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President's Report, *By Michael Shields*



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NATO Summit

Today I am particularly proud that I am a Chicago Police Officer. I am proud because officers held the line against anarchists and criminals during NATO. I am proud because officers and supervisors worked hand in hand and had each others' backs under tough circumstances. I am proud because every single officer made sacrifices and worked long, hard hours to safeguard our entire city during the NATO Summit. I am proud because when we were placed on the world's stage, the Chicago Police portrayed themselves as not only tough, but also professional. Brothers and Sisters, you gave us a great boost heading into contract negotiations, and I cannot thank you enough for your excellent performance during the Summit.

Pension Reform Update

There has been a lot of talk about pension reform recently. Be advised that your pension is not something that is a mandatory subject of bargaining. In other words, it is not in the contract. It is in State Statute. To that end, I have been in Springfield a lot recently along with our lobbyist, Mark O'Toole, and legislative director, Mark Donahue. As you are well aware, Mayor Rahm Emanuel hit Springfield two weeks ago and folks were falling over themselves in attempts to cheer on the mayor. From certain members of the media to the civics groups, all the way up to Minority Leader Tom Cross, the Mayor's personal appearance at the House Pension Committee gave the legislature cover to hide behind Mayor Emanuel. The Mayor seemed to reach all the way to the stars in his proposals that he leaked to the media, prior to his appearance for a "discussion" in front of the House Pension Committee.

Although no draft of any legislation has been seen yet, his proposals are the following:

1. Freeze the COLA's of retirees over ten years. Then revisit after ten years. The Mayor continuously stated, "press the pause button on COLA's." However, he continuously referred to City COLA's as being 3% compounded. I don't think the Mayor himself realizes that we don't get the same perks as the aldermen- I'm sure he'd be disappointed to discover our COLA's are simple.
2. 1% increase in employee contribution per year, for five years. That's an increase from 9% to 14%. A 56% increase in contributions over five years.
3. Increase the retirement age by five years. He was very vague when questioned on this and did not speak specifically on police and fire, only citing that each fund will have to have a custom fit. He also stated when asked about employees with seniority, if they too, would have to work an extra five years. He did not directly answer that question, other than to say he'd work out the details.
4. Offer employees a "choice" in retirement plans. He wants to set up a 401K system for new hires. He was weakest on this point. He did not mention that this would be for new hires, until the questions began pouring in.
5. MOST ALARMING- CFO Lois Scott, who sits on our pension fund as a fiduciary, did not bring her fiduciary hat with her to Springfield. She stated, loud and clear, that there will be no increase in City contributions in 2015 (as per law) until the system is fixed.

The Mayor's presence makes it difficult to gauge what kind of impact it will have on our inclusion into some sort of pension reform prior to the conclusion of this legislative session. We believe that a draft of a state system pension bill may pass before the legislature adjourns. By the time this article goes to print, we will certainly know the fate of our pension fund's inclusion in pension reform.

There is only about a week left in this year's Spring session of the Illinois Legislature. To date, Mayor Emanuel has not submitted any specific legislation that would affect Chicago Police pensions. However, you are all probably aware that the Mayor showed up in Springfield without any notice to us in order to sow fear about our pensions. He talked about City employees that retired in 1995 with \$60,000 pensions and how they are all making one-hundred grand a

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year today. It was highly inaccurate. The truth is that pensions for FOP members retiring in 1995 ranged from about \$25k to \$41k. None of those retirees are making anywhere near one-hundred thousand dollars per year from the pension. Shameful.

It may be hard to believe, but City Hall never revealed their proposals about active or retiree pension issues prior to the Mayor's appearance in Springfield. Nevertheless, the Lodge is working hard to make sure that your benefits are preserved, but we have an opponent at City Hall that only seems to want to start a war in the media between public employees and property tax payers here in Chicago. He campaigns against your pension and simultaneously continues the dangerous and radical downsizing of the Police Department, a move that seriously impairs pension funding for all of us.

Lodge Campaign – Hire More Police Officers

NATO was a success because we were there in numbers. Like you, I want the City of Chicago's overall crime rate to go down. Rather than one extended weekend, think about the crime fighting success we could have in Chicago if we had the numbers day in and day out.

The shortage of manpower in the Chicago Police Department is one of the biggest challenges facing our membership today, yet the City's current administration continues to ignore and deny this problem. Because of this, the Board of Directors wanted to send a clear message to as many people as possible to call attention to this serious issue.

With unanimous support from our Board of Directors, the Lodge sponsored an advertising campaign timed to take effect before the NATO conference and extending well into the beginning of what could be a violent summer in the City of Chicago. On May 17, 2012, three large red billboards went up. They are located on the Kennedy at Division, the Stevenson at California and the Dan Ryan at Root Street. They read: "Keep Chicago Safe. Hire More Police Officers." Similar ads were placed on the CTA, including 54 buses, 15 on the elevated train platforms and 6 on digital screens across the city. These ads were specifically designed to target all of the major routes in and out of downtown Chicago in order to reach the largest number of Chicagoans at a critical time as summer begins. The ad campaign will run for 30 days, or perhaps longer, should the two companies, Clear Channel Outdoor for the billboards and Titan 360 for the CTA ads, not sell the space immediately. Thus far, the response to the ads from our membership has been overwhelmingly positive.

While it is clear to the Lodge and the membership that the main public safety issue in Chicago is the shortage of manpower in the Department, we wanted to make sure that the public was aware. Their safety and our own safety depend on how many officers are on the street. Eliminating 1,400 positions with the stroke of a pen did more to harm this City than any other move the Mayor has made. These advertisements send a clear message that we will fight the City's claim that shuffling officers and closing or shuffling facilities has the same effect as hiring more police officers.

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



Sun-Times Reporters Novak and Fusco

The Lodge was contacted by several disabled police officers last month. The officers informed us that Sun-Times reporters Tim Novak and Chris Fusco came to their homes and wanted to know why those officers were not in wheelchairs and when they were coming back to work. The Lodge believes that it is hardly a coincidence that the "investigation" comes at the same time as pension reform talks. When the Lodge contacted Novak and asked him why he was going to the homes of disabled police officers, Novak's response was "nobody is going to tell me how to do my business." I wasn't telling him how to operate; I merely asked *why* he did something. His angry and defensive response leaves me with the opinion that Novak does not want to do any real investigative reporting. It's so easy to bother disabled officers at home; and ask them ignorant questions. I really don't think that Mr. Novak is looking for an honest story supported by medical facts and doctor's opinions. It appears to me that he's just looking to turn the public against police officers and sensationalize a story on the backs of officers injured in the line of duty. This is a punk move by Novak and Fusco. If members are harassed by these "investigative reporters," please contact the Lodge.

Appendix N Arbitration

Dr. Arjmand, the physician at the Medical Services Section took it upon herself to change the way officers get referrals when they are injured in the line of duty. In the 2003-2007 Interest arbitration award the Lodge was able to demonstrate that there had been problems with officers receiving IOD treatment in a reasonable and timely manner. Since the arbitration award in 2005, officers injured on duty have been able to choose the treating physician from the entire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Workman's Choice list. The Lodge and the Department had no problems with this issue until Dr. Arjmand was hired as the Medical Services Section physician. Dr. Arjmand took it upon herself to pick three physicians and only let officers choose from those three. The Lodge attempted to educate Dr. Arjmand by giving her a copy of the contract and the arbitrator's award from 2005 that clearly allows officers to pick from the entire list. Unfortunately, the Lodge had to file a grievance and demand arbitration. The Lodge was looking forward to putting Dr. Arjmand on the stand, but the Department granted the grievance the day before the arbitration after sharper minds prevailed. Officers injured on duty or officers filing a recurrence of a prior injury get to pick from the appropriate specialty in the entire Workman's Choice list.

Physical Therapy for IOD

Last month I wrote about problems that officers were having with their IOD physical therapy. There were 42 companies with 126

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locations that the Medical Services Section claimed were no longer in the network for physical therapy. After contacting all of the companies, we are finding that this is not true. We also sent a letter to Alderman Burke. We were contacted by an attorney from the Committee on Finance (COF) who claimed that they were unaware of the physical therapy companies being removed from the list. We have not heard back from the COF as of the time of this article. The Lodge has filed a Class Action Grievance in regard to this, and any officer having problems should contact the Lodge.

Chicago Police Memorial Foundation

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation does so much for the families of Chicago Police officers. The Foundation's Mission Beyond the Memorial began in August of 2007. The Foundation has given out over \$2,113,491 in assistance since it began. The Foundation fills holes that used to be there. They have given educational assistance to children of officers killed in the line of duty as well as to officers catastrophically injured. They give financial assistance to officers that go on disability and are waiting for the Pension Board to hear their case. They have paid health insurance for officers who are terminally ill. Their mission will continue and we at Lodge 7 thank them for all that they do for our members

and their families. To donate, call (312) 499-8899 or go to www.cpdmemorial.org.

Committee on Finance Does It Again

The Lodge meets with the Department once a month for Medical Mediation. Last month, one of the grievances was for an officer who was involved in a shooting. The officer and his partner shot and killed an offender in May 2011. The officer, as well as many supervisors on the scene, thought that the officer should go to the hospital to be checked out. The officer did go to the hospital. The officer received a bill for the emergency room visit and he submitted it to the Medical Services Section. It has been over a year and the bill still is not paid. That's why the officer filed a grievance. The position of the City at mediation was "Why didn't he fill out an IOD Report?" As we all know, it is the Sergeant's responsibility to fill out an IOD Report, not the officer's. He clearly notified his Sergeant that he was injured when he went to the hospital. For some reason, neither the IOD Report nor a Hospitalization Report was filled out. Unfortunately, the officer has to wait until an IOD Report is made out, then and only then will they *consider* paying the bill. The IOD Report is going to be prepared, but why does the officer have to wait any longer to have the bill paid? It has already been over a year! How about you shut up, do the right thing, and pay the bill?

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



NATO Summit

At the writing of this news article, the NATO Conference, which was hosted in Chicago, has concluded. I would like to take this time and personally thank all of the Officers, regardless of rank, who actually worked this event. I would also like to compliment all of those involved for their dedication, determination and steadfast courage through some very difficult demands which were placed through all of them. The professionalism which was displayed by these police officers did not go unnoticed, and even our most stringent critics placed compliments on their service in the media. Thank you for a job well done.

Firearms Safety Days

Police Officers of today carry semi automatic handguns as their duty weapons. Unlike revolvers or earlier generation semi automatic 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 to ensure 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 succession of firing at a crucial time.

The Lodge will be hosting the next Firearms Safety Days on 13 & 14 June 2012 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.

Officers please take advantage of this worthwhile event which the Lodge has provided as a benefit.

Police Shooting Incidents

Officers one of the most traumatic incidents that will you will experience as a police officer is discharging your weapon or being the target of gunfire from an offender. Immediately following the discharge, and throughout the incident, you will be overcome with people from the Officer in Charge (OCIC), the detectives and others charged with the responsibility of investigating this incident. They will want you to repeat the facts of what occurred leading up to the weapons discharge and immediately following to determine what occurred. A team from the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) will also respond to the scene. You the involved officer will remain on the scene unless medical treatment is required or until relieved, at which time you will relocate to the Area for further investigation. Upon arrival to the Area you will be met by a representative of the Internal Affairs Division who, per an Arbitrator's award, will now order you to comply with submitting to a breathalyzer test following a weapons discharge incident. Words cannot describe the feelings and emotions which you are experiencing at this critical time. The Department's own Command Staff have agreed that this is a very traumatic time for the affected officer and this will affect the officer's demeanor and possibly the way he/she will portray what occurred. Officers, it is important to contact the FOP as soon as possible following a Police Shooting Incident. A Field Representative is available twenty four (24) hours a day, seven days a week and will respond to the scene and assist you the affected officer throughout this ordeal.

3rd Vice President's Report, by Daniel D. Gorman



Upcoming Court Cases

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

Christopher Harris and Kevin Walker
Both charged in the murder of Officer **Alex Valadez**
May 31st, 2012
Room 207, 26/Cal, Judge Alonso

Bryant Brewer
Charged in the murder of Officer **Thor Soderberg**
May 31st, 2012
Room 602, 26/Cal, Judge Sacks

Edgar Colon and Tyrone Clay -
Both charged in the murder of Officer **Clifton Lewis**
Colon - June 6th, 2012
Clay - June 7th, 2012
Room 206, 26/Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins-Grant

Timothy Herring Jr
Charged in the murder of ET **Mike Flisk**
June 19, 2012
Room 404, 26th and California, Judge Brosnahan

Lodge 7 Memorial

Thank you to everyone who attended the Memorial held at the Lodge on May 1st to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Four of our fallen were added to the Lodge 7 Memorial wall.

P.O. Paul Batson	E.O.W. December 22, 1962
P.O. Thomas Gesiorski	E.O.W. December 26, 1977
P.O. Paul Nauden	E.O.W. May 20, 2011
P.O. Clifton Lewis	E.O.W. December 29, 2011

NATO Summit Operation

Everyone participating in the NATO Summit Operation should be commended, especially those holding the front-line, the Bike Patrol, and those who engaged in clashes with protesters. The Lodge has received compliments by countless members and civilians alike of those front-line and Bike Patrol officers. Your professionalism and ability to tolerate the taunts coming from those who have nothing to lose speaks volumes, and I assure you that the City will be reminded of this when we are at the negotiation table.

The majority of the local media have also praised the actions of officers who were engaged by lawless protesters. The Chicago Tribune's Brian Cassella, whose one photograph captures an officer wearing a mesh crown cover posed with a loaded fist. Brian Cassella then went on to contribute to an interview titled, "Anatomy of an Iconic Photo". During the interview,

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Please join us as we assist Police Officer Chris Lente, assigned to the 008th District.

Thursday, June 21, 2012—1800—2300 hours

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

\$30 per ticket. Please call Bill Dougherty at the FOP, 312-733-7776 for tickets.

Cassella explained what he saw through his camera lens and provided an outside perspective which justified the officer's actions.

And then there is Julie Unruh, conducting a report for WGN. She chose to put her own spin on an incident (which she did not completely witness), where one single protester was "injured" by a police van on a bridge full of angry protesters. Unruh's report included words such as, "probably no doubt". Unruh then went on to question why a police van was where it was in the first place. Is she suggesting a police vehicle cannot be on a public street performing official duty? Is she suggesting that a police officer does not have the right to protect themselves or to seek safety when faced and surrounded by a violent crowd where subjects were armed with objects which could be used as deadly weapons?

Like Unruh, I did not witness the incident but only viewed pieces of chopped up internet videos. It seemed to me to be a strategic ambush and attack by way of savages. Videos depict a protestor attempting to elevate himself onto the hood of the police van. The van slowed to a stop, which gave the protestor an opportunity to release his grasp from the van's hood and dismount the vehicle. It appeared to be the protestor's own decision to stay in front of the van until additional violent protesters could attempt to surround the van. The van's tires were then slashed as it stopped. I have learned that the driver of the van was punched and received a concussion.

In a subsequent impromptu press conference, the Superintendent explained that the incident is being investigated and he handled the interview the way we expect a leader to. Oddly enough, the Unruh report I have been reviewing as I write this article has been pulled and edited (May 22, 2012).

It was because of the hard work, training, sweat and blood of those who participated in the NATO Operation. It was you that saved that City from being overtaken and you deserve all of the credit given to you. Day(s)-off were cancelled, members were required to work 12 hours at a pop, elective time off requests were denied. However, all of this does indicate that we still suffer from a manpower crisis.

From the Desk of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



Pension Clause: Illinois State Constitution

As I'm sure most of our membership is aware by now, Mayor Rahm Emanuel made an appearance in Springfield before the Illinois legislature, calling for a reduction in pension benefits for city workers. As if to test the political waters before making his pitch to Illinois lawmakers, the Mayor waited several weeks after Governor Quinn put forth his own pension reform plan for the state pension system. Although Mayor Emanuel's proposals and answers were quite vague, during his appearance he lobbied for the following changes under the banner of "roadmap to retirement security". The proposed changes to our pension fund are as follows:

1. A 1% increase in employee contributions for 5-years,
2. A 5-year increase in retirement age,
3. Suspending COLA's (Cost of living allowance) for retirees,
4. Offering new employees a choice between a pension and a 401k plan and lastly,
5. No additional contributions from Chicago taxpayers until pension reforms are enacted.

Although there are many troubling aspects to these proposals, one of them is that they are in clear violation of the plain meaning of the Illinois State Constitution. In a 76-page report, Eric Madair, who is the Chief Legal Counsel to Illinois Senate President John J. Cullerton, outlines in great detail the legal meaning, as well as the legislative intent behind what is referred to as the Pension Clause in the Illinois State Constitution. Article XIII, Section 5 states, "Membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, *the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired.*"

In his well reasoned and researched report, Madair reaches the conclusion that, absent a collective bargaining agreement, the following Mayoral legislative proposals, if enacted into law would clearly violate the State Constitution: an increase in contributions, an increase in retirement age, the suspension of a COLA and the failure of a municipality to make legally required pension contributions. The passage of the Pension Clause to the Illinois State Constitution took place back in 1970 during a state constitutional convention. According to the article, the motive behind the amendment was due to the low funding levels of the state's 5 pension funds. In 1970, the state's pension funds were funded at 41.8%, whereas today they are funded at 39%.

Madair writes that the State's present unfunded liabilities, "stem from the State's decades-long failure to make required contributions to the five pension systems." Addressing the shortfall of all municipal pensions, Madair concludes, "that the General Assembly cannot unilaterally cut the pension benefits of current employees as a means to reduce the State's existing pension liabilities, based on the Clause's plain language, the drafters' original intent, voters' understanding of the provision, and court decisions construing the clause. Any solution seeking to shrink the State's existing pension liabilities

must derive from either paying the outstanding liabilities or reducing benefits to current employees via legitimate contract principles."

In closing, the membership should be advised that although Mayor Emanuel's ridiculous proposals should be taken seriously and are a valid cause for concern, they are clearly illegal. The Mayor is well aware of this fact, but it is another media opportunity to pit the taxpayers against the hardworking members of the Chicago Police Department. Following the NATO Summit, the Mayor offered high praise to the men and women of the Chicago Police Department for their response to the protests. Rightfully so, the performance of the entire Chicago Police Department, in spite of a severe manpower shortage, was truly remarkable.

One would think if the Mayor is not interested in bargaining fairly with his police officers, his public proposal changes to their retirement benefits should at least be close to legal. As our esteemed Mayor once said in his previous job, "You never want a serious crisis to go to waste." Well said Mr. Mayor, even if it's at the expense of an elderly widowed police officer whose spouse paid the ultimate sacrifice for this City.

National Lawyers Guild

On May 19, 2012, three out-of town individuals who intended to commit terrorist acts at the Chicago NATO Summit were indicted on state terrorism charges. According to their indictment, the three defendants planned to set policemen on fire by way of Molotov Cocktails, and are self-proclaimed "anarchists" as well as members of the "Black Bloc" group. Attorneys from the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) immediately came to the defense of these activist scholars. Days afterward, according to several internet articles, the NLG disseminated photographs of the undercover police officers associated with the case. I'm not surprised. The NLG is a far-left organization who lends its support to other left wing radicals, such as convicted Philadelphia cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal, as well as Lynne Stewart. Stewart, a former civil rights attorney and Fidel Castro enthusiast, is presently serving a 10-year prison sentence for providing material support to terrorists.

Like many other far-left organizations, the NLG masks its hatred for the United States under the guise of committed defenders of the Constitution. It would seem that the overall view of the organization is that: treason, terrorism and killing a police officer are socially acceptable and constitutionally sound, as long as they are in the name of far left causes. Their associations as well as the collection of losers they represent speak volumes about their true underlying goals and values.

FREE Debt Consolidation/Home Buying Workshop

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 1000—1400 hours

- Learn the new enhancements to the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP2). Even if you think you may owe more than your home is currently worth, this program can help you refinance and take advantage of today's record low interest rates. You can lower your rate and term and/or get cash you need.
 - No maximum loan-to-value
 - Now available for those paying mortgage insurance
- Can be used to investment properties as well as owner-occupied
- Special discounts for FOP members and their families

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

Please call Kathy Moore, 312-733-7776 to register.

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Rich Aguilar*



A Response To Mayor Emanuel

I must be really important. I recently received a letter from the you, the Mayor of the City of Chicago. Here is my response. I would have sent it to you personally, but I am sure you would have summarily disregarded it. I don't believe you can ignore it here.

Dear City Employee,

Yes, Mr. Mayor, you too are a City employee. I thought I would be just as impersonal as you were when you wrote to me.

I am a Chicago Police Officer. This is a comment that I consciously refrain from saying these days. Why? I no longer have any pride in the work that I do for the City of Chicago. You have single handedly taken that pride away from me by portraying me as one of the people that may be responsible for property tax increases to properly fund a pension commitment that was made to me some thirty years ago when I first became a Police Officer. You and I both know that all you are doing is using scare tactics and spreading political rhetoric in an attempt to garner support for your proposed pension "reform" from the taxpaying public.

You state that we need to be honest about where the system is broken. I am sure it was an oversight when you failed to tell me that the health of my pension fund can be attributed to the fact that the City of Chicago ignored actuarial reports for decades; reports that made recommendations for modest increases that the City should have been contributing into the fund in order to maintain its health.

You state that a process of serious reforms needs to be started. Please. You are very much aware that a process of serious reforms has already begun, yet you failed to mention that legislation has already been enacted to restore the health of the pension system. Since 2010, newly hired Police Officers who were not a part of the pension system, are already subject to most of the "reforms" you are now proposing. Beginning in 2015, the City will finally be required to make contributions that are recommended by a yearly actuarial report. Your "reforms" are simply an attempt to deflect the City's responsibility from the City to the City employees.

The only truth in your letter is the fact that I have met my obligation by religiously contributing nine percent of every paycheck I have received from the City into the Police Pension Fund. I have lived up to my end of the contract I have with the Pension Fund.

Mr. Mayor, you may have noticed I used the word, contract. I am not certain if you know what that word means. Please let me illustrate with an example. I sign a mortgage contract with the XYZ Bank. I agree to a payment amount and a length of contract. The house is mine after I meet my contractual obligations. Some years down the road, XYZ Bank experiences financial difficulties due to its financial ineptitude. Should the bank now ask me to pay a greater amount than I contractually agreed to? No. Should the length of my payments be increased longer than I contractually agreed to? No. Should I own less than the entire house after I have met my contractual obligations? No.

Mr. Mayor, I would like to close by pointing out that fulfilling a contract is more than an obligation or commitment. It also, more importantly, means keeping your word. I have kept mine. All I am asking you to do is keep yours.

Chicago Police Officer Richard L. Aguilar

F.O.P. Picnic—For Members & Their Families (Current FOP ID Card Required)

Wednesday, July 18, 2011, 10 am—6 pm

Gaelic Park

6119 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois - 708-687-9323



Come And Enjoy...

**FREE Ice Cream & Beverages FREE Candy & Prizes FREE Carnival Rides For All Ages FREE Music & Dancing
FREE Tables Provided (Limited Quantities...First Come...First Served) Best Tent or Shelter Decorating Contest Shop
At The FOP Gift Shop While There**

**Gaelic Park Does Not Offer Food Services, So Bring A Tent For Shade, A Cooler, A Picnic Lunch, The Grill & Lawn Chairs
For The Perfect Picnic Experience. For information on this event, please contact Frank DiMaria at 312-733-7776.**

Forgotten Retiree!

Sergeant Edward O'Reilly retired from the job on 11 September 2012 after 42 years, but was left off of the earlier published list. Sorry Ed

November 2011 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Adams, Jr., Edward J.	Sergeant	004	25
Capasso, Samuel J.	Sergeant	012	25
Carroll, Gerard J.	Captain	003	30
Chirello, Steven J.	Police Officer	016	38
Clancy, Michael E.	Detective	610	41
Cortes, Mercedes	Police Officer	013	26
Cox, Michael	Sergeant	051	29
Delia, John	Detective	630	33
Demas, George	Police Officer	001	41
Dishman, Theresa I.	Sergeant	177	33
Downs, Richard E.	Sergeant	121	26
Drapiewski, John P.	Sergeant	701	29
Dunigan, Joseph W.	Forensic Inv.	177	31
Franklin, Marianne	Police Officer	009	20
Giliberto, Matthew A.	Sergeant	001	31
Gordon, Patrick F.	Sergeant	008	34
Graziano, Ron D.	Sergeant	001	25
Green, Singleton	Police Officer	021	21
Gula, John M.	Police Officer	009	20
Harvey, Mark A.	Forensic Inv.	177	29
Joyce, Shawn T.	Lieutenant	002	32
Kaufmann, Anthony F.	Sergeant	003	29
Keithley, Bartell K.	Police Officer	002	25
Kenny, Michael D.	Police Officer	018	36
Klein, Myles L.	Police Officer	018	38
Koll, Gerald H.	FTO	008	11
Koren, Timothy A.	Sergeant	620	29
Kristin, Maureen	Police Officer	045	17
Leach, Linell E.	Police Officer	001	26
Leavy, John R.	Canine Handler	146	33
Loni, Sharon E.	Police Officer	025	26
McMahon, Daniel T.	Police Officer	012	31
Monick, Tracey L.	Police Officer	020	19
Moore, Jr., William E.	Forensic Inv.	177	29
Nunez, Jesus A.	Police Officer	010	33
O'Malley, James A.	Detective	630	35
Perkins, Paul S.	Police Officer	009	25
Pilafas, Steve	Police Officer	018	38
Poland, Timothy P.	Evidence Tech	477	31
Price, Dorothy J.	Evidence Tech	377	35
Ravenscraft, Richard E.	Police Officer	050	35
Renault, Janine M.	Police Officer	012	34
Sanders, Kirkland K.	Police Officer	169	25
Siwek, Edward J.	Detective	620	38
Skorek, Frank W.	Detective	650	31
Smith, Daina J.	Police Officer	009	23
Smith, Robert K.	Police Officer	018	21
Stanton, Patricia	Detective	630	25
Thomas, John M.	Detective	630	40
Venticinque, Paul	Police Officer	050	41
Ward, Thomas D.	Detective	630	31
Whitters, William B.	Detective	620	28
Zaprzalka, Christine A.	Sergeant	017	30

December 2011 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Ballentine, Patricia C.	Police Officer	171	18
Behrmann, Karin	Police Officer	019	25
Casper, Jr., John	Sergeant	701	29
Chana, David N.	Police Officer	018	41
DeMonica, Jr., Joseph	Police Officer	010	20
Duffy, Cathleen M.	Police Officer	018	16

December 2011 Retirees Continued

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Duffy, Michael F.	Police Officer	145	18
Dugan, Richard J.	Police Officer	002	29
Fiorito, Richard J.	Police Officer	023	12
Hampton, Barbara S.	Police Officer	021	16
Kwilos, Elizabeth A.	Police Officer	010	25
Moriarty, Patricia A.	Police Officer	020	25
Robinson, Willia G.	Police Officer	003	22
Simpson, Katherine M.	Detective	630	14
Stewart, Donald R.	Police Officer	006	20
Thacker, Mark T.	Police Officer	009	29
Urbikas, Eldon E.	Sergeant	145	30
Wright, Ronald P.	Police Officer	016	24

January 2012 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Adams, John W.	Police Officer	002	17
Anderson, Carol A.	Police Officer	021	26
Avila, Joseph E.	Police Officer	008	25
Baiocchi, Reno J.	Detective	630	30
Bertuca, Anthony F.	Detective	050	36
Brooks, Charles L.	Police Officer	003	40
Brown, Darnella	Police Officer	011	27
Burgo, Frank	Police Officer	016	26
Burgos, Elba I	Police Officer	021	23
Cephas, Florence	Police Officer	050	26
Cobb, Gilbert J.	Police Officer	003	39
Dalton, Dennis A.	Police Officer	001	39
Davis, George S.	Police Officer	018	19
Davis, Theodore E.	Police Officer	002	25
DeColigny, Michael R.	Police Officer	019	20
Farah, James	Police Officer	018	27
Franklin, Robert M.	Police Officer	015	22
Garcia, Daniel	Police Officer	001	40
Gliwa, Jr., Robert C.	Detective	640	21
Hays, Robert T.	Police Officer	024	30
Henry, John P.	Detective	610	39
Howard, Corilyn A.	Police Officer	025	30
Hughes, Charlie E.	Police Officer	018	26
Jaks, Barbara A.	Police Officer	024	21
Karwowski, Richard A.	FTO	010	25
Keating, Carolyn M.	Detective	610	26
Kelly, Debra A.	Police Officer	051	21
LaMantia, Rosalind	Detective	640	22
Lemke, Jr., Melvin C.	Police Officer	050	27
Lockett, Beverly A.	Police Officer	161	23
Majerczyk, Gloria A.	Police Officer	008	30
Manley, Michele L.	Police Officer	DPR	31
Mann, Leslie E.	Detective	650	26
Matthews, Roman J.	Police Officer	121	24
Mays, Litty	Police Officer	005	21
Miceli, Mary	Sergeant	016	30
Morales, Lorraine T.	Police Officer	012	20
Morrison, James E.	Police Officer	128	26
Morrison, Ronald L.	Detective	620	25
Nelson, Rose M.	Police Officer	001	21
Onuszko, Janice V.	Police Officer	020	22
Payne, Kenneth	Police Officer	701	34
Powell, Anthony K.	Detective	610	22
Razo, Eusebio	Police Officer	001	26
Ribauda, Nick V.	Forensic Inv.	177	31
Rivera, Miguel A.	Police Officer	014	20
Rosellini, Mark V.	Police Officer	018	30
Ross, Michael L.	Police Officer	003	26

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January 2012 Retirees Continued

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Ross, Patricia L.	Police Officer	003	26
Rounds, Debra J.	Police Officer	005	30
Ryerson, Lynn E.	Detective	640	35
Schaffer, John E.	Police Officer	055	42
Sheppard, Kathleen M.	Police Officer	196	30
Shoup, Stephen L.	Police Officer	018	35
Smith, Valerie R.	Police Officer	021	21
Stanton, Charles	Police Officer	051	39
Streff, Charles P.	Police Officer	019	19
Sullivan, Anne M.	Police Officer	016	23
Tate, Shirley A.	Police Officer	021	21
Thomas, John C.	Police Officer	051	27
Tinerella, Michael A.	Police Officer	024	32
Tolomeo, John R.	Police Officer	025	30
Torres, Ignacio	Police Officer	120	30
Williams, Sr., Romell	Police Officer	051	27
Wolfer, Lawrence M.	Police Officer	010	30
Zurek, Gregory M.	Police Officer	013	21

February 2012 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Banks, Rosalind D.	Police Officer	123	21
Boland, Roy P.	ET	377	21
Brenner, Gayle L.	Police Officer	017	27
Butler, Rodney G.	Police Officer	011	26
Derrig, Vincent E.	Police Officer	025	36
Ejnik, Michael J.	Police Officer	018	25
Fietko, David R.	Detective	620	39
Frohman, James C.	Police Officer	017	41
Fudacz, David E.	Police Officer	008	26
Hammermeister, Raymond F.	Police Officer	025	32
Hayes, Doyle L.	Police Officer	701	26
Hitz, Thomas A.	Police Officer	022	30
Kane, Kimberly A.	Detective	620	27
Kelnosky, Carol	Police Officer	022	21
Kroll, David R.	Detective	610	24
Langolf, Theresa D.	Police Officer	196	20
Levensbaum, Robbie S.	Police Officer	012	26
Lynn, Timothy W.	Police Officer	050	36
Mares, Achilles L.	Police Officer	010	30
Marshall, Ricardo T.	Police Officer	701	35
Micetic, Michael	Detective	620	39
Morales, Gladys	Police Officer	025	21
Nere, Christine M.	Detective	650	31
Owens, Jeanette Y.	Police Officer	015	21
Perkins, Herman	Police Officer	002	30
Pfeifer, Judith M.	Police Officer	011	21
Phillips, Phyllis Y.	Detective	610	29
Purvis, William P.	ET	477	25
Qualls, Michael	Detective	620	26
Ramirez, Raymond	Police Officer	196	32
Rosch, Janis S.	Police Officer	167	20
Rose, Katherine B.	Police Officer	024	30
Rutkowski, Charles S.	Police Officer	011	27
Spencer, James M.	Detective	630	41
Stocker, Leonard	Forensic Inv.	177	36
Terrell, Stephen B.	Detective	384	30
Wasik, Philip G.	Police Officer	018	41
White, Evelyn D.	Agent	121	30



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 2012 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 20, 2012

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

The Next General Meeting Will Be Held On
Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 1900 Hours.

This will be the last General Meeting before
the Summer break.

General Meetings will resume on
September 18, 2012 at Noon.

Message From Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain



KUDOS to our troops and administration on a job VERY well done with NATO last month! **St. Michael the Archangel**, the patron saint of police officers and soldiers, is depicted artistically in the act of fighting the devil. In doing God’s work throughout the city during the NATO Summit, our officers likewise exhibited incredible professionalism and tremendous restraint encountering Satan face-to-face.

Many troublemakers came to Chicago to wreak havoc and went home disappointed at their thwarted efforts. But the many GOOD, productive, tax-paying visitors and people of this great city were *anything but disappointed* in the outstanding performance of the Chicago Police Department at every rank.

The other chaplains and I witnessed this first hand. We were right in the mix, delivering troops to the front line, and then throughout their tours, providing ice water to their various locations. During one of our re-stocking missions at a Salvation Army post, a sergeant—fighting back tears—told me, “In my 25 years on this job, I have taken enormous pride in doing what I do. But I have NEVER been *more* proud than today to be a Chicago Police Officer.”

Channel 5 news reporter Charlie Wojciechowski stated, “The Chicago Police Department’s handling of this Summit will no doubt serve as the model for other agencies in the future.”

I recently received an email from a retired CFD battalion chief, who wrote, “I have never been more proud of the Chicago Police than now after witnessing the restraint they showed during these protests. Our brave officers exemplified what duty and honor really mean. A loud ‘Hoorah’ for the members in blue!”

Your character, professionalism and training all had something to do with the positive outcome of this milestone event. But so did God’s hand. Thank you to Chaplain Joe Jackson for his commitment to *praying* for a peaceful NATO Summit. Joe’s prayer circle was made up of many officers of different faith traditions. Their prayers were certainly heard and granted by our all-good God!

The NATO Summit lapel pins (1” x 1.5”) have made quite a hit. These \$5.00 pins are currently out of stock at the FOP store, but more stock is on the way shortly.. Sales benefit the Chaplains Ministry. If you would like to help sell pins, please contact me. For more information, please visit our website: www.ChicagoPCM.org.

One last note on NATO... for a short but worthwhile article featured last month in the **Chicago Tribune** about the **faith** aspect of your work in dealing with folks suffering from mob mentality, please click on the link you’ll find on the home page of the Police Chaplains Ministry website: www.ChicagoPCM.org.

Police Chaplains Ministry will celebrate a special **Fathers’ Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 17 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. Assuming Mother Nature agrees, bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

CPD Masses are normally scheduled the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 1100-1130 hrs at Mercy Home: 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. No matter your faith tradition, ALL ARE WELCOME. On-duty worshippers, rest assured: you’ll be out in 30 minutes.

God bless you in your most noble, God-ordained work!

See you on the street, Fr. Dan Brandt, Chaplain
 312/738-7588 (office) - 773/550-2369 (cell/text) - dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org—New website: www.ChicagoPCM.org

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

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Return Form To The FOP – Unit 541 or 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago Illinois 60607, Attn: Doreen

"Thanking the Packer" *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

So here we are with NATO behind us. Each of us will have stories to talk about for a long time, but what a great job was done by all.

The Chaplains are proud and privileged to have been on the streets with you and watch you at your best. But one of the moments that touched the heart most was standing in the Emergency Room with Fr. Dan Brandt, next to one of our officers that were hurt on the street. The Nurse asks the officer, "Are you hurting bad?" and the copper answered, "Can you please just bandage me up so I can get back to the streets and help my brothers and sisters on the front line? Here is an officer, totally exhausted, overheated and banged up from being assaulted by a demonstrator and has one thing on his mind; getting back on the streets with his peers. Just one short story of many rising to the occasion both on the street and behind the scenes. Some stood the front line, some behind the scenes, all gave some, some gave all. Thank G-d we all made it home at the end of the day.

On behalf of all your Chaplains, all the citizens of our great City, your brothers and sisters in blue, thanks to each of you for an outstanding job. You stepped up to the plate, you made it work. You do us proud. You do our City proud. You do your families proud. Thanks to each of you for doing such a great job with "Packing the Parachute" ...let me explain with a short story.

Charles Plumb, a United States Naval Academy graduate, was a jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man from another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk and you were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute", the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did! If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today." Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb said, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said, 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shroud lines and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hand, each time, the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what he or she needs to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that

he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory; he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety. End of story.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life give us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to him or her, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachute.

I say this to each of you, on behalf of our City, "THANK YOU" for an outstanding job in "packing OUR parachute!!!" Give yourselves a big pat on the back; you earned it, you deserve it. "The Proud, The Few, Our Brothers And Sisters In Blue." Please remember if the Chaplains can ever be of assistance to you, with your spiritual or emotional parachute, please don't hesitate to give us a call. It's an honor and privilege to "Serve Those That Serve." We are also always available to join you on the streets for a ride along, don't hesitate to call, always here with an ear and shoulder.

Blessings to you and your loved ones for a healthy, safe, and enjoyable summer. Compliments of your Police Chaplain Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail: moshewolf@hotmail.com.

Retiree Dues, By Bill Burns, Sergeant-at-Arms

Retirees can be active or fraternal (non-active) members of the FOP. Based on the three sets of Constitution and By-Laws, the State, National and FOP Lodge #7, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee recommended to the FOP Board that in order for a retiree to remain an active member of the FOP in good standing, the retiree will have to pay all dues in arrearage, including all back-pay dues and be reinstated by the FOP Board of Directors, after appealing to the Retiree Committee. This is for active members that have the right to vote, provided life insurance, plus all other benefits due an active member in good standing.

Retirees who want to remain fraternal, non-active members will only pay the current year dues only. Fraternal members do not get to vote in FOP elections nor have the life insurance.

FOP does have responsibility to the membership. The FOP Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee on April 3rd for reinstatement to the active or non-active status as an FOP member. Current retiree dues are \$40 per year; members who are age 75 and over have free dues for life. Membership eligibility requirements are found in the FOP Lodge 7 By-Laws in Article, 1, Section 1, 2, 5, and 7.



STORE HOURS:

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

STORE CLOSED:

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 312-733-2344

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Happy Flag Day, June 14th, Happy Father’s Day, June 17th,
 Summer Begins, June 20th, and Happy 4th of July,
 Happy FOP Family Picnic, July 18th.
 We’re Going To Celebrate With A Happy SALE!!

Father’s Day Specials:

All Leather Star Wallets **15% OFF**
 Beer Steins With Pewter CPD Star **\$9.95 Each**

Clothing Sales:

New Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Tee Shirt **\$15.00 All Sizes**
 Wind Shirt Royal With Diamond Plate Police **\$29.95 - \$31.95**
 New Look! The Ladies Hoodless Hoodie. Blue Or Red— Small to XL **\$29.95**
 Men’s Light-Weight Jacket In Assorted Colors With CPD Tonal Star, s—2XL **\$23.96**
 New Youth Neon Tee Shirt With CPD Appliqué **\$13.95**

Bits & Pieces

New CPD District & Old Area Coffee Mugs, A Great Souvenir Of The Place You Now
 Work Or Used To Work! **Only \$10.95** & Coming Soon Will Be Custom Mugs.
 Last Chance To Get Your Father Nangle Challenge Coin. Almost Sold Out! No More
 Will Be Made. Get Yours Now For **Only \$10.00 Each**

NATO Challenge Coin & Pin Will Be Back In Stock Around June 15th.

**Health Evaluations From
 Interactive Healthcare Solutions**

For about fourteen years now, Interactive Healthcare Solutions, (IHS) has been offering health screenings for FOP members and their families. This is an amazing tool to use to become more proactive with your health. The tests results are welcomed at your doctor’s office and may save your life.

According to the most current “report card” provided by IHS, 190 people from previous IHS evaluations were screened for Cholesterol above 200 at the last health fair. Of the 190, 116 improved! Same kind of results for Triglycerides above 200; of the 79 tested, 55 improved! On the other hand, of the total 1,388 people tested, 174 tested with abnormal conditions, indicating illnesses like heart disease, cancer and thyroid disease. The results speak for themselves.

As if that wasn’t enough of an incentive for you to schedule your tests, did you know that you can use your “Wellness” benefit (\$600 annually) to pay for the evaluation? So can your dependents.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming health fairs:
June 13—14, 2012—007th District, Englewood, 1438 W. 63rd Street
June 27—28, 2012—008th District, Lawn, 3420 W. 63rd Street

To schedule an appointment for yourself and/or eligible family member (age 18 and above), call IHS at 1-800-840-6100.

Active employees and family members—please have your insurance card ready. You will need your insurance card ID number.



**Save The Date!
 The Fraternal Order of Police
 Chicago Lodge No. 7’s
 Annual Golf Outing**

New Location!! Cog Hill Golf and Country Club
 12294 Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois

Monday, August 27, 2012

More Information In Next Newsletter

FOP Days At Six Flags Great America!

August 1 — 5, 2012

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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT



Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its
 18th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament
 at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

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