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## President's Report, By Michael Shields



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### Contract Negotiations

On August 24th, the FOP had an initial meeting with the City of Chicago's Deputy Mayor regarding contract negotiations. The Deputy Mayor and the FOP both support the reaching of a resolution prior to the expiration of the current contract on June 30, 2012.

The FOP requests that members submit their best ideas for contract negotiations to either 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty or 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Daniel Gorman. Contract recommendations should be submitted via e-mail at [bdougherty@chicagofop.org](mailto:bdougherty@chicagofop.org) or [dgorman@chicagofop.org](mailto:dgorman@chicagofop.org), respectively. The FOP is asking for the membership's input. We want to know what you think about our collective bargaining agreement. Please send us your best ideas.

### 2012 Furloughs

There has been much rumbling regarding Furlough selections during the 5<sup>th</sup> period of 2012 due to the upcoming G8 and NATO Summit meetings in Chicago. The Lodge has no objection to the Department utilizing Chicago Police Officers to defend our City against the professional agitators, anarchists, and anti-globalist protestors that these events sometimes attract. However, the Lodge strictly opposes any Department attempt to circumvent the contract. Members are reminded that there is a difference in language in the FOP's contract as compared to PBPA's wording regarding furloughs.

To that end, the Lodge is in discussion with the Department's Management and Labor Affairs Section. The FOP holds a firm stance that the 5B period should be open for seniority-based bidding. A need for manpower, under the contract, allows the Department to *cancel furloughs during that period and compel the City to the agreed overtime rate*. By "blocking out" this furlough segment, the City will avoid paying the required overtime rate to the affected officers as per contract.

If the Department blocks out the 5B furlough segment, we anticipate a grievance will be filed. The arbitrator will have to rule on whether this event qualifies as an "emergency." The Lodge understands that as police officers, emergencies may arise. If a "9/11" type of emergency were to occur here, the Lodge would fully agree to cancel furloughs until order was restored. If the FOP were to concede to the Department's opinion that G8 and NATO meetings are emergencies for the police, where will the City draw the line on events in the future? Often times, as seen in our dealings with the City of Chicago, no good deed goes unpunished.

In all honesty, we do not know how this will play out. With that understanding, members seeking a 5B furlough are advised that they should avoid travel plans during this segment, since the Department does have the ability to cancel a furlough for manpower and it appears poised to exercise that power. The Lodge advises any persons who have already paid for trips, cruises, plans for the National Memorial in Washington, D.C., or nonrefundable airline tickets, etc. during the 5B segment, to please write a To/From Report to their Commander and forward a copy of that report to the Management and Labor Affairs Section. Save your copy.

### National FOP Election Results

The National FOP Conference was held in Salt Lake City, Utah in August. Delegates from the Chicago Lodge supported the Illinois FOP President, Ted Street for the position of the National Lodge President. Although unsuccessful, Ted Street ran a very honest and diplo-

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## 2012 Union Dues

Attention Annual Payers...  
Retirees Under The Age Of 75...  
Sergeants & Above, Fraternal  
Members...

It's Time To Pay 2012's  
Union Dues.

Retirees Pay \$40 Per Year. Ser-  
geants & Above, Fraternal  
Members Pay \$65 Per Year.

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matic campaign. He maintained his decorum and did not discredit the integrity of the Illinois membership of the Fraternal Order of Police. Over the past several months, Ted Street has been successful in bringing the membership of Illinois together. In accordance with the We Are One Illinois Campaign theme, President

Street has made the Illinois FOP one coalition fighting against the assaults on our pension at the State Capital.

I must also congratulate National President Chuck Canterbury on his victory. The membership of the National FOP has re-elected President Canterbury for a fifth term. The election is now over and all

sides must come together as one on the national level. The Chicago FOP Lodge looks forward to working very closely with President Canterbury both on National Legislative issues as well as standing by our brother and sister members throughout the country who have seen a war waged against collective bargaining.

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



### HMO Changes

The Lodge was contacted in late July by the Benefits Management Office (BMO) regarding HMO changes. The BMO wants to merge both Blue Advantage HMO and Blue Perform HMO. The City must provide two HMOs per Section 25.2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The City has requested that this requirement be suspended for the balance of 2011. Recently, Advocate agreed with Blue Cross to participate in the Blue Advantage HMO.

The consequence is that the two HMO products now offer identical networks and identical benefits. Collapsing the Blue Perform HMO into Blue Advantage will result in no change to physician availability, benefits or plan design features for our members. Members in the Blue Perform will merge into the Blue Advantage. FOP members in the Blue Perform will not witness any change in their benefits or accessibility of the physician network. Blue Perform members will receive new cards in the mail before October 1st. It will result in a savings to the City of approximately \$260,000. The Lodge saw no reason not to agree to these changes and any member that has a question or concern should contact the Lodge.

### Encompass Arbitration

Chicago Police Officers no longer have to get pre-certified by Encompass for MRIs, CTs or PET scans. The Lodge won a major class action arbitration award on August 22, 2011, that voided the pre-certification requirement. The

City put the requirement in place back in October 2009. The problem was that the City acted without securing the agreement of the Lodge. Section 25.2 of our contract states that the medical plan cannot be changed without the agreement of the Lodge. At the arbitration hearing, the City argued that the medical plan had not really changed. The Lodge countered with evidence that the Federal Government considers the addition of any pre-certification program a "material reduction in benefits." The arbitrator sided with the Lodge and upheld the language of the contract.

The Lodge considers this a major victory for your healthcare rights. Everyone knows that MRIs and CTs are invaluable diagnostic tools for injuries and disease. PET scans are the definitive tests for the presence of cancer. I don't want anyone to ever have to wait for any scan, much less a cancer scan. The Lodge has always been committed to having doctors running healthcare, not middlemen like Encompass.

Finally, the Lodge would like to thank Detective Lynn Ryerson and Officer Scott Heimann for their help with this grievance. We cannot arbitrate cases like this without Lodge members who are willing to sacrifice their time and effort for the cause. We do appreciate it.

### Denied IODs - Arbitration Results

When an officer is injured on-duty (IOD), the order says that an IOD report needs to be submitted before the end of your tour. After the IOD report is submitted it makes its way to the Committee on Finance (COF) for review. The COF will decide if the IOD is compensable. If

it is, they approve payment at a future City Council meeting. If the COF deems that the IOD is not compensable, then the officer has 10 days to file a medical grievance. All medical grievances are filed at the Lodge. If the Lodge is unable to resolve the grievance at monthly Medical Mediation, then the grievance will proceed to arbitration.

In a recent grievance arbitration award, the officer was responding to a robbery at the intersection of Monroe and Throop. It was a three man car and the grievant was riding in the back seat. As they responded to the location, they got out to interview two subjects. When they determined that neither subject was involved, they went back to the vehicle; that's when the grievant officer injured his right knee while re-entering the vehicle. The grievant had a sergeant fill out an IOD report and later discovered that his injury was a torn meniscus. The IOD report was sent to the COF and the IOD was determined to be non-compensable. A grievance was filed and, unfortunately, we had to go to arbitration.

The COF's position at arbitration was that getting in and out of a vehicle is no more of a risk for a police officer than it is for the average citizen. The Lodge argued that when an officer gets in and out of a vehicle he/she has to be watching for offenders and movements that the average citizen does not and therefore should be duty related.

The arbitrator found that the COF was unreasonable in their denial and found that the COF had violated our collective bargaining agreement by denying the

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grievant's IOD claim. The City was ordered to reimburse grievant for all expenses related to the injury and further to make him whole for any additional losses

he may have suffered as a result of the City's denial of his claim. This was a good arbitration for our members as this issue comes up quite often. Having this as an award will help future officers.



## 2nd Vice President's Report, by Frank DiMaria

### Safety Complaints

Officers who experience unsafe conditions or health risk issues in the field are entitled to complete a Safety Complaint in their District/Unit. Examples of some Safety Complaints that have been filed in the past are equipment, toxic materials, vehicles, health, unit environment and officer safety regarding prisoner processing. The Officer or Unit Representative filing the safety Complaint should present a copy of the written complaint to the Commanding Officer in the affected unit and attempt to resolve the Safety Complaint. If the Safety Complaint is resolved please write in bold letters **RESOLVED**, on the Safety Complaint and include a written report describing how the matter was resolved and forward these reports to the FOP along with the Safety Complaint. If the issue remains unresolved, prepare a short report describing the attempts to resolve the Safety Complaint and forward the original to FOP along with the Safety Complaint. In all cases please give a copy of the Safety Complaint to the Unit Commander and the Complainant. Unit and Watch Reps should process all Safety Complaints.



### Taking Care of Business Keeping Good Records

In past articles, we have reported on having the correct person as your beneficiary on your life insurance policies. Just recently, while assisting a family member of a deceased police officer, I learned of the nightmare of locating all of the necessary documentation to finalize an estate. We as police officers, from the time we are in the academy until the time we retire, are overwhelmed by the different programs and forms we sign for ranging

from emergency notifications, to beneficiaries for the variety of programs (life insurance, health insurance, pension) offered to us as police officers. Today's Recruit not only signs up as a member of the Credit Union for savings accounts, but many take out loans to help with the purchase of uniforms and equipment they need to get started in their career. These Officers also sign up for the deferred compensation program, which will enhance their retirement in years to come. Most police officers are cautious by nature and continue to purchase supplemental accident insurance and savings programs. As the years go by, these policies begin to accumulate and are scattered among our personal papers. A helpful hint would be to place all of the necessary documents in one file and in an accessible place.

The following are just a few recommendations of personal records which should be accessible:

- Will and Name of Executor;
- Insurance Policies: Health, Life, Supplemental, Auto, Residential;
- Financial Institutions: Savings Checking Credit Union Accounts;
- Policies instituted within the Department: Pension Board, Life Insurance, Deferred Comp, Credit Union,
- The FOP Life Insurance

To avoid leaving a nightmare of bureaucracy for your loved ones in the event of your passing, Officers should organize your personal papers and policies making sure of the correct beneficiaries.

### 9-11 Remembered

I would like to take this time and remember the 2,977 lives lost that we as a nation endured on September 11, 2001. It is hard to believe that ten years have passed since that terrible day when ter-

rorists hijacked four aircraft, causing deaths and destruction, changing our Nation forever. I can still remember those vivid photos of the World Trade Towers falling, the Pentagon burning, and of the plane that was brought down valiantly by the passengers and crew in rural Pennsylvania; it just doesn't seem that long ago. The 2,977 people that were killed were not soldiers killed on a battlefield in a foreign country, but civilians who were going about their daily routines of being at their jobs or travelling by air. They were brought into a new type of war called urban terrorism.

The First Responders 341 New York Firefighters, 23 NYPD Police Officers, 37 New York Port Authority Police Officers and 8 Private EMS & EMTs who rushed to the scene and entered those Towers to help and rescue citizens in need. As others rushed out of the Towers the First Responders went in only to lose their lives in the performance of their duties. The lives which were lost will continue to remind us and future generations that we must never forget their sacrifice and continue to be vigilant in preventing an attack like this to ever occur again in our country.

**WE WILL NEVER FORGET!**

### General Meeting Notice

Summer Break From The General Membership Meetings is Over!

The next FOP, Lodge 7 General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

Please sign in when you arrive!

## 3rd Vice President's Report, by Dan Gorman



### Fraternalism

This past June, a jury found defendant Bobby Selvie guilty for the May 13, 2007 shooting of Det. Patrick Johnson. Selvie shot Det. Johnson in the back, but the jury did not find Selvie guilty of Attempt Murder. At the time of the shooting, Selvie was 23 years old and in his 23 years of breathing the same air you and I do, he was able to collect five felony convictions and was also on bond for two felonies. The jury's conviction made Selvie eligible for a sentence between 15 and 60 years.

At the sentencing on August 22, 2011, in front of Cook County Judge Timothy Joyce, Det. Johnson delivered his impact statement to the court explaining how his family and loved ones were also victims of Bobby Selvie, as much if not more than Det. Johnson himself. Det. Johnson further told the court, "It is my responsibility to try to protect the next generation of young policemen who will go out into this city". Det. Johnson then requested that Bobby Selvie receive the significant and lengthy sentence he deserves.

Det. Johnson related that Judge Joyce's message was impressive, pro-police and directed to anybody who would consider taking a shot at a police officer. Words to the effect, "Maybe the guys in the back of the bullpen are the only ones who will really hear about this, but I think that if even one person thinks twice about attempting to shoot a police officer then this sentence will serve its purpose. Mr. Selvie, you are going to bear the brunt of this lesson...my thinking on this is that if you would shoot a police officer, there really isn't much you wouldn't do and therefore you are about as dangerous as it comes." The Honorable Judge Joyce then sentenced Defendant Bobby Selvie to the maximum of 60 years in prison.

During both the trial and the sentencing, the membership communicated, mobilized and packed the court room often times to the point where deputies had to control access. It is this impressive dis-

play of fraternalism that is necessary in this day and age. From Lodge 7 and on behalf of Det. Pat Johnson, thank you to all who showed their support. Special gratitude goes to everyone involved in the investigation, the Assistant State's Attorneys who prosecuted the case, and to Judge Timothy Joyce.

### National FOP Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah hosted the 60th Biennial National FOP Conference. Over 3,000 delegates attended and on August 18th, over 2,900 delegates voted for the Grand Lodge Executive Board.

The election results are as follows:

- President Chuck Canterbury (SC) re-elected.
- 1st Vice-President Edward Brannigan (NJ) elected.
- 2nd Vice-President Frank Gale (CO) unopposed/re-elected.
- Secretary Patrick Yoes (LA) re-elected.
- Treasurer Thomas Penozza (DE) re-elected.
- Sergeant-at-Arms Roger Mayberry (CA) contest race.
- Chairman of the National Board of Trustees Joe Perkins(OK) re-elected.

### Notable Court Dates

Please mark your court calendars, appear and show support for our fallen brothers and their families. Send a message to the court with a strong police presence. Out of sight, out of mind.

06Sep2011

26/Cal Room 702, Judge Ford  
Defendant: Lamar Cooper  
Charged in the murder of  
P.O. Nate Taylor

12Sep2011

26/Cal Room 207, Judge Stephenson  
Defendant: Shawn Gaston  
Charged in the murder of  
P.O. Alex Valadez

15Sep2011

26/Cal Room 207, Judge Stephenson  
Defendants: Kevin Walker and  
Christopher Harris  
Also charged in the murder of  
P.O. Alex Valadez

19Sep2011

26/Cal Room 404, Judge Brosnahan  
Defendant: Timothy Herring Jr.  
Charged in the murder of  
E.T. Michael Flisk

## Disability News, by Mike Lappe, Committee Chairman

### Disability Forum

On Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge # 7 and the FOP Disability Committee are sponsoring a "Disability Forum" at the FOP Hall from 1000 through 1400 hours. The purpose of this forum is to provide disabled members or members who may be placed on disability with current information before, during, or after the transition.

FOP is recruiting representatives from the Disability Committee, the Chicago Patrolman's Pension Board, the City Department of Finance, Chicago Police

Human Resources and Benefits Management to address the membership with a synopsis of their office responsibilities. After speaking, the various representatives will be available for general questions.

NOTE: The Committee recommends that personal issues be held until the guest speaker has left the stage. There will be tables set up for individual/private business.

Please contact the Lodge and let us know if you are able to attend this informational forum.

## Financial Secretary's Report, *By Rich Aguilar*



### Facts or Fiction

As Police Officers we all have a common trait. We are naturally suspicious. We rarely believe anything that we hear from anyone we talk to. We

take everything with the proverbial grain of salt. We always have to have proof before we accept any statement made to us. We check out sources. We evaluate the person making the statement, either through other contacts, rap sheets, or whatever source is available to us. This is what makes us different from the rest of society. This is what makes us the Police.

For one reason or another the same cannot be said when some Officers read something in print or online. It begs the question: When did Police Officers start taking everything they read at face value? Recently, August 3rd to be exact, an article appeared in an online version of a popular Chicago newspaper. The story told of an Officer assigned to a west side district who was involved in an on-duty Police shooting after she and her supervisor responded to a domestic disturbance. At one point, the author intimated that the Officer was reluctant to shoot the offender who repeatedly struck the supervisor about the head.

I read the story and shrugged it off because I was at the scene of the shooting and had the facts as to what had transpired. I honestly thought that would be

the end of it. I was wrong. I received several phone calls and had people stop me to question me in person all asking what was wrong with the Officer who would not shoot the offender. Frankly, I was quite troubled by the fact that any Police Officer would automatically put any credence into a newspaper article written by a reporter who, to the best of my knowledge, wasn't even on the scene. For the record, and for those of you who may have had similar questions about the incident, but did not have the time or the desire to call, the officer in this incident performed admirably in a no-win situation. She employed Department-issued pepper spray which had more effect on her and the supervisor than it did on the offender. She repeatedly struck an offender twice her size about the head with her fists to try to subdue him. She had the presence of mind to call in a 10-1 while all of this was happening. She chose not to shoot because she remained rational enough to realize that her position combined with the caliber of the weapon she carried posed a threat not only to the offender, but also to her supervisor. Had she chosen to shoot and wounded or killed the supervisor, she would have been criticized even more harshly.

Any Officer who still wants to be critical of this situation should be critical of the Department. The Department decided to place this Officer in a high-crime district in a one-man car after she had been assigned to an administrative position

within the Department for the past five years.

Now, don't get me wrong. She is a Police Officer and I certainly don't have any problem with the Department asking any Officer to do a job that we all get paid to do. However, the Department should be criticized for not requiring this Officer, or any Officer in a similar situation, to attend refresher or "retread" training at the Training Academy. Any Officer returning from a leave of absence who had been gone for only a couple of months would be required to attend this "retread" training. Why didn't the Department require this Officer to attend? Had she received proper training she might have had the ability to carry a Taser. Had she received proper training she might have had the ability to carry an asp. While there is not any guarantee that either or both of these tools would have changed the outcome of the situation, we all know that we are better off when the most tools are made available to us.

Officers, I urge you to be wary of anything that you read; be it in the newspaper, online, or on an anonymous blog. Treat these items as you would the man you speak to on the street. Verify your facts before you arrive at a conclusion.



### 2nd Annual Chicago Kilt Run

Join us for this wonderful event on Sunday, September 18, 2011  
10:00am—8:00 pm

The 3k will start and end at **Trinity Pub**  
5943 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL

Register yourself and your team online at [www.chicagokilrun.com](http://www.chicagokilrun.com)

All profits will be donated to a local charity. See the website for this year's benefactor.



### Retirement Party Reminder

Have you marked your calendar? Don't forget to come celebrate Father Nangle's Retirement With Him!

Thursday, September 8, 2011  
6:00 pm—Social Hour, 7:00 pm—Dinner

White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant  
6839 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Niles, Illinois

## Retiree Breakfasts & Luncheons

### North:

1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am  
**Lone Tree Manor,**  
 7730 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL  
 Joe Nalepa, 773-763-1362  
 John Zielinski, 773-259-1087

### The Northsider's Luncheon:

3rd Wednesday of January, April,  
 July & October @ Noon  
**Biaggio's Superosa,** 4240 N. Central Ave,  
 Chicago, IL  
 Paul Vitaioli, 312-402-1040

### South:

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

### Bomb & Arson:

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:30 am  
**Fiesta Tapatia Restaurant,** 2752 W. Cermak,  
 Chicago, IL  
 Roger Elmer, 773-763-2115

### 12th District Retirees and Alumni

1st Thursday of Month @ 10:00 am  
**Southern Belles Restaurant,** 6737 Archer Ave.,  
 Bridgeview, IL  
 12retirees@comcast.net

### Crime Lab, ETs, Forensic Services & Mobile Unit

1st Tuesday of Month @ Noon  
**Flap-Jack's Restaurant,** 4830 West 111th St.,  
 Oak Lawn, IL  
 Bob Baikie, 773-284-1935

### Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization:

3rd Thursday of Month @ 7:30 pm  
**Orland Park Civic Center,** 14800 Ravinia,  
 Orland Park, IL  
 Don Ade, 708-408-9308

### 8th District 8 Balls:

Last Wednesday of Month @ Noon  
 Call for location: Al Bilacki, 773-767-1885

### Old School Deuce:

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 10:00 am  
**Lumes Pancake House,** 11601 S. Western Ave,  
 Chicago, Illinois  
 Elbert Parker, 773-593-7743

### Survivors Lunch:

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

### Public Housing Unit, (North, South & Administration)

1st Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am  
**George's Restaurant,** 83rd & Kedzie  
 Chicago, Illinois  
 Maurice Brown, 773-577-0154

### Arizona Retirees:

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

### Arkansas Retirees:

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

### Las Vegas Retirees:

Every Thursday of Month @ 9:00 am  
**The Willows,** 2020 W. Horizon Ridge,  
 Henderson, NV  
 Jerry Rutkowski, 702-575-4301

### Florida Retirees:

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

You're Invited To Attend...



## The Chicago Police Association of Nevada's 2011 Law Enforcement Reunion

Please use group code #1CPAC09 for special CPD room rates when you call The Orleans Hotel and Casino

September 18th through the 20th of 2011

### The Orleans Hotel and Casino

4500 W. Tropicana Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89103  
702-365-7111 or 800-675-3267  
[www.orleanscasino.com/groups](http://www.orleanscasino.com/groups)

#### Scheduled Events:

Welcome Party at the Orleans Hotel  
Dinner Party on September 19, 2011  
Luncheon and Lake Mead Cruise on September 20, 2011

Additional information about the reunion can be obtained at [www.cpaon.org](http://www.cpaon.org) or you can contact Ret. Sgt. Charles Strazzante at 702-234-1540 or e-mail him at [cpaon1@embarqmail.com](mailto:cpaon1@embarqmail.com)

## Kane County, Lodge 14 Is Now Selling Tickets For Their Annual Maui Raffle!

Here's Your Chance to Win:

- 8 Days, 7 Nights at Sunsets in Paradise
- One Round of Golf for two at Kapalua Golf Club Plantation Golf Course
- Dinner for two at the Plantation House Restaurant
  - \$1,000 Towards Airfare

**\$20 Per Ticket, or 6 Tickets for \$100**

Proceeds To Benefit Shop With A Cop  
(A Kane County Sheriff's FOP Lodge 14 Program)

Winner Will Be Drawn November 12, 2011 at the Annual FOP Lodge 14 Turkey & Ham Raffle.  
Winner Need Not Be Present To Win

**Buy yours today, since they are only selling 1,000 tickets.**

For tickets or more information please contact Jim Caulfield at 630-208-5355 or you may mail your check to:  
FOP Lodge 14  
5160 Douglas Road, Oswego, IL 60543



## Prayer Works!!!, by Father Dan Brandt

As news came out about former Superintendent Phil Cline's condition, some folks approached me, asking if we could offer a prayer service for his health. After all, Jesus assures us in Scripture that, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am among you." (Matthew 18:20).

Sgt. Mike Murphy and I contacted a few parishes, but due to weddings, wedding rehearsals, devotions, regular worship services, etc., we had a difficult time scheduling a convenient venue or date/time.

So we decided to dedicate our regularly-scheduled Police Chaplains Ministry Mass on 14 AUG to Phil's health and the health of **all** suffering from serious illness. Mike Shields, FOP President, offered the union hall since our usual venue (the chapel at Mercy Home) could not accommodate the crowds we expected for this shared cause.

*Good thing he did!* A standing-room-only group stormed heaven's gates with

prayer that morning!

Not only did FOP provide the worship space, but they *also* hosted a fellowship hour after our service for us to enjoy pastries, refreshments, and each other's company. Doreen, Kathy, Jim, the Gorman Sisters, and the rest of the FOP staff were outstanding!

Thanks to the folks from the Narcotics Section for their assistance with the sound system, and the officers in 012 for their help with traffic and parking.

Most of all, **THANKS be to God** for hearing our prayers. Let us continue to hold up in prayer *all* those who are afflicted with health concerns of physical, mental or spiritual nature.

If the Chaplains' Office can ever be of support to any Department members, active or retired, please let us know. Rabbi Moshe Wolf, Chaplain Bob Montelongo and I are happy to visit, pray with and pray for anyone in need of God's help. The same offer is true of our recently-retired chaplains, who have ex-

pressed their desire to continue their ministry: Sharon Ellis-Davis, Kevin Dean, and Capatoria Wilson.

In the meantime, please know that you and your family are always welcome to join us for Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls: 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. While this is a Catholic Mass, folks of all denominations are welcome to join us. Mass is usually over by 11:30, and fellowship (including coffee, juice and pastries) follows for those who can stick around for a bit.

Finally...though you've heard it before, you can't hear it enough: **Indeed, you are doing God's work!**

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain  
1140 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60607

Always available at 312-738-7588  
[dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org](mailto:dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org)

## June 2011 Retirees

### June 2011 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Arnote, Jan G.	Detective	650	20
Bartkowicz, William S.	Officer	011	20
Cornelious, Don E.	Officer	005	20
Crayton, Diana C.	Officer	005	20
Darey, Herbert A.	Officer	312	20
Fuller, Wilhemina W.	Officer	004	22
Johnston, William N.	Sergeant	142	41
Jordan, Jr., Floyd	Officer	003	18
Kos, Patricia M.	Detective	079	37
Kostka, Eugene A.	Officer	LOA	25
Kruk, David L.	Officer	167	43
Loeffler, Margaret	Officer	012	29
Lucas, Susan M.	Officer	DPR	20
Lynn, Terrence P.	Officer	008	40
Magoon, Robert	Officer	015	30
McIntyre, John J.	Officer	023	40
Remnes, Richard E.	Officer	189	30
Ruiz, Irene	Officer	057	30
Simmons, Freddie A.	Officer	018	29
Smith, Eldridge	Officer	177	25
Vlcek, Pamela C.	Evidence Tech.	006	28
Wilson, Earnest B.	Officer	022	26

## Retirement Celebration Honoring...

# Sidney Davis



Please join us on

**Friday, September 9, 2011**

7:00 pm—11:00 pm

**Chateau Del Mar Banquets**

8301 West 95th Street  
Hickory Hills, Illinois

**Tickets cost \$65.00 each**

and can be purchased from Bill Dougherty at the  
FOP, 312-733-7776 or his new direct line, 312-733-2405.

## Dues Increase—2012

All officers, active and retired, will see a dues increase for 2012 union dues. This increase reflects the increases in dues that were voted on at the State Conference in 2010 to go into effect in 2012. Our Constitution and By-laws call for the Lodge to pass these increases on to the membership.

Retired Officers and Sergeants & Above pay dues annually between September 1st and November 1st. Retiree dues will now cost \$40 per year, and Sergeants & Above Fraternal dues will now cost \$65 per year. Active Officers will see the dues increase beginning with the first check of 2012.

We are sure that our membership understands the necessity of these increases in light of the ongoing struggles with the Pension legislative issues. We will continue to fight on behalf of our members to keep their benefits.

**The Lodge is preparing for its annual mailing to members. Please look at the address label on this newsletter; this is the address we will use to mail your 2012 Handbook, Membership Card and Stickers. Please contact the Lodge and make any necessary Name or Address changes now.**

## FIRST NOTICE: Annual Payers (Retirees, Sgts, etc.) 2012 Dues Payments Must Be Received Before November 1, 2011

**Attention Retirees and Annual Dues Payers you can mail your 2012 dues now. The Lodge will begin accepting credit card payments over the phone after the Labor Day Holiday. If you turn 75 in 2011, you DO NOT pay!!**

NAME:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

BENEFICIARY:

CHECK ONE:

\$40 Retiree Annual Dues

\$65 Sgts. & Above AND/OR Outside Units

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

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Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



## From The Desk Of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



Recently, a 15-year veteran West Side officer came into my office to talk about concerns he had regarding a recent statement he gave at IPRA which resulted in an additional Rule 14 violation. The officer was ordered to give a statement regarding an unlawful use of force allegation stemming from a street stop that took place in the 015<sup>th</sup> District back in the spring of 2009. As part of the investigation, the IPRA investigator had a videotape of the incident taken from a residential security camera. I personally was able to obtain both the officer's taped statement he gave to IPRA as well as a copy of the security camera video. Over his attorney's objection, IPRA refused to show the videotape of the incident to the officer before he gave his statement. The officer's attorney stated on record that they were aware that there was a video of this incident and objected to not being allowed to view the video to help refresh the officer's recollection. How were the officer and his attorney made aware of this tape you might be asking yourself? Not only was the officer aware of the videotape, but he had actually viewed the videotape over two years ago pursuant to a lawsuit filed by the complainant. Furthermore, when IPRA asked the officer whether he had seen a video regarding this complaint the officer plainly stated that he had in fact viewed the video!

As with any statement, the IPRA investigator asked the officer several questions regarding the allegation. (I must say it was hard not to laugh when she asked the officer what the boundaries were for Beat 1506). The investigator asked the officer, "Did you kick the complainant?" The officer responded, "No, I pushed his legs apart with my feet." She also made inquiry as to whether at any time during the stop did the officer push the complainant, the officer responded, "no". After the interview concluded the investigator served the officer with an additional Rule 14 violation and then proceeded to tell the officer, "now I will show you the video." Based on the way this investigation was

undertaken a reasonable person should conclude that the video was not shown because doing so would not enable the IPRA investigator to serve the officer with an additional Rule 14 violation.

I hope we can agree that words such as "kicking" or "pushing" can have different meanings to different people depending on the context in which they are used or in this instance asked. For example, when a witness is asked about being kicked or pushed pursuant to a bar fight as opposed to an officer being asked as to whether he kicked or pushed the subject of a street stop. In this instance the officer used his feet to spread apart the legs of an uncooperative suspect, subject to a lawful street stop. As to whether he kicked his feet apart or spread the subjects legs apart with his foot is a matter of semantics and should not be subject to a Rule 14 violation.

Officers should be aware IPRA has no set policy regarding an officer viewing a videotape before giving a statement. In other words, it is at the discretion of the investigator as to whether they will show the videotape to the officer before a statement is taken. It is my understanding, and I would be more than happy to make any corrections in next month's newsletter, that the Director of IPRA takes the view that it is not necessarily a good idea to show the videotape to the officer before the interview. The reasoning is that IPRA wants the officer to testify to "what he remembers, and the showing of a videotape will alter that memory." Such an assertion flies in the face of common sense and is just plain disingenuous. I would argue that the exclusive goal of an IPRA investigator should be to conduct a fair and impartial investigation into allegations of misconduct and the failure to show a videotape to the officer hinders that goal. The notion that IPRA's refusal to show officers a videotape relative to a disciplinary investigation is to better promote the integrity of the investigation is patently absurd. The reality is that some IPRA investigators don't show the video with the sole intention of placing an extra Rule 14 violation on the accused officer.

### *Retirement Party Honoring Both*

**Chaplain Capatoria Wilson**  
(Chaplains Unit, 002, 005, 006, Ident & Ambassador's Program)

&

**Police Officer Earnest Wilson**  
(Units 311, 022 & 005)

Friday, September 23, 2011  
6:00pm—10:00pm

Lake Katherine Nature Center & Botanic Gardens  
7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, IL

Please contact Officer Tara Bell for ticket information at 773-255-8046.

As many of you are aware a sustained Rule 14 violation always results in a hefty suspension and in some cases separation.

Therefore, I would advise any officer who is giving a statement at IPRA who is aware that a video exists and can't remember the exact nature of the incident to answer the investigators questions in the following manner, "**I cannot remember but if I could view a videotape of the incident I am sure that would refresh my recollection.**"

In closing, in my opinion, this is a perfect example of two things that are fundamentally wrong with some IPRA investigations. First, some of the investigators display an inherent and blatant prejudice against the police when investigating allegations of misconduct. Secondly, some of the investigators have no business conducting police misconduct investigations based on their complete lack of understanding and knowledge regarding police tactics and procedures. Officers need no reminder that the civilian investigators conducting these investigations have never made a street stop in their life. The reality is a police officer makes a mistake in a life or death situation or a lawful street stop, he or she faces great scrutiny in the way of internal investigations and of course civil lawsuits. If only to have the luxury of having a job where there is no oversight regarding your job performance, such as an IPRA investigator.

## “Having Faith Means Letting Go”, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

Standing on the streets one evening with a group of our troops, I was asked the following question, "Does G-d really listen when we pray?" Also, "How does one cope in trying times with the feeling of, 'I just feel like giving up.'" I responded to the question, "maybe it's time to have faith and let go." Let me explain with a short parable.

### "Having Faith Sometimes Means Letting Go"

A traveler walking down a lonely road was set upon by a group of bandits who robbed him of all he had. They then led him into the depths of the forest. There, in the darkness, they tied a rope to the limb of a huge tree and bade him to hold the other end of the rope. Swinging him out into the blackness of the surrounding space (and not being able to see anything), they told him he was hanging over the brink of a very steep mountain. The moment he let go he would be dashed to pieces on the rocks below, and then they took off.

His soul was filled with horror at the awful doom impending. He clutched despairingly the end of the swaying rope. But each dreadful moment only made his fate more sure. His strength steadily failed. At last he could hold on no longer. The end had come. His clenched fingers relaxed their compulsive grip. He fell — six inches, to the solid earth at his feet! It was only a ruse of the bandits, to gain time in escaping, and when he let go it was not to death, but to the safety which had been waiting him through all his time of terror.

Clutching will not save anyone from their hopelessness. It is only a trick used by evil forces to keep them from being afforded security and peace in the solid promises of our loving G-d. And all the while you are swinging over the supposed precipice of fear and mistrust.

**Having Faith Means Let Go!** It is G-d's plan that you fall — not to defeat, but into His arms, the solid Rock. As soon as you recognize your sheer helplessness and failing strength, you let go. And then you realize that true faith, true peace of mind comes not from holding on to a situation but letting go and having faith. But remember, don't misinterpret G-d

assistance and gifts because it came wrapped differently than you expected, like what happened during a recent rain storm...

It had been raining for days and days, and a terrible flood had come over the town. The waters rose so high that one man was forced to climb onto the roof of his house. As the waters rose higher and higher, a man in a rowboat appeared, and told him to get in. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the rowboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for G-d to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and suddenly a speedboat appeared. "Climb in!" shouted a man in the boat. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the speedboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for G-d to save him. The waters continued to rise. A helicopter appeared and over the loudspeaker, the pilot announced he would lower a rope to the man on the roof. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the helicopter went away. The man on the roof prayed for G-d to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and eventually they rose so high that the man on the roof was washed away, and alas, the poor man drowned.

Upon arriving in heaven, the man marched straight over to G-d. "Heavenly Father," he said, "I had faith in you, I prayed to you to save me, and yet you did nothing. Why?" G-d gave him a puzzled look, and replied, "I sent you two boats and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

The moral of the story, "G-d hears and answers our prayers", but the question is, "are we listening?"

Thanks to each of you for doing G-d's work, our city couldn't do without you. May G-d bless you and keep you safe. Amen.

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

### Deceased Brothers & Sisters

James R. Turney, Jr., Age 69

Andrew M. Cassaro, Age 68

Samuel L. Barsevich, Age 82

Charles L. Dickerson, Age 81

Frank J. Hagemann, Age 90

Alfred T. Bouey, Age 86

Joseph C. Foszcz, Age 80

Lester J. Carey, Age 92

Robert M. Einwiller, Age 78

Loretta Gulley, Age 50

Philip J. Bragiel, Age 67

John G. Tobler, Age 86

Daniel A. Principato, Age 60

Amando J. Mercado, Age 67

Carl P. Hartikka, Age 69

Lawrence H. Washington, Age 71

Charles Warren, Age 88

Edward F. Meyer, Age 69

Joseph S. Bongiorno, Age 77

Coleman M. King, Age 88

Edward W. Jones, Age 84

Raymond T. McNally, Age 71

Ralph M. Castrovillari, Age 90

Glenn E. Godbold, Age 64

Frank L. Aguinaga, Age 66

### HEALTH EVALUATION

FOP, Chicago Lodge 7, along with Interactive Health Solutions, Encourage You To Take Advantage of the Health Evaluations being held at

CPD—Gresham - Area 2  
7808 S. Halsted, Chicago, Illinois

Friday & Saturday, September 16th & 17th

To register for the assessment, call 1-800-840-6100. Registration is Required! Take a few minutes and care for yourself!

Active employees and family members - please have your insurance card ready.



**STORE HOURS:**

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

**STORE CLOSED:**

SEPTEMBER 3 — 5, 2011

**DIRECT LINE:**

312-733-2344

**NEW WEBSITE:**

WWW.FOP7GIFTSHOP.COM

**T-Shirt  
Of The Month**

Men's Tank  
 "Chicago Police  
 Est. 1835" Design

&

Homicide  
 (Sizes M-3XL)

**30% OFF**

**Gold Sale!**

**10% OFF** all pendants and rings, white or yellow gold! Gold is going up in price very fast. We can only guarantee these prices until September 21, 2011. Buy your Christmas gifts NOW!

**Clothing Sale!**

Ladies Junior Sizes, Burnout T-Shirt. Was \$14.95, **Now \$10.95**  
 In White, Black and Maroon

**25% OFF** FOP #7 Wind Shirt In Green With White Trim.  
 Was \$ 29.95, **Now \$22.46**

**End Of Summer Sale! We Need Room For New Arrivals.**

**50% OFF** Youth CPD Initial T-Shirt, Sizes 2t-4t, 2/4-14/16 In Assorted Colors

**50% OFF** Youth CPD Star Ringer T-Shirt

FOP Chicago motorcycle license plate frame - was \$ 3.00 **Now \$2.00**

**20% OFF** Police Car Piggy Bank. Was \$12.95,  
 Now On Sale For Only **\$10.36 Each**

**Thirsty?**

16oz Plastic Drinking Glass With Twist-On Lid And Straw  
 (pink-purple-green-teal-orange) **\$6.95 Each**

New 33oz Blue Aluminum Water Bottle With Pop-Up Spout **\$9.95 Each**

Beer Buckets With CPD Star **\$7.98 Each**

**5th Annual  
Soppressatta Contest**

Sunday, September 25, 2011  
 3:00 pm

**Park Place of  
Countryside Hall**

6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL

All participants must bring in 1 or 2 pre-sliced Soppressatta to enter.

\$20 Admission includes dinner.  
 Cash Bar

All profits will be donated to heart patient, Nick Tobar, son of Lt. Anthony Tobar, CFD and Dawn Tobar.

**Olde 008th District  
Reunion**

Come one...come all...who ever worked in the 008th District and visit old friends.

Thursday, September 29, 2011  
 7:00 pm—11:00 pm

**Moose Lodge, #44**

7536 S. Harlem Avenue  
 Bridgeview, Illinois

Parking is in the back....

All are welcome to attend!



**The 2011  
Candlelight  
Vigil...**

...will be held on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30 pm in Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. All police officers and their families and friends are invited to attend.

As part of the tradition of the Candlelight Vigil, the names of all Chicago Police Officers who died in the line of duty will be read.

If anyone would like to read a particular name, please contact Beata Staszewski of the Special Events Unit at 312-745-5253.



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## 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*