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1412 W. Washington Blvd.

The Mayoral &
Aldermanic Elections
will be held on
27 February 2007.

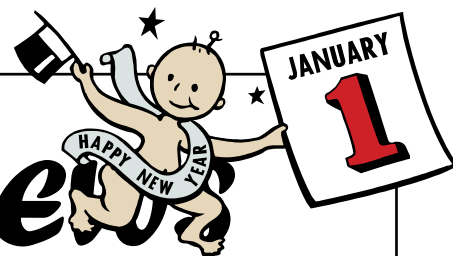
Please VOTE and
register to vote.

We have over 17,500
F.O.P. Members plus
their family members.
We can make a
difference

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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Pension Portability Bill

The City Council meeting on December 13th was as interesting as it gets. Not only could you witness the Mayor "appointing" three more Aldermen to their seats, but there was also a good show of a particular few of the regular cast of characters.

What was different about this meeting was that the Lodge sought and received support for one of our legislative issues that we have been seeking an official response to for a year. That issue is the Pension Portability Bill, which would allow members that have served time in another police agency in the state, to pay into our pension fund, for a portion of that service. The legislation has been designed to meet the concerns of the City and the Pension Fund in that there is no financial impact to either of them because the entire contribution to the fund will be borne by the member seeking to purchase the time. Even at no cost to either of them, the City representatives have still failed to inform the legislature that they are not opposed to the passage of the bill even though we have been told that they see no problem with it.

With this issue at hand, Alderman Ed Burke proposed a resolution for the City Council to support the passage of the Bill in Springfield, allowing officers to purchase their service time.

This resolution also ad-

ressed the issue of the police widows who are seeking to have the Pension Board decide issues that have been in the news recently relative to how long an officer/retiree needs to have been married before the spouse would be eligible for death benefits.

Alderman Brian Doherty also proposed a resolution that requests the Health Care Plan paid for by retirees include coverage for mammograms similar to the coverage that active members and their spouses receive. Both of these issues, from a perspective of common sense, would be "no brainers". But that is not the case. Whether we are successful in getting these resolutions adopted or not, it seems that to get decisions made based upon employee interests or common sense by the City representatives requires us to go to extreme lengths to get things done. Passage of these resolutions should significantly help us get the legislative changes needed to obtain these benefits for our members.

SB2737

Last month I wrote about an issue that was being presented in the House Judiciary Committee regarding to a Senate Bill that had passed the Senate and was stripped in the House where certain members added what I referred to as anti-police legislation. When the sponsors got it called up in Committee on November 28th, the only opposition that it had came from the FOP and

the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. This piece of legislation was particularly disturbing due to the fact that over the past several years we have built a relationship with most legislators so that when there is an issue that would involve our membership, we would at least be involved in discussion over it. That didn't happen this time. So the first say we had on this issue was in Committee, when the Cook County Public Defenders were presenting their case. Although the Committee passed it out, they did so only with the requirement that it would not be called for a vote in the House until the FOP and the Chiefs agreed to it. As of this writing, that hasn't happened and because of serious flaws that we discovered in the amendment after the fact, it cannot be agreed to in its current form. A number of legislators got the message that day that if they want to pass legislation that will impact law enforcement in this state, they need to include the representatives of law enforcement in those discussions because that is the responsible way to do it. The bill number that was amended with the anti-police language is SB2737 for anyone wishing to see it in its entirety and before you do, **buckle up.**

Mayoral and Aldermanic Elections

We are rapidly approaching a time when we can send a message to our local represen-

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President's Report Continued...

tatives. The Mayoral and Aldermanic Elections are to take place on February 27th and, if necessary, the date for the run-off election is April 17th. The Lodge's Political Action Committee is scheduled to meet on January 12th for the purpose of conducting interviews of can-

didates seeking the endorsement of the FOP. The recommendations of the Committee will be brought before the full Board of Directors for their endorsement. The February Newsletter will contain a list of the candidates the Lodge has endorsed

and we would appreciate any consideration our membership can make in honoring them. **Remember, this election is the one that can most impact what your future will hold for you on this job.** Our duties, as well as the benefits we receive, are at

the discretion of the members of the City Council. The responsibilities we, and every other citizen in this town, have in exercising our right to vote can play an important role in affecting that discretion.

First Vice President's Report, *By Bill Dougherty*

Vocational Training

Vocational Training is a benefit that was awarded in the last contract. The Retirement Board must have awarded applicants duty/occupational disability benefits and the application must be below the rank of Sergeant. The applicant must submit an award letter from the Retirement Board at the time of application each school term. The Administrative Special Order (06-03) 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 interested in vocational train-

ing can request an application from the Employee Resource Services Division at (312) 745-5369. Only 5 members used this benefit in 2006.

F.O.P. Website

When members of the board of directors go out and visit roll calls monthly we hear from officers that are not aware that we have a website that is updated daily. The website is a wealth of information that needs to be brought to our members. It contains the current contract as well as grievance procedures and disability information to name just a few of the items on the site. Please pass the word to your fellow officers that the website is there for them, and they should visit at WWW.CHICAGOFOP.ORG today and be informed.

Adding A Dependent To Your Insurance

When an officer gets married, has a newborn or adopts, he/she has 30 days to fill out an enrollment form. You must also provide a certified marriage certificate or a certified birth certificate as proof of dependency. The officer has 60 days to provide a certified marriage certificate and 180 days to provide a certified birth certificate to the Benefits Management Office. If you don't elect to enroll for coverage within 30 days, you will not be able to enroll until the next open enrollment period. Bring these forms to the Benefits Management Office in person and ask for a time stamped copy at the front desk. The Benefits Management Office is located at 333

S. State, Room 400.

Who Is Your Beneficiary?

When was the last time you checked to see who your beneficiary is? For some officers the answer is not since you filled the cards out in the academy. You need to check your beneficiary at the Lodge and update it if necessary. Officers also need to check with the Pension Board located at 211 N. LaSalle, Room 1626 during their business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and check with the Department of Personnel to see who your beneficiary is for your term insurance with the Chicago Police Department. Keep in mind whoever is on your beneficiary cards will receive the benefit.

Website Committee Report, *By Rich Aguilar, Chairman*

Legislative issues at both the state and national levels are important to all members, both active and retired. I receive forty to fifty emails each month regarding the status of legislation affecting our membership. While I don't mind responding to these questions, there is an easier way for you to keep up to date with the status of those issues that are important to you.

The main page of the F.O.P.

national website, www.grandlodgefop.org, contains a yellow link to subscribe to the Washington Watch: Grassroots Action Network. Subscribers receive the most up to date information via email regarding F.O.P. legislative issues.

State legislative issues are located on the Legislative Report page on the F.O.P. Lodge 7 website under the Current Legislation link.

Members should visit www.ilga.gov to check the status of pending legislation.

In closing, my family and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and Happy Holiday season

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Departed

Brothers & Sisters

John E. Leski, Age 74
Terrence J. Warren, Age 71
Richard W. Yelm, Age 89
Thomas F. Malek, Age 64
William G. Christie, Age 85
Victor G. Hoffmann, Age 73
Paul Velasquez, Age 59
Samuel Greiner, Age 83
Earl W. Zuelke, Sr., Age 79
Glen F. Mayer, Age 60
George P. Nalls, Age 63
Herbert C. Kordeck, Age 70
Thomas L. Naughton, Age 67
Harold W. Fujara, Age 73
Lawrence Smigla, Age 51

Second Vice President's Report, *By Frank DiMaria*

The Passing of Time

I was contacted by the daughter of a Chicago Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1968. The Officer was John Tucker, and he was assigned to the 004th District. PO Tucker was off duty on 8 October 68 and was at the Standard Bank at 7918 S. Ashland. He became aware of an armed robbery in progress. The bank was crowded with customers. PO Tucker (who was in civilian dress) approached cautiously so he could get close to the robber now known as Clemme Johnson who was displaying a handgun and demanding money from the teller. PO Tucker announced his office and ordered Johnson to drop his weapon and surrender. Clemme Johnson decided he was not going to jail and instead of complying with the order opened fire with the handgun, firing six (6) times, striking Officer Tucker who fell to the ground.

Assisting Units arrived and wounded the Offender and he was taken into custody along with the proceeds (\$13,000.00 USC). PO Tucker was transported to Little Company of Mary

Hospital with numerous gunshot wounds and died as a result of his wounds. The offender survived and was subsequently charged with Armed Robbery and Murder of a Chicago Police Officer. The offender was tried and convicted in 1969 by Judge Fitzgerald. He was sentenced to two (2) 199 year sentences for his crimes. The death penalty had not been imposed, but Judge Fitzgerald assured the family that Clemme Johnson would never walk the streets again and that he would remain in prison for the rest of his life. The family accepted the sentencing and they went on with their lives believing that justice had been served. Time passed, the years went by and the Family survived enduring the loss of their Father.

The family received a letter in the summer of 2006 from the Prisoner Review Board notifying them that the case of their Father's murderer was going to be heard before the Prisoner Review Board. The Family had received letters from this agency in the past and believed that this was just a formality because Judge Fitzgerald assured them in 1969 that this murderer would never be set free. The Family received another letter on De-

cember 11, 2006 from the Prisoner Review Board notifying them that Clemme Johnson the murderer of PO John Tucker their father was being released from prison after serving only 37 years of his sentence. The Family was shocked thinking that a mistake had been made and contacted the Prisoner Review Board only to learn that there was no mistake but at their last meeting they reviewed this case and were releasing Clemme Johnson. The Family asked how this could happen because they were guaranteed by Judge Fitzgerald in 1969 that this would never occur. The Family was told that the board reviewed the case and based their decision on the prisoner's age, mental state and that the prisoner was no longer a threat to society. The Family was also told that this decision is final and could not be overturned.

We have written articles in the past speaking of how we must watch over the system so cases, especially the old ones like this case, don't fall thru the cracks and something like this happens because some bureaucratic appointed panel decided to release a convicted cop killer.

PO John Tucker was 34

years old leaving a wife and three children behind when he was murdered. PO John Tucker was murdered while protecting the citizens of the City of Chicago trying to stop an armed robbery being committed by Clemme Johnson who showed no mercy to this brave Police Officer.

The passing of time has softened the facts of this brutal crime and only a sympathetic word is spoken for an aged cop killer who took PO John Tucker at an early age.

It is unfortunate the members of the Prisoner Review Board did not take into consideration the brutal facts of the crime, the feelings of the officer's family or the memory of PO John Tucker who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Prisoner Review Board should have kept Clemme Johnson behind bars as his sentence had dictated instead of releasing this murderer after only 37 years.

The passing of time will not ease the pain which PO John Tuckers Family is enduring.

**WE WILL NEVER
FORGET!**

Address Change Form

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

New Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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

Third Vice-President's Report, By Greg Bella

O.P.S. File Update

In last month's newsletter I explained that we were attempting to resolve the issue where O.P.S. has not sent the Lodge the C.R. files on members who received suspension recommendations of 16 days or more and selected the Superintendent's review. On 05 Dec 2006 the Lodge filed a grievance covering all affected officers.

If you receive a form from O.P.S. requesting that you make another selection, and you still have not received your Superintendent's review, we

recommend that you check the box file a grievance and write in this number 129-06-022/437. This is the grievance number filed by the Lodge and it simply states that your right to a Superintendent's review has been violated by O.P.S. as well as the Lodges right to receive a copy of the C.R. file. This grievance is on behalf of all affected members.

We will keep you updated on the progress of this grievance in upcoming newsletters as well as on our website.

Elections

The Aldermanic and May-

oral elections are right around the corner and every member must be sure to register to vote. Every one of us sits around and complains about the city administration. Whether it be in the roll call room, in the squad car or at the coffee shop we all are fed up and aggravated. The complaints are on every topic from city services to merit promotions and now is the time to do something about it....vote.

We have 17,000 members of this organization and add family members to that num-

ber and we have as many votes as some of the turnouts in the city wards.

The last day to register to vote in the February 27th Mayoral and Aldermanic Elections is Tuesday, January 30, 2007 and can be done at any City library.

Remember the old saying, **"If you don't vote you don't have the right to complain."**

Kathy Moore and myself wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

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

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

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

COLLEGE VISIONS to conduct their workshop for the daughters and sons of F.O.P. members. This workshop will be offered on Sunday, March 25, 2007 from 1300 - 1600 hours and will be held at the F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. This program usually costs \$50.00 or more. The cost for the children of the F.O.P. will only be \$25.00 per child.

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

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

There is limited space available at the F.O.P. Hall, so please complete the application and send it, along with a check or money order for \$25 made payable to College Visions, by Friday, March 16, 2007.

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

College Visions, ACT WORKSHOP, Strictly Strategies

Session Time:

Sunday, 3/25/07
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location:

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

Registration Fee:

\$25.00

Please return this registration form and your fee (cash or check payable to **College Visions**) to Kathy Moore at F.O.P. Lodge No. 7, by Friday, 3/16/07.

Name: _____

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

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

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

Who Did You Speak With?

In our day-to-day business we converse with many people regarding problems, issues and complaints. Nothing is more frustrating than hearing the words, "I don't know who I spoke with". We are here to assist you, and assist you we will. Please ask for the name of the person who gives you information, then pass that information on to us. Often times we learn that information given to our officers is wrong. Having a source reference allows us to correct a problem. It's that simple

Deferred Compensation

Lodge members received a 2% pay increase effective January 1, 2007. Why not increase your deferred compensation? Twenty years comes fast in a career, the days of staying 30, 35 or

even 40 years are pretty much gone. Try to max out as quickly as possible, watch your savings grow and retire comfortably. Fifty percent (50%) is not much to live on. When done correctly, you should be able to retire making more then you did when working.

2007 F.O.P. Handbooks

Great care, time and effort went into the production of the 2007 General Handbook. The handbook committee welcomes any suggestions or comments regarding future handbooks that will improve it or better serve you. A handbook comments page can be located (page 156) in the 2006 handbook. Please use this page for your suggestions or comments, and then return via Police Mail to FOP, Unit 541.

2007 F.O.P. Fishing

Tournament

The date for the 2007 F.O.P. Fishing tournament has been set for Wednesday (DOG 5/6/7) May 23, 2007. All members who anticipate fishing should mark their calendars. We look forward to seeing all anglers back for another year of fishing and fun.

Watch Bidding, Filling of Vacancies

Watch bidding will occur again during the 3rd Period (March 7th), 6th Period (May 30th), and 9th Period (August 22nd) in 2007. Unit and watch reps can assist you in the bidding process.

Board and General Meetings

It is a new year. Why not make an effort to see your F.O.P. Hall? Come join us bringing your ideas on how to improve benefits, old and new ones.

13th Period Bidding

The following units with

recognized vacancies for the 13th period (effective December 7th) and the number of years it took for the successful bidders are (month/year): 001/Apr 87, 002/Dec 90, 003/no bids, 004/Mar 91, 005/Oct 95, 006/no bids, 007/Jul 99 and 013/May 94.

Santa Sid

For the fourth year in a row the Lodge has picked out a school (Ella Flagg Young, 1434 N. Parkside) in which toys donated by the Board of Directors and Unit Reps were passed out by Santa Sid (Sid Davis). This year's event was attended by 29th Ward Alderman Issac Carothers who assisted Santa Sid in distributing over 140 Christmas toys to the children of Ella Flagg Young. Principle Crystal Bell and her assistant Adrienne Chandler also participated in the event.

Review Of The Pre-Retirement Seminar, Part 3, *By Bill Burns, Sergeant-At-Arms*

Nick Kureth spoke on Social Security benefits. The office is located at 1233 W. Adams (free parking, phone 312-886-8848). You need 40 credits throughout your working life to get a check. \$970 in earning is equal to 1 credit. 4 credits each year is equal to \$3,880 a year in earnings. Three months before your month of birth you get a statement of your work credit from the Social Security Administration. 62 is the earliest age you can take a check. Nick stated that we should take the social security check at age 62. The earlier you take, it, the better off you are. Regardless of your retire-

ment age, you have to file for Medicare at age 65. You have to call the Social Security office 2 months before age 62; bring your birth certificate, phone number is 1-800-772-1213 or website www.socialsecurity.gov. Bring discharge papers if in the military - DD214 for discharge credits. 4 credits are received for each active year in the military. You can file your check by direct deposit.

Nick states at age 65, take both Medicare coverage A & B, but not part D because you have the prescription plan with the city. Part A Medicare coverage is Hospital Insurance. In 2006,

the deductible is \$952 and covers most inpatient hospital expenses. Part B is Supplemental Medicare insurance, which covers 80% doctor bills and other outpatient medical expenses after the first \$124 in approved charges. Part D is Prescription Drug Plan/Medicare, which averages \$32 monthly premium and covers a major portion of prescription drug costs. Again, we do not need Part D.

Nick wants police officers to call Social Security one year before retirement because currently we, as public employees, get penalized by the Windfall Elimination Provision - Government Provision Offset - Government pensions

based on work not covered by Social Security.

The next Sworn Pre-Retirement Seminars are March 21 and May 29, 2007. Register through the Department Intranet, select Bureau Sites, then select Bureau of Administrative Services, then select Employee Resource Services Division. Members will choose "Sworn Pre-Retirement Seminar Sign-up" and enter his/her user name and star number in the format requested. For further information, contact The Employee Resource Services Division at 745-5342

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chicago Lodge 7 Updated Life Insurance Benefits

Active Members

\$3000	Life benefit is paid when an active member dies from any cause.
\$3000	Accidental Death benefit is 24 hour coverage - business or pleasure. This benefit pays when a member dies from a sudden, unforeseen, and unexpected event including exposure or disappearance
\$5000	Line of Duty benefit is defined as a "covered activity" and will pay in addition to the Accidental Death benefit when a member is killed while performing law enforcement duties.
\$3000	Common Carrier benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death benefit if a member is killed while riding on a qualifying land, air or water transportation.
\$1500	Felonious Assault benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death and Line of Duty benefits when a member's loss of life results from use of force equivalent to a felony under the jurisdiction in which the accident occurred.
\$3000	Seat Belt benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while properly utilizing a seat belt, as evidenced by a police report.
\$3000	Occupant Protection Device benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while protected by a properly deployed air bag. This benefit is only paid if the Seat Belt benefit is payable.
3000	Heart & Circulatory Malfunction benefit pays in addition to other benefits if a member suffers a covered loss of life due to a heart or circulatory malfunction within 48 hours after participation in an emergency activity. Also, up to \$250 of medical expenses will be reimbursed for initial treatment of the symptoms for a suspected heart or circulatory malfunction.

Additional Benefits are paid when a member is involved in an accident that directly results in one of the following losses:

* Loss of Hands or Feet	\$3000	* Reattachment of Hand or Foot	\$1500
* Loss of Hand or Foot	\$1500	* Loss of Speech	\$1500
* Loss of Thumb and Index, same hand	\$750	* Loss of Hearing (both ears)	\$1500
* Paraplegia	\$1500	* Loss of Sight, both eyes	\$3000
* Quadriplegia	\$3000	* Loss of Sight, one eye	\$1500
* Hemiplegia	\$1500	* Uniplegia	\$750

Retired Members

\$1000	Life benefit is paid when a member dies from any cause. (Members age 63 to 74 only)
\$500	Life benefit is paid when a member dies from any cause. (Members age 75 and older)
\$3000	Accidental Death benefit is 24 hour coverage - business or pleasure. This benefit pays when a member dies from a sudden, unforeseen, and unexpected event including exposure or disappearance
\$3000	Common Carrier benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death benefit if a member is killed while riding on a qualifying land, air or water transportation.
\$3000	Seat Belt benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while properly utilizing a seat belt, as evidenced by a police report.
\$3000	Occupant Protection Device benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while protected by a properly deployed air bag. This benefit is only paid if the Seat Belt benefit is payable.

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* Hemiplegia	\$1500	* Uniplegia	\$750

F.O.P. Family Auxiliary Education Fund

If you would like to enter your child's name in the drawing for one of six \$500.00 scholarships, please note the following criteria:

- **Applicant must be a child (or step/foster child) of a Chicago Police Officer**
- **Child must be in pre-school, grammar school or high school**
- **Only one application per child will be accepted**
- **Applications must be in by January 10, 2007**

Drawing will be held at the F.O.P. Hall on January 16, 2007 at the F.O.P. Meeting. Absolutely NO applications will be accepted the night of the drawing.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

F.O.P. Family Auxiliary, Attn: Angie Haynes
4936 N. California Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625

F.O.P. Family Auxiliary Education Fund Application

Grant Applicant's Name: _____

Police Officer's Name: _____

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

Phone: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Star: _____ Unit: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

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

Disability Report

Happy New Year! We are available for calls at the F.O.P. Office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the FOP web site at www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

November Pension Update

– Advocates present: Det Steve Schorsch, VP Bill Dougherty and myself. *Ordinary* – 1 claim granted. *Duty* – 2 claims granted.

December Pension Update

– Advocates present: PO Cedric Brumley and myself. *Ordinary* – 5 claims granted, 1 claim denied.

Judith Rice has left her position as City Treasurer.

During my six years at the Pension Board she was compassionate and fair to officers appearing before the Board. She will be missed. Stephanie Neely has been appointed to replace her as Treasurer.

This year, 2007, will be extremely busy for the Committee as we address many concerns: Public Safety Act Application, Medical and Prescription Costs Sec.18.9, Legislation, and changes in the contract. Always call the Committee anytime if you have questions.

Veterans' Corner

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

A huge thank you goes out to the FOP, Superintendent Philip Cline and his office, Chicago Police Marines, Father Tom Nangle, Mike Schumacher (Knights of Columbus), Tony Amelio, Ken Hauser, Bill Burns, Kevin Graham, Gary Wager and Sgt. Al Piantkowski. They donated their time and monies toward care packages sent to our police officers serving overseas and the tree lighting ceremony at 35th Street for the families and, especially, the children of these veterans. My apologies to those who I left out.

"In war there is no prize for runner-up." ~ General Omar Bradley

Airborne Sal



F.O.P. Blood Drive

All F.O.P. Members and their families are encouraged to attend our F.O.P. Blood Drive and make a donation.

**Tuesday, 9 January 07
1000 - 1700 hours**

**Please contact Frank DiMaria at the Lodge with any questions or to schedule an appointment
312-766-7776.**

Walk-ins are welcome!

A Memo From The Boss, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

As we enter a new year, we pause to thank G~d for the year gone by. There were many trials and tribulations, as well as many blessings; the bottom line is we made it. So we pray that the coming year bring with it the best of blessings to all of us for a healthy prosperous year. We also pray for a bit of extra strength and faith during those trying times. This brings to mind a memo that helps keep things in perspective. 'A Memo from The Boss':

Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you

cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for G-d to do) box. It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic don't despair. There are people in this world for which driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what its like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the person in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed their children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking, 'what is my purpose?' Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the

victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be them! As the saying goes on the street "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade".

Seasons Greetings And A Very Happy New Year.

From ALL the Chaplains at the Unit: 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

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

Retiree Healthcare

On December 14th we were in front of Judge Donnersberger regarding retiree healthcare and the Korshak settlement. We had reported earlier that the City had cut checks to all city retirees that were overcharged for their healthcare premiums. We then had an accountant check the numbers on the reimbursements and found numerous errors. Some retirees were paid too much, and some were not paid enough. We shared our findings with the City, the Pension Funds, and Judge Donnersberger.

The City and the Pension Funds have taken the position that their numbers on the reimbursement checks are correct, and that they simply used a different methodology to arrive at

their numbers. The main issue in the reimbursement checks is how the administrative fee is applied. Whether the administrative fee is applied per retiree or by group makes a difference as to the amount of the reimbursement check. As far as the Lodge is concerned this issue is still unresolved, and the only resolution should be the retirees that did not receive the correct amount should be compensated. If the City believes that the retirees that received too much were correctly paid, then those retirees should keep the money.

We even made an offer to the City. If you can prove our numbers are wrong, we will drop any objections and walk away from this round of the Korshak settlement. The City did not say our numbers

were wrong, they stuck to their position that they just used a different methodology to arrive at their numbers. This is not $E=mc^2$, or some other abstract formula that can be interpreted differently by different people. This is simple mathematics, and we believe our numbers are correct and the City's are wrong.

The next scheduled court date is December 27th. Since Judge Donnersberger is retiring from the bench on December 28th, we believe there will be a final ruling issued by Judge Donnersberger on the 27th. If we are not in complete agreement with the ruling, we will file at the appellate court. We will keep you informed of any developments in this case by newsletter, and the website.

FLSA Lawsuit

All exhibits and briefs have been filed with the court. Judge Shenkier is in process of re-

viewing all the submitted material from both the Lodge and the City. As of this date there have been no new developments in the case. Once again we will keep you informed of any developments by newsletter and website.

Street Crimes Training Seminar

17, 18 & 19 January 2007
0830 - 1630 hours

This training features very graphic videos and strong language. Intended for serious law enforcers only!!

Our instructors provide the most up to date, street-tested information to help officers stay one step ahead of criminals. All instructors have 25+ years of actual street experience.

Kane County F.O.P. Lodge 14
42 W. 635 Ke De Ka Road
Sugar Grove, Illinois

To Register Call 800-275-4915

2007 HOLIDAY EVENT CALENDAR

HOLIDAYS BY CONTRACT	PERIOD	DOG	DATE	ORDERS USED FREQUENTLY
NEW YEARS DAY	13b	2/3/4	01 Jan	G.O. 02-08 Use of Force
KING'S BIRTHDAY	1a	7/1/2	15 Jan	S.O. 02-15 Officers Battery
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	2a	3/4/5	12 Feb	G.O. 00-08 Grievances
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	2b	2/3/4	19 Feb	G.O. 97-02 Dept. Vehicles
PULASKI DAY	3a	7/1/2	05 Mar	G.O. 02-05 Crime Scenes
POLICE PARTNERSHIP DAY	5a	5/6/7	29 Apr	G.O. 97-06 Communications
MEMORIAL DAY	6a	2/3/4	28 May	G.O. 98-02 Medical Policy
INDEPENDENCE DAY	7a	6/7/1	04 Jul	G.O. 92-03 Weapons-Personnel
LABOR DAY	9b	2/3/4	03 Sep	G.O. 02-09 Weapons Discharge
COLUMBUS DAY	10b	4/5/6	08 Oct	G.O. 97-09 Transfers-Assign
VETERAN'S DAY	12a	5/6/7	11 Nov	G.O. 98-09 Lost Stars/Badges
THANKSGIVING DAY	12b	1/2/3	22 Nov	G.O. 93-03 Disciplinary
CHRISTMAS DAY	13b	1/2/3	25 Dec	G.O. 94-05 Payroll-Timekeeping

VALENTINE'S DAY 14 Feb – DOG 5/6/7 (2a)	ST PATRICK'S DAY 17 Mar – DOG 4/5/6 (3b)	EASTER 08 Apr – DOG 1/2/3 (4a)	ILLINOIS MEMORIAL 03 May – DOG 2/3/4 (5a)
CINCO De MAYO 05 May – DOG 4/5/6 (5a)	ST. JUDE MARCH 06 May – DOG 4/5/6 (5a)	MOTHER'S DAY 13 May – DOG 3/4/5 (5b)	WASHINGTON MEM 15 May – DOG 5/6/7 (5b)
PUERTO RICAN DAY 16 Jun – DOG 5/6/7 (6b)	FATHER'S DAY 17 Jun – DOG 5/6/7 (6b)	GAY PRIDE DAY 24 Jun – DOG 4/5/6 (7a)	BILLIKEN PARADE 11 Aug – DOG 4/5/6 (8b)
ROSH HASHANAH 13 Sep – DOG 4/5/6 (10a)	MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE 16 Sep – DOG 6/7/1 (10a)	YOM KIPPUR 22 Sep – DOG 5/6/7 (10a)	KWANZAA BEGINS 26 Dec – DOG 2/3/4 (13b)

UNIFORM INSPECTION: Spring 01-10 May Winter 01-10 November DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 2007 11 March & 04 Nov

BFD DAYS	DAYS	VACATION DAYS	STR/WRK	UNIFORM CHECKS
15 yrs or more	6	1 yr but less then 5	20 Straight days	February 1st \$600.00
10 yrs but less then 15	5	5 yrs but less then 10	24 Straight days	August 1st \$600.00
5 yrs but less then 10	4	10 yrs but less then 15	22 Working days	December 1st \$600.00
1 yr but less then 5	3	15 yrs or more	25 Working days	

FOP FIELD REPRESENTATIVES	SELL BACK BFD & P-DAYS	DUTY AVAILABILITY
Greg Bella John Capparelli	P-days Carry over 4, Sell back 4	January 10th April 10th
Sidney Davis Frank DiMaria	BFDs Carry over 4, Sell back all	July 10th October 10th
Bill Dougherty Tim Fallon		\$730.00 each date

FOP BOARD MEETINGS	F.O.P. GENERAL MEETINGS	F.O.P. WEBSITE
First Tuesday of each month / Time Certain Noon	Third Tuesday of each month Noon in Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec 1900 in Jan, Mar, May Sep, Nov	www.chicagofop.org

REUNION PARTY!

Attention all classmates from the
87-2, A, B & C class.

Lets get together and celebrate our
20th Reunion

Friday, 9 March 2007

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

For more info contact Terri Maderak
or Bill Burns at 312-718-7970

**It's time
again!**

**Union
dues paid
for the
year 2006:
\$414.00**

Police Couples Workshop

Looking for ten couples interested
in solutions to challenges that
threatened police families and
personal relationships.

Saturday, 20 January 2007

Education and Training Academy

*This workshop is for those interested in
improving relationships. It is NOT coun-
seling, therapy or group sharing.*

For more info call Tom Cline
at 746-8310, ext 164

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events listed will occur from January 9, 2007 through February 9, 2007. 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.

09 Jan 07	Blood Drive / Life Source / FOP Hall 10 am – 5 pm / 312-733-7776 / Please donate
10 Jan 07	Unit Duty Assignments Bidding
12 Jan 07	Recognized Vacancies
15 Jan 07	Holiday / Martin Luther King's Birthday / FOP Office Closed
16 Jan 07	FOP General Meeting / FOP Hall / 7:00 pm
17 Jan 07	Last Day to Submit for Unit Duty Assignment
20 Jan 07	Couples Workshop
23 Jan 07	Health Risk Assessment / 018 th District Appointment recommended / 1-800-811-0174
01 Feb 07	2 nd Period Begins
06 Feb 07	FOP / Board of Directors Meeting Time Certain Noon
07 Feb 07	Unit Duty Assignments Bidding
09 Feb 07	Recognized Vacancies



POLICE MEMORIAL TRIP WASHINGTON D.C. 13 - 16 MAY 2007

May 13th marks the 19th Annual Candlelight Vigil and May 15th marks the 26th Annual National Police Memorial Service in Washington D.C.

This year, the name of Officer Eric Solorio, #13609, will be inscribed on the Memorial Wall and his name read at the Roll Call of Heroes at the ceremony on the lawn of the United States Capitol on 15 May 2007. If you are interested in attending this year, you are welcome to join our group and we suggest securing your spot as soon as possible.

As always, the rooms in D.C. are at a premium during Police Week, but Detective Sharon Colby, 610, was able to reserve fifty rooms at the Embassy Suites and Sergeant Gina Dwyer, 112, secured forty round trip tickets on ATA.

Please contact Det. Sharon Colby for more information or to secure your room reservation by calling 312-747-8380 or 773-544-2908.

Please contact Sgt. Gina Dwyer for more information or to secure your flight by calling 312-745-6160 or 773-842-3700. Your seat will only be reserved when your check is received. Cancellations before 14 March 2007 will receive a full refund, after that, a \$40 per seat cancellation fee applies.

October 2006 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Belcik, Thomas M.	Officer	542	34
Coffey, Fred J.	Deputy Chief	601	40
Czekalski, James E.	Officer	050	34
Daniels, Mary P.	Officer	016	25
DeBartolo, John A.	Detective	630	38
Eaglin, James H.	Officer	050	38
Galbreth, Denyse M.	Detective	650	24
Gilbert, Susan A.	Officer	024	20
Gogliotti, Antoinette M.	Officer	017	20
Grizzoffi, Jr., John L.	Officer	050	34
Hanrahan, Robert J.	Detective	630	39
Kostka, James S.	Detective	640	40
Lukas, Robert F.	Officer	004	26
McMahon, Thomas R.	Officer	001	38
Merriweather, Sheila A.	ET	477	26
Novitovic, Luby	Detective	601	30
Sage, Lauretta L.	Officer	050	20
Skahill, Robert J.	Officer	001	24
Strzepka, Stanley	Officer	014	35
Tallen, Stuart J.	Detective	630	24
Tufano, Richard V.	Officer	189	31

November 2006 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Alonzo, Fernando	Officer	012	30
Bator, Carl F.	Officer	189	20
Bogucki, Jerome J.	Detective	650	30
Colello, Salvatore F.	Detective	189	29
Cooper, William L.	Officer	015	11
Coughlin, Jeremiah C.	Officer	015	35
Cunningham, Sandra T.	Detective	606	20
Dahlberg, Gerald E.	Officer	007	38
Deacy, Thomas M.	Officer	019	38
DiMatteo, Jr., Dominick	Officer	024	37
Draper-Sibley, Denise	Agent	121	20
Formeller, Robert W.	Officer	019	33
Forrester, Patrick E.	Officer	016	37
Girod, John J.	Officer	007	37
Gorles, Kenneth H.	Officer	010	40
Janda, Alan F.	Detective	050	38
Jones, Steve G.	Officer	003	35
McCarthy, Terrence M.	Officer	050	35
Nelson, Laurence	Officer	017	39
Ortiz, Hector E.	Officer	019	24
Povolo, James R.	Sergeant	016	35
Reidy, William F.	Officer	001	34
Riga, William A.	Sergeant	021	29
Ryan, Russell R.	Officer	701	41
Simmons, James F.	Officer	005	37
Sullivan, Neil C.	Commander	145	34

018th District Health Fair

The next FOP Health Risk Assessment Fair will be on 23 January 2007 in the 018th District. All Fraternal Order of Police members are welcome (active, disabled and retired). Please contact Advocate Medical group at (800) 811-0174 in order to make an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted also.

**Store Hours:**

Mon-Thurs 9:00 – 5:00
 Friday 9:00 – 4:00
 Saturday 9:00 – 1:00

Direct Line: 312-733-2344

Closed: 15 January 2007

Happy New Year!!

Lets Start The Year Out With A Sale!!

New Feature: "T-Shirt Of The Month"

We will feature a "T-Shirt Of The Month" which will be on sale for 30% OFF regular the price. A new T-shirt every month, we will make every effort to be fully stocked, but if not, you will get a rain check and a FREE gift!!

This month's feature T-shirt is....Big Johnson Police Shirt
 Sizes Medium - XL originally priced at \$11.95 and the 2XL was \$12.95
 Now On Sale For Only \$8.36 for Med - XL and \$9.07 for the 2XL.



Ladies Black Sweat Shirt With Embroidered Pink Chicago PD. Sizes XL & 2XL Only. Originally Priced At \$15.95, Now On Sale For Only \$10.95 While Quantities Last.

F.O.P. Sweat Shirt With Hood
 Was \$19.95, Now On Sale For Only \$15.95

Kids "Bob Squad" T-Shirt
 Was \$9.95, Now Close Out Price Of Only \$6.95

Combo, Cap & T-Shirt, "Property of Chicago PD" with 3/4 Long Sleeve Style
 Was \$19.95, Now On Sale For Only \$17.95, 2XL On Sale For Only \$18.95

Infants White, Pink Or Blue Long Sleeve, Snap Front
 T-Shirt With Chicago PD In Heart Design
 Sizes 6, 12 & 18 Months
 Only \$4.95 Each, These Are Adorable!!

Ladies Light Blue, Long Sleeve Hoodie T-Shirt
 Sizes Small - XL Was \$12.95 & 2XL Was \$13.95
 Now All Are Priced At Only
 \$10.95 While Supplies Last

Close Out Sale!! Vertical Imprint With Chicago PD On Royal Or Charcoal T-Shirt
 Originally Priced At \$12.95, Now Close Out Sale Price Of \$9.95...Limited Quantity!!

Ladies, Two-Tone, Navy & Light Blue T-Shirt With Embroidered Chicago PD In Heart Design.
 Sorry, No Large Or 2XL Left...Originally Priced At \$11.95, Now On Sale For Only \$8.95

**The New 2007 F.O.P.
 Handbooks Are Now
 Available For \$3.00 Each.**

**Window Decals Are
 Available For \$1.00 Each.**

**The Vehicle Medallions Are
 Available For \$10.00 Each.**

**To Purchase Any Of These
 Items, You Must Have An
 F.O.P. Identification Card.
 Keep In Mind That We Have
 To Record Your Purchase, So
 Bring Your F.O.P. Card!!
 Thank You!**

A Benefit Party for A Scholarship Fund

in memory of

PO Kevin Flanagan
 of the 0112th District and TRU

Tuesday, 09 January 2007,
 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

The United Center
 1900 West Adams
 Chicago, Illinois

For Tickets Please Contact:
 Tim Hunt, 001, 745-4387
 Tom Hanrahan, 011, 746-8386
 Brian Costanzo, 015, 743-1440



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Retirees Breakfast/Luncheon

North:

1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am
Lone Tree Manor
7730 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles
For More Info call: Joe Nalepa @ 773-763-1362

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:00 am
Dappers Restaurant
3131 N. Thatcher Ave, Chicago, IL
For More Info call: John Sweeney @ 630-690-0409

South:

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

3rd Saturday of Month @ 10:00 am
Pancake House
700 East 87th Street, Chicago, Illinois
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