$7.00 each, Now On Sale For Only \$4.95 each</p>	
<p align="center">All Glassware With Pewter CPD Star Now 10% OFF - A Great Gift For A Police Family</p>		
<p>Long Sleeve, Pique, Polo Shirt With Or Without Pocket In Black Or Grey...Large - #XL Originally Priced At \$24.95 - Marked Down to \$19.95...Now On Sale For 40% OFF, (\$14.97)</p>		<p>Dusty Rose and Black, Ladies Microfleece, Full Zip Jacket With Zippered Pockets and Draw String Now On Sale For 20% OFF (\$19.96 for small - XL & \$21.56 for 2XL)</p>
<p>Selected Adult Tee-Shirts, "Men In Blue", "Goon Squad", "Retired", "Vice Control Unit", "Tactical Unit", & "It Takes One To Know One" On Sale Now For 30% OFF each</p>		<p>Now Available - Spring/Summer Nylon Jackets With Mesh Lining, Inside & Outside Pockets & Roll Away Hood - Medium - 4XL On Sale Now For Only \$29.95 - all sizes</p>
<p align="center">Now, Back In Stock, Action Wind Shirts - 3 Different Styles To Choose From ... Two-Tone Blue, Black & Silver (for all you Sox fans), and Navy & Reflex Grey. Very Sharp & Very Versatile. Small - XL, \$32.95 each And 2XL - 3XL, \$34.95 each</p>		
<p align="center">Folder With Memo Pad Set - Originally Priced at \$17.95, - Now Marked Down To \$12.95</p>		
<p align="center">Selected Caps - Prices Start At \$5.95 And No Higher Than \$9.95 - What A Great Buy!</p>		
<p align="center">Police Chess Set From Vanmark - Priced Elsewhere at \$150.00 - F.O.P. Sale Priced At \$94.95</p>		
<p>Weapon Fanny Pack - Leather With Holster And Four Compartments On Sale Now For Only \$19.95 each</p>	<p>Road Champs Police Cars - 1957 & 1966 Fords Assorted States On Sale Now For Only \$4.95 each</p>	
<p><i>The Bargain Bin Is Full!! Come On In For Some Great Deals...</i></p> <p>Attention Gang Crime Specialist...History Needed</p> <p>Retired Gang Crime Specialist Patrick McCarthy worked in the Gang's North Unit from 1981 until he retired in July of 2000.</p> <p>Pat is currently making a documentary film on the history of Gangs North; from its creation in 1973 until it was disbanded and reorganized in 2001.</p> <p>If you have any historical information, gang photos or photos of the officers who were assigned to Gangs North, your help would be greatly appreciated. All documents, other materials and photos will be returned in the same condition that they are received.</p> <p>Please help in making this documentary a film that we can all be proud of.</p> <p>Please contact Pat at 773-594-0950, or cell at 773-230-9858 or e-mail at PMC6750@AOL.com</p>		<p>Departed Brothers & Sisters</p> <p>Michael R. Corcoran, Age 83 Loretta Crowley, Age 68 Thomas C. Kulekowskis, Age 58 Alex J. Kustra, Age 83 Diane G. Moss, Age 56 Michael A. Nuccio, Age 65 William P. Scanlon, Age 86 James F. Sinclair, Age 71 Daniel P. Sheehan, Age 57 Steven A. Starceovich, Age 61 George R. Sullivan, Age 79 Allen R. Watson, Age 69 Duwayne R. Hornung, Age 76 John J. Moran, Age 80 Robert E. Frenzel, Age 75 Eugene Storino, Age 65</p>

February 2006 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Acevedo, Manuel F.	Officer	010	24
Bradley, Clarence	Officer	051	29
Burns, Gloria R.	Officer	016	30
Chunn, William R.	Officer	002	15
Duran, David	Officer	012	26
Dziedzic, Dennis	Detective	650	32
Edison, David L.	Officer	005	39
Florez, Enriqueito G.	Officer	003	20
Foster, Patricia A.	Officer	018	23
Frost, Susan M.	Officer	019	20
Gaski, Gary M.	Officer	019	29
Goldman, Steven E.	Officer	019	33
Grandy, Kenneth L.	Detective	650	29
Griffin, John	Detective	630	38
Ide, Wayne P.	Officer	025	35
Judge, Daniel S.	Detective	620	24
Kimball, Richard	PO/Marine	059	20
Masterson, Mary E.	Officer	012	24
Ortiz, Eliezer V.	Officer	016	25
Regalado, Linda M.	Youth Inv.	610	21
Roberts, Sr., Tyrone L.	Officer	012	25
Rowan, James J.	Officer	701	36
Rudaitis, Diana J.	Officer	276	28
Stein, Richard J.	Officer	022	29
Terry, Roger D.	Officer	023	34
Walsh, William J.	Officer	018	33
Watson, William L.	E.T.	477	19
Winters, Carol A.	Officer	017	19
Woullard, Fred A.	Officer	620	26

Attention Retirees!!

Order Your 2002, New Design, Retired Star

The Personnel Division is offering previous retirees the opportunity to exchange their issued retirement star for the 2002 design retirement star.

Retirees interested in acquiring the new design retirement star should send a self addressed, business sizes envelope to the Personnel Division, Attn: Sgt. Raymond Gawne. St. Gawne will forward information regarding this project to retirees who are interested. Depending on demand and pursuant to budgetary constraints, handling all requests may take some time, but they will respond to all interested retirees.

The address for all interested retirees to write to is:

Chicago Police Personnel Division
Attn: Sgt. Raymond Gawne
3510 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653



Sample Of New Design

The new retired star is one of the finest in the nation and something that those who have served with honor can be proud of.

JOHN KNIGHT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 19, 2006

0900 hours - Shotgun start - scramble format

**Tuckaway Golf Course
27641 Stony Island
Crete, Illinois**

\$90.00 each or \$360 foursome

Includes golf, fun, food, beverages & prizes



**Immediately following outing
115 Bourbon Street
Merrionette Park, Illinois**

**For ticket information please
contact Dawn Melchert, 022,
at 773-218-5066**

CPD Enforcers Lock Up Win Against New York Department of Corrections.

Congratulations to the Chicago Police Enforcers who faced the New York Department of Corrections known as The Strongest. The Chicago Police Department's first football team, in its first game, led by head coach Jim Ade (a Brother Rice alumni) left the field victorious with a 28-6 win.

After years of trying to get started, the Chicago Police football team was created just five months ago. The team has been practicing two to three times a week at St. Ignatius College Prep and at St. Rita High School over the last three months to make this dream come to.

Chicago Police Enforcers will take to the field again on the 7th of May -- St. Jude Sunday -- at St. Rita (79th and Western) and again on the 20th of May against the Charlotte North Carolina Police Department again at St. Rita's. Please visit the Chicago Police Enforcers website at www.CPDenforcers.com for further information on game times team information.



“I Couldn’t...You Know?”, *By Father Tom Nangle*

Easter Sunday, about 0930 hours, beautiful weather, and the streets are just beginning to come to life with a few families heading to churches. The squad car pulled in to the fueling site, the police officer checked his mileage and tapped the pad, swiped, and began to fill up when the zone gave him a job: "...baby's not breathing...fire's rolling." He pulled the nozzle out of the Crown Vic's filler pipe and slammed it back in the gas pump, and was on the scene in less than a minute. No CFD ambulance out in front yet, no siren sounds were cutting through the Easter morning. He ran toward the front porch, where an excited man was holding the door open, and moved into the living room. Heartbreak was waiting for him. The little one was already blue, but the big one in blue gently took him from his mother's arms, put him on the floor, did a few compressions, and began mouth-to-mouth. He puffed, he pushed, and he prayed. He knew it was an almost zero chance of success, but he couldn't not try. So he gave the baby boy one more chance at life, and he tried his very best to pull him back over the line into this life again. Fire arrived, took over, and he knew from the look the paramedic gave that the battle was over. He learned a few minutes later that the four-month old life had ended, probably due to SIDS. If the little one had any chance of surviving, the Chicago Police Department gave it to him. The officer rode around for a while, his mind and heart swirling, and

he went in to the station and told the watch commander he couldn't work the rest of his tour and was cut loose. He went home about 1130 hours, and when he walked in he was greeted with his four-year old daughter yelling, "Daddy's home! Daddy's home!" He scooped her up in his arms with great relief and gratitude, and when he went to give her the biggest smooch he could muster, he froze half-way: "I still had the dead baby's taste in my mouth---I couldn't, you know?" The horror and pain of the job must never come close to the innocents.

At the other end of the city, the detectives were at the top of their game in an ongoing homicide investigation. A little girl, on her big wheel in the alley, had been killed by gangbangers, who sprayed gunfire at an enemy 'banger'. Along with the district personnel and specialized units, they squeezed the people on the street until they got some good information and made arrests. In the remarks they made in the papers, the little girl's family seemed to be blaming the police for her death instead of the 'bangers'. Too bad they never saw the outpouring of police competence, investigative acumen, street moxy, and energy that went into the arrests of the shooters. When the detectives were told, by a police chaplain, that their skill and hard work must be pleasing to God, who loves justice, one of the middle-aged dicks said, "You think one of these is worth three adulteries?" And everybody laughed, simply because it was a humorous, irreverent way of de-

flecting a bona fide divine compliment. How could God not be pleased by justice?

The off duty officer had nothing on his mind but a beef sandwich, or maybe a combo with meatballs. Fries or onion rings and a diet coke. On that hot summer night, the bad guy suddenly made his appearance with pistol in hand, and what was a nickel and dime outing turned into the ultimate police moment when the bad guy pointed his gun at the policeman, who dispatched him. In the hours and days that followed, his reactions were normal. They were a jumble of feelings, all over the place. He was angry at the bad guy for forcing the issue, he was relieved that he (and not the bad guy) had won, he felt guilty for feeling relief, he worried about lawsuits, he wondered what his family and friends really thought of him, he wondered if people in the Jewel knew he had killed a man. Life was sweeter than it had ever been, and he wondered where he stood with God. The commandment that we usually translate as "You must not kill" is most accurately rendered as "You must not murder." Big difference. Police officers who end a life carry a certain weight in their souls for a while. Sometimes they attend the funeral service from a distance, sometimes they pray for the deceased, sometimes they go to the cemetery to put a flower (or something far less tender) on the grave, sometimes they want to assist the family of the deceased, sometimes they want to quietly learn a little bit more about the deceased's life beyond his sheet. Most of the time they just wrestle with the issue and the memory until it is resolved and life goes on and

the bruised soul heals.

May is the month the police honor themselves. It sounds bodacious, but it's true. You don't see a groundswell of appreciation and respect for the police rolling across the city. So the police do it themselves. Sometimes folks get upset (or is it envious?) with the loyalty that police officers develop. But if you're a part of a noble group that society doesn't quite understand, will never fully appreciate, and has a love-hate relationship with, is it any wonder that you feel a deep sense of belonging and pride? Is it a surprise that you want to get together and celebrate your noble band, living and dead? After all, it's one of the last few exciting jobs still left in America. And it's a job that has moments of life, justice, and death, moments God must notice and care about.

With Appreciation,
Fr. Thomas Nangle, Chaplain
C.P.D., 312-738-7588

INFORMATION FOR THE POLICE

-your Police Chaplains Ministry will once again be taking the Gold Star Families in a luncheon cruise on Lake Michigan this spring. All costs are paid by donations, which are tax deductible. If you'd like to be a donor please send it to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 60607. We thank you.



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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