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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Officer Thor Soderberg and Officer Michael Bailey

It is with deep regret that we recognize that two more of our Brothers have been taken from us in the continuing senseless violence that has permeated so many of our neighborhoods throughout the City. On July 7th, Thor Soderberg was in the parking lot of the Police Facility at 61st and Racine when he was approached by an animal seeking to prey on someone, anyone. This crazed animal mortally wounded Officer Soderberg after a fierce fight over the officer's gun. Thor leaves behind a wonderful wife and family who ask that in Thor's memory we each do something that will make the life of a child a little more promising and help others by any means.

Then on Sunday morning July 18th, Officer Michael Bailey was in front of his home when he was approached by other predators apparently intent on taking his car. Many of the details are still in question at this time (21 July) as the offenders have yet to be apprehended. The day after the shooting and after getting the approval of the investigating Detectives, FOP Lodge 7 offered a reward of \$25,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Officer Bailey's killer.

Both of these men were Police Officers who did not have it in them to become victims without a fight. When confronted with crimes they acted as Police Officers and took police action. They, along with Tom Wortham in May, were victims of predators who have no respect for themselves or anyone else. For this type of individual in our society the first rung on the ladder of respect needs to be fear. For decades actions in the Legislature and the Judiciary have emboldened these criminals. Actions in City Hall and the Department as well as the myriad of bottom dwelling attorney's who make their living off of suing the City, the Department and our members, have all contributed to the obstacles we find ourselves facing in attempting to Police Pro-actively. There is no single solution to stem the violence that has permeated our family recently but the FOP will continue to address all of the possibilities.

Deadline For 2011 Retirement

October 1st is the deadline for those members who are planning to take advantage of the premium free health insurance for their retirement from 01/01/2011 through 12/31/2011. The agreement requires that at least 100 members apply for retirement by October 1, 2010 in order for the health care provision to be effective. The payment of compensatory time will still apply as has been agreed. This new provision of the contract as far as registering to get the premium free health care only applies to those who will retire after age 55 and before age 60. Those retiring after age 60 do not need to apply and will receive the benefit. For all the specifics of this agreement you can go to our website and look under "contract".

Voter Registration

The Members of the Voter Registration Committee and the volunteer Registrars are planning visits to all Department Units in the near future. This is yet another opportunity for all of our members to take the first step in voicing your opinions in a meaningful way in the upcoming elections. Please ensure that you can do so by filling out the registration forms and allow us to better represent a greater impact to those who will dictate how you are going to do your job in the future and what level of compensation you will receive for it while working and in retirement.

New City Gun Ordinance

This new ordinance, in the words of many Aldermen, is still a work in progress. The Lodge has expressed our concerns over the fact that our Retirees are not exempted from the new provisions even though many have qualified under IROCC. The fees for registration are still waived for duty-related weapons as are the fees for obtaining the Chicago Firearm Permit (CFP). Ald. Rugai has taken up the task of acquiring our exemption from this ordinance. To



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1412 W. Washington Blvd.



PO Thor Soderberg
Star #14767

End of Watch
July 7, 2010



PO Michael R. Bailey
Star #13970

End of Watch
July 18, 2010

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be specific we would like Retirees to be included in Sec. 8-20-020 as well as in Sec. 8-20-110 in the exemptions section of each. So much of what this new ordinance requires and how anyone can fulfill the requirements of it are still unexplained and as these issues are rectified/clarified we will pass that information on. To view the documents and/or to register you can go to Chicagopolice.org. Again this ordinance is still a work in progress so expect some confusion. We would assume that those who have their IROCC would already qualify for the CFP.

Constitution and By-laws

In this newsletter are several Constitution and By Law proposed amendments that have been submitted. We will publish them in this month's and next month's newsletter so that those who are in attendance at the September General Meeting can make an informed choice on the proposals. These proposals have been reviewed by the Constitution and By Laws Committee as well as the Board of

Directors who have issued an opinion relative to their adoption.

25th Biennial State Conference

The Biennial Illinois FOP State Conference was held this past weekend in Rock Island. Chicago Lodge 7 had 50 delegates in attendance who heard from both of the major party's gubernatorial candidates as well as other members of the Illinois Legislature and one Congressman. The Governor signed into effect the two bills that the State Legislative Committee worked to pass. Those bills SB3022 offers those with former military service, the ability to buy up to two years of that time into our pension fund. HB5507 establishes an Illinois FOP license plate which can only be displayed by FOP members.

Other business that was addressed was the fulfillment of a commitment made in 2008 by that delegation to have the State Lodge get out of the solicitation business. This commitment was completed by a vote on the By-laws which will give the State the revenues to be fully self-

sufficient when a final dues increase goes into effect in 2012. State President Ted Street was rewarded for all of his hard work and accomplishments by having no opposition for another 4 year term as President. Lodge 41 Secretary Chris Southwood ran unopposed for the position of State Lodge Secretary as did Bill Mehrrens in retaining his position as Sgt. at Arms.

The one contested race for 2nd VP was won by the President of Lodge 263 Jim Simmons. In welcoming Jim aboard, we must also recognize the work and accomplishments of Keith Turney over his 20-year span on the Executive Board. In knowing and working with Keith for most of this time, I can attest to the fact that his efforts were 100% for his fellow members in law enforcement and he is leaving some big shoes to fill. Darrin Bourret from the 1st District was re-elected as Chicago's District Trustee and Kevin Farrell from Cook County Lodge 4 was elected Trustee Chairman. Congratulations to all these fine gentlemen.

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



Important Reminders! Work Schedule Arbitration

The arbitration date for the work schedules for 005, 008, 013 and 020 has been set for August 4, 2010. We should have an answer by the end of August. All other units that are on the 4-2 schedule are locked into that schedule and are not a part of this arbitration.

Always Ask For Second Opinion

If you are injured on-duty and your physician believes that you need surgery do not wait for the Medical Services Section to approve the surgery. Ask the Medical services Section for a second opinion immediately. Read Appendix N of our contract.

Tour of Duty Exchange

Starting back in January 2010, members who are denied time off could exchange a tour of duty with another member from their unit/watch. Here is just a reminder of what an officer needs to do if he/she is going to request a tour of duty

exchange:

1. When an officer requests the use of compensatory time off at least seven (7) days prior to the requested date and is denied, the Department shall be required to notify the requesting officer of a denial no less than three (3) days before the requested date. If denied the slip should be given back to the officer.
2. The requesting officer will identify an eligible full duty officer (from his unit and watch), who 1) is not scheduled to work the date of the requested Tour of Duty Exchange and 2) is willing to work the date of the requested Tour of Duty Exchange.
3. The requesting officer will agree to work a tour of duty on a specific date for the replacement officer within four weeks, before or after, the requested Tour of Duty Exchange date.
4. A minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before the exchange date, the requesting officer and the replacement officer will submit a report to the Watch Commander indicating they have agreed to the exchange of days. The Watch

Commander must then approve the Tour of Duty Exchange or may grant the original request for elective time.

5. Requesting officers are limited to one (1) Tour of Duty Exchange per police period.

6. The replacement officer involved in a Tour of Duty Exchange will not be allowed to use elective time to satisfy his or her Tour of Duty Exchange obligation.

7. An officer that is unable to fulfill his Exchange obligation due to placement on the medical roll (non-IOD) will be ineligible for participation in Tour of Duty exchange for 90 days.

A complete copy of the arbitrator's award is online at our website under current updates. The General Order on this subject is G.O. 94-05 Addendum 10.

Returning to Work after Being on the Medical Roll

Officers that are injured either on duty or off duty are returned to work only by the physician that is treating them. If the Medical Services Section or Coventry

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attempts to return you to work against your physicians orders please contact the Lodge.

Injury on-Duty Bills

We receive many calls regarding the bills that are incurred as a result of an Injury on Duty. Whenever medical treatment is received, the medical providers will start sending bills to the officer for services rendered. The payment for all I.O.D. related bills becomes the responsibility of the City of Chicago. In order to get the bills paid, the officer will need to send a copy of the bill to the I.O.D. Unit at the Medical Services Section, located at 3510 S. Michigan. After the I.O.D. Unit receives the bills, they are compiled and audited in order to substantiate payment. Once this part of the process is completed, the bills are forwarded to the

City of Chicago-Committee on Finance. In turn, the Committee on Finance submits the bills to the City Council for their approval to pay. Finally a check is rendered to the provider.

Each time an officer receives another notice of the bill; he/she should again forward it to the I.O.D. Unit at 3510 S. Michigan. In the event that the officer receives a collection notice for non-payment of the bill, the officer should contact the Committee on Finance as soon as possible at (312) 744-3380 to determine the status of the claim. If you are unable to resolve the billing issue with the Committee on Finance contact the Lodge to file a grievance.

Adding A New Dependent To Your Insurance

When an officer gets married or has a newborn, he/she has 30 days in which to

submit an enrollment form. Along with the enrollment form, you must provide a certified marriage certificate or a certified birth certificate as proof of dependency. The officer has 180 days to provide a certified marriage certificate or certified birth certificate to show proof of dependency. These forms and certificates should be brought down to the Benefits Management Office. I suggest that you bring these forms in person. You can ask for a stamped copy at the front desk. The Benefits Management Office is located at 333 S. State, Room 400. If you don't elect to enroll for coverage within 30 days, you will not be able to enroll until the next open enrollment period.

2nd Vice-President's Report, *By Frank DiMaria*



Parole Hearings

I, along with thirty members of the Chicago Police Department, on 24 June 2010 in the early morning hours, travelled by bus to Springfield to attend the En Banc Hearing before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board to show our support against denying parole for the convicted murderer of PO Edward Barron, Star #14571, 004th District, EOW 28 September 1973.

Also attending the hearing were supporters of the convicted murderer and his family members. The facts of the case were read into the record as well as the protests of the Officers family, partner, members of the Chicago Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police. The supporters also spoke in favor to release this convicted cop killer after only serving a short period of time in addition to letters of support. A motion was made and seconded to deny parole, the motion carried 7-4 and the Parole Board granted a 1 year set to hear the case again.

A second case was scheduled that morning before the Parole Board to consider parole for the convicted murderer of Winnebago County Sheriff Michael Maybourne, EOW 15 March 1974. We re-

mained for that hearing also to show support to deny parole for this convicted murderer. A motion was made and seconded to deny parole which carried, stopping the release of this convicted murderer.

We made the trip back to Chicago thinking that we were finished for a while with parole hearings only to learn that another hearing was scheduled to consider release of the convicted murderer of PO Thomas Kelly, Star #12145, A/1/ Task Force, EOW 3 March 1970. Upon learning of this recent hearing we sent out petitions to deny parole to our members, which were returned with signatures from over 3,000 citizens and law enforcement officers from across the state protesting the release of this convicted cop killer. A hearing was scheduled at 26th & California on 21 July 2010 and the En Banc Hearing is scheduled for 29 July 2010. I will attend both of these hearings, representing the Lodge, as we keep a watchful eye on these proceedings to ensure that no cop killer is released before completing the lawful sentence which was imposed.

I know that these Parole Petitions have been coming more frequently and sometimes we may take them for granted but please continue to sign them to show

the families our continued support. We must increase the number of signatures to ensure that our voice is heard in Springfield and to keep the memory of the Officers' Supreme Sacrifice alive.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

Officer Safety

I am going to start first by extending condolences to the families, partners and coworkers of the most recent Chicago Police Officers who were Killed in the Line of Duty. Words cannot express the feelings many of us are experiencing at this terrible time.

The frequency in which another Chicago Police Officer has been Killed in the Line of Duty has come too soon, not allowing us to recover from the previous murders. Unfortunately we must continue to do our jobs on a daily basis as Chicago Police Officers. During this difficult time with the violent nature of the streets today the best advice I can give is to stay focused and on track to avoid any further tragedies. During these violent times on our streets, we must back each other up and take care of and support one another.

Thank you all for what you all do on a daily basis and be safe!

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



Manpower

Last month the Lodge sent the manpower stats for the 25 police districts and letters of explanation to all fifty aldermen. The stats show that in October of 2009 there were 7,605 officers assigned to the twenty five districts. Of that number an average of 12%, or 950 officers, were detailed out of the Districts.

In May of 2010, the number of officers assigned to the 25 Police Districts dropped to 6,481 officers with an average of 16%, or 1,013 officers, detailed out of the districts. Over that period of time the number of calls for service increased so officers are being asked to do more with less. That might sound fine but it is dangerous when one man cars are assigned jobs that require a two man car for safety reasons. It is extremely dangerous for a District to be manned at bare bones on any watch and this is another tragedy waiting to happen.

For these reasons the Lodge filed a grievance against the City over the manpower issue because their allocation of manpower has created a dangerous condition for officers which are beyond that which is inherent in normal police duty. The Lodge does not see any resolution to this problem on the horizon even with the City stating that they are going to hire another 100 officers this year. To put this into the proper perspective you have to look at the end result, it would add just 4 officers to each of the 25 Districts or one more officer to each watch.

Until enough officers are hired to get the Department back to budgeted strength, Alderman Burke came up with a viable solution. He proposed hiring back officers on their RDO to work in the districts.

4th Of July Grievance

The Lodge filed three grievances over the 4th of July fiasco created by the Department. Over the 2nd and 3rd of July members who were going to be RDO on the 4th were contacted and told their day off on the 4th was cancelled. This caused some members who were signed up for

special employment on the 4th of July to call and cancel special employment because their RDO was cancelled. Some members were then called on the 3rd of July and told that their RDO was not cancelled. Most members who did work their RDO on the 4th were not paid at the correct rate.

The three grievances filed cover all affected members, so if you fall into one or more of these classes call the Lodge so that we can add you to the list of grievants. Please call if...

1. You were called and told your RDO on the 4th of July was cancelled.
2. You cancelled special employment because you were told your RDO on the 4th of July was cancelled.
3. You worked on the 4th of July and were not paid the correct rate because of your work schedule (working the 4-2 9 hour day or the 10 hour day)

Tragic Losses

We have had three officers murdered in the last sixty days. This is a devastating loss for our police family and a terrible loss for the communities in which they lived and served. It is a sad commentary on society when predators are able to murder at will. Adding to the tragedy is two of these officers were

gunned down in front of their homes and the other in a police facility parking lot. Is nothing sacred anymore? Keep the Wortham, Soderberg and Bailey families in your prayers.

The Courts

The media has just figured out what any cop could have told them, "why are these criminals out on the street when they should be in jail?" It is a revolving door with devastating consequences. The police arrest the thugs and Judges let them right back out, whether it is by giving them low bonds or constantly giving them supervision and probation over and over for their crimes. The criminal has been emboldened by the court system; they are taught by Judge after Judge that there are no consequences for committing crime.

If you look at the rap sheet of the offender when they are arrested for murder you will see that every one of them has been arrested for countless UUWs and aggravated batteries. It is a progression that culminates in homicide.

Everyone wonders why officers are so frustrated and jaded. It is time for the media to inform the public which Judges are responsible for putting us in harm's way or you can just ask a cop.

Frank Balestri's 4th Annual Soppressatta (Supersod) Contest

Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall

6240 S. Joliet Avenue, Countryside, Illinois

Sunday, September 26, 2010

- Food will be served at 3:00 pm
- All participants must be signed up by 3:45 pm
 - Judging starts at 4:00 pm
- All participants must bring 1 pre-sliced Supersod to enter

\$10 entry fee for all participants, includes dinner

For more information please contact 708-588-1756 and leave a message for Frank Balestri.

All Profits Donated To The Italian American War Veterans, Post 2

More Than Just A Police Officer, *By Rich Aguilar, Financial Secretary*



I recently had the opportunity to attend the 2010 Biennial State FOP Conference. It is a great opportunity to see members of Law Enforcement from throughout the State of Illinois.

The one part of the agenda that all of the officers in attendance regret is the Memorial Service that honors those members who were killed in the line of duty since the last meeting in 2008. It would be comforting to be able to have a service where there were not any new names to add to the list. This year that was not the case. Nine officers, all from Chicago CPD and Lodge #7 were part of those honored at this year's Conference. PO Richard M. Francis (2008), PO Nathaniel Taylor, Jr. (2008), Det Joseph Airhart, Jr. (2008), PO Alejandro Valadez (2009), PO Michael Robbins (2009), PO Thomas E. Wortham (2010), Sgt Alan J. Haymaker (2010), PO Thor Soderberg (2010), and PO Michael R. Bailey (2010) were all on this list. What isn't on this list is the people whose lives were ultimately effected by their passing.

The last three Police Officers on this list, being the most recent, made all of us feel a certain pain in our hearts and souls that only Police Officers can feel when they lose a brother or sister Officer to a yet another act of senseless violence.

The public, while outraged, may have felt some sense of loss, but probably only saw just another Police Officer senselessly

killed. The animals who did the killing certainly didn't feel anything when they pulled the trigger and ended a life.

Now, many of you reading this know me on a professional level and some of you know me on a personal level and you might be surprised to hear that the Memorial Service at this year's Conference really had a profound effect on me as I heard the words to the song, *He Was*, that was performed by Shelly Rann after the names were read. The words were tough to hear at that moment and keeping a dry eye was difficult. I still had that same problem upon seeing the words as I typed them on the computer screen.

I, like you and other Police Officers, know that the Police Officers mentioned above were more than just a person in a uniform. These men were not individuals living in a vacuum. They were parts of families and communities who cannot be replaced. It is sad to say, but that fact is sometimes lost on the public, our politicians, and most definitely the bad guys out there who we deal with on a daily basis.

I know that this newsletter is read by many who are not Police Officers. I have included the lyrics to the song, *He Was*, at the end of this article with a link to a performance of it in the hopes that those who do not recognize us as more than just a Police Officer may gain some insight into who we really are. If these words serve as a reminder to even one of the people that we Serve and Protect, the

politicians, or one of those who we may have to arrest, then my thanks go out to the writers of the song, Sandie Thurston and Frank B. Jones.

"He Was"

*Not a badge on a uniform, not a flashing blue light,
Not a faceless nameless officer, not a siren in the night,
He was his mother's precious baby, he was his father's loving son
He was his sister's favorite brother, he was a friend to everyone.
He had a life that had a meaning, he had a future with his wife,
He had children who he lived for, he had a job that took his life.
He never called himself a hero, but an ordinary man
But there were things that he believed in, and a need to take a stand.
So he lived each day with courage and he prayed each night for strength
And his life must now be measured by its depth, not by its length.
Not a badge on a uniform, not a flashing blue light,
Not a faceless nameless officer, not a siren in the night,
He was his mother's precious baby, he was his father's loving son
He was his sister's favorite brother, he was a friend to everyone.*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfEtbKe4UTE>

Kilts for Chaplains?

To support the work of your Police Chaplains Ministry some officers have put together a **Kilt Run** for 19 September.

You don't have to wear a kilt for this inaugural event, and disposable kilts will be provided.

Stop grinning right now and visit their website at chicagokiltrun.com for details.

No Inspectors will be present.

Special Olympics Conqueror's Swim Team

The Special Olympics Conqueror's Swim Team, which is sponsored by Chicago Police Amvets Post 18, performed awesomely in the 2010 Illinois Special Summer Games held at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. The games were held on June 12-14. They are the largest of more than 175 Special Olympics competitions held in Illinois, and some 3650 athletes participate in one or more of six categories: aquatics, track and field, gymnastics, bocce ball, soccer and power lifting.

Chicago Police Amvets Post 18 spearheaded by John P. O'Malley and Martin A. O'Malley are year-round sponsors of the Conqueror's Swim Team providing much needed equipment for the physically and mentally challenged and providing great encouragement. We were indeed very proud when the Conqueror's came out of these competitions with 6 Gold Olympic Medals, 6 Silver Olympic Medals, 4 Olympic Bronze Medals, 4 Olympic Ribbons.

We congratulate the Team for their outstanding performance in the Special Olympics Competition.

Correction Notice!!! 20th District Old Timers Correction Notice!!!

You don't have to be retired or (old) to be a part of the Old Timers.
You just have to have been a part of the 20th District, past or present or in spirit.

E-mail your First and Last name to OldTimers020Dist@aol.com

We will let you know when the Old Timer events occur and any other important information we happen to hear about.

We also encourage you to let us know if there is important news or information you want to share.

Constitution & By-laws Proposals

Chicago Lodge 7 Trustee, Jim Bailey and other members submitted the following detailed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Lodge. The Constitution and By-laws Committee determined that the proposed amendments were properly presented before them and, after due consideration, The Constitution and By-laws Committee recommended that the Board of Directors reject the amendments with the exception of the Constitutional change which would require the attendance of Unit Representatives at meetings before they could attain delegate status at State and National Conferences.

At the regular monthly Board of Directors meeting in July of 2010, the Board of Directors voted to recommend rejecting all of the proposed amendments.

These amendments will be voted on during the September General Meeting. Please attend.

Constitution Changes:

Article V -- Representatives

A Lodge representative for each District, Area or other Police Unit shall be elected by the members of the Unit he/she represents and he/she be a member of the Unit he/she represents. Said elections are to be held within 90 days, following the election of the Lodge Officers. The elected Unit Representatives of the Lodge may, by virtue of their office and provided they have abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution, be delegates to the State and National Conference. Each elected officer may only count two (2) excused absences from General meetings towards attendance requirements for said general Meetings.

Article VII -- Nomination and Election of Officials and Trustees of Chicago Lodge No. 7

The elected Officers of the Lodge shall consist of a President, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Sergeants-at-Arms and seventeen (17) Trustees. The term of office for elected officers of Lodge No. 7 shall be three (3) years. The duly elected officers of the Lodge and elected/appointed unit representatives by virtue of their office, provided they have abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and the duly elected Officers have attended nine (9) monthly Board Meetings in a calendar year, shall be delegates to the State and National Conference.

By-law Changes:

Article III – Duties of Officers

Section 1. -- The President shall:

(c) Together with the Financial Secretary and/or Treasurer and/or Recording Secretary he or she shall attest all warrants or vouchers for disbursement from any fund of the Lodge. He or she shall appoint a parliamentarian for this Lodge. By virtue of this office, and provided he or she has abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended nine (9) monthly Board Meetings in a calendar year, he or she shall be a delegate to the Biennial State Conference and to the Biennial National Conference.

Section 3. -- The 1st Vice President shall:

Preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and General meetings in the absence of the President, and otherwise generally perform the duties of the President during his or her absence. He or she shall appoint the minorities to all committees and perform other duties that are incident to this office as directed by the Board of Directors. By virtue of this office, and provided he or she has abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended nine (9) monthly Board meetings in a calendar year, he or she shall be a delegate to the Biennial State and National Conference.

Section 4. -- The Second Vice President Shall:

(b) Compile a list of the members of this Lodge in good standing who have fulfilled the requirements of these By-Laws relative to becoming a candidate for office or delegates. He or she shall also present a full and complete copy of this list to the President and Recording Secretary on the day such nominations are accepted. By virtue of his office, and provided he or she has abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended nine (9) monthly Board meetings in a calendar year, he or she shall be a delegate to the Biennial State and National Conferences.

Section 5. -- The Third Vice President shall:

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Preside at meetings of the Board in the absence of the President and 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. He or she shall assume duties laid out in Sections 3 and 4 of this Article. By virtue of his or her office, and provided he or she has abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended (9) nine monthly Board meetings in a calendar year. he or she shall be a delegate to the Biennial State and National Conferences.

Section 6. -- The Recording Secretary shall:

(b) Keep a record of the official amendments adopted, amending the Constitution and By-Laws, duly authenticated by the seal of the Lodge and signatures of the President and Secretary, in a book known as the Book of Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. By virtue of his or her office, and provided he or she has abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended nine (9) monthly Board meetings in a calendar year. he or she shall be a delegate to the Biennial State Conference.

Section 7. -- The Financial Secretary Shall:

Along with the Treasurer be custodian of the funds of the Lodge. He or she shall perform a quarterly review of the deposits to assure that all monies received by the Lodge have been forwarded to the Treasurer and deposited in the proper accounts of the Lodge. He or she shall furnish a surety bond for the faithful performance of his or her duties in such an amount as shall be specified by the Board of Directors and paid for by the Lodge. By virtue of his or her office, he or she shall be Chairman of the membership committee. He or she shall assist the President in the selection of the Unit and District Representatives. He or she shall sign all checks duly authorized by the President and Secretary and co-signed by the President and/or Treasurer for disbursement of funds. By virtue of his or her office, and provided he or she has abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended nine (9) monthly Board meetings in a calendar year. he or she shall be a delegate to the Biennial State and National Conferences.

Section 8. -- The Treasurer shall:

Assure that all incoming monies for the Lodge shall be delivered into the record for deposit in the proper accounts of the Lodge and shall, with the Financial Secretary be the custodian of the funds of the Lodge. He or she shall furnish a surety bond in the amount specified by the Board of Directors, which surety bond shall be approved by the Board of Directors and financed by the Lodge. He or she shall sign all checks duly authorized by the President and Secretary, and co-signed by the President and/or Financial Secretary and/or Recording Secretary for disbursement of funds. He or she shall keep an itemized record of all receipts and disbursements, and shall deposit all funds collected in a bank approved by the Board of Directors. He or she shall set up specials accounts for special funds and allocate to each respectively, the amounts allocated and collected therefore. He or she shall perform such duties as usual and incident to the office. He or she shall prepare quarterly reports for the Board on the conditions of the funds. By virtue of his or her office, and provided he or she has abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended nine (9) monthly Board meetings in a calendar year. he or she shall be delegate to the Biennial State and National Conferences.

Section 9. -- The Three (3) Sergeant-at-Arms shall:

Have charge of ascertaining that all present at meetings are in good standing. They shall have charge and control of all meeting places and permit only qualified persons to enter or remain. They shall assist the President in the execution of such duties he may order. By virtue of their office, and provided they have abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended nine (9) monthly Board meetings in a calendar year. they shall be a delegate to the Biennial State and National Conferences.

Article IV -- Duties of Board of Trustees

Section 5. -- The seventeen (17) Trustees by virtue of this office, and provided he or she has abided by Article VI Section 1. of the Constitution and attended nine (9) monthly Board meetings in a calendar year. shall be delegates to the Biennial State and National Conferences.

Address Change Form	Effective Date: _____
Name: _____ (Last, First, MI)	Star Number: _____
New Address: _____	City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Telephone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Return Form To The FOP – Unit 541 or 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago Illinois 60607, Attn: Doreen	

2010 FOP Family Picnic Report, By Sidney Davis & Frank DiMaria

The 2010 FOP Picnic was held on 14 July 2010 on the grounds at Gaelic Park for the 4th year after months of planning and preparation. The morning was clear, sunny and the temperatures were expected to rise in the 90's. Our members starting lining up outside of the gates of Gaelic Park around 0830 hrs and once we opened there was a steady stream of our members and their families entering the fields to set up their tents and enjoy this event which the Lodge provides.

As the children entered the park they were given candy and a prize. The ice cream truck was loaded and set up handing out ice cream bars and popsicles. The complimentary refreshments for both the children and adults never stopped being poured until the last glass was filled at the end of the day. The amusement rides were taken full advantage of by our members and their families and never stopped running until we closed. The competition was held for the Best Tent Contest with winners awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place.

The 2010 FOP Picnic will go down in

the history books as one of the hottest with the temperatures rising to 98 degrees. We survived the heat and closed the park at 1800 hrs ending another picnic. The 2010 FOP Picnic was attended at an all time high exceeding previous year's attendance.

We hope that everyone had a good time and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following persons and companies for their contributions which added to the success of the 2010 Picnic. Please support them because they support you the Membership: *American Licorice Company; Chicago Patrolmen's Credit Union; Tom Cline; Coyne Financial; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Law Offices of Joel D'Alba; Law Offices of Will Fahey; Law Officers of Daniel Herbert; Kraft Foods; Labor Benefit Plan; Mars Candy Company; Law Offices of Tom Needham; Sybaris Suites; Webber Bakery.*

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

*Michael R. Bailey, Age 62
Michael J. Brennan, Age 90
John A. Downey, Age 79
Ronald L. Duske, Age 76
Robert A. Flatow, Age 79
Robert E. Flood, Age 80
Thomas M. Frost, Age 88
John W. Grimes, Age 76
David J. Grubisic, Age 50
James C. Jackson, Age 61
F. Donald Kolad, Age 74
Leonard J. Labiak, Age 65
Thomas P. Lavin, Age 78
Rocco H. Liace, Age 83
Melvin J. Libner, Age 78
James C. Loomis, Age 63
Virgil E. Lowell, Age 86
Dennis J. Oppedisano, Age 66
Joseph E. Panos, Age 50
Robert J. Pevitts, Age 91
Richard N. Rydberg, Age 87
Thor Soderberg, Age 43
Jerome R. Springer, Age 78
Leroy Watkins, Age 61
Stanley Wojtan, Age 73
Paul A. Wojtecki, Age 69*

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

The Power of One, By Jim Bailey, Trustee, Field Representative



As this summer of violence continues, we reflect on the tragic death of Officer Thor Soderberg. Thor was gunned down in the Targeted Response Unit's South parking lot on the afternoon of 7 July 2010. A lone offender took our brother's life.

Shortly after the unthinkable occurred, the offender shot at the TRU facility. Officers inside returned fire striking the offender and eventually took him into custody.

The aftermath of this tragedy combined the emotions of sadness and anger.

Obviously the sadness of losing a fellow officer and the anger of seeing violence take yet another life. To actually be on or near the scene and watch as the many officers took over the immediate area was simply awesome. Heavily armed SWAT officers standing at every corner. Uniformed and civilian dress officers surrounding the scene and the body of Officer Soderberg in such a way as if to say, "we've got your back Brother." The crime lab processing the scene, detectives canvassing the area and the police helicopter circling above. Truly amazing. But how did all this activity come about? The actions of one individual.

One person caused the response of many officers.

My point is this, if the actions of one offender can cause the reaction of so many officers, why can't 11,000 officers do the same to combat the widespread of violence in our City? The reason is simple: the police are not allowed to be the police. And on the few occasions they are allowed to do their jobs, the backing of the Department and the City is usually nonexistent. Enough is enough. It is time to let the police be the police and take back our streets, our neighborhoods, our City.

Disability & Veterans Report, 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.

June Pension Meeting – Advocates present: Det. Steve Schorsch and myself.

Disability Claims - Duty – 3 granted at 75%. *Heart* – 1 granted, 5 granted Ordinary without prejudice.

Request for pension credit for prior service 5-214(c) – 30 officers granted.

Board Elections - Ken Hauser was elected President of the Board and Jim Maloney Vice President.

Financial help for college bound children/spouse - These are two great programs. *Grant Program for Dependents of Police Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)*. This program may help your children or spouse with financial aid towards college. For info call 800-899-4722 or visit their web site at www.collegezone.com *National Association of Chiefs of Police* has an Educational Scholarship for your child going to college. For more info call 321-264-0911 or visit their web site www.apfh.org.

Veteran's Corner

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

Agent Orange update - Presumptive service connections for Ischemic Heart Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Hairy Cell Leukemia and other Chronic B-Cell Leukemias is close to being final. So for those who have these diseases start filing your claims. If you know someone who has passed with these diseases please contact their survivor – they may be eligible for benefits.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) update – The VA has amended

its rules for granting disability claims for PTSD. It now acknowledges the inherently stressful nature of the places, types, and circumstances of service in which 'fear of hostile military or terrorist activities' is ongoing.

28th Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion – Sept, 17-19, Kokomo, Indiana. More info at www.hcvvo.org or 765-628-0297.

"Victory has a thousand fathers, but defeat is an orphan."
~ John F. Kennedy

Airborne Sal

Old 008th District Reunion

Thursday, September 30, 2010
7:00 pm—11:00 pm

Southwest Moose Lodge #44
7536 S. Harlem Avenue
Bridgeview, Illinois

Everyone who ever worked in the 008th District is invited to attend and visit old friends again!

Independent Auditors Report for FOP, Chicago Lodge 7

The following financial information has been derived from the audit of the FOP, Chicago Lodge 7 (which includes the Legal Defense Fund). The complete audited financial statements, including the independent auditors' report, is available and may be viewed by contacting the FOP and scheduling an appointment with the Treasurer, John Capparelli.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 & 2008

We have audited the statements of financial position of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7 (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. 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 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, 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.

As of January 1, 2009 the Organization has adopted the FASB Accounting Standards Codification under Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Frank L. Sassetti
Certified Public Accountants

Audit Summary:

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,528,622	\$1,386,161
Investments	\$6,611,306	\$6,361,415
Total Assets	\$10,877,783	\$10,833,052
Total Liabilities	\$2,657,029	\$1,348,344
Total Net Assets	\$8,220,754	\$9,484,708

Statement of Activities

Revenues:

Active Membership Dues	\$5,389,182	\$5,338,148
Sale of Membership Supplies	\$327,556	\$343,088
Investment Income	\$284,494	\$330,667
Other Income	\$146,685	\$130,921
Total Revenue	<u>\$6,147,917</u>	<u>\$6,142,824</u>

Expenses:

Merchandising	\$425,144	\$400,800
Interest & Grievance Arbitration	\$1,332,914	\$1,378,341
Legal Defense	\$2,581,482	\$981,962
Membership Insurance	\$279,120	\$283,267
State & National Programs & Activities	\$204,231	\$206,752
Newsletter Publication	\$205,619	\$200,751
Special Events	\$120,119	\$103,891

Independent Auditors Report for FOP, Chicago Lodge 7 Continued

Other Fraternal Programs	\$430,570	\$448,070
Management & General	\$1,275,076	\$1,261,476
Membership Development	\$557,596	\$384,556
Total Expenses	\$7,411,871	\$5,649,866
Increase in Net Assets	(\$1,263,954)	\$492,958

The following financial information has been derived from the audit of the Legal Defense Fund. The complete audited financial statements, including the independent auditors' report, is available and may be viewed by contacting the FOP and scheduling an appointment with the Treasurer, John Capparelli.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7 LEGAL DEFENSE FUND STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 & 2008

REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT	2009	2008
Active membership dues	\$263,278	\$279,992
Interest Income	\$230,253	\$237,666
Net realized & unrealized gains	\$44,937	\$47,699
Total Revenues & other support	\$538,468	\$565,357
EXPENSES		
Legal fees	\$1,399,904	\$820,741
Total expenses	\$1,399,904	\$820,741
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$861,436)	(\$255,384)
NET ASSETS, TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		
Beginning of year	\$4,880,900	\$5,136,284
End of year	\$4,019,464	\$4,880,900

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*



Military Buy Back

On July 23, 2010, in a ceremony at the FOP Conference, Governor Quinn signed into Law SB3022, which will afford current and future Chicago Police Officers the opportunity to purchase up to two years of service for time spent in the United States Armed Forces, prior to their date of hire with the Chicago Police Department. The Pension Fund staff is currently working with their Actuary to determine the member cost for such service.

For more information and to obtain an application, you may access the Pension Board website at www.chipabf.org, then click on News and Events, locate SB3022 information, go to click here for more information, you will then see a box that reads Military. You will see then see Conditions and Applications button. You may download the application and complete all the boxes, then submit it and a copy of your DD -214 to the Pension Board. Do not fax your DD-214 to the Pension Board (copies are not clear). You may mail your application along with a copy of your DD-214, or hand

carry it to the Pension Board. There is no deadline for submission, however, you must apply before retiring and all funds must be paid to the Pension Board before retiring.

**The Next
General Meeting Is
Scheduled For Tuesday,
21 September 2010 at
1900 hours.**



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Monday, August 30, 2010
Tee-Times Starting At 0800 hours

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

Reservations Are Being
Taken Now
By Calling 312-733-7776

\$400.00 Per Foursome,
Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch
& Dinner - (Cash Bar)



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