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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Negotiations

The Lodge and the City have given joint presentations each Wednesday evening these past weeks on the subject of the newly negotiated Retiree Health Care Benefits for those police officers who retire from age 55 to 60. These presentations have included representatives from the Lodge, the City, Benefits Management, the Pension Fund, Deferred Comp, Social Security and the Financial Planning Center of the Patrolmen's Credit Union. If there were any questions that needed to be answered, these representatives did a great job at doing so. As the entire agreement has been posted on our website for six weeks now, it is hard to believe that any members, except for those who may have been out of town on furlough, are not aware of this enhanced benefit and have not come forward with their questions. It is our understanding that the Supervisor's representatives have negotiated a version of this benefit for their members and their members attended the presentations as well to get informed.

As was reported in the August Newsletter, the agreement requires a minimum number of individuals to apply for retirement during a set time frame for the next three years. For this first round of applications that number is 160. The Department has established the process by which to apply on the CLEAR system and the deadline for the first round is October 1st for those who are at least 55 and wishing to retire between November 1st 2009 and March 31st 2010. The system is also accepting applications now for those who wish to retire in the second cycle from April 1st 2010 thru December 31st 2010 with an application deadline of January 1st 2010. This retirement enhancement benefit was negotiated for at the direction of the membership who wanted the Lodge to assist in alleviating the costs of retiree health care. Conservatively, this benefit could be worth as much as \$100,000.00 over the course of time until the retiree becomes Medicare eligible. Although the Lodge surrendered nothing in exchange for this benefit other than allowing the City to save revenue at a time when they need it most, it is now up to the membership to take advantage of this negotiated benefit.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, we expect to have decided upon an Arbitrator for the upcoming process. We continue to meet with the City, most recently on August 26th, in an attempt to reduce the number of issues which will have to be addressed in the arbitration process. We have had a measure of success in doing this and will attempt to continue this in the future.

The Lodge continues to attend the meetings of the Labor Management Cooperative Council, or LMCC, to keep current on the progress of this initiative to reduce the costs of providing healthcare for all City employees. The progress here has been limited and the Lodge has continued to discuss our proposals concerning healthcare with the City and has not yet agreed to become part of the LMCC as the City has proposed.

National FOP Conference

The National Conference was held August 17-20th in Long Beach CA. The Lodge sent 52 Delegates made up of Board Members and Unit Reps as is directed in the Constitution and By-laws. The business of the Conference included addressing issues of importance to members of Law Enforcement across the country. There were Constitution and By-law proposals that were voted on as well as the election process for the two contested offices of 1st Vice President and Secretary. The entire Executive Board was returned to their positions except that we now have a new Chairman of the Trustees. Our State Trustee, Robert Nowaczyk from FOP Troopers Lodge 41 was seated for his eighth consecutive term. Trustee Nowaczyk is also expected to be retained as the Chairman of the National Easter Seals Committee. Your National Board has made tremendous progress in all areas of representing law enforcement and deserves to be re-

2010 Union Dues

*Attention Annual Payers,
Retirees Under The Age Of
75 & Sergeants & Above
Fraternal Members, We
Began Processing Union
Dues For 2010 In
September.*

*Retirees Pay \$35 Per Year
& Sergeants & Above
Fraternal Members Pay
\$60 Per Year.*

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tained in their positions because there is still more work to be done and the FOP is the recognized leader in law enforcement across the country.

Scholarships

It is the time of year (or is it all year), that we as parents are concerned with the high cost of tuition. The Illinois State Lodge has just given a scholarship check for the son of one of our members and Lodge 7 is in the process of accepting

applications for the 20 \$1000.00 scholarships that we give out annually. We have recently been informed of scholarship money that is being offered for children of Police Officers who attend St. Mary's University in Minnesota. Children of Chicago Police Officers are given priority consideration for these monies. The Lt. Thomas F. Meagher and the Officer Denis O'Leary Scholarships will provide nearly \$9000.00 to students attending St.

Mary's. Inquiries regarding these Scholarships should be directed to Vickie at 507-457-7000 or vcada@smumn.edu. There is more information on these funds on our website. If there are other scholarship opportunities for our members or their children please contact us and we can post them here and/or on our website.

First Vice-President's Report, By Bill Dougherty



Fiduciary Responsibility At The Pension Board

The Lodge has had a Pension Committee in place for seven years now. The Pension Committee goes to every pension board meeting and monitors what goes on. The Board's attorney David Kugler reviews each disability case and then makes recommendations to the trustees. The trustees have the option of reading the entire file, which many times can be hundreds of pages, or reading Kugler's abbreviated notes. My opinion is that some of the Board members only read Kugler's notes rather than the entire file. By not reading the entire files, some trustees make bad decisions on whether an officer will receive disability benefits and at what level those benefits are given.

I believe that our Police Pension Fund is the most reversed Board in Illinois. Since I have been serving at FOP, our win rate on court appeals of Pension Board decisions is near 50%. It should not be close to that high if the Board were doing its job and making correct decisions.

Believe it or not, attorney Kugler does not receive a salary from the Pension Board. He is paid by the hour. What does this mean? Well, in 2008 the Board spent more than \$240,000.00 on legal services, up about 12% from the 215,000.00 it spent in 2007. We can only assume that this money was paid to Mr. Kugler, the Board's lawyer. The Lodge believes that it is a mistake for the Board

to pay an attorney an hourly rate, particularly when it amounts to nearly a quarter-million dollars a year for a part time job. The Board could hire a very good lawyer as a full time employee for that kind of money. The way it is now, the more appeals that are taken from bad Pension Board decisions, the more money Dave Kugler makes. Bad decisions actually benefit the Board's lawyer. If the Board did the right thing a little more often, it could save a lot of time and money.

The Lodge doesn't want anyone to get a disability benefit that doesn't deserve it and we also don't want our officers' that were disabled doing their job having to jump through hoops to get it!

Payflex Flexible Spending Account Questions and Answers

What is the Flexible Spending Account (FSA)?

The FSA account helps you save money on your out-of-pocket health care expenses. By using this accommodating plan you pay certain expenses with pre-tax dollars from your FSA account. Here are some common expenses that you can use your FSA account to pay for: health care deductibles, co-payments, other expenses not covered by your health care plan and amounts over the maximum amount of what is a reasonable and customary limit your plan pays for. Furthermore, you can also use your FSA accounts for over the counter medicine, dental procedures braces/dentures, smoking programs, corrective eye surgery, weight loss programs, acupuncture, female contraceptives/condoms, oxygen equipment, cosmetic surgery caused from an illness or accident, ect. A complete list

of covered expenses can be found online at www.cityofchicago.org/benefits.

How much money can I put into my Flexible Spending Account?

Here is a break down of how the FSA account works. You choose the amount you want to have deducted per pay period from an annual minimum of \$120.00 to a maximum of \$5,000 annually and all the money is protected by taxes.

Does the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #7 recommend it's members to enroll into this program?

Yes, the Lodge would like to see all members enroll into the FSA account program because it is a great program with a pre-tax savings that all members would benefit from. Furthermore, let me give you a couple of examples on how great this plan is.

Example: Assume 25% tax rate and \$1,000 in medical expenses not covered by your health care plan. Officers without the tax benefit FSA account need to earn \$1250 to pay for medical expenses of \$1,000. Officers that are enrolled in the FSA account get the benefit of using \$1,000 without tax to pay for medical expenses.

Example: Let's say that you have a child that needs braces and the amount of the braces is going to be \$1200. You have \$50.00 deducted from your account every pay period for a total of \$100.00 a month going into your FSA account. The FSA account begins in January and ends in December and you just found out in March that your son/daughter needs braces and they cost \$1200. Well you realize that you only

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have about \$300.00 in your FSA account. Your FSA account will loan you the additional \$700.00 that you need to get your child's braces done.

Can I get reimbursed if I don't use my entire deposit amount?

Keep in mind that the money you have in your FSA account is a "use it or lose it" type of plan. All claims must be incurred by December 31st of the calendar

year, however you do have until March 31 of the following year to submit any claims.

When can I enroll into the Flexible Spending Account?

For anyone that would like to enroll into the FSA account the only time you can enroll into this plan is during the open enrollment period.

When can I make changes to my Flexible

Spending Account?

For anyone that would like to increase/decrease the amounts that they currently have going into their FSA accounts they can also make those changes during open enrollment. Furthermore, anyone that is currently enrolled into the FSA account and would like to opt out of this plan the only time for you to opt out is also during open enrollment.

Second Vice-President's Report, By Frank DiMaria



Fall Uniform Resale

The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge#7 Semi-Annual Uniform Resale will be held at the FOP Hall on Wednesday 21 October 09 from 1300 hrs until 1800 hrs. Officers take

advantage of this event if you are looking to purchase an additional uniform item or to sell those uniforms that are no longer worn. Officers wishing to sell their uniforms items need only to come into the Hall and set up on one of the tables which the Lodge provides before the start of the resale. Officers who wish to donate their uniforms for the Lodge to sell need only drop these uniforms off to the Lodge Office up to the day of the sale.

Parole Hearing for Cop Killers

The Lodge was notified in Mid August that the Illinois Prisoner Review Board will hold hearings in the fall of 2009 at 26th & California to consider early release for the convicted murderers of PO Herman Stallworth, Star #10965, 003rd District, EOW 24 May 1967, PO Kenneth Kaner, Star #2662, 007th District, EOW 19 June 1970 and PO Terrance Loftus, Star #5701, 014th District, EOW 10 October 1976.

These convicted cop killers were all found guilty in a court of law and sentenced according to the law at that time. These murderers were all sentenced under a system which has come to be known as the C Inmate system because there was no death penalty or life without parole as we know it today.

The Lodge upon learning of these

hearings immediately circulated to every Unit/District City Wide each of the individual Petitions to deny parole for these convicted cop killers along with a fact sheet. Please sign each of these Petitions when you see them in at the Desk and return them to the Lodge.

We will present the signed petitions to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board at these hearing along with voicing our opposition to any possibility of parole for these convicted murderers who have not completed their lawful sentence. The Lodge will continue to monitor these cases and watch over the actions of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board to ensure that no cop killer is released before completing their sentence.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

Third Vice-President's Report, By Greg Bella



Aldermanic Clout

Alderman Anthony Beale of the 9th Ward is being investigated by the Feds over his daughter's admission to Whitney Young High School. On 25 Aug 09 the Alderman appeared on WTTW Chicago Tonight show along with a student who was denied admission to Walter Payton College Prep, a community activist and a Chicago Tribune reporter. The straight A student's only flaw was that she was absent for a few days because she had the flu and that was enough to deny her admission to Walter Payton College Prep.

Alderman Beale's daughter attended Providence St. Mel's school and she never applied to attend Whitney Young High School. The Alderman explained that the problem was because St. Mel's never told the students or the parents the criteria for admission to Whitney Young High School and by the time he made inquiries the application deadline had expired. Alderman Beale stated that he called Principal Joyce Kenner and told her that his daughter was an outstanding student and a very good athlete and he wanted her to attend Whitney Young High School. Alderman Beale got his wish and his daughter was admitted to Whitney Young on the 5% rule.

Later in the interview Alderman Beale related that he has made numerous phone calls on behalf of 9th Ward constituents requesting that their children be admitted to public college prep High Schools. He makes it sound like; don't put me in a bad light because my daughter was admitted...I tried to do the same for other people.

The problem with this is simple. The 9th Ward boundaries are roughly 99th Street to 138th Street, the Bishop Ford expressway on the east to Union on the west. I can't help but wonder if there is just one other student inside those boundaries who Beale called and got an

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admission to Whitney Young High School.

Needless to say the reporter and community activist as well as the student think this system of clout calls for High School admission is wrong yet the Alderman doesn't see the problem.

This is the same Alderman who is one of the biggest spenders of the Aldermanic Discretionary fund that doles out 3.7 million to the Alderman to spend. With all of the talk of how bleak the City finances are, Paul Volpe is trying to squeeze every nickel he can out of labor but doesn't see the opportunity to save 3.7 million dollars by eliminating the Discretionary fund?

This is the same Alderman who drove a reporter around the 9th Ward in his brand new SUV purchased with the City money. The reporter questioned the Alderman on the wisdom of purchasing a SUV with the price of gas and Beale dismissed the concerns explaining how he must drive in snow covered alleys in the winter to inspect garbage pick-ups. Isn't this the reason the Streets and Sanitation ward Superintendents drive City owned SUV's?

This Alderman spent \$16,000 of taxpayer money a year to retain Delmarie Cobb and her public relations firm to represent Alderman Beale. This is the Alderman who wanted to take away our Duty Availability money, not knowing this benefit is negotiated in our contract.

This is just symptomatic of what is

wrong with the City. The Mayor and his staff are on the airwaves everyday reciting how revenues are shrinking because of the economy and telling the media how dire the financial situation is for the City. It just doesn't play anymore. We are without a contract for twenty seven months and going to arbitration. We have to sit back and watch the politicians use clout to get their children into college prep high school while we pay seven, eight and nine thousand dollars a year to send our children to private high schools because we don't have the clout call. We can't pick up the phone and call Joyce Kenner at Whitney Young high school and get our children admitted with the 5% clause.

The one bright spot in this tragedy is that Alderman Beale will be able to drive his daughter to Whitney Young College Prep in a SUV that we paid for while using our gas.

The Mayor will defend Beale and Munoz who is also accused of thumping his chest that they are just acting as parent would. The problem is that we as parents can't act like Alderman; we just don't have the clout. The Feds have served subpoenas and are currently investigating this case. Let's hope they bring it to a successful conclusion.

Unpaid Furlough Days

City workers are being forced to take unpaid furlough days to help the Mayor. Someone needs to look at how much

money is being saved with the left hand only to be spent with the right hand. Lawyers for the Corporation Counsel's Office are required to take seventeen unpaid furlough days as a result of the budget crunch. On its face, this appears to save the taxpayers money. However, the truth is that the furloughs actually increase spending. The City has hired private law firms to do the work that was being done by the now furloughed corporation counsels. These lawyers bill at a rate far higher than that of the corporation counsels salaries who were furloughed. What a con job!

Jody Weis' Letter to Judge Holderman

I know that while lawsuits are frivolous each lawsuit is different and each lawsuit presents different risks for those being sued. I think the smartest thing to do is let each officer consult with the Corporation Counsel and let them make an informed decision as to whether or not the case should go to trial. Only the officer and his family can decide if the officer wants his day in court to clear his name and that decision can not and should not be made by anyone else. Only the officer being sued and his attorney can know the risks of being assessed with punitive damages.

I think it is clear from three recent lawsuits that have gone to trial and resulted in five officers being hit with punitive damages ranging from \$33,000 to \$66,000, each the risk is real.

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*



2010 Holiday Event Calendar

Time is really flying by; it's almost time to start thinking about scheduling vacations for 2010. A good percentage of Lodge members use the Holiday Event Calendar as a guide for selecting their annual furloughs. The 2010 calendar is currently under revision and should be posted next month. Lodge members are always encouraged to submit fresh ideas or changes for the calen-

dar. Submit your ideas or changes to Unit 541, attn: Sid Davis

Physical Fitness Incentive Award

It's that time again to get those running shoes out and stretch those muscles. Administration Special Order A09-05 titled Physical Fitness Incentive Award contains information which will assist members in selecting a date/time for testing. Allow yourself ample time to prepare for this program, however do not wait until the last minute to select a date/time for testing as opportunities for testing become slim near the end date of testing (Oct 29, 2009). Write down your

confirmation number in your FOP handbook.

You can sign up in the CLEAR system starting 1 September for the October dates.

Bidding (Recognized Vacancy)

Take a look at page 146 (Memorandum of Understanding), Regarding Bidding Procedures. The question has been asked in the past, "can I get another Commander/Watch Commander to sign my Par Form. The answer is NO. Read paragraph (2.), sentence (3.) The bid form must contain the signature of

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the member, and the signature of his or her commanding officer/watch commander specifying the date and time the bid was submitted. Simple enough to understand, however a acting commander/watch commander may sign your Par Form that is in your district/unit. The required signature is needed within 72 hours of the Recognized Vacancy Announcement.

Last but not least of all, the member is responsible for ensuring that the bid form sent has been received by the Management and Labor Affairs Section by the deadline specified in the Recognized Vacancy Announcement. While this information may sound redundant, it might help you, the member, in acquiring a bid position that seldom opens.

Police Shootings

When involved in a shooting (on or off duty), urgency should be placed on notifying FOP. This action will start the process of a Field Representative being notified who will call you back. Be mindful of all who are near you when repeating

the circumstances of the shooting.

Sworn Pre-Retirement Seminar

The next schedule date for Pre-Retirement Seminar is October 27, 2009.

Members may access the Department Intranet Services to apply.

Upcoming Events:

- 01 Sep 09 FOP / Board of Directors Meeting / 10am / Time Certain – 12pm
- 01 Sep 09 First day to register for 2009 Fitness Incentive Award
- 02 Sep 09 Last Day to submit for Unit Duty Assignments
- 07 Sep 09 Holiday / Labor Day / FOP Office Closed
- 08 Sep 09 CPFCU opens at new location / 1407 W. Washington Blvd.
- 15 Sep 09 FOP General Meeting / 7pm
- 17 Sep 09 Memorial Vigil / Gold Star Families Memorial & Park
- 23 Sep 09 1st Day to submit for Unit Duty Assignments
- 25 Sep 09 Transfer Bids (Recognized Vacancies)
- 29 Sep 09 Last day to register for 2009 Fitness Incentive Award
- 30 Sep 09 Last Day to Submit for Unit Duty Assignments

Flu Shots

The CPD will be offering flu shots to all employees. The shots will be scheduled at the end of September and are expected to be distributed at Headquarters and the five Areas. As soon as a firm schedule is available the details will be on our website. Most likely in late October the VA will be distributing to Veterans (with DD-214's) here at the Lodge, and the FOP will distribute flu shots to members and their families here at the Lodge on November 5. All flu shots will be administered in accordance with then current CDC priorities. Please check our website and the Daily Bulletin for updates.

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

2010 Dues Payments Must Be Received before November 1, 2009

Retirees and Annual Dues Payers should mail 2010 dues now.

If you turn 75 in 2009, you DO NOT pay

NAME:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

BENEFICIARY:

FEES: Retiree Annual Dues pay \$35 Sgts. & Above AND/OR Outside Units pay \$60

Please Charge My VISA / MasterCard / Discover Credit Card

Enter Credit Card and Security Code located on back of card in signature area.

_____ - _____ - _____ 3 digit code _____

Expiration Date ____ / ____

SIGNATURE:

My Check Is Enclosed

The Hospital Window, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

A member of my flock called and asked, "My heart is heavy and I'm hurting and feeling depressed due to many of life's challenges, emotionally and financially. What can I do to lift my spirits?" The question reminded me of the following story....The Hospital Window

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service and where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the

man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene and smile to himself.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band – he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days and weeks passed and the man at the window would always look out the window and say something to brighten the day.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The

nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you and put a smile on your heart.".....End of story.

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared is doubled. Remember, when you bring sunshine and a smile to another, you can't keep it from yourself. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have, that money can't buy, like that warm feeling you get when you help out someone who is hurting. Reach out to a forgotten friend, or mend a shaky relationship, and then enjoy that good warm feeling inside your heart. "Today is a gift, that's why it is called the present, enjoy every moment. Don't ruin your present by worrying about tomorrow or something you cannot change."

May G-d bless you and keep you safe, today and always. Amen.

P.S. To the members of my flock of the Jewish faith, may you all be blessed with a "Shana Tova", a happy, healthy and blessed New Year.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf, 773-463-4780 or e-mail: moshewolf@hotmail.com

10-1 BENEFIT 10-1

You are invited to join us as we support one of our own...

PO Derrick Denton

FOP Hall
1412 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

Friday, 2 October 2009
1800—2300 hours

For more information please contact
PO Phoebe Rule in Unit 153,
746-7180.

SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

presents...

**The First Annual
Day At The Races**

Arlington Park Race Track
2200 W. Euclid Avenue
Arlington Heights, Illinois

Saturday, 12 September 2009
Post Time 1300 hours

Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$20
for kids ages 4—17

For more information please contact
PO Craig Ford at 3612-907-2303.

REUNION NOTICE

Hey, Old Fillmorites!!!

If you worked in 011 in the 70's or
80's, stop by for a reunion.

Studio 31
5147 S. Archer (Kolin)
Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, 10 October 2009
1500—2000 hours

For more information please contact
Cindy Nieckula at 773-988-1106.

Independent Auditors Report For Chicago, FOP Lodge #7

The following numbers have been taken from the audited Legal Defense Fund financial reports dated December 31, 2008 and 2007 by the CPA firm, Frank L. Sassetti & Co. The actual audited report includes footnotes and disclosures not presented here. These footnotes and disclosures could influence the reader's view of the financial position of the Lodge. To view the Financial Statement in its entirety, any active member may contact the Lodge, 312-733-7776, and schedule an appointment for a viewing.

Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7—Legal Defense Fund Financial Statements Years Ended December 31, 2008 & 2007

We have audited the financial statements of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7— LEGAL DEFENSE FUND for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued this report. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7—LEGAL DEFENSE FUND as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Frank L. Sassetti

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE 7 LEGAL DEFENSE FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:

	2008	2007
	Temporarily Restricted	Temporarily Restricted
Active membership dues	\$279,992	\$280,009
Interest income	\$237,666	\$211,061
Net realized and unrealized gains	\$47,699	\$43,007
Investment Fees	-	(\$300)
Total revenues and other support	\$565,357	\$533,777

EXPENSES:

	2008	2007
Legal Fees (Note 3)	\$820,741	-
Total Expenses	\$820,741	\$ -
Change in net assets	(\$255,384)	\$533,777

NET ASSETS, TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED:

	2008	2007
Beginning of year	\$5,136,284	\$4,602,507
End of year	\$4,880,900	\$5,136,284

The Tale Of Tim Mosher, *By Richard Aguilar, Financial Secretary*



Tim Mosher was your typical Chicago Police Officer. As a matter of fact, any one of you who is reading this could be the next Tim Mosher. You see, Tim went to work every day, never asking anything more than a mod-

est days pay for a job that few would choose or have the courage to do. You can bet that he saw and dealt with things and people that even his closest family members were and still are not aware of. Tim finally hit the finish line and retired in 1976 at the ripe old age of fifty-three with thirty years of service doing police work out on the street. Tim took his pension and moved out Southwest to finally enjoy the retirement that he had more than earned.

Fast forward to 2007. Sgt. Ray Gawne of Human Resources came up with a great concept. Since active police officers had been issued new stars, why not offer retirees the option to turn in their 1955 style retirement stars for new retirement

stars modeled after the new active stars. The program was so appealing to retired officers that more retirees opted for the new stars than had been anticipated. Retirees were placed on a waiting list.

Tim waited patiently and was finally notified that he could pick up his new star. Although Tim had planned for his retirement, it was too bad that he had not planned on becoming ill. So ill, in fact, that Tim could not travel the 1800 miles or so from his home to pick up the new star. Tim contacted the Lodge and asked if anything could be done. I contacted Human Resources on several occasions and, after months of waiting, the answer was that if Tim wanted the new star he would have to come and pick it up in person.

There was no way that I was going to contact Tim, who was now eighty-six years old, and tell him that nothing could be done. I made several attempts to contact the Director of Human Resources, Tracey Ladner, to solve Tim's problem. Director Ladner never returned any of my calls. The next step was to appeal directly to the Deputy Superintendent of

Administrative Services, Theodore O'Keefe. A letter was sent to Deputy Superintendent O'Keefe, in March 2009, explaining the problem. I offered to personally pick up the star, send it via FedEx at my expense, and supply the Department with a signed and dated receipt.

The response denying my offer was received in August 2009, some five months later, not from Deputy Superintendent O'Keefe, not from Director Ladner, but from a sergeant in Human Resources who the issue was apparently dumped on. The response and the way it was handled was not a surprise at all. You see, Director Ladner and Deputy Superintendent O'Keefe are both civilians. Neither of these individuals ever took a step in Tim Mosher's, or any other police officer's, shoes. Apparently they just can't relate to the fact that all Tim wants is a star that he earned and is probably meaningless to anyone else or maybe they simply just don't care. Hopefully, someone will step up to the plate and do the right thing while Tim Mosher is still with us.

Pension Board News, *By Mike Shields, Pension Board Trustee*

The Illinois Legislature has passed Senate Bill 364 under the Public Act 096-0006. This ethics reform bill changes many procedures for retirement boards. The bill attempts to implement a more "transparent" process regarding the procurement policies of pension boards – regulating the way in which managers actually come to the table. The idea is that this procedure should monitor which firms are selected to present in front of pension funds. Other changes in the law seek to minimize the potential for trustees' conflicts of interest. This is a watered-down and toothless piece of legislation which may in fact wind-up helping those very insiders it was designed to police.

This entire bill does very little to actually go after politicians or their appointees that sit on pension boards, take campaign money from money managers and then vote on the selection of those very same managers. The FED SEC is cur-

rently proposing a ruling that would prohibit money managers from donating over \$250 to politicians.

The term "Ethics Reform Bill" sounds great to the general public or in the newspaper. Unfortunately, too many politicians got their hands on this bill and the result is that this "Ethics" bill offers little in the way of reform and has quietly turned into a minority set-aside bill. As part of this legislation, *our* pension fund is now mandated to include a "quantifiable and obtainable goal" for minority owned and women owned businesses. This means a percentage of our money must be invested with an "Emerging Manager" – not the best performer or most prudent investment, but a group as defined by the Illinois state legislature. Initially the House of Representatives wanted to mandate a goal of 12% minority managers. The Senate removed the 12% number. Now "we" must obtain our own percentage goal and report annu-

ally to the Committee on Pension and Investments.

How is this legislation protecting us? There is absolutely no mention in this "ethics reform bill" of the funding status problems that our pension funds have incurred. Yet they are quick to issue mandates as to how our money is to be invested. Our fiduciary obligation to select the best and brightest money manager should trump any Legislative decree compelling us to invest a certain way.

Save The Date!

The next Uniform Resale will be held on Wednesday, 21 October 2009 here at the FOP Hall from 1300—1800 hours.

Officers who wish to donate their uniforms may drop them off at the Lodge anytime during work hours.

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

Disability Report

The best of health from the Disability Committee. We are available for calls at the FOP office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the FOP web site, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information. Feel free to email me at csaladino@chicagofop.org.

July Pension Meeting – Advocates present: Det Steve Schorsch and 1st VP Bill Dougherty. One appointed Trustee absent. Disability Claims: *Officers making application for disability*: 2 granted Ordinary without prejudice. *Duty*: 2 granted at 75%, 1 granted at 50%, 1 continued by the Officer. *Ordinary*: 1 granted.

Request for pension credit for prior service 5-214c – 15 officers granted.

Credit for other service pension portability 5-214.2 – 4 granted from other police departments, 9 granted from Chicago Housing Authority.

Pension Medical Advisor, S. David Demorest, M.D. will no longer be a consultant for the Pension Fund. A new medical advisor will be named.

Special Pension Meeting – 15 Oct 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – Training Academy, 1300 W. Jackson. Meeting is to discuss all topics related to Pension Fund, Investments, Retiree Health Care, Social Security, Korshak, etc. It's our fund – be

there!

New Young Adult Dependent Health Insurance option effective June 1st for active officers. It allows dependent young adults up to age 26 (age 30 for military veterans) to be added to a parent's health insurance coverage. For active police officers the dependent must be added on during the open enrollment period and will not take effect until Jan 1, 2010. For more info go to www.insurance.illinois.gov or call 877-527-9431. Also, for your dependents, go to www.ehealthinsurance.com.

Veteran's Corner

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

VA Secretary Shinseki Moves To Simplify PTSD Compensation Rules. The VA is publishing a proposed regulation to the Federal Register to make it easier for a veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed by a veteran is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. A final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received.

Agent Orange Update: Nationally, Vietnam veterans are coming forward by

the tens of thousands with a vast array of medical problems from hearing loss to cancer that they believe are connected to their military service. In 2007 alone, a quarter of a million veterans were added to the VA disability rolls (more than a third of them Vietnam veterans). Developing illnesses have been linked statistically to Agent Orange. This is an entitlement, secure a service officer and put your claim in.

Medal of Honor Convention – Chicago is hosting the convention September 25-29. More info, call 630-833-7722 or e-mail www.cmoh2009chicago.org.

27th Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion at Kokomo, Indiana – September 18th, 19th and 20th. I'll be there and hope to see all you returning officers at this reunion.

Military License Plates – Paratrooper license plates are ready! Additional plates available are Air Force Cross, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Army, Navy, and Korean Service Medal. To view the plates go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

"Live for something rather than die for nothing." ~ George Patton

Airborne Sal

June 2009 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Anderson, Bozema	Detective	640	41
Anderson, Linda S.	Officer	013	23
Fessett, Thomas E.	Officer	022	29
Jones, Roy E.	Officer	023	29
Kawabata, Jerry H.	Officer	057	20
Kelly, Thomas F.	Detective	610	40
McNulty, Patrick J.	Dep. Chief	141	39
Morrow, Mark A.	Officer	610	36
Patrick, Richard E.	Officer	008	28
Rumsfeld, Alma	Officer	008	23
Sasso, Kathryn G.	Officer	018	28
Warner, Patricia A.	Detective	610	26
Watts, Stephen A.	Officer	002	27

Chicago Police Department Annual Candlelight Vigil

Thursday, September 17, 2009
7:30 PM
Gold Star Families Memorial and Park

All police officers (active and retired), family and friends are invited.

Please note that the date has been changed and the FOP Handbook is incorrect.

From The Desk Of Jim Bailey, Field Representative, Trustee



Obama Detail

Members who work the Presidential Protection Overtime Initiative should be aware of notification changes that have been made. Per the release of AMFN Message No. 092970 on 21 JUL 09, it is now the officers responsibility to check the I-Clear systems to confirm both assignments and cancellations. Officers who report for duty if they have not been scheduled to work or have a day cancelled will not be paid. If you are RDO or on Furlo, it is your Watch Commander's responsibility to notify you of any cancellations or changes of your assignments. Be aware of this change in particular when the President is scheduled to be in Chicago and cancels or changes his plans.

National Conference

The Fifty-Ninth (59th) Biennial Conference of the Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police was held in Long Beach, CA, during the week of 16 AUG. During

this conference, I attended Seminars pertaining to the Fair Labor Standards Act and Robert's Rules of Order. Michael Coviello of the National FOP Labor Services was the lead instructor for FLSA seminar. I felt this topic was important because of the recent Heitmann Case. The Robert's Rules of Order was very informative in that it analyzed parliamentary procedure. This is the set of rules for conduct at meetings. These procedures are important because it allows everyone to be heard and make decisions without confusion. If you have any questions or would like more information about either seminar, please e-mail me at jbailey@chicagofop.org. This was my third National Conference since being elected Trustee in 2005. As in past conferences, a common topic discussed by National Board members and other Lodges was the involvement of the members. It is important to get involved with the FOP. Know your watch, unit and field representatives. Attend meetings, General and Board, to keep informed about current events. If there is concern

in your unit or district, call the FOP and request a representative to speak at roll calls.

FYI

When parking at Headquarters, IPRA, the Credit Union or the Lodge, make every attempt to park legally. Apparently the Department of Revenue has targeted these areas. In fact, one officer related that he parked on 35th Street where there are signs posted indicating, "For Police Business Only." The officer was mandated to be at HQ and still received a ticket. I personally observed an individual from the Department of Revenue issue citations to several vehicles near the credit union. Apparently discretion is not taught to meter maids. If you feel a citation was issued improperly or in error, exercise your right to contest the alleged violation.

Candlelight Vigil

Be advised that this year's CPD Memorial Vigil will be Thursday 17SEP09 at 1930HRS, not on 18SEP09, as indicated on the FOP Handbook.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Scholarships will be available to high school graduates and any student who is presently attending a college or recognized trade school.
- 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.
- **Only one** application per eligible child will be accepted.
- The scholarship grants will be awarded on the basis of a **drawing** of the submitted applications at the **October General Meeting**.
- **Applications may be submitted up to the time of the drawing at the October Meeting.**

RICHARD LIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

Applicant's First Name: _____ Applicant's Last Name: _____

Member's First Name: _____ Member's Last Name: _____ Unit# or RTD: _____ Star #: _____

Member's Phone: _____ Member's Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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



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

Store Closed:

September 5th —7th
 for Labor Day

Direct Line:

312-733-2344

Tee Shirt of the Month

Gray tee with silver CPD star on left chest

30% OFF

sizes large to 2XL
 price ranges from **\$8.36 to \$9.06!**

We purchased some GREAT close-out deals and are passing along the savings to you! Check it out....

Blue/black trim fleece with stand-up collar jacket. Sizes, small, medium and large only. Was \$25.95, on sale this month for only **\$12.98**...that's 50% OFF

Black nylon jacket with gray fleece lining. It will keep you dry and warm. Sizes, small, medium and large only. Was \$35.95, now super-clearance price of **\$24.95**

All FOP polo shirts are 50% OFF. Various styles...all sizes up to 3XL...prices as low as **\$9.98**

Brown retro look CPD sweatshirts. Sizes large, XL and 2XL. Crew neck was \$24.95, now **\$16.95** all sizes and hoodie was \$28.95, now **\$19.95** all sizes

Work-out shorts, gray with elastic waist and drawstring, back pocket and CPD star logo. Sizes, medium, large and XL only. Was \$5.00, now **2 for \$7.00**

Ladies two-tone tees. Assorted colors, with CPD logo. Sizes, small—XL only. Was \$12.95, now **\$9.49**

Short sleeve thermals, assorted colors, medium to 2XL. Was \$14.95, now only **\$9.95**

Youth Chicago skyline PD tee shirt, gray/black, 40% OFF bring the price to **\$5.97**
 Sizes range from 6/8—14/16, but there are limited quantities.

Youth navy blue nylon sport pants, XL only, 50% OFF, brings the price to **\$9.98**

Youth girls Chicago swirl heart design tee shirt. Sizes range from 2/4—14/16. Assorted colors. Was priced at \$8.95, now only **\$5.99**

The bargain bin is full!! Most items 30% to 50% OFF. Some buy 1 get 1 FREE sales available. Don't miss out! Come in today!

New Item! Ladies wings design tee shirt in black or red. Medium to 2XL \$12.95 each

Spawned In Hell (Etcetera), By Father Tom Nangle, Chaplain

- The young man arrived at the Chicago bungalow to take the policeman's daughter on her first date. He was warmly welcomed by the officer, who smiled and gave him a soft drink so he could get DNA and prints. "I looked at this creature spawned in hell, waiting for my daughter. I knew what he was after. With a big smile on my face, I told him if there were any problems or if he even made her cranky, the only time his family would see him would be at breakfast." At breakfast? "On the milk carton," said daddy.

- The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has completed their mission to build a first class memorial on the lakefront to CPD officers living, deceased, disabled, and those who died in the line of duty. The ongoing mission to serve the Chicago police continues and goes very well: So far the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has given needy CPD officers over \$600,000. Well done!

- That first class memorial on the lakefront (aka Gold Star Families Park) was vandalized recently (26 August, 0300

hrs.). The 001 District beat car on-viewed the graffiti (not anti-police, just "street stuff"), notified their sergeant who was right in the vicinity and made two quick arrests, and the 009 District went to the homes of two other suspects and arrested them. Well done!

- Please pay some attention to the Candlelight Vigil which is scheduled for Thursday 17 September 7:30 p.m. at Gold Star Families Park. The mission is simple: Remember and honor those CPD whose lives ended while doing police work. Please give some thought to the loyalty and history and sense of duty that has always been the blue blood of the CPD and attend this memorial with your family. If you are the partner of a line-of-duty death officer and would like to read the officer's name during the ceremony, call the Memorial Foundation at 312-499-8899. Details will be in Daily Bulletin or CPMF website.

- Is it difficult being a Chicago police officer these days? Do you feel unappreciated? Unsupported? Used and abused?

Misunderstood? Politicized? Even victimized? You work for a very big, highly political institution. And as the great ageless quote goes, "Every institution is an enemy of the human spirit." Across denominational lines, clergy agree: "The farther away I get from downtown, the better my church looks."

- Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the Republican mayor of New York City and a billionaire, was quoted recently in The New Yorker magazine. "The problem is, if you never give an agency credit for doing a good job, you're not going to have good people there, and they're not going to stay motivated." Unfortunately, he was talking about their Metropolitan Transportation Authority. And an even greater quote from a Chicago police officer: "If I wanted to be popular, I would've been a fireman."

Respectfully,
 Fr. Thomas Nangle
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**“Take not from the mouth of Labor
the Bread it has earned.”**

Thomas Jefferson
President

**Chicago Police Officers Deserve a
CONTRACT – They Have Earned It!**

Mark Donahue, President