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President's Report, By Michael Shields



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Elections

I would like to take this time to thank the membership who participated in this recent election. I am honored to serve as the new President of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police. All of the past Presidents of FOP have pledged their support and counsel going forward, and I do appreciate it. After the election, I have been assisted in the transition by my former election opponents. At first, it was awkward as the campaign was hard fought, but I have been very impressed with the way former election rivals have been able to quickly put aside personal disagreements and election politics to help each other and work together for the good of the union. Our best ideas come from the membership. This FOP administration has an open door policy. Your suggestions to improve your union are always welcome. Please send us your e-mails, come to our meetings, and GET INVOLVED.

Transition

Prior to being sworn in, 3rd Vice President Dan Gorman and I conducted interviews of all officers within the Lodge. The FOP President is allowed to bring six field representatives upstairs. I believe that I chose my field reps wisely, mixing youth, background and experience. Personal differences were worked out and set aside. I am proud to announce that Bill Dougherty, Frank DiMaria, Daniel Gorman, James McCarthy, Saul Del Rivero and Rich Aguilar will serve the membership at the offices of the FOP. There is an incredible amount of talent and experience in this group and I know it will benefit the membership.

I am confident that the Board members will follow the lead of the field representatives and work together for the advancement of the Lodge. They are charged with the complicated task of guiding our organization through these challenging times.

Recent Hires

One of my goals as President of the Fraternal Order of Police is to help change the public's perception of the Lodge. In order to achieve this, it is imperative to have a voice in the media. Keeping my campaign promise, I have hired Pat Camden to serve as both a spokesman for the Lodge and a media coordinator for news interviews that I will address. His years of experience as the spokesman for the Chicago Police Department under Hillard and Cline speak volumes. Pat Camden's credibility amongst the Chicago Media is impeccable. When Pat Camden shows up on a scene of a police shooting, the media looks to him for guidance.

I have also hired Past-President Mark Donahue to continue to serve the membership as the Legislative Director for the Lodge in Springfield. I did this because now is the time to focus our objectives on Springfield. Monitoring and addressing all legislation concerning our pensions is absolutely critical to the long term welfare of the Lodge. We need all of the help that we can get down in Springfield. This is a time where the FOP needs a strong presence in our Capitol. Our pension legislation depends on this.

Finally, retired Captain John Farrell has been retained by the Lodge to be in the rotation as a representative of the FOP on police involved shootings. John brings with him over forty years of Chicago Police experience, particularly in incidents where officers are compelled to use deadly force. John is highly regarded within the detective division and will help to ensure the protection of officers' rights. Pat Camden, Mark Donahue and John Farrell are all pleased to serve the members of the Lodge.

Honored Star Ceremony for Officer Michael Bailey

On April 25, 2011, I had the distinct honor of speaking at the Honored Star Ceremony for Police Officer Michael Bailey. Again, my condolences go out to his family and all the officers

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that knew him. Michael Bailey was a fine officer, someone we can all be proud of. Please keep his memory and his mission alive. We owe him that. It is our responsibility to continue to embrace the surviving Bailey Family members as they are part of our extended FOP family.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a sincere thank you to Superintendent Hillard for allowing me to speak at the ceremony. I did not know that the former Superintendent had recently prohibited FOP officials from saying anything at the ceremony. Superintendent Hillard reversed that decision and I am glad he did. Speaking at a solemn event such as the Honored Star Ceremony is a privilege that I take very seriously.

Our Mission

The election is now over. I have a job to do as President of this great organization. I am taking over the Fraternal Order of Police at a time when unions all throughout the Country are being challenged. I campaigned and was elected on the following issues: Jobs (manpower, safety, discipline, etc.), pensions, wages and healthcare. Let it be known to the membership that these are our core issues. This very core is under attack both by the City and the Illinois Legislature. The FOP must not be sidetracked by other issues that will harm the FOP as an organization. Personal agendas must not be mixed into the goals of our organization. Individually, we may support certain po-

litical issues. However, our goal is for the enhancement and welfare of the FOP as an organization. We cannot take positions on every single issue nor those issues that will jeopardize our core. Critics try to steer the FOP down dangerous roads that can damage the integrity of the Lodge and place a strain on our future potential.

In less than one day, police officers in Ohio lost their right to collectively bargain. Politicians have pitted the taxpayer against the public employee. Police and Fire employees have fallen victim to this attack. The FOP is currently monitoring quiet discussions in Springfield that would result in an attack on current employees' pensions. Currently, there is no greater fight than protection of our constitutionally guaranteed pension. There is some rumble that the Illinois Legislature seeks to pass a bill impacting the guarantee on unearned pension credits, placing different benefits to those unearned credits. However, there is little discussion on whether Chicago Police or Fire will be included. *There is an immense amount of pressure from the public challenging the Legislature to pass bills in the name of "pension reform." In response to this anti-public employee pressure, many legislators feel the need to simply pass a bill and allow the Judicial Branch to determine the Constitutionality of our pension guarantee.* The Lodge will keep the membership abreast of any updates on this legis-

lation. Please sign up for the FOP updates online.

Legislation

Most of our bills that had a financial impact on the funds or the City have seen little movement. A bill that is drawing attention to the Lodge is HB 3474. This bill would suspend the current pension being received by a public employee who is rehired by the same governmental body. Although this may not impact many of our members, a bill of this sort is a "foot in the door" to challenge the Constitutional guarantee of the receipt of pensions.

The City of Chicago is showing a keen interest in HB 149. This is a bill that would require State of Illinois employees to make a "one-time irrevocable election" of which retirement system they choose to participate in (defined benefit or defined contribution). The Lodge will actively participate against all movement on this bill. These are just two examples of hundreds of bills impacting pensions in Illinois.

Finally, HB 1985 is the Lodge's initiative that will require that any sworn complaint against a peace officer that contains false information be presented to the appropriate State's Attorney for a determination of prosecution. This bill has passed out of the House unanimously and is assigned in the Senate.

ILLINOIS STATE FOP LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- Parent must be an Illinois F.O.P. member in good standing.
- Applicant must be a full time undergraduate student (12 or more credit hours per semester) at an accredited junior college or four-year institution.
- Applicant must provide proof of registration for the Fall 2011 semester with application. Proof can include note from registrar, class schedule, tuition payment receipt or letter of acceptance. Letters of acceptance must be followed by proof of registration before scholarships are awarded.
- Applications must be completely filled out to be eligible.
- Award:** \$500 (18 individual district scholarships awarded by random drawing at the State Lodge Summer Board Meeting)
- Application Deadline:** Friday, July 1, 2011

For more information or to download an application visit the ILFOP website at www.ilfop.org—Member Benefits—Scholarship Application.

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



Time To Call State Senators & Representatives

With the movement in Springfield and elsewhere to pass legislation that would contradict the Constitutional guarantee for the pensions of those either retired or currently employed by the CPD, the Lodge is asking you to become involved. Please contact your State Senators and Representatives and ask them not to endorse or vote for any legislation that would change the pension benefits that the Illinois State Constitution says we are entitled to from our date of hire. There are currently several bills making their way through the General Assembly that could impact your pensions and, as the session continues, the potential for one to pass increases. We don't want any of them to pass, no matter if they would currently impact us or not. Once the foot is in the door for others, the potential for us to be impacted increases as we experienced with last year's pension reforms.

The politically expedient action for some to take is to vote for the legislation, even if they believe it violates the Constitution, and then have the Unions take it to court for a long protracted fight. The Legislators can tell the voters that they

took action to address the voters' concerns for pension reform. Remind them, by your calls and contacts, that we are voters too.

To identify your Senators and Representatives, go to www.elections.state.il.us, click on #2 under Top Pages and fill in your complete address. Then go to ilga.gov to get the contact information on your elected officials. This is an issue that we cannot compromise on, so make these calls.

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

Adding A Dependent To Your Insurance

When an officer gets married or has a newborn, he/she has 30 days in which to fill out 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 60 days to provide a certified marriage certificate and 180 days to provide a certified birth certificate to the Benefits Management Office.

If you don't elect to enroll for coverage within 30 days, you will not be able to enroll until the next open enrollment period. I suggest you bring these forms to the Benefits Management Office in person. You can ask for a time stamped copy at the front desk. The Benefits Management Office is located at 333 S. State Room 400.

Encompass

On October 1, 2009 the City made a unilateral change in the PPO Health Insurance Plan. The City required our members to get all CAT, MRI and PET scans pre-certified. The Lodge filed a class action grievance on October 6, 2009. The grievance went to the arbitrator in January and we finished up the testimony in April. The Lodge argued that the City made these changes without bargaining with the Lodge, as is required in Section 25.2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The City argued that the bills from these scans were getting too high and that they had to make these changes. But the City, under cross examination, also admitted that they made these changes without bargaining with the Lodge. Both parties have until June 1st to submit their briefs. Hopefully, we will get a quick decision from the arbitrator.

**2011
Board of Directors**



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



Spring Uniform Resale

The Lodge hosted the Spring Uniform Resale at the Hall on April 20, 2011. The members wishing to sell uniform items arrived early that morning to receive a table and find the perfect location to set up their display. As they began to set up for the sale, and before we officially opened, a number of officers arrived and the crowd continued throughout the day. We had well over 200 of our members come thru the doors to take advantage of this year's event purchasing slightly used uniform items at a discounted price. The next Uniform Resale will be held in October of 2011.

Firearm Safety Days

Police Officers of today carry semi automatic handguns as their duty weapons. Unlike revolvers or earlier generation semi auto pistols, these newer weapons are more sensitive to the elements and require a little additional care to ensure they will operate properly. It is recommended that these weapons be lubricated and wiped down at least twice a month in addition to inspecting the magazines ensuring that they are in good condition. Another safety suggestion is to make sure your magazines are loaded to capacity with one in the chamber and with the same brand and grain/type of ammo to ensure a constant smooth secession of firing at a crucial time.

The Lodge will be hosting the next

Firearms Safety Days on 25 & 26 May 2011 at the Hall from 0900 until 1700 hrs. There will be representatives from the approved firearm manufacturers who will be onsite to conduct safety inspections of our members duty related weapons at no charge. Officers please take advantage of this worthwhile event which the Lodge has provided as a benefit.

Summary Punishment

Summary Punishment is an alternative to a complaint register number (CR#) for disciplinary procedures for conduct defined as a less serious transgression of the Department. The administration of Summary Punishment is outlined in the Contract under Article 7 and governed by General Order 93-3 Addendum 7. When it is determined that a violation did occur a penalty will be assessed and administered. A notice to supervisors regarding progressive discipline in that they retain the flexibility, authority and discretion where circumstances warrant issuing reprimands for infractions as is set forth in the contract. Second or even repeated infractions may but do not always require increased punishment when a written reprimand may correct the improper behavior. There is some belief that a progressive system of discipline requires enhanced penalties no matter how minor the infraction and this is not correct. The Department shall publicize reasonable guidelines for these transgressions and the penalties for each violation and they shall be uniformly applied. Officers if

you receive a penalty as a result of Summary Punishment you may request a hearing by checking request hearing square and submitting a To From Report immediately requesting a hearing upon receiving notice of the Summary Action Request (SPAR).

Police Memorials

The Chicago Police Department has suffered five (5) losses in 2010:

- Sgt Alan Haymaker, Star #2532, 023rd District, EOW 22 February 2010
- PO Thomas Wortham, Star #6181, Unit 044, EOW 20 May 2010
- PO Thor Soderberg, Star #14767, Unit 124, EOW 7 July 2010
- PO Michael Bailey, Star #3970, 001st District, EOW 18 July 2010
- PO Michael Flisk, Star #6962, Unit 477, EOW 26 November 2010

The month of May is designated Police Month. Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice will be honored at the following Police Memorials:

- May 1, 2011, St Jude Police March
- May 3, 2011, Lodge #7 Memorial
- May 5, 2011, Illinois State Memorial
- May 15, 2011, National Memorial

Officers please attend at least one of these Memorials, honoring their memory and supporting their families.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

Address Change Form

Effective Date: _____

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

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

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

3rd Vice-President's Report, *By Daniel D. Gorman*



Thank you to the membership for voting me in as your 3rd Vice-President. The newly elected Board members were sworn-in at a ceremony held at the FOP Hall and the new administration began work April 4th; the transition here at the Lodge is going smoothly.

My Background

I joined the CPD in 1996, worked in patrol in the 012th and 011th districts. In 2003, I was promoted to Detective and worked in Area One Violent Crimes since. I served in the Marine Reserves from 1992 – 2000.

FOID Renewals

Officers attending weapons qualifications are now required to present their current/valid FOID card prior to shooting; without it, the Officers are turned away. The reality is that some members will be forced into a no-pay status. The Lodge is getting flooded with calls by members in need of having their FOID application 'expedited'. We referred these members to our Springfield contact, whom was able to provide assistance to some but recently has not been able to handle to growing volume of applications and calls.

The Firearms Services Bureau has stepped in and is providing some resolution for those applications that must be processed by June 1, 2011. The Department has listed a point of contact from the ISP-FOID and instructions which are posted in both the April 17 and April 18 Department Daily Bulletin as well as Department AMFN Message #111229.

Roundtable Arbitration

On March 25, 2011, Arbitrator Feuille delivered a 54 page Opinion and Award where the Roundtable grievance was sustained in part and denied in part. It was in the Award of Feuille that shooting officers cannot be a witness to their own shooting. "In sum, there is no persuasive evidence that the elimination of the roundtables created a need for IPRA to question shooting officers in the capacity of witnesses to their own shooting pursuant to Section 6.2."

The Award also sided with the Lodge's argument that shooting officers'

statements are to be considered compelled statements rather than IPRA's belief that shooting officers' statements should be voluntary. Compelled statements offer "Garrity" protection (Garrity vs. New Jersey) in that the statement cannot be used against the officer in any subsequent criminal proceeding. Arbitrator Feuille stated, "Rather, these statements are functionally compelled, and they should be officially treated as such."

Regarding how long of time (cool-off period) a shooting officer has until compelled to give a formal statement to IPRA, Arbitrator Feuille was not able to provide a defined Award. However, Arbitrator Feuille was able to provide a defined remedy process which requires the Lodge and the City (including the Department and IPRA) to meet and agree upon a particular method for taking formal statements from shooting officers involved in police shootings.

Arbitrator Feuille has provided direction in that, if by April 22, 2011, a mutual agreement cannot be reached and implemented by the Lodge and the City, including the Department and IPRA, then the Lodge and IPRA will each submit to Arbitrator Feuille "it's best and most reasonable proposal" in a 4 page brief

due May 6th. Arbitrator Feuille will then select the proposal that he believes is most reasonable. Arbitrator Feuille stressed, "most reasonable" and will render his final selection by May 20, 2011.

A meeting was held at Headquarters on April 15th. Present at this meeting were representatives from the Department, IPRA and the Lodge; myself included. The meeting lasted approximately 2.5 hours and four caucuses were called. During one of the caucuses, one Commander from the Department pulled a Houdini and never returned. A Department's Deputy Chief was also present and was silent for the better part of the first hour. We asked this Deputy Chief what the Department wanted and the reply was, "I'm a shadow here", "the City hopes FOP and IPRA come to an agreement" and "this matter is very, very important to me but I have another meeting to attend", the Deputy Chief then walked out. To say the least, we are disappointed in the Department's complete turn in their position.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we did not reach a mutual agreement and we intend on scheduling a meeting prior to submitting our briefs. It is the Lodge's position that the more time a shooting officer has to cool-off the better.

1st Annual "19th/23rd" District Reunion

Thursday, May 19, 2011
7pm—11pm

Biagio's Superosa
4240 N. Central Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Tickets Cost \$45 Each & Include...
4 Hour Open Bar
Open Seating

No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door!
Tickets Must Be Purchased By
May 1, 2011.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact
Paul Vitaioli at 312-402-1040 or p.vitaioli@comcast.net

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*



Retiring

It is official, other than filing the paperwork, I'm retiring. July 15, 2011 will be my last day as a Chicago Police Officer. I will remain steadfast as the Recording Secretary for Lodge 7 until the term ends in April, 2014. It has been a pleasure working as an officer, FTO and Tact in 007, Evidence Technician in 011, 51st St (in the basement), Mobile Crime Lab (Unit Secretary), Parking Enforcement and Traffic Car in 011 (When not working as an ET). I've made many friends during the course of my police career, and will remember you all, some by birthday (you know who you are). Thank you for all of the support and confidence you showed by electing me 4 times as Recording Secretary. See you at the next meeting.

Constitution & By-Law Changes

You have a few weeks remaining to submit Constitution and By-Law changes/amendments. Article XII, Amendments to the By-Laws, informs Lodge members that only active members, in good standing of this Lodge, may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Such proposals shall be attested by the signatures of eleven (11) active members in good standing. Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary within a two (2) month period commencing April 1, 2011 and ending May 31, 2011.

Ambulance Service

Lodge members who receive a bill from the City of Chicago for services rendered should contact Human Resources at 312-745-5390 and request an "Ambulance Waiver Form". Complete this form and return it to Police Headquarters at 3510 S. Michigan. This form is for active and retired members. **The service for retired members covers the member and his spouse only.**

FOID Cards

General Order 07-01C, entitled "Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition, Item III-G is added to read, Department members will possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID). Members will provide proof of a

Volunteer Deputy Registrar Program

Anyone who is interested in joining the Volunteer Deputy Registrar Program should contact Jim Bailey at the FOP, 312-733-7776. Training will be held at 69 West Washington, 8th Floor Conference Room. The training dates are as follows:

May, 2011		
May 11, 3:00 pm	May 21, 9:30 am	May 25, 6:00 pm
June, 2011		
June 8, 11:00 am	June 16, 6:00 pm	June 25, 9:30 am
July, 2011		
July 7, 3:00 pm	July 16, 9:30 am	July 27, 6:00 pm
August, 2011		
August 3, 11:00 am	August 13, 9:30 am	August 25, 6:00 pm

valid FOID card during the annual prescribed weapon qualification. You also may be requested to display your FOID card during the annual Spring Uniform Inspection scheduled for May 1-10, 2011.

FOP Field Representatives

On Tuesday, April 5th President Michael Shields submitted to the Board of Directors the names Bill Dougherty, Frank DiMaria, Danny Gorman, Rich Aguilar, Jim McCarthy and Saul Del Rivero to become Field Representatives for the Lodge. The FOP Contract (Section 17.2) allows the President of FOP to have six (6) officers take a leave of absence from the Department for the purpose of performing full time duties for the Lodge. All six names were approved by the Board of Directors.

Pedro Medina, Unit 014

Officer Pedro Medina has returned home after many months of rehabilitation for an injury he suffered while stationed in Afghanistan in May of 2009. Pedro is currently at the Training Academy completing the required courses to return to duty. Pedro wishes to thank all officers who sent cards, well wishes, telephone calls, flowers and prayers. "It's good to be home and soon to be wearing CPD Blue again", said Pedro. Welcome Home Pedro, nice to have you back.

Furlough Extension

Department Special Order 02-17 III (J), states that furlough extension are the Sunday through Wednesday prior to the start of a furlough or the Thursday

through Saturday at the completion of the furlough. See section 29A-4 of the contract for more information.

Uniform / Equipment Wearing

General Order 98-10-03 entitled, "Prescribed Uniform/Equipment Items, has been revised to read, when assigned to uniform field duties, members will wear the equipment belt in conjunction with the trouser belt. The equipment belt will be worn so that it completely covers the trouser belt. Additionally, it is recommended that a minimum of four belt keepers be worn with the two-belt system; one in front of the holster, one behind the holster, one behind the magazine pouch or speed loader pouch, and one at the back of the belt system

50th Annual Police Recognition Ceremony

This event will take place on Friday, May 6, 2011. The event honors Police Officers over the past year and they may or can receive the Richard J. Daley Police Medal of Honor, the William Powers Command Leadership Award, the Blue Shield Award, the Blue Star Award, the Award of Valor, and the highest award possible, the Police Medal. Next month I'll report on the winning recipients.

MS. MAHFOUZ, HRPO's, ETC., *By Father Tom Nangle*

The homicide detective said publicly, "I've met dozens of killers in my career, but I've seen thousands sit in silence while they killed. Which is the greater evil?" That's moral courage, speaking about moral cowardice.

The revolution in Egypt began on June 25, thanks in part to the moral courage of a 25 year old woman, Asmaa Mahfouz, who used the Internet to post an anti-government video on line. She called on the people to gather at Tahrir Square. They did, and the revolution began, and history continues to unfold. When she put up that video, at great risk of her life, she did not hide her identity. She created it, made it public, and put her name on it. That's moral courage. Contrast that with 'anonymous said.'

John Hancock's signature on the Declaration of Independence was big, unmistakable, and perfectly readable. It's said he signed it that way so King George III could read it without his glasses. He knew clearly that signature put his life, career and future on the line. That's moral courage. Contrast that with 'anonymous said.'

Recently, a high ranking police official (aka HRPO) asked to meet with me and another chaplain, and he announced the department intended to replace CPD chaplains with 'community based clergy.' The name of a well known Catholic priest community activist was mentioned four times in the conversation, so I understood the ugly, selfish political motivation completely. I said it might not be popular with the troops. He said, "We're willing to take the hit." He said this move was a done deal and not in the least negotiable. I told him it was the most disgusting move I've seen from his ilk. The other chaplain and I prepared to leave, and the HRPO smiled that irritating bureaucrat/politician smile and said, "I bet you thought I was going to give you your pink slip." I grinned sincerely and said, "The thought never entered my mind. I don't work for you, or the City. You should know that. Try not to forget it." I shared this news with the other chaplains, and I

could hear the sadness in the voice of one when he said, "Don't they *care* about the officers we serve...don't they *care* about them?" The prospect of community based clergy replacing CPD chaplains and serving you as your chaplains disgusted me. No, the involved HRPO's didn't care and yes, they were willing to 'take the hit.' And this came at a time when there will be an almost complete turn over in the chaplains unit, since four of us with 'whiskers' are retiring in a two month period. I went to another HRPO, one of the very good guys, who has seen and appreciated our work in the ER's and at the ME's loading dock (which is only a tiny fraction of what we do) and he was as disgusted as I am. He bravely went to bat for us at some risk to his career. He succeeded in slowing down this cruel experiment until political circumstances and timing kicked it into neutral. I doubt if we've heard the last of it, I continue to be disgusted by it, but I look at the good HRPO and realize that, real close to home, that's moral courage.

Physical courage isn't all that rare. *Moral* courage isn't all that common. Physical courage is present in many police officers, firefighters, and military personnel who risk their lives for a noble value (gang bangers and dope dealers risk theirs for evil, destructive purposes). You're around it every day. Many of you *are* it.

But moral courage is a much rarer commodity, I think. Moral courage is holding on to one's deepest values and beliefs and defending them, no matter the cost. It's so rare in our culture that when it occurs, we recognize it and it's exhilarating. In a culture of deceit, the simple act of truth-telling rings out like a gunshot. Many of you *have* it.

Aristotle (the real one, not from the Palace Grill) said an act is courageous only if it has noble ends. These days, the simple act of standing roll call, getting your radio and trying to find your squad might be considered courageous both physically and morally. You're willing, sim-

ply resigned or maybe even eager to go out into the mix of big city life on the streets and be The Real Police for 9 hours. So, during this Police Month (when we honor ourselves because no one else does)...may I thank you for that? Active or retired or disabled, burned-out or fire-in-the-belly, disgusted or amused, hopeful or despairing, proud or embarrassed, loving it or hating it --- thank you for policing this City. It says on the cars, "We Serve and Protect." That's a noble, Godly mission in my eyes. The work remains Godly and noble, even when you and I don't feel it. Thank you, and may the God you serve keep you safe in body...and in your soul, where you *really* live.

Respectfully and Gratefully,
Fr. Thomas Nangle, Chaplain, CPD
312-738-7588

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

- John P. Fisher, Age 83
- Ronald L. Lebrecht, Age 76
- Bernard C. Crawford, Age 83
- Thomas H. Alcock, Jr., Age 86
- George E. Jones, Age 66
- Arthur K. Hanke, Age 87
- Thomas F. Cronin, Age 63
- Albert B. Susnis, Age 69
- Joseph E. Smith, Age 73
- Robert M. Fisher, Age 60
- Ignazio Bontempo, Age 84
- Kevin M. Robinson, Age 42

You're Not A Cop Until You Taste Them, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

The department was all astir, there was a lot of laughing and joking due to all the new officers, myself included, hitting the streets today for the first time. After months of seemingly endless amounts of classes, paperwork, and lectures we were finally done with the Police Academy and ready to join the ranks of our department.

All you could see were rows of cadets with huge smiles and polished stars. As we sat in the briefing room, we could barely sit still anxiously awaiting our turn to be introduced and given our beat assignment or, for the lay person, our own portion of the city to "serve and protect."

It was then that he walked in. A statue of a man, 6 foot 3 and 230 pounds of solid muscle, he had black hair with highlights of gray and steely eyes that make you feel nervous even when he wasn't looking at you. He had a reputation for being the biggest and the smartest officer to ever work our great city. He had been on the department for longer than anyone could remember and those years of service had made him into somewhat of a legend. The new guys, or "rookies" as he called us, both respected and feared him. When he spoke, even the most seasoned officers paid attention. It was almost a privilege when one the rookies got to be around when he would tell one of his police stories about the old days. But we knew our place and never interrupted for fear of being shooed away. He was respected and revered by all who knew him.

After my first year on the department I still had never heard or saw him speak to any of the rookies for any length of time. When he did speak to them all he would say was, "So, you want to be a policeman do you hero? I'll tell you what, when you can tell me what they taste like, then you can call yourself a real policeman." This particular phrase I had heard dozens of times. Me and my buddies all had bets about "what they taste like" actually referred to. Some believed it referred to the taste of your own blood after a hard fight. Others thought it referred to the taste of sweat after a long day's work.

Being on the department for a year, I thought I knew just about everyone and everything. So one afternoon, I mustered up the courage and walked up to him. When he looked down at me I said, "You know, I think I've paid my dues. I've been in plenty of fights, made dozens of arrests,

and sweated my butt off just like everyone else. So what does that little saying of yours mean anyway?" With that, he merely stated, "Well, seeing as how you've said and done it all, you tell me what it means, hero." When I had no answer, he shook his head and snickered, "rookies," and walked away.

The next evening was to be the worst one to date. The night started out slow, but as the evening wore on, the calls became more frequent and dangerous. I made several small arrests and then had a real knock down drag out fight. However, I was able to make the arrest without hurting the suspect or myself. After that, I was looking forward to just letting the shift wind down and getting home to my wife and daughter. I had just glanced at my watch and it was 11:55 p.m., five more minutes and I would be on my way to the house. I don't know if it was fatigue or just my imagination, but as I drove down one of the streets on my beat, I thought I saw my daughter standing on someone else's porch. I looked again but it was not my daughter as I had first thought but merely a small child about her age. She was probably only six or seven years old and dressed in an oversized shirt that hung to her feet. She was clutching an old rag doll in her arms that looked older than me. I immediately stopped my squad car to see what she was doing outside her house at such an hour by herself. When I approached, there seemed to be a sigh of relief on her face. I had to laugh to myself, thinking she sees the hero policeman come to save the day. I knelt at her side and asked what she was doing outside. She said "My mommy and daddy just had a really big fight and now mommy won't wake up."

My mind was reeling. Now what do I do? I instantly called for backup and ran to the nearest window. As I looked inside I saw a man standing over a lady with his hands covered in blood, her blood. I kicked open the door, pushed the man aside and checked for a pulse, but was unable to find one. I immediately cuffed the man and began doing CPR on the lady. It was then I heard a small voice from behind me, "Mr. Policeman, please make my mommy wake up." I continued to perform CPR until my backup and medics arrived but they

said it was too late. She was dead.

I then looked at the man. He said, "I don't know what happened. She was yelling at me to stop drinking and go get a job and I had just had enough. I just shoved her so she would leave me alone and she fell and hit her head." As I walked the man out to the car in handcuffs, I again saw that little girl. In the five minutes that has passed, I went from hero to monster. Not only was I unable to wake up her mommy, but now I was taking daddy away too.

Before I left the scene, I thought I would talk to the little girl. To say what, I don't know. Maybe just to tell her I was sorry about her mommy and daddy. But as I approached, she turned away and I knew it was useless and I would probably make it worse.

As I sat in the locker room at the district, I kept replaying the whole thing in my mind. Maybe if I would have been faster or done something different, just maybe that little girl would still have her mother. And even though it may sound selfish, I would still be the hero. It was then that I felt a large hand on my shoulder. I heard that all too familiar question again, "Well, hero, what do they taste like?"

But before I could get mad or shout some sarcastic remark, I realized that all the pent up emotions had flooded the surface and there was a steady stream of tears cascading down my face. It was at that moment that I realized what the answer to his question was. Tears.

With that, he began to walk away, but he stopped. "You know, there was nothing you could have done differently," he said. "Sometimes you can do everything right and still the outcome is the same". Then he said, "STAND TALL, STAND PROUD, WELCOME TO THE SACRED WORLD OF A POLICE OFFICER."

Thanks so much to each and every one of you, for being you and doing the Holy work that you do. May G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in His loving care. Amen.

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

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Rich Aguilar*



Unit Rep Responsibilities

One of my duties as the FOP Financial Secretary is to serve as the Chairman of the Unit Representatives. Each year that there is a FOP Board of Directors election it is my responsibility to ensure that elections for District and Unit Representatives take place within ninety days of that election.

Several Officers have made the commitment to serve their fellow Officers by being an FOP Unit Representative. Unit Representative Elections will be held in those Districts and Units where more than one Officer has made the commitment. These elections will take place in early to mid May. In those Districts and Units where only one Officer has made the commitment, that Officer will be placed into the position without an election.

I have received several inquiries about the position, but one persistent question I received during this process has been, "What are the duties of a Unit Representative?"

The basic responsibility of any Unit Representative is to act as an informational conduit between the Unit and the FOP Board of Directors. This includes dissemination of information to the Board from the Unit and dissemination of information to the Unit from the Board. This can be accomplished in many ways.

Attendance at General and Unit Representative Meetings is essential. Your Unit Representative should be accessible to all watches and the Watch Representatives on those watches prior to these meetings to get input about issues within the Unit that can be brought to these meetings. After these meetings your Unit Representative should post a summary of the meetings on the FOP Bulletin Board within your Unit.

The FOP Bulletin Board is an issue that was fought for and earned by our FOP predecessors. Your Unit should have a visible bulletin board that contains only FOP information. Your Unit Rep should ensure this so that you can readily find any information that may be important to you. A well-organized bulletin board can

actually make the Unit Rep more efficient in his/her duties.

Attendance at State and National Conferences as a delegate of Lodge #7 is another duty of your Unit Representative. There is a State Conference in even numbered years and a National Conference in odd numbered years. These conferences allow your Unit Representative to network with Officers from other jurisdictions in order to gain knowledge beyond their Unit and Department. There are numerous seminars at these conferences that will educate and enhance the performance of your Rep.

Finally, the Unit Representative is there to represent you, should the need arise. An individual member who has had his/her contractual rights violated

should not have to get involved in a confrontation with management. They should be able to contact their Unit Rep to see if he/she can resolve the situation. This does not mean the Unit Rep should get involved in a confrontational situation. The Rep should contact the Lodge for assistance in resolution of the situation.

The job of a Unit Representative can be rewarding. You get the satisfaction of helping fellow Officers while getting an education as to how the FOP works. I look forward to working with both the incumbent and newly elected Unit Representatives over the next three years. I know that we can make a difference for our membership.

You're Invited To Attend The Retirement Party Honoring....

Police Officer Cora Hudik

Thursday, May 12, 2011—6pm—10pm

FOP Hall
1412 W. Washington Blvd.—Chicago, Illinois

For tickets or more information contact the 6th District CAPS office, 312-745-3641

You're Invited To Attend The Retirement Party Honoring....

Chaplain Kevin E. Dean

Thursday, May 12, 2011—6pm—10pm

Chateau Be-She
11535 S. Cicero Avenue—Alsip, Illinois

For tickets or more information contact Det Andre Watkins, A/2, 773-719-5390

You're Invited To Attend The Retirement Party Honoring....

Detective Nicholas Williams

Saturday, May 14, 2011—6pm—11pm

The Wildfire Chicago
159 W. Erie Street—Chicago, Illinois

For tickets or more information contact PO Crystal Rucker, 312-656-5032
No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door

From The Desk Of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



My name is Jim McCarthy and I was recently appointed by President Mike Shields and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors to run the Lodge's Legal Defense Fund. In regards to my personal background, I have been a Chicago Police Officer for the past 15-years. I am 5th generation Chicago Police Officer and my brother Joe is currently a Violent Crimes Detective

in Area 4. Throughout my career I have been assigned to the 011th District, Training Division, 1st District and the Office of Legal Affairs.

In the year 2006 I graduated from The John Marshall Law School and passed the Illinois Bar. In addition, I am a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve, Trial Defense Services. I provide legal representation on behalf of soldiers before Army disciplinary Review Boards.

I would like to take this opportunity to ensure the membership that, although many of the Lodge's Field Representatives and Board Members ran in opposition to one another for elective office, politics have been put aside and the business of running the Union is the sole priority going forward. Many thanks for the candid advice provided to me by the incumbent Field Representatives, including my predecessor, Greg Bella. I look forward to running the Lodge's Legal Defense Fund on behalf of our membership for the next 3 years. If you should have any job related legal questions please contact me at the Union and I will do my best to answer and assist you in any way I can.

Brotherhood For The Fallen

A very dear friend of mine, Chicago Police Officer Patrick McGrath, along with several other Chicago Police Officers, helped create an outstanding charity for police officers killed in the line of duty, which is called Brotherhood for the Fallen. This organization sends a uniformed Chicago Police Officer to funeral services of officers killed in the line of duty around the entire country and provides financial support to the officer's families. This past St. Patrick's Day, the organization had an incredible fundraiser at the Lodge. Although there are several generous sponsors of this great organization there is one sponsor that I think deserves special acknowledgement. The Chicago Blackhawks generously provided many signed jerseys and other memorabilia to be auctioned off for charity with the proceeds going to Brotherhood for the Fallen. On behalf of Chicago Police Officers I would like to thank the Blackhawks for their time and generosity to such a great cause. The Blackhawks players' charitable ways is almost as impressive as their ability to light-up Vancouver goalie, Roberto Luongo.

Please be advised that on Sunday, June 12, 2011, Brotherhood for the Fallen will be sponsoring a picnic at the Brookfield Woods from 10a.m. to 6p.m. For more information about the event or the organization please go to www.brotherhoodforthefallen.org.

General Meeting

The Next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 1900 hours.

All members are encouraged to attend and reminded to sign in when you arrive.

Additional October 2010 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Koronkiewicz, Allen G.	Officer	DPR	40

Additional November 2010 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Beal, Michael D.	Officer	DPR	35

December 2010 Retiree Correction

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
McCormick, Donald E.	Officer	002	24

January 2011 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Belinski, Terrence E.	Detective	079	41
Biggane, Thomas M.	Officer	189	23
Brooks, Charles L.	Officer	003	38
Crayton, Wallace D.	Officer	022	20
Dispensa, Linda C.	Officer	142	22
Donohoe, Colletta D.	Officer	009	26
Fanelli, Donald L.	Forensic Inv.	177	29
Fidyk, David H.	Detective	193	26
Fitzhugh, Robert W.	Officer	DPR	25
Frano, Robert P.	Canine Handler	153	35
Gamboia, Julian	Officer	012	34
Garcia, Helen	Officer	112	25
Gonzales, James R.	Officer	004	38
Grzemski, Frank S.	Detective	610	21
Henderson, Maurice L.	Forensic Inv.	177	35
Henry, Bernadett	Officer	276	24
Herron, Ruby	FTO	008	21
Kavalauskas, Jr., Richard A.	Detective	384	25
Keas, Linda A.	Officer	DPR	19
Keys, Jr., Kenneth	Officer	004	25
Langston, Rowena L.	Officer	051	31
Larcher, Peter J.	Forensic Inv.	177	40
Liva, William A.	Canine Handler	153	25
Lucotti, Jr., Julio J.	Officer	013	39
Massey, Dorothy J.	Officer	022	21
Murphy, Kevin P.	Officer	019	34
O'Malley, Al A.	Officer	145	35
Pabon, Joseph L.	Officer	018	34
Paraday, Linda I.	Detective	079	34
Prater, Joanne	Officer	006	25
Rodriguez, Angelo M.	Officer	353	34
Rodriguez, Thomas	Sergeant	013	30
Rogers, William A.	Detective	640	35
Russell, Joann	Officer	012	19
Samuels, Robert L.	Officer	006	23
Schober, William	Detective	630	38
Schwier, Charles	Officer	018	33
Stanczyk, Arthur	Officer	024	38
Swaine, Daniel P.	Officer	050	29
Topps-Watson, Lou Berda	Officer	003	29
Tyler, Carole L.	Officer	044	21
Underwood, Clifton	Detective	620	39
Vetrovec, Donald R.	Sergeant	014	31
Voight, Mike	Sergeant	006	38
Watson, Gregory S.	Officer	701	31



STORE HOURS:

MON-THURS, 9:00 – 5:00
FRIDAY, 9:00 – 4:00
SATURDAY, 9:00 – 1:00

STORE CLOSED:

MAY 28 & 30, 2011

DIRECT LINE:

312-733-2344

NEW WEBSITE:

WWW.FOP7GIFTSHOP.COM

It's Police Memorial Month...Let's Not Forget Our Fallen.

Get ready for the Memorials...

- All official CPD uniform patches including Police Officer, Supervisor, Exempt, BDU and SWAT. City flag patches as well...Take 50¢ off each patch!
- Star pins, rank from PO to Captain, ribbon pins (blue, pink & green) and other selected novelty pins...\$3.00 each or 3 for \$6.00...must buy in lots of 3.

Don't Forget Gun Safety Day At The FOP Hall on May 25th & 26th.

All weapon related cleaning supplies...10% Off on those 2 days only.

Street Hawks Sweatshirts & Polos	8oz Stainless Steel Flask or 6oz Leather Flask with Pewter Star.	Locker Mirror, Chicago Police & Checkerboard on bottom.
30% Off	On Sale \$7.99 Each	Only \$ 4.95 each

Close Out Sale!

50% off Youth CPD tee-shirt, white or royal blue. Not all sizes in all colors.
Don't miss this deal....Final Close Out Price \$4.48.

**Tee-Shirt
Of The Month**

CPD Patch

(Medium—3XL)

30% OFF

Father's Day Gift Idea!

Custom coffee cup in blue, black or red. Personalized with the CPD Star with your star number and name. This is a great gift idea for Father's day. Was \$12.95....Now only \$ 10.95 each! Order early!

New Items In Stock!

Precious Moments Police Figurine—\$29.95 Precious Moments Police Squad Ornament—\$19.95
Cubs & White Sox Figurine—\$32.95 each White Sox Ornament—\$19.95 each

Back In Stock!

Small Checkerboard Dog Collar

Still Priced To Sell At Only \$13.95 each

New Item!

Ladies CPD Microfiber Hooded Jacket in
blue, tan and black, Sizes Small—XL

Small—XL \$23.96—2X & 3X \$25.56.

Sale Item!

Ladies Cadet Caps in brown or black

Original Price \$10.95—Sale Price \$7.95

Firearms Safety Days

Wednesday & Thursday

May 25 & 26, 2011

0900—1700 hours

FOP Hall

1412 W. Washington Blvd
Chicago, Illinois

Free onsite safety inspections of duty related
weapons, soft body armor, and leather goods.

Please call Frank DiMaria at the Lodge
for more information, (312) 733-7776

**Law Enforcement Day At The Park
To Benefit The National Law Enforcement
Museum**

The Chicago White Sox have dedicated May 19, 2011 as National Law
Enforcement Memorial Day at the Park to benefit the National Law
Enforcement Museum, in honor of Chicago-land's finest public safety
officers. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial honors the
service and sacrifice of the men and women who have paid the ultimate
sacrifice and have died in the line of duty protecting our communities.

Tickets are very affordable and range from \$29 for Lower Box (regularly
\$43 each) and \$19 for Upper Box (regularly \$27 each).

The FOP, Chicago Lodge 7 is hosting this event. Please join us as the
White Sox take on the Cleveland Indians on Thursday, May 19th at
7:10 pm at U.S. Cellular Field

Tickets are still available at the FOP Gift Shop!



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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its
 17th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament
 at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

All members, active and retired, are invited to take part in this event. There will be a barbecue at the weigh-in with beer and soft drinks from 2 – 4 p.m.

THE BASIC RULES

Starting time: 0500 hrs – with all boats in by 1430 hrs. All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes waters between the Wisconsin Border and McHenry Dam. Two fishermen per boat; one must be an FOP member.

NO PRO FISHERMEN PLEASE

We'd like everyone to have a fun time.

Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making application for the Tournament.

Name: _____ Active: _____ Retired: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fishing Partner: _____ If youth, age _____

Make checks (\$40 per man - \$80 per boat) payable to F.O.P., Lodge 7 and send Attn: Frank DiMaria at 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607