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2007



FOP, Chicago Lodge 7  
1412 W. Washington Blvd.

### Notice!

*The Time For The  
September General  
Meeting Has Been Changed  
To Avoid A Conflict With  
The Candlelight Vigil At  
Gold Star Memorial Park.*

*The Updated Time is  
18 September 2007  
At Noon.*

*All Members Are  
Encouraged To attend.*

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# F.O.P. NEWS

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## President's Report, By Mark Donahue

### The "Non Story"

The latest round of public outcry over recent police shootings is causing the expected baseless perceptions and actions of groups comprised of social misfits to be given just the amount of media attention they are striving for. Regardless of what factual evidence there is to refute the immediate allegations of Police impropriety, when the cameras roll out in front of those who presently are not wanted by the Police, it's show-time. And despite the Department choosing to respond in a responsible manner, that is after giving due consideration of all the facts, testimony and lab results, the story is hot "now" and the papers will sell tomorrow based upon those perceptions being sold to them, and positions attorneys representing the family of the offenders have taken. The majority of the media will not allow the facts to stand in the way of a good story.

It's the irresponsible reporting that does the most damage to society. Do you think that when they are writing these stories, they are giving consideration to any potential fallout? The answer is no. Recently there was a story done when even the reporter doing the story voiced an objection to his higher ups that there were too many gray areas in it. Their response was to do the story anyhow, which attempted to show several officers in an

unfavorable light, and to his credit, his message of it being a "non story" came through loud and clear.

The damage of irresponsible reporting can be seen immediately and in the long run. The perceptions that are painted by such reporting has an immediate impact of outrage on those doing the job and an inclination of laying back. Even when those reactions are mostly overcome, the perception that is created by the media causes potential police candidates to second guess a career in Law Enforcement. Who hasn't heard about how great a job this was 10, 20 or 30 years ago from some "old salt" and how the pressures of today in doing our job have increased from the old days, all of which is true? Years ago there was no need to do any recruiting. Being scrutinized for every breath you take and painted with a broad brush for allegations against someone else would impact anyone. To the benefit of the Department and every citizen in this City, our members keep going out and doing their jobs in spite of the constant parade of idiots looking to gain attention and line their pockets. We need to keep doing what we do not for them but for the silent majority of our citizens who realize the tough job we have and hope that one day they will become the vocal majority. But most importantly we need to do our jobs with the recognition that the first prior-

ity is going home unscathed at the end of the day. The naysayers will attempt to cast doubt on our actions, but because of what we do, we have earned the "benefit of the doubt".

### FOP, Post Retirement

Quarterly, the City puts on Retirement Seminars for those anticipating retirement in the next few years. At these seminars the FOP is invited to speak about the benefits of maintaining membership in the FOP post retirement. The benefits of membership are many and now is the time to renew your Retiree Membership, there is a payment coupon on the back page of this newsletter. Your dues when you retire are \$25 dollars per year each year, until you reach the age of 75 when they are waived. Some of the reasons to maintain your F.O.P. Membership are:

We carry a life insurance policy on members who have maintained their membership in good standing since retiring. The policy is in the amount of \$3000 with an additional \$3000 for accidental death, which reduces with age;

Retired members continue to receive the newsletter, books and stickers;

We lobby for your interests here in the City, in Springfield and in Washington. Some examples of the successes this administration has had these past few years

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## President's Report Continued...

for retirees have been:

Here in the City, we persuaded the City to stop charging retirees to register their duty handguns; allowing retirees to carry concealed if they so desire;

When the Korshak settlement was first announced in 2002, the FOP protested the costs for retiree health care so successfully that by 2003 when it took affect, the City agreed to share the discounts they had been receiving from the hospitals and vendors that they had never shared, our position resulted in a cost decrease of about 30% from what the Pension Board Attorney had recommended the Pension Fund accept just 10 months earlier.

Lodge 7 took the lead on this retiree health insurance issue and has been successful through court action in forcing the City to return over 20 million dollars to all City retirees (firefighters, laborers, and all the non-unionized workers as well). We have just been notified that the City is going to be returning another 5 million dollars that they overcharged retirees for 2005. This is not going to be the end of this debate, we do not accept that the refunds/rebates issued thus far

are sufficient and we continue to force the courts to review the City's claims.

The Lodge has just made available a dental and optical insurance program for retirees that will be paid for through deductions from your pension checks so that you will be able to take advantage of the recently passed "H.E.L.P.S. Legislation" which makes those payments with pre-tax dollars as are your monthly health care premiums.

At the State level, our legislative agenda has been successful in increasing the minimum amounts for retirees and widows by 25% and we are currently attempting to raise it further;

After helping to pass H.R. 218, the Carry Concealed Bill in Washington, we needed to create legislation in Springfield to identify a shooting standard that HR 218 called for to allow retirees to carry; after doing so our Mayor still insisted that CPD Retirees couldn't carry concealed. Through our efforts you now have the right to do so.

The FOP takes the task of going back to the legislature every 5 years to ensure you get your 3% increase at age 55

instead of 1.5%. We have passed legislation that increased pensions of duty death widows and disabled officers; and we currently have numerous bills pending that can benefit current and future retirees. We are awaiting the Governors signature on SB 1380 which has 3 of our issues in it which will benefit widows and dependants.

In Washington the FOP has a Day on the Hill, which I have taken part in for 8 of the past 9 years. This activity has yielded HR218, HELPS and many of us that are actively involved in it, sincerely believe that passing the Social Security Fairness Act is no longer a matter of if, but when.

The FOP owns a building in Washington D.C., two blocks from the Capitol where a staff of seven administers our legislative agenda. In Springfield the FOP owns a building from which it administers numerous programs and the State Legislative Agenda and we have our building on Washington Blvd. from where we not only administer our contract but all these other things.

What we haven't touched on is the service that we provide to retirees in problem solving. I'm sorry to break this to you but after you retiree, you will still have to have dealings with the City and the Department, whether it be your health care, prescriptions, Gun Registration, the infamous Personnel Division and sometimes, though rarely, the Pension Fund. And everything is not going to run as perfect as it has during the time of your employment. When you hit that proverbial brick wall, who else could you call? The F.O.P. Staff spends a lot of time, money and effort in resolving issues for retirees because God willing, we will all be there some day. This administration constitutionally established a permanent retiree committee to address retiree needs now and in the future. Maintaining your Active Membership is important to us and we hope it is a priority for you. There is not another organization that advocates for Law Enforcement and its retirees more, or better, than the Fraternal Order of Police.

### RETIREMENT PARTY HONORING

**DETECTIVE JIM J. ADAMS, #20742**

*HISTORY: 014, 011, MASS TRANSIT, TRAINING ACADEMY, 024, 025, AREA 4 & AREA 5*

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

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

**FOR MORE INFO, CALL AREA 5**

### RETIREMENT PARTY HONORING

**SERGEANT JOHN CHAVEZ**

*HISTORY: 014, AREA 4, SOS, GANG CRIMES NORTH, UNIT 192, UNIT 606 AND ORGANIZED CRIMES.*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007  
1800—2300 HOURS**

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## 1st Vice President's Report, *By Bill Dougherty*

### Our Medical Section

Back in 2004 Commander Ron Brannan came into the Medical Section and cleaned up the "us against them" attitude in the MSS. He instructed his staff to treat officers as they would like to be treated. Commander Brannan has since retired and I have been receiving more and more calls from members complaining about mistreatment from the MSS. If you feel that a CR# needs to be initiated because of this treatment, ask to speak with Sgt. Tom Risley and he will get the CR#. If for some reason a CR# is not obtained by Sgt. Risley, please contact the Lodge and we will ensure that

the appropriate CR#'s are obtained.

### Punching Bags For The Press

It still amazes me that whenever there is a police shooting, the media will grab anyone off the street just to get some slant on the shooting. It doesn't matter if the story being told is all bull crap. It doesn't matter if the story makes the police officer look bad, even though the officer has been in the most traumatic incident of his life. No, what the press wants is a story for the nightly news and everyone is fair game. The Department bends over backward to make sure that the press has some

type of story to tell in time for the next local telecast. I'm sure the Department does this to attempt to place itself in a good light. But, more and more the media is bending over backwards to tell a story and it doesn't matter to them if the story is correct. Don't we all love it when you see last week's offender on the news claiming that the offender had no gun and the police shot him like a dog? Or how about the eyewitness that claims to have seen the shooting, but with a little investigation it turns out she wasn't even there until after the shooting. It's frustrating as an officer to see this on the

news immediately after police incidents over and over again. It would be great if the media reported that there was a police shooting and it was under investigation at this time (knowing that it could take days/weeks for a proper investigation) instead of trying to stir the community up so that there are more stories. The media is going to continue to go out and grab anyone off the street like they have always done. Keep your heads up proud officers, as the media likes to talk about the thin blue line or the code of silence. This is because we only have each other to count on. Stay Safe.

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

### Code Of Silence Is Deadly When Violence Is Concerned

I never thought I would agree with Sun-Times columnist Mary Mitchell, but if you have not read her column written on 28 August 2007 you don't know what you are missing.

Two young girls, Taniya Ross and Patrice Brown were on their way to a sleep over when a group who had passed two males opened fire striking the innocent girls, one of which has since died. The outcry from the community has been the usual, "stepped up patrols and more cameras", and the television and radio outlets have run with this story. None of these news outlets will ask the tough questions or look to find the solution.

A Chicago columnist finally stepped up to the plate and asked the tough questions. "Why is that black life has little value unless the person is

killed by a police officer? There's no question that community activists will lead a protest after a police shooting. Where are these same activists when young people like Taniya Ross and Patrice Brown are shot by gun toting thugs?"

"Suppose Taniya and Patrice had been mistakenly shot by a white police officer. The people would have packed the street to confront the cop who fired the shots, as they did after the recent police shooting involving Aaron Harrison."

Alderman Anthony Beale (9<sup>th</sup> Ward) said, "The people know who these guys (the shooters) are. 'You can put all the cameras and police on the street, but if people don't step up and say who these people are, it isn't going to do any good.'"

"The police need to clean this block out," Darlene Brown (a victim's grandmother) said after the shoot-

ing. "These people are just rowdy. They walk down the street selling their drugs and firing their guns; they just don't care." They have not cared for a long time.

The blame for this unspeakable crime ranges from "the game to violence and anger heightened by rap music." "The game is drug dealing and the fast money life."

"With scant resources and dwindling funds there are less social programs for at-risk youth."

**The F.O.P. has been involved with "Fight Crime, Invest In Kids" for years and this organization is fighting for funds to provide these much needed programs for at-risk kids.**

"So far this year there have been 27 police shootings, 12 of them fatal and 10 involving persons 19 years of age or younger. During the same time period 1,253 persons were shot by random

civilian gunfire. Of that number, 410 victims were 19 years of age or younger, with 44 of them being fatal. Also four teenagers were bludgeoned, four were stabbed, one burned to death and four were killed by an unknown weapon."

In the meantime, people in these communities can't operate under a code of silence any more than police officers. "Despite the uproar over cop shootings remember this: When the community doesn't co-operate with police, it gives the shooters a license to kill."

Taken from Mary Mitchell's column 28 August 2007.

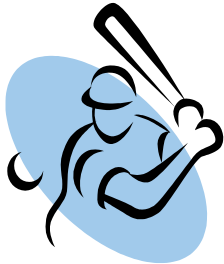
This is what the police have been saying all along but no one was listening.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the victims and their families.

## Baseball Game

Chicago Police and Firefighters suit up once again for their...

### Annual Charity Baseball Game



This year, the game is to be played at historic Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs and will benefit the Chicago Police and Fire Department charities and Chicago Cub charities.

**Saturday, September 8, 2007**

Pre-Game: 1030 hours

Gate F Opens at 1130

Game Time 1300 hours

#### Wrigley Field

Home of The Chicago Cubs

Tickets will be available at Wrigley Field on game day at Gate F!

For more information visit our website at  
[www.chicagosfinestbaseball.com](http://www.chicagosfinestbaseball.com) or  
[www.chicagosbravestbaseball.com](http://www.chicagosbravestbaseball.com)

## Freedom Walk

Operation Homefront of Illinois invites the public to participate in the 2007 Freedom Walk. This is a way to honor all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and to show our support to the men and women who ensure our freedoms everyday.

### Freedom Walk Renew Your Commitment To Freedom



#### Navy Pier

600 E. Grand Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

**Sunday, September 9, 2007**

Registration: 0800 hours

at Gateway Park

Ceremony at 0900 hours

This event is FREE and each person registered, that participates in the walk will receive a FREE T-shirt to commemorate the day.

To register or for more information, please visit the website at [www.operationhomefront.net/Illinois](http://www.operationhomefront.net/Illinois)

## Departed Brothers and Sisters

Roy C. Swanson, Jr., Age 85

Margaret A. Cramer, Age 49

Henry S. Zwier, Age 77

Thomas J. Woods, Age 86

James E. Brown, Age 64

Harold W. Janicki, Age 77

David A. Holloway, Age 67

Raymond A. Raducha, Age 60

Ronald F. Caprio, Age 70

Hugh B. Versteegh, Age 80

Joseph Kolesiak, Age 77

Edward M. Knizner, Age 81

Anthony D. Norka, Age 89

Milton J. Valde, Age 73

Thomas G. Rich, Age 67

## Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

### 2008 Union Dues Deadline

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. The Lodge must be in possession of your annual dues by November 1<sup>st</sup> and anyone not paid by November 1<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from the rolls of the F.O.P.

Keep in mind that the payment coupon is located on the back cover of this Newsletter. You will not receive any other correspondence from the Lodge regarding dues. If you have already paid you dues, you are finished for the year 2008. If you turn 75 years old before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007, you do not pay for 2008. As members become 75 years old, they are considered "Members For Life" and no longer pay dues.

Watch your deadline and pay your dues. Remember that the Lodge must have your dues by November 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid any disruption to your membership.



## Can You Really Please Everyone??, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

There are times when we solicit advice from others and follow that advice. There are occasions when we follow what the masses believe because that is what is popular at the moment. But there are times to stand up in a quiet but firm way and say, "I won't go along with the crowd and I will follow what my hearts says." Let me explain with a short parable.

A father and son were taking their donkey to the fair in town. As they were walking down the street, some of the villagers mooched and said, "Look at the foolishness of the men. One of them could be riding on the donkey." At this point, the father told the son to mount the donkey. They traveled for a little while and they came upon a group of farmers. The farmers muttered, "Look at this generation which has no respect. The son rides but the father walks." The son then dismounted and the father got on the donkey. A little while later, they encountered another group of farmers who criticized them and said, "Look at the thoughtless parent! The father is riding on the donkey and the son has to walk." They then decided that both of them would get on the donkey. As they neared the fair grounds, they met some more people who said, "Look at that poor little beast! Two men weighing it down." They dismounted, tied the animal's forelegs and back legs, slipped a pole between them, and began to carry the donkey. They came to an old bridge; and when they were in the middle, the pole suddenly broke under the weight of the beast and the animal fell into the water.

The father looked at the son and said, "My boy, let this be a lesson to you. If you seek to please everyone, you will ultimately end up pleasing no one".

Follow your heart and be the best YOU can be.

A young boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. "I'm the greatest HITTER in the world," he announced. Then, he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed.

"Strike One!" he yelled. Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down, he swung again and missed.

"Strike two!" he cried. The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully. He spit on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" Again, he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed.

"Strike three!" "Wow!" he exclaimed. "I'm the greatest PITCHER in the world!" It's all in YOUR perspective.

As the summer draws to a close, make sure to share some of this beautiful weather with your loved ones; it will be fall before you know it. On behalf of all your Chaplains, May G-d bless you and keep you safe. Amen.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf, 773-463-4780 or [moshe-wolf@hotmail.com](mailto:moshe-wolf@hotmail.com)

### Retiree Breakfasts & Luncheons

#### North:

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

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

#### South:

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

3rd Saturday of Month @ 10:00 am  
**Pancake House**  
 700 East 87th Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Ulysses Campbell @ 773-471-0911

#### Old School Deuce

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 9:30 am  
**B.J.'s Market**  
 8734 S. Stony Island, Chicago, Illinois  
 Elbert Parker @ 773-593-7743

#### Survivors Lunch

2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am  
**Beverly Woods Restaurant**  
 11532 S. Western, Chicago

#### Arizona Retirees

3rd Thursday of Month @ 11:00 am  
**Hometown Buffet**  
 1312 N. Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Ed Plawinski @ 480-502-1630

#### Arkansas Retirees

3rd Friday of Month @ Noon  
**Elks Lodge**  
 Highway 62 E, Mountain Home, AR  
 Dennis Dwyer, 870-431-4458

#### Las Vegas Retirees

Every Thursday of Month @ 9:30 am  
**The Willows Restaurant**  
 2020 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson, NV  
 Joe LePore @ 702-407-5230

#### Florida Retirees

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm  
**Cop Shop**  
 4423 S/E 16th Place, Cape Coral, FL  
 Tom Faragoi, 239-770-7896

## 2007 FOP Golf Outing Photo Gallery



Chairman of the Golf Committee, Tom Skelly, FOP Office Manager Kathy Moore and President Mark Donahue share a laugh at the 2007 Golf Outing, which was held on Monday, 27 August 2007.

Store Employees Ina Zimmermann and Sue Trempe-Ryan enjoyed the perfect weather as they drove around the two courses at St. Andrews Golf Club.



### Couples Workshop

**Who:** Ten couples interested in solutions to challenges that threaten police families and personal relationships

**When:** Saturday, 6 October 2007, 0745—1500 hours

**Where:** Timothy J. O'Conner Training Academy

You will receive FREE continental breakfast and lunch.

This workshop helps officers and their families understand and overcome the unique struggles and temptations that lay at the root of the high rate of personal tragedies.

For more information, please contact Chaplain Tori Wilson at 746-8458 or Training Officer Tom Cline at 746-8310 ext 164



John Gallagher, Pat Duckhorn and Bob Baikie enjoy refreshments at the 19th hole.



As members of the Gold Star Family, we would like to thank the Police Chaplains Ministry and the Chicago Police Officers who once again made it possible for our family to enjoy a fabulous  
Odyssey Cruise.

Thank you,  
Erika, Jim & Nancy Clark

### 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.

**Sunday, September 9, 2007—Springfield, Illinois**

This Ride Is FREE And Open To All Vehicles!!

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

Visit The Website For More Info: [www.ridetoremember911.com](http://www.ridetoremember911.com)

### RETIREMENT PARTY HONORING SERGEANT ARMANDO RAMIREZ STAR 979

**30 YEARS OF SERVICE INCLUDING  
TIME AT UNIT 189, NARCOTICS & GANG  
INVESTIGATIONS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007  
1800—2300 HOURS**

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### May 2007 Retirees

*The following members were left off the original list!*

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Papastratako, Frank	Officer	152	30
Zuley, Richard P.	Detective	630	37

### June 2007 Retirees

**No Report At The Time Of This Posting**

## Odds & Ends... *By Father Tom Nangle*

It was every copper's deepest fear: he was in County Jail until bond money could be gathered. After a day and a half in a smelly, tan top and pants, he still hadn't eaten. A guard said, "Man, come on now...you gotta eat something." Our man said he wasn't hungry. The guard left. Two minutes later he returned with a hot slice of his own pizza. Our man couldn't resist that touch of normalcy and comfort in the surreal world he was in right then. The guard left again, and twenty minutes later he came back with a fruit cup of grapes, apples and melon. I never cease to be amazed at the effect that simple human kindness has on people. And I still think it's more powerful than the evil around us.

We recently took the Gold Star Families on our annual cruise on the Odyssey. Weather was perfect; the Marine Unit provided a police presence while the ship was underway (and this presence was very much noticed and appreciated by our guests), lunch was superb, and over 100 guests (largest crowd ever) enjoyed the day. Thanks completely to your generous donations your Police Chaplains Ministry will be able to pay the bill (about \$7000). These people will never be forgotten.

At Supt. Phil Cline's retirement party in August, I was waiting behind a pillar in front of the hotel to meet someone. It was fun watching the people arrive. There must have been a number of different events that night judging from the elegant people alighting from chauffeured limos, plus there was some kind of religious convocation going on, too. An unmarked Crown Vic with M plates worked its way through the Caddies and

Lincoln stretches approaching the hotel. The squad pulled up right in front of me, and the driver got out (baseball cap, vest, radio, nine, 'cuffs, t-shirt, very big arms with barbed wire biceps) and opened the back door. A fellow got out of the back (no cuffs) and the policeman said quietly, "Take your do-rag off, man." They walked through the elegant crowd of beautiful people and right in to the hotel. My curiosity was up, so I whispered to the policeman sitting in the car and asked whassup. He laughed, got out, shook hands, and told me they had a good informant and they hunted down a judge at Supt. Cline's party who would sign the search warrant while cocktailing. They should've told Cline; he'd have gone with them.

A homicide detective told me about a dirty, involved murder they'd worked hard and long. They decided to make the arrest outside the suspect's building, and when he saw them, he surrendered quietly. "I knew you'd come for me," he said. The homicide dick said just as quietly, "You're right. We never go away." You almost have to say those last four words aloud to get the full richness of 24/7 police work: We never go away.

Now that the Gold Star Families Park is complete and we have a grand monument to over 500 CPD officers who've lost their lives as they went about their noble duties, the work of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation (CPMF) continues, and so should our support. At the last meeting of CPMF, we agreed to pay for the insurance costs of terminally ill CPD officers, as well as provide immediate financial assistance to police families. The next day, the president of CPMF went to two police families and delivered \$2500 checks to two widows (one pregnant) and their kids: One

young husband died of a cerebral aneurysm on his way home from his second job (and became an organ donor, the only good to come from the tragedy), and the other died in a motorcycle crash while shopping for a birthday present for his daughter. The CPMF president was able to say, "This is from the men and women of the Chicago Police Department." Proud? You bet. He also said privately that it would be nice to give ten times that amount some day.

Your Police Chaplains Ministry is planning to once again send some very high quality packages to our CPD personnel in Iraq, as we did last year. As Borat would say, it was great success. We included computer flash drives, fine cigars, digital cameras, CPD items (t-shirts, caps, etc.), along with many items from a shopping list put together by recently returned CPD folks. No cheap junk or filler, no "re-gifting" here, just the best for the best. A CPD sergeant sent me a nice thank you, which really goes to the Knights of Columbus St. Michael Council, the FOP (always generous), and numerous active and retired police who don't need to see their name in print, as well as all of you who donated to our fund raising letter. She included an American flag, perfectly folded into a triangle, which I treasure. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation for this year's packages, please send it to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 60607.

Most of us never knew a thing about P.O. Mike Mette and his outrageous sentence in Iowa until John Kass (Tribune) wrote about it and busted the mess wide open. Police officers put together a fund-raiser so he could appeal the sentence, and they couldn't have picked a worse night: tornadoes, flooding, high

winds, lots of property damage, expressways closed, roofs blown off. The party was jammed----with coppers. It didn't surprise me at all. "We work in this stuff," one said, "so you think this'll keep us away from helping our own guy?"

Back to County Jail. While visiting some of our police officers who were there waiting for bond money, one told me a story that had a chilling beginning but a warm end. In the day room (sounds like Winnetka), everybody was dressed in their tan Bastille garb. There was nothing soft about the day room: concrete, steel, drab colors, noise and that "human smell" in the air as 20 guys milled around. On his first morning in the day room, after a night that seemed to last 40 hours, the policeman looked around warily while trying to maintain 360-degree vision. His belly filled with ice water when he spotted one---then two---guys he'd locked up before. Every copper's worst dream came true. One of them approached and said, "Hey...aren't you\_\_\_?" Yep. And he went on to say how the last time the policeman et al. had chased him and his buddies through the park, they'd caught them but missed the gun they'd tossed. And he told our man, "You were always fair with us." Later that day, the gun-tosser gave our man an extra blanket for the cold nights in the cell. The older I get the less I understand life. But I understand deeply that phrase, "You were always fair with us." I think it's a phrase that's pleasing to God, and one of the best compliments you can pay a police officer: You were always fair with us.

Respectfully,  
Fr. Thomas Nangle, Chaplain,  
Chicago P.D.  
312-738-7588

## 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

## THE BAGPIPES & DRUMS OF THE EMERALD SOCIETY CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society Chicago Police Department is commemorating their 25th Anniversary this year. You are invited to participate in our upcoming celebration.

An event is scheduled for the morning of Friday, September 21st at Millennium Park followed by a party at Excalibur that evening. The culminating event is a tattoo at Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago on Saturday, September 22nd. This is a concert, parade & celebration commemorating 25 years of dedicated service to police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

A Massed Bands March down State Street will culminate with a post event party at The Renaissance Hotel.

For more information about any of the above listed events, please visit the website at [25th@copsinkilts.com](mailto:25th@copsinkilts.com) or call 773-803-7262.



## Financial Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

### Military Benefit

In accordance with Illinois Compiled Statute 5 ILCS 325/0.01, members who utilized earned time benefits (compensatory time, baby furlough day, personal day or a vacation day) to attend any military training from August 4, 2003 through the present may be eligible to have that time recovered. This is for Annual Training Encampments or other specialized training sessions only. Full activation deployments are not included.

Upon approval, all eligible dates will be converted to compensatory time and added to the members compensatory time balance. Written confirmation will be provided to the affected member's command. Timekeepers will make no entries until approval from the Bureau of Administrative Service has been received.

Members are required to

provide the following. Approval cannot be granted without these documents.

- Dates and types of earned time benefit utilized
- Copy of original military orders

Copy of original Time and Attendance Record (CPD - 11.602) for affected year

Requests for consideration must be submitted to the Bureau of Administrative Service's Finance Division: Attn: Ms. Maria Ramirez

### 2008 Holiday Event Calendar

This precious document (sought by all) should be available by the time we select furloughs and watches this Nov/Dec. Members are encouraged to submit fresh new ideas or changes for the 2008 Holiday Event Calendar to Unit 541, attn: Sid Davis.

### Physical Fitness Incentive Award Program

A Department Notice is normally sent out on PFIAP around September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Now is the time to get prepared by working out on a regular basis.

### Fall Uniform Inspection

Unit Commanding Officers will conduct an annual formal inspection of the winter dress uniform, including helmet, flashlight, personal aerosol OC chemical device and holder, rainwear, personal soft body armor, and City of Chicago Firearms Registration (CPD-31.562) for the prescribed firearm, between 1 and 10 November. Make-up inspections will be conducted and deficiencies will be corrected within 7 days of the formal inspection, or upon the member's return from an absence, i.e. medical, furlough, etc. Officers you have two months in which to properly prepare for this inspection.

### Monthly Board Meetings

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month the Board of Directors convened to discuss union matters which affects the membership. The meeting normally starts at 10 a.m. and Time Certain at Noon. Time Certain allows Lodge Members to approach the mike to ask questions or be heard on other issues which they may present to the Board.

### Call Outs

Members are once again reminded that when involved in a shooting or witness a police related shooting to contact FOP immediately. If the shooting occurs after business hours, the answering service will automatically notify the on-duty Field Representative who in turn will proceed in a timely manner to the shooting site.

## F.O.P. FAMILY AUXILIARY EDUCATIONAL FUND

This application form is for our 9th Annual Educational Fund drawing of the FOP Family Auxiliary Chicago Lodge 7. The educational award is in the amount of \$500.00. There will be one name drawn at the September General Meeting. All applications are to be filled out and mailed to FOP Auxiliary Chicago Lodge 7, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607.

The following rules apply to applicants requesting a grant:

- The Educational Fund Grant is available to sons and daughters (including stepchildren) of police officers that are members of FOP Lodge 7, who will be attending preschool, grammar school or high school through senior year.
- There will be one education grant given in the amount of \$500.00. Only one application per child will be accepted.
- The educational grant will be awarded on a basis of a drawing of the submitted applications by September 17, 2007.

**Drawing: September 18, 2007 at the FOP General Meeting.**

### FOP Family Auxiliary Educational Fund Application

Grant Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Police Officer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Star: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: FOP Family Auxiliary, Unit 541, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60607  
*This Application May Be Photocopied.*

## 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 FOP office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the FOP web site, [www.chicagofop.org](http://www.chicagofop.org), for beneficial information.

#### July Pension Board Update

Advocates present were PO Cedric Brumley, Det Steve Schorsch, Sgt Mike Shemash and myself. Disability Claims: *Ordinary* - 4 granted. *Duty* - 1 granted ordinary, 2 continued by officers, 1 deferred for a hearing.

#### Marty Update – Last nail in the coffin.

The beneficiary was attempting to receive the death benefit from Deferred Comp but was told that the beneficiary name was different from the one applying. Marty changed the beneficiary name many years ago and had a copy showing the change. The deferred compensation office told them that "you may have a copy but we don't". Officers, check your beneficiary by calling the deferred comp office at 312-443-1975 #4. Marty would like that.

**Illinois Dept. on Aging – Circuit Breaker Links.** Senior citizens and persons with disabilities may qualify for

the following benefits using Form IL-1363 available at [www.state.il.us/aging/](http://www.state.il.us/aging/). Click on FORM IL-1363 then view Circuit Breaker Links of choice or call 1-800-624-2459 for information.

**Circuit Breaker Grant** - Disabled officers may qualify for a Circuit Breaker Grant up to \$700 if you paid property tax or mobile home tax on your home, **or** rent or live in a nursing, retirement, or shelter care home that was subject to property taxes, **and** qualify for Form IL-1363 benefits.

**License Plate Discount** - Disabled Officers may qualify for a \$54 License Plate Discount. Call 1-800-252-8980.

**Illinois Cares RX** - Disabled officers that are receiving Medicare may qualify for assistance paying for their prescription drugs. To qualify as disabled: receive disability benefits from one of the following: Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, Civil Service, or Railroad Retirement, or have one of the following: a Class 2 disability card from the Illinois Secretary of State's office, or a completed [Schedule A, Physician's Statement](#). If you are not yet age 65 and do not have other

proof of disability as listed above. Schedule A must show that you were totally and permanently disabled in 2006. Disabled Officers that have Medicare as their secondary health insurance *may* qualify for a \$25 monthly rebate.

### Veterans' Corner

#### Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom

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

#### Vietnam Veterans 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

- Kokomo, Indiana. September 13-16, 2007. For information visit website [www.hcvvo.org](http://www.hcvvo.org). All veterans, all eras are welcome! There will be a huge turnout – stop by – I'll be there.

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial – The Wall – Washington, DC.** This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The reading of the names will take place at The Wall for 65 hours over a four-day period starting Wednesday, November 7 at 3:00 pm. The deadline for reading names is September 14. For application go to [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org).

**Jim McTigue Family Benefit – Saturday, September 22, 3-10 pm**, VFW Post 3579, 10 W. Higgins (Higgins & Canfield), Park Ridge. Come out and tip a few with Jim's family, friends, Marines, police, veterans and airborne troopers. Website:

[www.JimMcTigueBenefit.blogspot.com](http://www.JimMcTigueBenefit.blogspot.com). Contact Pat at 630-730-4116 or Roger at 773-286-5147.

*"It is well that war is so terrible: we would grow too fond of it."*

*Thank You*

The Family of Shannon Marie Diaz sincerely thanks all those who so generously supported us at the July 18th benefit. Your kindness and compassion will be in our hearts forever!

### 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**



**Store Hours:**

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

*Closed Labor Day Weekend  
 & October 8, 2007*

**Summer Clearance Sale!!**

We have quite a selection of stock, all sizes, in the Bargain Bin priced at \$6.00 each.

Kids tank tops, gray with CPD blue star in 3 sizes, (6/8, 10/12 & 14/16)  
 now on sale 25% OFF!! Limited quantities...stop in today!!

Ladies tank top with “Chicago’s Finest” design. Was \$10.95 each, now on sale for  
 only \$7.95 each. Three different colors to choose from!!

Star & Patch CPD Coffee Cup. Was \$5.95 each, now on sale, 2 For \$5.95 or Buy  
 One—Get One Free!. Limited Quantities...Hurry In!!

**“T-Shirt Of The Month”**

“Real Men Wear Blue”

“Real Women Wear Blue”

Now 30% OFF

**Sale!**

“Designated Driver” T-Shirt

Now 20% OFF

Was \$11.95 Sm—XL

Now Only \$9.56

2XL & 3XL \$10.36

**Sale!**

Chicago Police Sport Teams  
 Baseball Jersey

Now 10% OFF

These Are Great Gifts!

Stop In. Take A Look

**Sale!**

Police Rubber Ducky  
 Patrol Hooded Bath Towel  
 With Duck Soap In Satin  
 Gift Bag

Was \$13.95

Now Only \$10.95

**New Items!**

**FOP Star Logo T-Shirt, Gray with Pocket**

Introductory Price of \$12.95 for Medium—XL, \$13.95 for 2XL,  
 & \$14.50 for 3XL

**“Gang Unit” T-Shirt, Gray with Black Trim, “Limited Edition”**

Introductory Price of \$10.95 for Medium—XL, \$11.95 for 2XL,  
 & \$12.95 for 3XL

**Sale!**

**CPD Initials, Navy, Plaid Sweatshirt**

40% OFF—Originally Priced \$34.95, Now On Sale  
 For Only \$19.95

**Special Item...**

**The Eric Solorio Memorial Coin, \$10.00 Each**

The time for the Next General Meeting has been  
 changed to 18 Sep 2007 at noon



Grand Lodge President Chuck Canterberry addresses the delegates at the year’s National FOP Conference in Louisville KY.



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## IS YOUR ADDRESS CORRECT?

IF NOT, PLEASE CONTACT THE LODGE.

THE 2008 F.O.P. HANDBOOK  
IS IN PRODUCTION!!

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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.

## SECOND 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!!**

NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:		CITY, STATE, ZIP:	
BENEFICIARY:			
CHECK ONE:		<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Annual Dues \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Sgts. & Above	
Please Charge My <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Credit Card		Exp. Date:MM/YY <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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