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1412 W. Washington Blvd.

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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Negotiation Update

After the June 6th meeting at which the Lodge tendered its proposals to the City, there have been no further meetings scheduled although the Lodge has requested them. The City did notify the Lodge as to whom they have assigned as members of the various Committees and it is deep in Department Brass. Our concern now is with the impending assignment of a successor to the Superintendent's position, we anticipate that there will be various changes to their committee assignments. Realistically, we don't anticipate any progress to report until after the summer but we remain optimistic that we will move quickly and realistically through the process when we get started.

Federal Court/OPS

On July 16th, the Corporation Council's Office went into the U.S. Court of Appeals requesting a stay of the district court's order which would have lifted a protective order. That protective order concerned the identities of our members who had received a certain number of C.R. numbers over a period of time. The City saw the move to publish the identities of the officers as not only offensive to our members but detrimental to the overall objectives of the Police Department. Judge Joan Lefkow, in lifting the protective order, played into the hands of an attorney who has gotten

rich off suing the City and a wanna-be journalist who is trying to write a book, all under the guise of freedom of information while attempting to foster their own personal fortunes. Freedom of information is fine but when the price being paid is defamation of character and interfering with Departmental objectives established for the good of all of the citizens in this City, then the price is too high and the Corporation Council and the Appellate Judges took appropriate actions.

We will do all we can to help the public get a glimpse of the big picture: such as why does the CPD (and most other agencies nationwide) have such a difficult time in attracting potential candidates; why have certain members of the community taken the position that the Police are on the same level as the criminals and should be treated as such; what damage are they doing to the dedication of the vast majority of the Police out there protecting them; how long are they willing to sit by and allow those with a personal agenda to exacerbate the "perception" that the police they wrongly attempt to portray are representative of all; and to what lengths will the media go to sell their news?

Legislation Updates

In Springfield the Legislature remains. Senate Bill 1380 has yet to be signed by the Governor who has been part of the struggle to get a

budget passed. There have been numerous discussions of interest to us along the lines of future pension reforms and income taxes. Our positions on these subjects are known to the key legislators and we will continue to monitor any discussions concerning them. We are still attempting to meet with the City Budget representatives who we are told expressed concern over the Pension Portability proposal. Although it is highly unlikely this issue will be addressed in this session, the conversation with the City representatives still needs to take place for future action.

In Washington, the joint efforts of the FOP and the International Association of Firefighters have succeeded in passing out of the House HR 980, the "Public Employee-Employer Cooperation Act" which will allow public safety employees the right to bargain collectively over wages, hours and working conditions, much the same as we currently have here in the State of Illinois. This bill now goes to the senate for their action. This is a major victory for First Responders around the country that have for years through the FOP and IFFA been fighting for these minimal rights.

Police Shootings

Earlier this week there was another incident involving a police shooting in which there were no calls made to the FOP. Approximately an hour

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after the incident, after it was viewed on the 10:00 news, a member called a Field Rep on his cell phone informing him of the incident. Procedure dictates that there is a certain amount of time that a Field Rep has to arrive on the scene or in the Area after a shooting. When we aren't contacted im-

mediately, the potential arises for the involved member to be deprived of representation. Please, don't assume somebody else called the FOP. We would rather get 100 calls than receive none in situations where your career could be at stake.

FOP Picnic

Our thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped make this year's picnic a success. Through their collective efforts a good time was had by all except the guy who couldn't get the round basketball through the oval hoop. It's like Vegas, the "carney" is supposed to win. Our host,

Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, provided the Lodge with a great location for our families to enjoy what was a fantastic day. We would like to have another opportunity to have it there next year to get a few bugs out and to expand on the festivities.

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

Overton Decision Is In!

In the June newsletter, I reported on the Susan Overton Grievance arbitration. You might recall that this is the case of the catastrophically disabled police officer that has been denied numerous medical necessities, including home health assistance, by the Committee on Finance. The Lodge has been waiting for a new arbitration decision regarding the Committee's denial of home health care assistance. Well, that new decision has just arrived and it was a total victory for the officer and the Lodge. Here are the highlights:

This grievance got started when the City refused to honor a prescription for home health assistance for Officer Overton. The City then sent Officer Overton to a specialist who also recommended home health assistance. At the hear-

ing, Sue Conley of the Committee on Finance feigned ignorance on how it was that Officer Overton wound up seeing this specialist. The arbitrator ruled that Sue Conley's testimony in that regard was not credible. After all, Officer Overton produced a letter that expressly stated that the Committee on Finance had authorized the visit to the specialist.

The arbitrator concluded that the City had violated our collective bargaining agreement in two distinct ways. First, the City was unreasonable in refusing to approve any home health care *after* it received proof of medical necessity for this care. Second, the City's delays in handling the requests for home health care were unreasonable and in violation of our contract. Hence, the grievance was sustained.

Officer Overton will be

reimbursed pursuant to the arbitration award for all monies spent on home health care (well over \$22,000.00 to date!!) and will in the future receive ***more than three times the amount*** of home health care that was offered by Sue Conley and the Committee on Finance and rejected by the Lodge. The City also has to pay the arbitrator's entire fee of approximately \$6,000.00.

This arbitration was an expensive lesson for the City. In addition to the arbitrator's fee, the City inexplicably hired and paid for a private attorney to handle the case. The City also paid for two doctors to testify in their losing effort. No doubt, tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars were wasted by the Department and the Committee on Finance in their attempt to deprive a disabled officer of appropriate health care.

Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to mention the role of Management and Labor Affairs Section of the Chicago Police Department in this particular arbitration. Typically, MLAS has a representative present at every arbitration hearing with the Lodge. This is understandable given the nature of MLAS's work and the fact that they have to pay arbitra-

tor's fees for failed arbitrations directly out of the MLAS budget. However, in the case of Susan Overton, there were four different dates when the arbitration took place. MLAS attended none of them. Zero. Not one minute. It's time that the Department and its leadership take a hard look at how they treat our disabled brothers and sisters and give these officers the respect that they deserve.

Interactive Health Solutions Are Back

On August 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31st, Interactive Health Solutions will be offering health screenings at the FOP Lodge. These tests are generally more comprehensive than those given during a typical visit to your physician. The entire testing process takes about thirty minutes of your time. Your health and the health of your loved ones should be a top priority. Please review the description of the various screenings in the back of this bulletin. To schedule an appointment for yourself and/or eligible family members (age 18 and above), simply call HIS at 1-800-840-6100 between 8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

RETIREMENT PARTY HONORING

**DETECTIVE JIM J. ADAMS, STAR #20742
OF UNIT 650**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007
1800—2300 HOURS**

**F.O.P. HALL
1412 W. WASHINGTON BLVD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FOR MORE INFO, CALL AREA 5

2007 Annual Picnic Report, By Frank DiMaria and Sidney Davis, Co-Chairmen

The F.O.P. Annual Picnic was held on 11 July 07 on the fields of Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, Illinois. The planning had been in progress for the last six months and the big day finally arrived. The carnival rides were assembled and the inflatable attraction set up. We had the tents assembled, the other needed equipment delivered and we were set up for business. Where there was once an open empty soccer field now exist a first class amusement area. The F.O.P. Gift Shop took up residence under the main tent and it was business as usual. The crowds began arriving around 0830 hrs and the cars lined up down 147th Street. Our volunteers directed the cars and we filled the parking lot like they were parking at the United Center. The Picnic Goers unloaded and

set up their tents after spotting the perfect location for the day's events. The refreshments were poured and continued non-stop for the entire day. The DJ began playing music and the children and adults enjoyed the carnival attractions, which were provided for their exclusive use.

By 1300 hrs we surveyed the area and had estimated that approximately over 3,000 of our members and their families attended the 2007 F.O.P. Picnic. The carnival rides stopped at 1700 hrs and people started taking down their tents and grills and packed up for the trip home. The last tent was dismantled at 1900 hrs and we finished policing the area returning the site to the condition we had found the fields prior to the picnic. We had gone out there on several

occasions but we never envisioned that it would turn out this well. It was hard to believe that just a few hours before we had restored one of the greatest F.O.P. sponsored traditions and family events and that it was now over for this year.

We would like to thank the Management Staff & Grounds Keepers of Chicago Gaelic Park for their gracious hospitality and assistance with the planning and setting up of the 2007 FOP Picnic, the Village of Oak Forest for their assistance and support of our event from the beginning of the planning until the completion of the project.

We would also like to thank the following companies/persons who made contributions, which added to the success of the FOP Picnic:

- American Licorice
 - Joel D'Alba
 - Brach's Candy
 - Tom Cline
- Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union
 - William Fahy
- Clover Hill Bakery
 - Tom Needham
- Coyne Financial Service
 - Joseph Roddy
- Hinckley Springs Water
 - Mars Candy
- Premier Chrysler/Jeep
- Radio Flyer Wagons
- Vitner's Potato Chips
 - Weber Bakery

Please support these companies and individual because they support you the FOP Membership!

Treasurer's Report, By John Capparelli

It's that time of year again!! Time to pay annual union dues for the year 2008. Retirees, under the age of 75, Sergeants and Above, and Outside Unit members must pay their Union Dues by 31 October 2007 to cover the year 2008. Retirees pay \$25 per year and Fraternal Sergeants and Outside Units pay \$50 per year. The Lodge must be in possession of your annual dues by November 1st to avoid having your membership lapse.

Keep in mind that the payment coupon is located on the back cover of this Newsletter. It will also be published in the September and October issues. You will not receive any other correspondence from the Lodge regarding dues. This payment coupon is your only

notice.

Members age 75 and older are considered *Members For Life* and no longer pay dues. If you turn 75 years old before December 31st 2007, you do not pay for 2008.

Watch your deadline and pay your dues now. Remember that the Lodge accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit card payments, all in the name of convenience. Call the Lodge if you would like to pay your 2008 Union dues with your credit card.

F.O.P. Awards

There are four different types of awards that the F.O.P. provides to our members. The awards are presented to the nominated officer(s) at the General Meetings and then published in the monthly Newsletter. I would like to take a moment and familiarize

you with the types of awards and the requirements to acquire them.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is the most popular award given by the F.O.P. To be considered for a Distinguished Service Award, the nominee(s) must have performed exceptional police work. For example, police shootings – aggravated assault, shots fired at the police with return and physical fights.

The **Life Saving Award** is also offered by the F.O.P. and the name is pretty self-explanatory. Examples include pulling someone out of a burning building or vehicle or performing CPR on a child. If you directly save someone's life, you get the award.

The **Award of Valor** is only presented under the gravest of circumstances. Saving

the life of a fellow police officer under fire or in grave danger, shot in line of duty and serious injury, non-accidental with malice.

Keep in mind that the above listed requirements are only guidelines and if you think someone deserves to be recognized for exceptional police work, please submit the award nomination paperwork. If the incident does not meet the standards for the above listed awards, but is still remarkable work, it most likely falls into the **Officer Recognition Certificate** guidelines. This is a personalized certificate that is presented to the officer(s) by a member of the Awards Committee or a Board Member at their roll call.

Third Vice-President's Report, *By Greg Bella*

New Campaign vs. Police
Dick Simpson wrote an article in the Sun-Times on 06 July 2007 titled "New campaign vs. torture." I have sad news for the liberal media; not one police officer has been accused of torture since Jon Burge in the early eighties.

I can't emphasize enough that not one police officer has been accused of torture, yet in the past few years the Illinois State Legislature has legislated policing in the state of Illinois to death. They have mandated documentation of every traffic stop, the time allowed to interview a murder suspect, the videotaping of homicide interrogations, reading witnesses rights that allow them to not cooperate in a homicide investigation, and they even attempted to legislate line-ups.

What was the result of this legislation? The Illinois Department of Transportation concluded that statewide, 1.6 million whites were stopped compared to 792,000 minorities. The most frequent stop made was a white male 19 years of age at midnight.

Homicides are now made harder to solve and the clear up rate is the lowest it has ever been. Every gangbanger in the city knows that all they have to do is sit quiet for 48 hours and they are home free.

Dick Simpson sides with the Chicago Coalition for Police Accountability on every issue in the article including the fifth stage, which is to bring public pressure on the city and the Fraternal Order of Police during contract negotiations. He says, and I quote, "The union contract sets restrictions on the keeping and the use of disciplinary records and the use of agency findings in disciplining police officers.

For instance, only 0.2 percent of officers charged with brutality had any meaningful punishment. Police with 15 or more civilian complaints of brutality often get no punishment."

Did it ever dawn on Simpson or this coalition that only 0.2 percent had been punished because that is all the brutality that happened? I think the officers should be commended because, in a department of 13,000 officers, this is quite an accomplishment. Did it ever dawn on anyone that an officer who gets 15 or more complaints of brutality is not punished because the allegations against the officer are false? You cannot punish someone if you cannot show that the officer did anything wrong. Who would expect a group of dogooders such as you would advocate this type of injustice?

Lastly the contract does have safeguards and they are there to protect officers from the abuses that were committed by the city in the past.

The people of the city would be better served if this coalition would mount a campaign against the gangbangers who are killing innocent school children with the same zeal they use against police officers. Who is safeguarding the rights of these murdered children?

Remember when society makes war on its police, it had better make friends with the criminals.

Finally Justice Is Done

On June 13th, an off duty Des Plaines police officer and his girlfriend were attacked and beaten on the street outside of a northwest side bar. The case report stated that the off duty officer identified himself to the offenders and

pleaded that he did not want any trouble. Both victims were knocked to the ground kicked and beaten.

The off-duty officer and his girlfriend were taken to the hospital where the officer needed three stitches to close the wound to his nose and he suffered fractured ribs. The girlfriend needed four stitches to close the wound to her eye.

The offenders were arrested and certainly the injuries would make this an aggravated battery but then there is the fact that this occurred on the public way and the offenders knew they were beating a police officer. Any one of these elements makes this an aggravated battery.

Here is a case where the victims reported the crime, the beat officers did the report and the offenders were arrested. The detectives investigated and presented the case to felony review for approval. Felony review refused to approve the felony charges so the detectives call the ADS for an override. The ADS does his job and overrides felony review granting the felony charges.

The head of felony review goes to court and reduces the felony to a misdemeanor. To add insult to injury the head of felony review O'Brien is quoted in the Sun-Times stating, "These are decisions that I make every day." Anyone in the Detective Division can attest to O'Brien's quote as being true, just ask a Detective. Murderers are released because he believes they were mutual combatants, or he wants more evidence, which just isn't there.

The police and victims don't get to create a perfect scenario for the crime. The

police present the evidence and then felony review must decide if there is enough evidence to proceed to court. A Judge or Jury will hear the evidence, then decide whether the witnesses or victims are credible and render a decision. The case should not be tried by felony review.

Fast-forward and we have good news to report, this past week the States Attorney's Office charged the offenders with felonies. Thank God the majority in the office are still committed to doing the right thing.

Lefkow Ruling

Federal Court Judge Lefkow has issued an opinion and order in the case of Bond vs. Utreras, et al., 04 C 2617.

The Judge granted a motion to unseal certain records the City had turned over in the case, which were the subject of a protective order. This will include the identification of officers with 10 or more C.R. files. This order will allow for possible disclosure subject to certain restrictions of those documents by any party.

The Judge's order states that only the officer's name will be released and all personal information must be redacted before being turned over to any third party. The following is taken right from the Judge's order: **"The public has a significant interest in monitoring the conduct of its officers and a right to know how these allegations are being investigated and handled. The court knows that most of these are just allegations and may not be true but trusts that the public is**

Third Vice-President's Report Continued...

sophisticated enough to understand that a mere allegation of police abuse, just like a lawsuit, does not constitute actual proof of misconduct."

The City has appealed this order and a stay on the release has been issued. We will follow this case and keep you updated. A full copy of Judge Lefkow's order will be on the F.O.P. website.

The Jefferson Tap

As hard as they are trying, FOX news can't get off the ground with the video from the Jefferson Tap incident, one lead-in said **"the video Chicago is demanding to see."**

The video is just what we said it was last month, pushing and shoving not even a punch thrown. FOX keeps showing one officer walking

by one of the complainants and you see they look at each other, FOX reports, "did they bump or did the officer say something?" So begs the question, how is this an aggravated battery? The only answer can be that they are off-duty policemen and as hard as you look you will not find a section in the law that makes that a determining factor when charging.

Hopefully the courts will see

this for what it is and our brothers will prevail.

The upside to this is that we heard that the plaintiff's lawyer is in an uproar because FOX aired the video. She probably didn't want the public to see the sham either; it will probably hurt settlement talks with the city.

Financial Secretary's Report, By Tim Fallon

Contract Negotiations

The Lodge has entered into formal contract negotiations with the city. In the past several contracts residency has been an issue that has created heated debate with the membership. The problem is that residency is not a mandatory subject of bargaining. This means that the city does not have to discuss residency at the bargaining table. There are actually three categories of bargaining topics.

The first category of bargaining topics is mandatory. Mandatory subjects must be negotiated if either side raises them during the negotiation process. If a past practice concerns a mandatory subject of bargaining, an employer may not make a change in the practice without first bargaining with the labor organization unless the labor organization has waived its right to negotiate over the subject. Mandatory subjects of bargaining include but are not limited to wages, healthcare, discipline, and other conditions of employment.

There was a recent appellate court ruling regarding mandatory subjects of bargaining. The case involved

downstate jail guards represented by AFSCME. AFSCME was negotiating with management over a mandatory subject of bargaining. At some point management declared an impasse stating they had met their obligation to negotiate, and implemented their new proposal. AFSCME filed an unfair labor practice charge with the Illinois Labor Board. The Labor Board ruled that since the jail guards have the ability to arbitrate, management could not implement their new proposal until it had been arbitrated. Management filed with the Illinois Appellate Court seeking to have the Labor Board overturned. The Appellate Court upheld the decision of the Illinois Labor Board. This case is currently in front of the Illinois Supreme Court.

The second category of bargaining topics is permissive. Permissive subjects need not be negotiated by either party, but can be negotiated if both sides voluntarily choose to do. An employer is free to make changes in past practices affecting permissive subjects of bargaining without first bargaining with a

labor organization. Because labor and management often disagree on what a permissive subject of bargaining, or a past practice constitute; we have the grievance procedure and Illinois Labor Board to resolve these differences.

The third category of bargaining topics is prohibited. Prohibited subjects are excluded from bargaining. A subject is often prohibited if it is preempted by another law covering the subject. A state law might preempt bargaining over the entire subject of pension benefits. The Illinois Public Labor Relations Act states in part in Section 14 (i); In the case of peace officers, the arbitration decision shall be limited to wages, hours and conditions of employment and shall not include the following 1) resi-

dency requirements, 2) the type of equipment, other than uniforms, issued or used, 3) manning, 4) the total number of employees employed by the department.

The main difference is the three categories of bargaining topics is what can go in front of an arbitrator once an impasse is reached in negotiations. Mandatory subjects of bargaining have to be negotiated. If an impasse is reached during negotiations the resolution will be decided by an arbitrator. In permissive and prohibited subjects of bargaining management can agree to discuss the subjects in negotiations. However if no agreement can be reached in negotiations the subject matter does not get heard by an arbitrator.

Website News

Please visit the F.O.P. Website for valuable information including the entire court order regarding the Lefkow case. See the Current Updates section.

Also posted on the website is updated information regarding the Dental and Vision benefits provided to Retirees and Widows.

2007 FOP Picnic Photo Gallery



Tent Decorating Contest

1st Place
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2nd Place
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*Tom Hartwig poses by
Pat Tode's squad...
Hey Pat, is he touching
your car???*

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*The Gift Shop set up
their wares at the FOP
Picnic again this year.*



6th Annual Ride To Remember 9-11

To Remember Our Brothers And Sisters Of New York City, And All Who Lost Their Lives On September 11, 2001. And To Show Support For Our Men And Women Of Our Armed Services.

Sponsored By The Illinois Blue Knights, Illinois Red Knights, Oak Lawn Harley Owners Group & Halls Harley Davidson

Sunday, September 9, 2007—Springfield, Illinois

This Ride Is FREE And Open To All Vehicles!!

**Motorcade Procession To The State Capital Grounds,
Police And Fire Fighters Memorial Site From Halls
Harley Davidson**

*(Dirksen Parkway and Sangamon, Springfield, Illinois)
(Exit 100B off of Interstate 55)*

Lineup Starts At 8:00 am

Ceremony At The State Memorial Site at 10:00 am

**The Illinois State Troopers FOP Lodge Hosts An
"All You Can Eat" BBQ
Saturday, September 8th at 5:00 pm**

Visit The Website For More Info: www.ridetoremember911.com

February 2007 Retirees

*The following member was left off the original list!
Sorry about that, Dennis!*

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Maloney, Dennis J.	Officer	DPR	40

May 2007 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Ahmed, Maurice Y.	Officer	006	29
Allanson, John R.	Officer	018	36
Bertini, Donald R.	Sergeant	145	17
Blue, Sr., Otis C.	Officer	023	29
Botwinski, JoAnne L.	Detective	610	21
Brady, Michael D.	Officer	001	29
Callahan, Gerald W.	Officer	022	41
Campbell, Larry D.	Officer	055	26
Cason, Richard R.	Officer	701	36
Eldridge, James R.	Sergeant	008	35
Fratto, Michael T.	Officer	004	36
Gaffney, James G.	Officer	171	30
Jeannotte, Joseph G.	Detective	640	37
Jenkins, Lorry	E.T.	477	20
Kelly, William D.	Sergeant	008	32
Meziere, Ronald T.	Officer	015	26
Noury, Hushang K.	Officer	015	13
Pena, Jose A.	Agent	121	21
Piscitelli, Dorothy I.	Lieutenant	008	29
Rodriguez, David D.	Officer	001	20
Rzodkiewicz, Thomas A.	Officer	018	22
Ullrich, John P.	Officer	608	32
Williams, Thomas L.	Officer	002	36

Life's Little Struggles... *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

Did you ever notice as we go through life, we are all faced with certain trials and struggles, and as much as we hate life's challenges, sometimes struggles are necessary? Let me explain with a short parable....

The Struggle Inside The Cocoon.....

There was a wonderful old man who loved nature, animals, spiders and insects. One day, while walking through the woods the nice old man found a cocoon. Feeling lonely, he decided to take the cocoon home to watch its beautiful transformation from a helpless little cocoon to a beautiful butterfly.

He gently placed the cocoon on his kitchen table, and watched over it for days. Suddenly, on the seventh day, the cocoon started to move. It moved frantically! The old man felt sorry for the little butterfly inside the cocoon. He watched it struggle and struggle and struggle!

Finally the old man, feeling so sorry for the cocooned butterfly, rushed to its aide with a surgical scalpel and gently slit the cocoon so the butterfly could emerge. Just one slice was all it took and the butterfly broke free from

its cocoon only to wilt over in a complete motionless state.

The old man did not know what to think. Had he accidentally killed the little butterfly? No, it was still moving a little bit! Maybe it's sick! He was dumbfounded, and quite perplexed! What should I do, he asked? Well he felt so sorry for the little creature that he decided the best thing he could do for the butterfly was to place it gently back into its cocoon. He did so, and placed a drop of honey on it to seal the cocoon, leaving the butterfly to nestle in its natural state.

Well the next day he noticed that the cocoon was moving again. Wow, he said! It moved and moved and struggled and struggled. Finally the butterfly broke free from its cocoon and stretched its wings out far and wide. Big time yawn! Its' beautiful wings were filled with wonderful colors! It looked around and took off! It was flying! It was so beautiful! The old man was jumping with joy! Wow! Go Baby, Go! And that wonderful butterfly did just that: it flew and flew till it was almost out of the old man's sight. What a joy, he exclaimed!

But then he started to think. What did I do wrong by trying to help that beautiful little butterfly out at first? The old man went into town, found the

library, and read every book he could on butterflies and cocoons. Finally the answer appeared. The butterfly has to struggle and struggle while inside the cocoon. That's how it gets its strength. That's just what they are designed to overcome in order to be strong and beautiful.

Well needless to say the old man was pleasantly surprised and somewhat relieved. Now he knows the reason why they do what they do. It was only his perception that made it appear that the butterfly was having a hard time. Well, from then on the old man knew that loving something sometimes means to pray for it and cheer it on! He realized that God was wonderful, and that sometimes appearances aren't what they seem to be. That we all are beautiful butterflies, even though we have our apparent struggles in life...

And now a bit of sagely wisdom to make you go hmmmmmm....

An elderly sage and a soap maker went for a walk together. The soap maker said, "What good is faith? Look at all the trouble and misery of the world. Even after years--thousands of years--of teaching about goodness and truth and peace. Still there after all

the prayers and sermons and teachings. If religion is good and true, why should this be?"

The sage said nothing. They continued walking until he noticed a child playing in the gutter. Then the sage said, "Look at that child. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on that youngster? Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, over all these years, the child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is, after all!"

The soap maker protested. "But, sage, soap cannot do any good unless it is used!" "Exactly!" replied the sage. Hmmmmmm....

On behalf of all the Chaplains (Unit phone # 312-746-8458), 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

Address Change Form

Effective Date: _____

Name: _____ Star Number: _____
(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

THE RICHARD LIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is the application form for the annual scholarship drawing of Chicago Lodge #7. The scholarship awards are in the amount of \$1,000.00 each and are given in honor of our late State Lodge President, Richard Lis. There will be twenty names drawn at the October General Meeting, and we will also draw five additional names, in case some of the winners are not in college or elect not to continue their education. All applications are to be filled out and mailed to: FOP, Chicago Lodge #7, by police mail or U.S. Post to 1412 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607-1821, Attention: Scholarship Committee.

The following rules apply to applicants requesting scholarships:

1. Scholarship grants are available to the sons and daughters (including stepchildren) of members of FOP Lodge #7, who will be attending a college or trade school for the first semester of the school year.
2. There will be 20 scholarship grants given for \$1,000.00 each on a one-time basis. Payment will be made at our general meeting in January after proof of attendance is received by the Scholarship Committee.
3. Scholarships will be available to high school graduates and any student who is presently attending a college or recognized trade school.
4. The college attended must be recognized by the North Central Accrediting Association or the trade school must be recognized by the Illinois Department of Registration.
5. **Only one** application per eligible child will be accepted.
6. The scholarship grants will be awarded on the basis of a **drawing** of the submitted applications at the **October General Meeting**.
7. **Applications may be submitted up to the time of the drawing at the October Meeting.**

RICHARD LIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

Scholarship Applicant: _____ Member's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____ Star#: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ College or Trade School: _____

Mail To:

Richard Lis Scholarship Fund.

FOP Lodge 7, (Unit 541 via Police Mail)
1412 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607

Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 Annual Golf Outing

St. Andrew's Golf Club
Rte 59 at North Avenue
West Chicago, Illinois

Monday, August 27, 2007
Tee off starting at 0800

Reservations are being taken now by calling
Kathy Moore or Doreen Plachta at the office,
312-733-7776.

\$360.00 per foursome, Cart & Dinner included
(Cash Bar)

Money due when making reservations.



Health Evaluations from IHS!

Fraternal Order of Police – Lodge #7



Dates: August 27th, 28th, 29th, 20th and 31st, 2007
By appointment beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Location: FOP HALL – FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
1412 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-840-6100.

Recommended Health Evaluations:

Age 18 to 34 – Male & Female

Health Profile

- **Blood Tests** – Includes individual tests to detect diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, bone and muscle disease, anemia, leukemia, bleeding abnormalities, infection, and more. Also analyzes total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and cholesterol/HDL computed ratio.
- **Blood Pressure Analysis**
- **Medical Report** – You will receive an individualized, comprehensive report from IHS that reviews and explains your test results.
- **Coronary Risk Trend Analysis** – IHS will track and compare your cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose each year that you screen.
- **Web Site** – Includes membership and unlimited access to www.interactivehs.com, your source for healthy living. At your option, you can confidentially access your personal health history and test results history from this secure web site.

TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) – Abnormal thyroid may exhibit common symptoms such as unexplained weight gain or loss, unexplained fatigue, hair loss, sweating, insomnia or constipation.

Age 35 & Above –Female

Health Profile (described above)

TSH (described above)

Homocysteine – There is a strong relationship between high homocysteine and heart disease and stroke. Evidence suggests that homocysteine may damage artery walls and enhance the blood's ability to clot. Recent research shows that moderate to high levels of homocysteine may substantially increase your risk of developing Alzheimer's Disease as well as a non-Alzheimer's form of dementia. Diet – notably eating foods rich in folic acid and Vitamins B₆ and B₁₂ – influences homocysteine levels and may provide a first line of defense.

Age 35 & Above – Male

Health Profile (described above)

TSH (described above)

Homocysteine (described above)

Prostate Cancer Screening – The PSA blood test detects early signs of prostate cancer. The test is especially important if you have a family history of prostate cancer.

Cost & Eligibility Information

	Active Employees & Family Members		Retired Employees & Spouses
<u>Test</u>	<u>HMO</u>	<u>PPO</u>	
Health Profile/TSH	N/C	N/C	\$98.00
PSA Blood Test	\$47.00	N/C	\$47.00
Homocysteine	\$58.00	N/C	\$58.00
Hepatitis C (Optional)	\$14.00	N/C	\$14.00

Disability Report and 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 FOP website, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

June Pension Board Update

Advocates present were myself and Attorney Tom Pleines. Disability Claims: *Ordinary* - 2 granted, 2 deferred. *Heart* - 1 granted. *Duty* - 1 granted at 50%, 2 continued by the officers.

Prudential Basic Term Life Update

Officers have been calling the Lodge and questions are being raised about this subject. To clarify this I am going to write about an officer who will be named Marty. Marty has terminal cancer and while going through the process of Ordinary Disability has encountered many obstacles. When granted Ordinary Disability through the Pension Fund, the monthly paychecks now come from the Pension Fund – NOT the City of Chicago – thus premiums for the Optional Term Life Coverage can no longer be paid through payroll deduction. It is now the officer's responsibility to make the monthly premiums. Marty never received a form or notice from Prudential telling the officer of the options available. Marty did receive a letter from Prudential dropping the insurance plan for non-payment. Prudential said that 30 days had lapsed since being taken off the City of Chicago Active Payroll. After many phone calls to Prudential from Marty's friends

the Optional Term Life Coverage is still maintained. So officers...you have to be vigilant in understanding Optional Term Life Policy.

Remember this does not affect officers who are currently working and are paying into the Optional Employee Term Life coverage for additional coverage - only those who are on disability. Marty has gone through some terrible times, but should not have to go through this mountain of bureaucracy while spending the last days on earth. God Bless you Marty. You fought the good fight. Prudential info - call 800-778-3827.

Vocational Training Reimbursement Program Update

As of January 2007, 13 officers are in the program and one has enrolled for the fall. For application call 312-745-5369.

Veterans' Corner

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

Kraff Eye Institute - www.kraffeye.com. Dr. Manus Kraff will provide free consultation and, if a candidate, free laser vision correction to active military personnel, from the Chicagoland area, that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11. Non-military personnel and family members will be provided laser vision correction at a discount off the cost of the procedure. To schedule a complimentary consultation to see if you are a candidate or have any further questions,

please contact the Kraff Eye Institute at 773-777-4444 and ask for Mary Jo Field.

Veterans Job Fair - Tuesday, August 28, 10-3 pm, Navy Pier. Helmets to Hard Hats program sponsored by Teamsters Joint Council 25. Contact President Michael Yaeger, Local 786 at 312-666-2750.

Heart Of A Marine - Thursday, August 16, Dick's Last Resort, 435 E. Illinois, 6-9 pm. Help the families of the wounded Marines that served in Iraq/Afghanistan. For information call Pat at 630-461-5268 or 630-692-7971 ext. 105. Visit their website at: www.chicagomarines.com.

Vietnam Veterans 25th Annual Reunion - Kokomo, Indiana. September 13-16, 2007. For information visit website www.hcvvo.org. All veterans, all eras are welcome!

Jim McTigue Benefit - A dear childhood friend of mine passed

recently. John Kass from the Tribune wrote a great article 13 July 07. Jim was the 'fall guy' for the great Chicago flood in 1992. After 6 years the Illinois Appellate Court ruled that Jim was wrongly fired but his finances were already ruined. Jim served with the 26th Marines and received a Purple Heart at Khe Sanh, 1968. His father was John McTigue, CPD #5533, from 1942-1973 (deceased '84). He worked at Old Town Hall, A/5 Shakespeare, Damen & Grace Liquor License. There is a benefit to help the family on Saturday, September 22, 3-10 pm, VFW Post 3579, 10 W. Higgins (Higgins & Canfield), Park Ridge. Come on out and tip a few with Jim's family, friends, Marines, police, veterans and Airborne troopers. Please visit the Website: www.JimMcTigueBenefit.blogspot.com. Contact Pat at 630-730-4116 or Roger at 773-286-5147

Departed Brothers and Sisters

Anthony J. Sciaraffa, Age 87
James E. Heneghan, Sr., Age 64
Edward E. Dojutrek, Age 76
Ronald C. Moore, Age 68
James E. Czekalski, Age 60
Darlene M. Vosis, Age 56
Ronald W. Rokos, Age 57
Thomas P. Cahill, Age 84
Al J. Hernandez, Age 36
Arthur J. Kimber, Sr., Age 88
Peter C. Borg, Age 62
Errol B. Sturt, Age 67
Thomas A. Corlett, Age 65
George J. Gramza, Age 57
Richard J. Powers, Age 83
George J. Wilgus, Age 82
Raymond J. Forrest, Jr., Age 81
Glenn E. Miller, Age 59
John J. Kiely, Age 84
Wayne J. Smith, Jr., Age 34
Robert J. Rawa, Age 42



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tired**

**These Caps Come In 2 Sizes: Small/Medium
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All Sizes Priced At \$11.95 Each

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**New Design: FOP And CPD Initials on White Ankle
High Socks. It's A Great Design**

Two Kids Sizes Priced At \$3.95 Each

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August 10 - 13, 2007

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IS IN PRODUCTION!!

The Lodge is preparing for its annual mailing to members. Please look at the address label above, this is the address we will use to mail your 2008 Handbook, Membership Card and Stickers. Please contact the Lodge and make any necessary Name or Address changes now.

FIRST NOTICE: Annual Payers (Retirees, Sgts, etc.)

2008 Dues Payments Must Be Received before November 1, 2007

Attention Retirees and Annual Dues Payers you can mail your 2008 dues now. The Lodge will begin accepting credit card payments over the phone after the Labor Day Holiday. **If you turn 75 in 2007, you DO NOT pay!!**

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