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President's Report, By Michael Shields



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In the days prior to the November 6 General Election, we ask that each and every member discuss this issue with ten neighbors and persuade them to vote against the proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution.



Manpower 2013

Last December, I attended a speech by Superintendent McCarthy, after which I publicly asked him whether he was prepared to admit that the Department had a manpower problem. He told the crowd that the Department did not have a manpower shortage and was being "right sized." Oh how times changed in 2012. The murder rate soared, garnering national attention. The FOP beat the drum in every media outlet that the Police Department was understaffed. Leading up to the NATO Summit last May, the FOP even purchased billboard space on the Kennedy, Dan Ryan and Stevenson expressways, along with ad space on some Chicago Transit Authority buses, 'L' stops and digital screens.

As I told the Chicago Sun-Times, the billboards were not necessarily an effort to embarrass the Mayor, twenty homicides in one weekend should be embarrassment enough. They were an effort to make sure that our voice was heard. We told anyone and everyone that would listen that the Mayor has gone back on a promise to hire more officers, and that manpower at the Police Department is down by about 2,000 officers.

On July 3, 2012, Superintendent McCarthy announced that the City planned to hire 450-500 police officers before the end of the year. Progress, finally. But we did not stop. FOP kept hammering the manpower message. At the City Council budget hearings in October, the manpower issue was front and center. The City budget director Alex Holt promised to hire 430 by year's end. Five-hundred officers are promised for 2013, 125 per quarter.

When we stick together on a common issue, we can make the City stand up and take notice. It may take some persistence, but we can really make things happen when we put our minds to it. However, we can't sit back after this victory. We have to make sure the City keeps its hiring promises.

General Election

Last month, I wrote on the proposed Constitutional Amendment to be decided on the November 6th election. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49 requires supermajorities to approve pension enhancements and may establish a basis to legislatively "diminish and impair" our pension benefits. When this was in a legislative committee in Springfield, the FOP was one of only two labor organizations that provided testimony on behalf of unions against the proposed Amendment. Now that it has been placed on the ballot, we have asked our membership to vote against this. The FOP has obtained window signs for our members' homes.

In the days prior to the election, we ask that each and every member discuss this issue with ten neighbors and persuade them to vote against CA 49. This amendment is simply referred to as a "**Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution**" on the ballots. We must conduct our own grassroots campaign to fight against this misinformed agenda.

At the unit reps' meeting, the Board of Elections certified each unit rep in attendance as an official registrar in the Lodge's effort to get our own members registered to vote on the matters that impact us the most. Collectively, we have 17,141 members consisting of active and retired members. Our vote should count. Please show up on November 6th and exercise your right to vote.

The National Lodge did not make a presidential endorsement. All members should view the questionnaire responses online from both candidates at <http://www.ilfop.org/PDF/PresidentialQA2012.pdf>.

Please make an informed decision on the issue that matters most – our pensions. Politicians from both sides of the aisle have waged an assault on pensions. I encourage our members to consider the candidates that have been endorsed by the fifteen member FOP Political Action Committee. A list of endorsed candidates can be found at www.chicagofop.org.

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Pension Board Election

The FOP congratulates Mike Lappe on his decisive victory for Pension Board Trustee! The results were released on October 25, 2012, and Mike won with 1,300 votes. The rest of the field came in with: Flisk, 540 votes; Koszola, 432 votes; McCall, 177 votes; Merck, 176 votes; Campbell, 102 votes; and Jans, 68 votes.

Mike Lappe was shot and severely injured and has spent his career working to help our members who are injured in the line of duty. He is a man of the utmost integrity, and the Lodge is committed to working with him, and the other elected Trustees, to ensure that our interests are protected.

Legislation

The Lodge's Legislative Committee will be meeting over the next two weeks. Any members interested in submitting recommendations for legislation that will improve the lives of law enforcement officers should contact the Lodge via e-mail. Please submit your best ideas to mshields@chicagofop.org and mdonahue@chicagofop.org. The Lodge is committed to fighting any legislation that negatively impacts our members, as well as working toward legislation that will enhance the lives of our members.

12th District Holiday & Retirement Celebration!

Please join us for the last celebration before the station closes and we merge with the 13th District! All current and former "Monroe" officers welcome for this farewell party!

Thursday, December 13th
Drury Lane Oak Brook
100 Drury Lane
Oakbrook Terrace IL 60181.

Refreshments: 6:30pm and dinner at 7:30pm.

For tickets please contact the 12th District at 312 746-6627; contact person P.O. Judy Fennessey. Tickets are \$65.00.

1st Vice President's Report, By Bill Dougherty



Korshak: What's Happening in 2013

The rumors are flowing regarding what's going to happen when the *Korshak* settlement expires. This latest settlement was a ten year agreement, which is currently set to expire on June 30, 2013. The Retiree Healthcare Benefits Committee has been meeting to try and come up with a new settlement agreement. The Committee's job is to come up with a recommendation regarding the amount retirees would pay toward health insurance after the current agreement expires. The Committee has been discussing who would be eligible, what the plan design would be for Medicare and Non-Medicare retirees, resource allocation decisions and how it will be financed. Once these decisions have been made, a recommendation will be made to the Mayor. If the parties involved can't come to an agreement then more than likely the retirees and the City will be back in court. The Lodge will continue to monitor this committee and keep members informed of any developments. There are several classes of retirees determined by when they actually retired.

55 and Out Premium Free Health Insurance

The first thing I need to clear up is that the *Korshak* settlement agreement has nothing to do with the 55 and Out. Those retirees that retired and accepted the agreement in 25.2 of our contract are not part of the *Korshak* settlement. This benefit is listed in our contract on pages 120-123. It is a benefit in our contract that can't be taken away from our contract without being negotiated away or an arbitrator taking it away. Neither of these is likely to happen. This was not a benefit that an arbitrator gave us or a benefit that the City could argue is too rich. This was a benefit that we negotiated with the City and came to a complete agreement on. This is a benefit that the Lodge fought hard for and we have no intention of giving it back.

Medical Section/Crutches

If you are on crutches or have a leg cast, you do not have to go down to the Medical Services Section for any reason. Call the Medical Services Section and inform the Medical Section personnel of your situation and then have your doctor fax a letter to the Medical Services Section. If you have any problems with this, call Bill Dougherty at the Lodge.

1st Vice President's Report, *Continued*

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for 2013 runs from November 5-23, 2012. During this enrollment period, you can change your medical and/or dental plan, enroll for coverage for you or your dependents if you aren't covered now, cancel coverage, or combine coverage. The decisions that you make will become effective January 1, 2013. If you don't receive your open enrollment packets by November 5th, please contact the Benefits Management Office at (312) 747-8660. All members should read their open enrollment packet even though they may not be making any changes. Your Open Enrollment Packets contain a Summary Guide of our medical plans. Members should keep these packets. The Summary Guide has a list of telephone numbers and websites that are invaluable. This list contains telephone numbers on our medical plans, dental plans, vision benefits, flexible spending account, life insurance, long term disability, deferred compensation, and pension funds. There is also a letter that lists all of the individuals on your plan who are covered. Make sure that only the individuals who should be covered are on that list. If someone is on that list who is not supposed to be covered, please contact the Benefits Management Division at (312) 747-8660.

Flexible Spending Accounts (Save 25%) - Active employees

During Open Enrollment you also have the opportunity to save money on your medical costs. Opening up a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) will allow you to save approximately 25% of your health care costs. There is a flyer in your Open Enrollment Packet to assist you in signing up. If you have any questions, call Pay Flex at 1-800-284-4885.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Washington, D.C., May 2013

Anyone interested in attending the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. in May 2013 and needs hotel accommodations should contact Detective Sharon Colby (Area Central Detective Division). Det. Colby has secured a block of rooms at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street NW, Washington. This hotel is in an ideal location in Washington and the Metro train station is located in the lower level of the building. It is within walking distance to numerous historical sites and surrounded by many restaurants and bars.

The rate is \$239.00 per night for a room with 2 double beds or 1 king size bed. Check in date is 13 May 13 and check out is 16 May 13. Hotel rooms are at a premium at this time of year in Washington, due to numerous conventions and events taking place. If you would like to book a room or have additional questions, please contact Det. Colby directly, not the hotel (this is a group rate). She can be contacted at 747-8434, pax 1113 (2nd watch) or by cell phone at 773-544-2908.

The Lodge is preparing for its annual mailing to members. Please look at the address label on this newsletter; that is the address we will use to mail your 2013 Handbook, Membership Card and Stickers. Please contact the Lodge and make any necessary Name and address changes now.

FINAL NOTICE: Annual Payers (Retirees, Sgts, Etc.) The deadline has passed! Have you paid your dues?

Attention Retirees and Annual Dues Payers: you can mail your 2013 dues now. The Lodge is taking credit card payments over the phone. If you turn 75 in 2012, you DO NOT pay!!

NAME:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	CITY, STATE, ZIP:
BENEFICIARY:	E-MAIL:
CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Retiree Annual Dues	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65 Sgts. & Above AND/OR Outside Units
Enter Credit Card:	
_____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____	
(VISA, MASTERCARD OR DISCOVER)	

2nd Vice President's Report, *By Frank Di Maria*



Mediation

In our current contract, Section 6.12--Mediation is now available to Officers who are accused in a CR investigation. Mediation, simply explained, is the process that an Officer can enter into when he or she is willing to admit to what he/she is being accused of, and willing to accept the penalty which the Department wants to impose, in exchange for an expedited process without formal statements. At any time during the investigation prior to giving a formal statement, an accused Officer may request Mediation. The Officer may make the request to the investigator who is assigned to the case. Although it is not required, it is recommended that the Officer contact the Lodge for assistance. If the Officer chooses to do so, an FOP Representative will appear with the Officer at the mediation. The investigating agency, IAD or IPRA, has the right to refuse to mediate the case, and the Officer would be notified of any refusal. Prior to an actual Mediation, the Officer will be served with Notice of Charges and Allegations, which will include a factual explanation along with the described rule violation and the Administrative Proceeding Rights.

The Officer appears on the date of the Mediation, along with his Representative, to meet with representatives from IAD or IPRA. However, the investigator who is assigned to the case will not be present or part of the mediation process. The Representative, the Officer and IAD/IPRA will discuss the allegation(s) and their position(s) on a finding for the case. When a proposed penalty has been agreed on, the Officer can either accept or reject what has been mediated. If the Officer accepts the conditions and penalty of the mediation, the Officer is waiving his/her right to file a grievance or any appeal. However, the Officer does not have to give any further statement or response, and the case is over. If the accused Officer does not agree with IAD/IPRA position or proposed penalty, the investigation will continue and the Officer

will give a statement at a later time.

The representatives from IAD/IPRA who participated in the Mediation remove themselves from the case and anything discussed or relayed during the mediation will not be included in the file against the Officer at a later date. If IAD/IPRA and the accused Officer agree on a penalty less than separation, it is binding on both parties. However, the Superintendent retains the right to seek the separation of an Officer. Section 6.12 Mediation is a relatively new agreement in our current contract, and is not for everyone. However, it has been successful in assisting numerous officers since its inception.

Danger Lurks in the Dark

Chicago Police Officers are faced with inherent risks and dangers, along with stress factors and changes in their lives on a daily basis that are associated with the law enforcement profession. Officers after many faithful years of service finally retire believing they have reached their golden years. Unfortunately these retired police officers must face a new danger which lurks in the darkness called pension reform. These retired officers, who should be enjoying the fruits of their labor after many faithful years of service, instead are faced with talk and plans of reductions in their pensions and benefits. So now these great leaders get together and propose an amendment as a quick fix, or as they call it, "a reform" for the problems which they created. This amendment is on the November Ballot and asks the voters of our state to change the Illinois constitution. This proposed amendment is a result of the politicians and our city fathers failing miserably to do their jobs for the last twenty (20) years to manage our pensions. We the Police Officers fulfilled our obligations to the Pension and did what was required of us, unlike those charged with its management.

Please Brother and Sister Officers, spread the word to your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to **VOTE NO** on this proposed constitutional amendment #49 on the November Ballot. This will appear on the first page of the ballot in the left-hand column as a proposed amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution.

Party for Peggy!

10 November 2012
1600 hrs
115 Bourbon Street
3359 West 115th Street
Merrionette Park, Illinois

Peggy is a Chicago police officer, mother of three, and grandmother of two. Peggy has had a long tough road with cancer and is facing 35 radiation treatments. Please join us for benefit for Peggy (Beyer) Baron.

For more information please call:
Kadie - 773-573-4015
Nick - 773-558-6202

51st Annual Police Recognition Ceremony!

19 November 2012
Hyatt Regency
151 E. Wacker
Chicago, IL
1200 hrs
Grand Ballroom, East Tower

For tickets see your District Commander or call 312-745-5185.

3rd Vice President's Report, *By Dan Gorman*



City Budget Hearings

By the time this newsletter reaches our members, we will all know what the Superintendent's responses were to the Aldermen regarding next year's Police Budget. In the days and weeks leading up to Police Budget hearings, some Aldermen questioned the City's Budget Committee on hundreds of issues from tree trimming to social innovation programs. Other Aldermen stepped up and voiced pro-police concerns; we hope others catch on.

During the budget hearings, some of the Aldermen made requests and comments to the Budget Committee including the following:

- The hiring breakdowns for the last 7 years and hiring forecasts for 5, 7 and 10 years... the Superintendent hasn't provided answers to these questions despite the fact that he has been around for over a year.
- There is an opportunity to hire more [police] based on outgoing salaries.
- Savings created by attrition should be reinvested into police.
- Cost savings from police station merges.
- Requested a breakdown, "down to the penny" of what a new officer costs compared to others.
- Positions have been eliminated from OEMC, but how many press secretaries are in this year's budget?
- Community policing is more of a philosophy than a program, we lack the ability to mobilize.
- Want bike patrols, foot patrols, ideas for generating revenue... TIFs should be allocated to Police and Fire.
- Why the City settles frivolous lawsuits against police officers instead of fighting those cases?
- There appears to be a pattern among criminals lodging false accusations against Chicago Police Officers to make money off of the City... "there's no protection for the people who protect us, Police get targeted too!"

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**
Walker – October 24th, 2012
Harris – November 11th, 2012
Room 207, 26 / Cal, Judge Alonso

Timothy Herring Jr - charged in the murder of ET **Mike Flisk**
October 30th, 2012
Room 404, 26th / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

Edgar Colon and Tyrone Clay - both charged in the murder of Officer **Clifton Lewis**; November 14th, 2012
Room 206, 26 / Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins

Antwon Carter - charged in the murder of Officer **Michael Bailey**; November 20th, 2012
Room 602, 26th / Cal, Judge Sacks

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of Officer **Thor Soderberg**; November 20th, 2012,
Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks

Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of Officer **Thomas Wortham IV**
November 28th, 2012
Room 606, 26th / Cal, Judge Porter

Lodge #7 Political Endorsements

This past March, in the primary election, 77 % of the candidates with the Lodge #7 endorsement won their election. Most of these candidates are now running **un-opposed** in the upcoming November 6, 2012, General Election. On October 2, the Board of Directors voted on the PAC's recommendations and the following endorsements were made for the November 6, General Election. Each of the following are running in contested races. **The Lodge did not endorse any un-opposed candidates.** We were very alarmed when a candidate running for Cook County State's Attorney announced that she wants to extend R.I.C.O. to include police officers; needless to say, **this person did not receive FOP's endorsement.**

Senate

9th **Daniel Biss**
18th **Bill Cunningham**
28th **Dan Kotowski**
40th **Toi Hutchinson**

House

10th **Lance Tyson**
20th **Michael McAuliffe**
35th **Fran Hurley**
36th **Kelly Burke**
55th **Marty Moylan**
77th **Skip Saviano**

4th Subcircuit-Judicial

Riley vacancy **Terry Gallagher**
Add'l vacancy **Ed M. Maloney and Christine Cook** (both recommended)

C.C.S.A. **Anita Alvarez**

Clerk of the Court **Dorothy Brown**

Members are also reminded to vote "NO" on HJRCA-49, which appears as "Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution."

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Rich Aguilar*



Unused Vacation Days

2012 has been the Year of Denial. One could assume that I am referring to the Mayor or our Superintendent being in denial regarding violent crimes and murders occurring on an almost daily basis on the streets of our City. The denial I am referring to is the denial of elective time off. Specifically, Officers have repeatedly been denied the opportunity to use excess vacation days outside of their designated furlough periods and contractually guaranteed furlough extensions.

Employee Resource E02-04 (formerly SO 02-17) gives Officers an option to carryover furlough days they were unable to use into the 2013 calendar year. The order states *a member who was prevented from using his or her assigned furlough time during the calendar year because of reasons beyond his or her control will prepare a To-From-Subject report at least thirty days prior to the end of the calendar year requesting permission to carry the unused furlough into the next calendar year. The report will identify the reasons that the member was unable to use his or her furlough at the designated time. The district or unit commanding officer will ensure that the report is forwarded through channels to the Superintendent. If the request is approved by the Superintendent, the member will also prepare a City of Chicago Request for Vacation Carryover (PER 09) form.*

The key to this process is that the member must have been prevented from using the vacation days. A member would be ineligible if the member made the decision to "bank" vacation days rather than use them. It is important that the member demonstrate that an attempt was made to use the day(s) and the member was prevented (request denied) from using them.

Any member who was prevented from using his vacation days, has submitted a timely request by December 1st to carryover his vacation days, and has his request denied should contact the Lodge to discuss the option of filing a grievance.

Standard Grievance Processing

Many members never file a grievance throughout their careers. Suddenly, they have their contractual rights compromised and they are put in the position where their only option is to file a grievance. The process can be confusing. The following example is a brief illustration of how the process works.

Officer Smith believes his contractual rights have been violated. The first step Officer Smith should take is to attempt to resolve the issue at the District/Unit level. This could include consultation with his Watch or Unit Representative for advice or having the Watch or Unit Rep act on his behalf as an advocate. The process ends if the issue is resolved.

Officer Smith should complete a grievance form if the issue cannot be resolved. The form and its accompanying grievance number are both obtained at the District/Unit. Either the watch or unit secretary can supply a grievance number. Officer Smith should contact the Lodge for the proper wording to complete the form. Officer Smith should make a copy of the completed form, forward a copy of the form to the Lodge with any supporting documentation, and hand the completed form to any supervisor who will forward it through the appropriate channels.

Once the form is reviewed by the Department's Management and Labor Affairs Section, the form will be forwarded to the Lodge along with the MLAS response to the grievance. Officer Smith will receive a letter from the Lodge stating the grievance has been received and is now active at the Lodge.

The grievance form and any attached documentation will be forwarded to the Grievance Committee for review. The Grievance Committee is composed of a chairman and fifteen Officers. The Committee reviews every grievance. Each member casts a vote on whether to demand arbitration or withdraw the grievance. The chairman does not vote unless the Committee vote results in a tie. Officer Smith will be notified in writing of the decision made by the Grievance Committee. If the Committee decided to demand arbitration, Officer Smith does not have to do anything until his arbitration date.

If the Committee decided to withdraw the grievance, Officer Smith will be afforded an opportunity to appeal this decision by addressing the Committee in person. After Officer Smith addresses the Committee, another vote will be taken whether to affirm the earlier decision to withdraw or now demand arbitration.

Officer Smith will be notified in writing of the decision made by the Grievance Committee on his appeal. If the Committee decided to demand arbitration, Officer Smith does not have to do anything until his arbitration date.

If the Committee decided to affirm its earlier decision to withdraw, Officer Smith will be afforded an opportunity to appeal the Committee decision to the full Board of Directors at a Monthly Board Meeting in person.

After Officer Smith addresses the Board of Directors, another vote will be taken whether to affirm the decision to withdraw or now demand arbitration. Officer Smith will be notified in writing of the decision made by the Board of Directors. If the Board decided to demand arbitration, Officer Smith does not have to do anything until his arbitration date.

If the Board decided to withdraw, Officer Smith does not have any options available to him. The Board decision is final. This lengthy process was put in place so that no single individual ever determines the fate of any grievance and provides the grievant Officer the proper due process that should be afforded to him.

From the Desk of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



Officers Arrest Offender on Signed Complaints = Punitive Damages Award

In August 2009, two young 024th District Officers were dispatched to a call for an officer in need of assistance. The officers responded to the scene and were met by an on-duty Chicago Police Officer who was serving a court summons. The officer in need of assistance related to the responding unit that he was attempting to serve a summons to the named resident at the listed address. Despite being shown a Chicago Police star and I.D. card, the subject of the summons did not trust that the person at his door was in fact a police officer. When the officer showed this individual his I.D. card, the individual behind the door snatched the I.D. card from his hand and locked the door.

Based on this information, the 024th District Unit officers, in full uniform, knocked on the door and were met with a very unstable woman. The female subject of the summons began screaming profanities at them and subsequently slammed the door. The woman was positively identified as the person who took the officers I.D. card. The uniformed police officers again knocked on the door and this time were voluntarily let into the house. The officers recovered the police I.D. and returned the I.D. card to its owner. Upon having his property returned, the officer who had his I.D. card stolen wished to sign criminal complaints against the offender. After executing the signed complaints, the subject of the summons was placed under arrest.

The case eventually went to Criminal Court at Belmont and Western and was dismissed. The judge who heard the case dismissed it on grounds that the criminal charge should have been theft, as opposed to obstruction of service process. Like every other criminal case that is dismissed in our fair city, a brave, virtuous attorney looking to rectify these grave constitutional violations committed by our officers, filed a federal civil suit. In order to remedy these gross injustices to the plaintiff and the Constitution, the plaintiff's attorney asked for 30k-100k from the city, 2k from the two 024th District officers and 4k from the police officer serving the summons and the on-scene Sergeant.

The case was heard in Federal Court by a jury, during which the plaintiff's counsel pointed to the fact that the criminal case was dismissed, the plaintiff suffered a miscarriage, and the Sergeant, who has since retired, did not appear in court. After deliberating for five hours, the jury found our defendant officers guilty of false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. In its infinite wisdom, coupled with its in-depth knowledge of federal law, the jury more than doubled the amount of requested punitive damage awards. The officers from the 024th District were assessed 4k in punitive damages, the officer serving the summons was ordered to pay 8k in punitive damages and the sergeant was ordered to pay 10k in punitive damages. Not to mention, the jury ordered the city to pay 100k in compensatory damages.

The basic textbook legal definition as to what constitutes punitive damages is "conduct which is malicious, or in reckless disregard of plaintiff's rights." In this case, a Chicago jury somehow reached the conclusion that a police officer who was the victim of a theft, who subsequently signed a complaint against the offender, and the officers who place the offender under arrest, have all committed offenses of an evil nature.

It is a shame that this federal jury saw fit not only to overlook the illegal actions taken by the offender, but then reward her by issuing a six-figure judgment to include the officers personal money. As if our members needed something additional to worry about while carrying out a dangerous job in an increasingly violent city, punitive damage awards against our members are becoming more commonplace. Sadly, judgments such as the one described above provide further evidence that a significant portion of the general public live in sheer ignorance of the responsibilities and legal obligations of the law enforcement profession.

Attorney Brian Gainer

On behalf of the Lodge, I am pleased to announce the hiring of Attorney Brian Gainer as outside counsel. Brian brings a unique legal skill set to the service of our members. Brian is a former Chicago Police Officer who worked in the 011th District on the 3rd Watch and the District Tactical Team. Since his tenure as a Chicago Police Officer, Brian has successfully defended many Chicago Police Officers in federal civil suits. In addition to being an outstanding trial lawyer, Brian has an excellent understanding of Department directives. Brian has agreed to represent our members before the Police Board, at police shootings and administrative statements. Based on his experience as a Chicago Police Officer, as well as his defense of our officers in Federal Court, he is an excellent match for our members legal needs. The Lodge wishes him the best of luck.

Chicago Police Marine Corps League, Detachment 553 Annual Fundraiser!

Sunday, November 4, 2012
1200-1700hrs

FOP Hall, 1412 W. Washington, Chicago

Come watch the Bears beat the Titans! \$15 (or \$20 at the door) covers food, beverages, and three raffle tickets! E-mail for more information or tickets: chicagopolicemarines@gmail.com.

August 2012 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Abejero, Restituto E.	Officer	017	13
Ballauer, Susan E.	Officer	193	24
Barrett, Susan M.	Detective	630	26
Biggane, Marie H.	Detective	620	26
Brown, Angela J.	Officer	141	26
Capers, Darlene	Detective	610	26
Donovan, David P.	Officer	018	22
Frugoli, Joseph M.	Detective	610	22
Hernandez, Phillip J.	Officer	050	26
Hoban, Jr., Thomas E.	Officer	050	30
Holland-Huels, Talissa	Traffic Specialist	608	22
Howard, Genaro A.	Officer	007	30
Kasprzyk, Linda S.	Officer	001	26
LaPalermo, Karen A.	Detective	630	20
Mason, Shiron D.	Officer	007	21
Morgan, Charles E.	Detective	630	30
Ochocki, Teddy	Officer	124	40
Pagan, John	Officer	701	27
Palmer, III, Alvin J.	Officer	701	22
Peters, David E.	Officer	001	20
Pierce, Tod M.	Detective	620	26
Robinson, David C.	Officer	009	22
Sheehan, Brian R.	Marine Officer	059	26
Smith, Roxane C.	Officer	002	21
Turney, Donald C.	Officer	019	34
Washburn, James R.	Sergeant	193	18
Wilson, James C.	Officer	006	13
Wittenberg, John R.	Lieutenant	701	26
Young, Elyse M.	Officer	008	24
Zamb, William C.	Officer	013	27

Departed Brothers & Sisters

John E. Hill
James J. Kinahan
Edward W. Adorjan
Josef J. Chejn
Alfred W. Brown
Richard A. Wisniewski
Arthur S. Godfrey
Bernard Browne
Carl M. Schedfore
William J. Murphy
Roman G. Paluch
George H. Patton, Sr.
Mario T. Guiffrida
Joseph A. Pinter
Robert A. Sanford
Roland A. Brandt
Timothy C. O'Shea
Roger D. Wilson
William C. Feltes, Jr.
Robert J. Spiegel
Glenn M. Radzik
Michael R. Spagnolo
William C. Kuelbs

Retiree Breakfasts and Luncheons!

North:

1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am
Lone Tree Manor, Niles, IL
Joe Nalepa, 773-763-1362

The Northsider's Luncheon:

3rd Wednesday of January, April, July & October @ Noon
Biaggio's Suparossa, Chicago, IL
Paul Vitaoli, 312-402-1040

South:

2nd Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am
Jedi's Garden, Oak Lawn, IL
Don Januszzyk, 708-364-9903

Bomb & Arson:

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

12th District Retirees and Alumni

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

Crime Lab, ETs, Forensic Services & Mobile Unit

1st Tuesday of Month @ Noon
Flap-Jack's Restaurant, Oak Lawn, IL
Bob Baikie, 773-284-1935

Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization:

3rd Thursday of Month @ 7:30 pm
Orland Park Civic Center, 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, Chicago, Illinois
Elbert Parker, 773-593-7743

Survivors Lunch:

2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am
Beverly Woods Restaurant, Chicago, IL

Public Housing Unit, (North, South & Administration)

1st Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am
George's Restaurant, Chicago, IL
Maurice Brown, 773-577-0154

Arizona Retirees:

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

Arkansas Retirees:

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

Las Vegas Retirees:

Every Thursday of Month @ 9:30 am
The Willows, Henderson, NV
Jerry Rutkowski, 702-575-4301

Florida Retirees:

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm
Cop Shop, Cape Coral, FL
Tom Faragoi, 239-770-7896

7th Annual 18th District Luncheon:

18 April 2013
Marcello, Father and Son, North and Larrabee, Chicago.
Contact John Wotring at johnnywo1@aol.com

Message From Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

In some Christian denominations, November begins with All Saints Day (01 NOV) and All Souls Day (02 NOV). Many Latino cultures celebrate “Dia de los Muertos.” This month, after all the leaves have fallen off the trees and the flowers in our yard are gone, we can’t help but be reminded of our own mortality.

As police officers, you encounter suffering and death far more often than the average person. When it hits our police family directly, we mourn together. Recently I offered prayers at a wake service, after which a police officer thanked me, saying, “I love the fact that we have special wake services for CPD members and family.”

I tried to explain to him the difference between the Police Chaplains’ Ministry and the St. Jude League. It is the St. Jude League who is usually “on” for visiting wakes. (I made a special point to offer prayers at *this* particular wake because I would be celebrating the officer’s funeral Mass the next day.) Typically, however, it is a chaplain from the St. Jude League who leads prayer services at CPD wakes.

While St. Jude and the Police Chaplains are completely separate entities, we work very well together. The other four Police Chaplains and I thank the 40 or so St. Jude volunteers for carrying out their mission of assisting grieving families at very difficult times. Death can be ugly, as we all know. But it can also be a beautiful experience and a grace-filled moment as a loved one slips from our hands into God’s.

MASS CARDS: I was recently asked about the procedure for obtaining sympathy/Mass cards from the Chaplains Ministry. It’s actually very simple: via the internet, visit www.ChicagoPCM.org and click on the “Request a Mass Card” link. Or, via telephone, dial 312/738-2831 (24/7), and follow the instructions. For future reference, this number can be found in your FOP book under the “Chaplains” listing. Your card will be mailed to whatever address you provide, and the deceased will be remembered and prayed for at the next Police Mass. There is no fee for Mass cards; however, donations are always gratefully accepted to support our work. (As you know, Police Chaplains Ministry is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, **not** funded by the Department.)

OPERATION SANTA: With the help of some of our own officers who have served in the military, the Chaplains Ministry is again sending Christmas care packages to our brother and sister CPD members currently stationed in Afghanistan.

If you would like to help offset the cost of these top-notch gift boxes, please make a check payable to “Police Chaplains Ministry” and mail it to the address below. You can also use intra-department mail and direct your donation to the Chaplains’ Unit (118). Remember, your donation is fully tax-deductible. THANKS for looking out for our men and women who have changed uniforms—but still carry out such a noble mission!

Thanks to our many volunteers who do the shopping and pack the boxes, and thanks to Phil Cline and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation for picking up the shipping cost. (The Foundation also sees to it that the children of our deployed officers receive gifts from Santa. Kudos to CPMF for their constant kindness!)

Our **Police Mass** is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. 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. For the sake of any on-duty worshippers, Mass is usually over by 11:30. Fellowship (including coffee, juice and pastries) follows for those who are able to stick around for a bit.

This month, in addition to our usual Police Masses, we will also celebrate a special **Thanksgiving Day Mass**. Come give thanks to God for the many blessings we often take for granted...and bring your family! You’ll be in good company, I promise. **Note that while the usual Mass time is 11:00, on Thanksgiving morning, we’ll celebrate Mass at 10:00.**

If the Chaplains Ministry can be of ANY assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call on us 24/7.

General Meeting Notice

Please attend the November
General Meeting
20 November 2012
1200 hrs

Keep in mind that you may not park in the Lung Association’s lot. You will be towed if you do. Also, please remember to sign the attendance books as you enter the meeting. Retirees are not required to use their star numbers, just write RTD in place of your star.

Annual Turkey Drawing at the meeting!

Fraternally,

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

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(cell/text)

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"A Stranger Who Came to Stay" Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

So how many times have you heard parents lament, "I wish I could communicate better with my children" or "Why when I talk to my children do they look so distracted?" How many times have we asked ourselves, "why do I have such a difficult time having a meaningful conversation with my spouse or significant other?" Have you ever wondered why it is so difficult to find quality time for our family and friends? I pondered the question with a friend of mine and his response was, "I think the answer lies in the story 'The Stranger Who Came To Stay'" Let me share the story with you...

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on. As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to our first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors. After a long time, the visitor became more daring however and even got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol, but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive,

and generally embarrassing. I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And NEVER asked to leave. More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name? We just call him "TV." He got married and has a wife now and we call her "Computer." They now have two children, their first child we call "Cell Phone," their second child we call "iPod."

The moral of the story: We can't change the world, but wouldn't it be nice to start a movement of spending some exclusive time with our loved ones? We are so used to the electronic "strangers" in our lives, that we don't even realize that we forgot how to have a few minutes of alone time with our family and friends without being interrupted with either a cell call or text. So when you sit down to the Thanksgiving dinner or your weekly family dinner, let's see if we can give it a try to just enjoy each other's company, without letting the "strangers" interrupt the spirit of the moment.

Everyday's Thanksgiving Prayer

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf. Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, Thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind. Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, Thank you Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden. Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, my children are so loud. Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely. Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, Thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry. Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job. Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, I thank you, Lord, for life.

May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care. Wishing you a blessed and joyous Holiday Season.

Address Change Form, Effective Date: _____

Name: _____ Star Number: _____ E-Mail: _____
(Last, First, MI)

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Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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



STORE HOURS:

MON-THURS, 9:00 – 5:00
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**A Happy Thanksgiving to all!
The holidays are getting near.
So let's start off the season with a great BIG SALE!!**

FOP Saturday, November 17, 2012

Sale 20% off everything in the store (except items already on sale)!

Extended hours 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

Get here early, it's going to get busy!!

Gold sale: 10% off all custom star pendants and rings.
14kt white or yellow gold.

Sale dates November 10 to December 18 to ensure delivery for
Christmas. Normal delivery time is 2 weeks - don't wait until the last
minute, order yours now.

Ladies soft shell two-tone blue/black jacket.
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Baby sets: my first CPD blanket, tee shirt and bib in pink, blue and white.
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CPD baby bottles in pink, yellow or blue was \$7.95 now \$5.96.
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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 November 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 **November General Meeting**.
- **Applications may be submitted up to the time of the drawing at the November 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