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President’s Report, *By Michael Shields*



Retiree Healthcare Update

There have been many developments on the retiree healthcare front this month. First, Attorney Clint Krislov filed the initial *amicus curiae*, or friend of the court brief in the State employees’ healthcare litigation in the Illinois Supreme Court. The purpose of this brief was to inform the court that the Illinois Constitution’s Article XIII, Section 5 protections cover “benefits of participation” in government funds, not just “pensions” or annuities. It also served to inform the Illinois Supreme Court that City annuitants’ healthcare benefits are created in the Pension Code, and thus should be protected as well, encouraging them to reverse the Sangamon County Circuit Court’s declaration that Healthcare subsidies are not protected at all.

Mr. Krislov also filed a Motion to Reactivate the *Korshak* litigation. This resulted in the lawsuit being renamed *Underwood v. the City of Chicago*. Mike Underwood is a Trustee on the Lodge’s Board of Directors. He served in the United States Marine Corps and served two tours in Vietnam before being discharged as a Sergeant in 1970. In 1972, he joined the Chicago Police Department where he worked in the 019th District, then Area 6 SOG, the 015th District, the 024th District, and retired from the 016th District in 2002. He has been extremely active in his retirement, and it is certainly more appropriate to have this litigation named after a policeman, rather than a long-since passed away City appointed Pension Board Trustee.

The reason for the change in name of the lawsuit is that the City of Chicago opposed Mr. Krislov’s Motion to Reactivate the case, and insisted that he file a new lawsuit. We did not believe this was necessary, though, we are pleased to have the litigation named after Mike Underwood. We really could not have a better “face” for this fight.

Unfortunately, all four of the elected Pension Board Trustees (police officers on the Board) caught a lot of flak because of an e-mail sent by our attorney, Mr. Krislov. In that e-mail, Krislov explained that the attorney for the Pension Board had taken the City’s position that a new lawsuit needed to be filed. Numerous phone calls were made complaining to the elected trustees in response to that e-mail. I have personally spoken to each and every one of our elected trustees, and I assure you that they did not know, nor did they direct Pension Board attorney David Kugler to adopt the City’s position regarding the filing of a new lawsuit.

In response, however, the trustees have instructed Mr. Kugler to make them aware of every court date so they can be in attendance and they have warned him not to take any position without their authorization. Please keep in mind that our elected trustees are on our side. I can assure our membership that the elected Pension Board Trustees are of the opinion that retirees’ healthcare is a benefit of participation of the pension funds.

Active and retired officers must be aware that retirees’ healthcare litigation will not be resolved in the short-term future. This litigation may take years to resolve. We are in the early stages of this fight. Mayor Emanuel has used ambiguous language in the City’s communication to the annuitants as to when healthcare will be stripped. However, he was quite clear that the City wants to be out of healthcare by December 31, 2017. Current retirees and other members of this class must be patient as this case goes through the many avenues of the courts. Remember, we’ve been fighting this issue since 1983.

Monique Davis

Many of you have probably heard about the completely ridiculous and insulting comments made by Illinois State Representative Monique Davis. For any who have not, a quick summary: Representative Davis was interviewed on a radio station in Detroit. She claimed in that interview that there is “suspicion” in her community that it is not “black people” killing children, but actually the police. When asked if she thought that could be the case, Davis responded that she “didn’t know.” After coming under fire later, Davis said that she didn’t think

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President's Report (Ctd.)

she owed anyone an apology for stating the beliefs of "her community."

Representative Davis: perhaps you have not learned basic manners, but you do, in fact, owe approximately 17,000 people an apology. Each and every one of our members, both active and retired, have made great sacrifices for this City. We respond when others run away. We protect and serve the citizens of Chicago the best we can. Your comments were not only ludicrous, they were offensive to each and every member of the Chicago Police Department who put their life on the line to protect **our** community. And we know, that you know that the police are not out there "killing kids," as you put it.

With that in mind, I sent a letter to every labor organization that has contributed to Representative Davis' campaign. We asked that they not contribute to Representative Davis' campaign election fund. We certainly will not forget this incident, and we want to make sure that our brother and sister organizations don't either. Sometimes the only way to make politicians listen is to hit in the pocketbook.

Suicide on the Department

Recently, there has been an increase in suicides on the Chicago Police Department. I encourage all of our members who may feel depressed to reach out to EAP or Father Brandt and the Chaplain's Unit. I also ask that when you observe a fellow police officer who may be struggling, please take it upon yourself to talk to that brother or sister. It is our job as brothers and sisters on the Police Department to look out for our own. You never know who you may be able to help.

1st Vice President's Report by Bill Dougherty



Letter to the Mayor

On July 23, 2013 this letter was sent to Mayor Emanuel. I will report back in the September newsletter what the Mayor's response was.

Dear Mayor Emanuel,

I have been involved in the last three contract negotiations between the City of Chicago and the Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge #7. When your administration came in, we had meetings approximately eight (8) months before the contract ended. The Lodge was hopeful after those meetings, as your representative Mark Angelson told us that he was looking forward to negotiating a contract before the current contract ended. As you may know, that would have been the first time it had ever happened between the parties. It would have been a huge boost in morale to a Department that has been working with less manpower during your administration.

Unfortunately, Mr. Mayor you have decided to stall contract negotiations for both police and fire. Neither police nor fire has a financial offer on the table and both of our contracts have been expired for over a year. This is after your first responders did an amazing job for the City during the NATO Summit last year, and the way those same officers handled the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Victory celebrations this year. That would have been the perfect time to have "your people" sit down and negotiate in good faith. A simple gesture like that would have gone a long way. Instead, officers that worked seven days in a row during the conference have still not been paid for their services over a year later. Your contract negotiation team has done nothing but stall and put off dates. We have asked the Superintendent to attend these meetings, but as of today's date, he has not attended one meeting.

Everything in this City is done at a certain time for a reason. The economy is improving, yet your administration cries poor. They just sit back and wait, giving no real answers. These are choices that are ultimately made by you. You are responsible. Yesterday, when the bond rating was downgraded, your response was "I told you so." For two years, the FOP has been telling you that our manpower is dangerously low. Forty citizens are shot every weekend and with a straight face you and the Superintendent stand in front of the media to proclaim that we have enough police. Should our response be, "I told you so"? You can stand in front of the media and claim the streets are safe, but every first responder knows better. You also stated that this is a "wakeup call" for everyone. The wakeup call needs to include the 5th floor. As mayor, you have trimmed the Chicago Police Department ranks to unsafe levels. The violence in our streets unfortunately helped cause the reduction in our bond rating. We always hear you say, "It's about the kids." If it was really about the kids, you would make their streets safe and staff them properly. This would not only help our pension fund, but would improve the City's bond rating.

Your treatment of City employees and retirees has been deplorable at best. Trying to take away healthcare from families of first responders who put their lives on the line every day is unacceptable. Almost everyone I have come in contact with from your administration gives me the impression that they don't care about this City, let alone its employees and retirees.

These men and women deserve better than the way they have been treated this last year by their own mayor. At the Fraternal Order of Police, we welcome open discussions with you on these issues. We have reached out to you, with no response. Open discussions would be better than the "I told you so response." Mr. Mayor, please call us. We will respond.

Sincerely,
William C. Dougherty

1st Vice President's Report (Ctd.)

Medical Administrator Retiring

Many officers have either talked to Barb Hemmerling over the years or sat in her office. Barb has been the Medical Administrator at the Medical Services Section since 1996. Barb has submitted her retirement papers and is leaving the Chicago Police Department. Barb has been helpful to myself and our staff here at FOP many times over the years in helping when an officer has a problem at the Medical Section. We wish Barb much success in her retirement.

2nd Vice President's Report by Frank Di Maria



Questions you have about Retirement but were Afraid to Ask

One of the most important decisions a police officer will make during his or her police career is when he/she will retire from the Chicago Police Department. Many police officers will often talk about retirement daily, discussing their future hopes and plans of how to enjoy those golden years in leisure, and how to plan financially for this transition. Many police officers attend the pre-retirement seminars and read as much literature that is available to make informative decisions of what to expect. However, there are many police officers who make the choice to retire not knowing what to expect or who have not made a plan for the future. I have recently received a number of telephone calls from police officers who are planning on retiring in the near future but have many questions and are confused about the procedures regarding applying for retirement. There have been a variety of questions which were asked regarding retirement. I did some research and learned that there is nothing written outlining the procedures providing police officers with some type of guide. I will try and answer some of the most common questions which were asked.

There are different variables regarding retirement depending on the age of the applicant and his/her time in service. The minimum age for retirement is 50 with 20 years of service. Officers reach their maximum benefit for service at 29 years and a day. Officers who retire before the age of 55 may retire from service and must pay for their health care, per the Korshak Agreement. Officers must retire by age 63 regardless of time in service.

There are two separate retirement benefits which the Lodge obtained for our members and are outlined in the Contract. Officers who retire on or after the age of 55 and before the age of 60 shall receive premium free health care provided they follow the guidelines set forth in the Contract. Officers must file by 1 October the preceding year on line with the Department of their intention to retire along with the effective date. Effective 1 October 2010 and every year thereafter officers need to file for retirement under this provision along with agreeing to certain terms and conditions for payment of final compensation. Officers who retire after the age of 60 will receive premium free health care and need only apply and be approved with no terms or conditions.

Officers who make the decision to retire should pick a date that will work for their individual needs. I have been told that the best time to retire is on the 15th of the month, but this is only a recommendation not an exact science. Officers when retiring should make sure they do not have any bad time (suspension, leave of absence or unpaid time) to make up to avoid in some cases of being short service time for time you thought you worked. The Department will not tell you if you are short but only adjust your monthly retirement check. Officers should also check with Internal Affairs to learn if they have any open or pending CR numbers. The Department will not issue you a retirement star or identification card if there is an open investigation. If this is the case you cannot qualify for conceal and carry under HR 218.

Officers who are applying for retirement must complete the application from a Department Computer completing a Clear Form which must be submitted to the Director of Human Resources for approval. The approval process usually takes approximately 3 weeks and it is the Officers responsibility to make sure it is approved. Once the application is approved the Officer should contact the Pension Board notifying them of their intention of retiring and learn how much their payment will be monthly. The Officer must have an exit interview with their commander before their last day worked. Officers should ensure that their current contact information along with the proper beneficiary is listed with the pension board, credit union, deferred compensation and the FOP to make the transition into retirement with the least of amount of problems.

The big day that the individual officer picked for retirement will finally arrive. The Officer will turn in his Department issued equipment and should receive a receipt. The Officer will be brought to Human Resources where he/she will be issued their retirement identification card and star to complete the process which is set forth by the Department. The Officer has now completed the Department's process for retirement and will begin this new phase of their lives. The Officer may now enjoy many happy and healthy years of retirement as a reward for their dedication, hard work and service as Chicago Police Officers.

I hope that the guidelines reported in this newsletter will assist our future retirees.

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



New Property Tax Laws

According to the Cook County Assessor's website, the Governor signed new legislation on July 17th which affects property tax law. Board of Review Commissioners Larry Rogers and Mike Cabonargi will have representatives on hand at the September and October General Meetings to explain the recent real estate tax law. Retired Brother Tim Monahan along with the other Board of Review reps will also be available to assist with filing tax appeals. The September meeting is at 12:00 pm on the 17th and the October meeting is at 7:00 pm on the 15th.

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.

Antwon Carter "Pro-Se" - charged in the murder of **Officer Michael Bailey**
 July 31st, 2013
 Room 602, 26th / Cal, Judge Sacks

Edgar Colon and Tyrone Clay - both charged in the murder of **Officer Clifton Lewis**
 August 6th, 2013
 Room 206, 26 / Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins

Robin Johnson – charged in the murder of **Officer Richard Francis**
 August 7th, 2013
 Room 302, 26th / Cal, Judge Gainer

Christopher Harris and Kevin Walker – both charged in the murder of **Officer Alex Valadez**
 August 13th, 2013
 Room 207, 26 / Cal, Judge Alonso

Timothy Herring Jr - charged in the murder of **ET Mike Flisk**
 August 27th, 2013
 Room 404, 26th / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of **Officer Thomas Wortham IV**
 August 29th, 2013
 Room 606, 26th / Cal, Judge Porter

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of **Officer Thor Soderberg**
 September 5th, 2013
 Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks

March/April 2013 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Altman, George R.	Officer	007	21
Ayala, Jr., Fausto	Officer	016	22
Beach, Ronald S.	Officer	002	27
Bernard, Rosie L.	Officer	014	21
Bilina, Michael J.	Officer	009	25
Bone, Harold W.	Officer	016	31
Caldwell, David S.	Agent	121	30
Davis, Clevon	Officer	003	27
Downes, Jr., John B.	Officer	196	20
Edwards, Wayne M.	Officer	384	26
Ford, John R.	Officer	005	25
Green, Viveca G.	Officer	001	23
Heuls, Edwin A.	Forensic Inv.	277	32
Johnson, Leslie E.	Officer	005	25
Maldonado, Edwin J.	Officer	012	20
O'Brien, Terence B.	Officer	006	30
Pietrucha, Michael A.	Officer	022	16
Quinn, James P.	Officer	022	37
Salazar, Jose G.	Officer	189	35
Steele, Charles F.	Officer	024	18
Stewart, Lyzette M.	Officer	003	14
Stoll, Carl B.	Detective	630	27
Szura, William M.	Officer	055	26
Tate, Tyrone	Forensic Inv.	277	26
Turrise, Richard	FTO	008	41
Vera, Charles A.	Officer	765	40

March/April 2013 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Carroll, Edward T.	Detective	620	26
Coogan, William J.	Detective	620	28
Delahanty, Michael J.	Detective	620	28
Franzen, Terrence	Officer	004	32
Galvan, Louise	Officer	006	22
Grand, Nancy R.	Detective	610	23
Johnson, Kevin C.	Officer	384	26
Jones, Charles W.	Officer	006	22
Kitowski, Nicholas P.	Officer	018	41
Knight, Fulton R.	Officer	002	25
Kohler, Daniel M.	Officer	022	21
Kurpis, Robert M.	FTO	008	27
Kuzniar, Michael S.	Officer	019	22
Kwasinski, Thomas M.	Officer	016	31
Manning, Paul W.	Officer	050	28
McCann-Douchee, Deatra	Officer	003	22
McCray-Jones, Irish L.	Officer	701	23
Ortiz, Daisy M.	Officer	014	22
Phillips, Edward	Officer	006	23
Phillips, McKinley T.	Officer	009	27
Ponti, Michael A.	Officer	701	26
Richardson, Donald	Officer	022	40
Robinson, Malcolm B.	Officer	001	32
Rogers, Kevin L.	Officer	006	28
St. Pierre, Lily M.	Officer	341	23
Starling, Bill J.	Officer	312	19
Stovall, Edward A.	Officer	004	32
Valient, Bridget A.	Officer	007	25
Woodson, III, Henry A.	Officer	002	23

“I Told You So” by Financial Secretary Rich Aguilar...

The above words were uttered by our illustrious mayor after the City of Chicago received a triple downgrade by Moody’s Investors Services. I recall hearing those same words uttered by Laura Petrie in an episode of the old Dick Van Dyke Show. The similarities don’t stop there. They are both about the same stature. They are both trained dancers. And, their comments were both uttered with the smugness of a know-it-all sitcom wife. Make no mistake about it, I am not making light of the downgrade. It is a serious problem for the City, but the City should look no further than the fifth floor of City Hall for the causes of the downgrade.

There are a lot of other people who could also say “I Told You So” with the same smugness. Who are these people I am referring to? Take your pick.

The Actuaries

Any of the actuaries who, for at least the past three decades, have made yearly actuarial recommendations for the proper funding of our pension fund.

The current funding of our pension requires the City of Chicago to make a pension contribution of two dollars for every pension dollar contributed by a Police Officer. This is spelled out in the current legislation that regulates our pension fund. This two-to-one contribution has been in place since at least 1982.

Simply put, the City’s contribution rate is not enough and actuaries have been telling Chicago mayors, past and present, exactly that fact. What did the mayors do with the information contained in these recommendations? They did absolutely nothing with them. Wait, that is not really correct. They did do something. They all made a conscious decision to ignore them. Had the previous Chicago administrations heeded the actuaries’ recommendations and made the small required increases over the years, there likely would be much less of an issue for the current mayor to deal with today.

But our current mayor has a plan. He has made the executive de-

cision that the City can no longer kick the can down the road, but instead of admitting that he and his predecessors made mistakes, are responsible for the current state of affairs, and finally making things right, he will do what he does best. He will take the onus off of himself and move it somewhere else using the rhetoric of something else called pension reform. Now, suddenly, by way of a simple catch-phrase, you and I are portrayed as the problem. Unfortunately, the public is actually buying into it.

The FOP

The FOP has repeatedly told our mayor, for the past three years, that more Police Officers are retiring than are being hired. We have told him that this not only creates an unsafe environment for those Officers still here, but it also creates an unsafe environment for the citizens that those Officers are charged with protecting.

The Citizens

The dozens, make that hundreds, of citizens who have been shot every month and the dozens of dead bodies of those who have been killed should have indirectly told our mayor that his plan to do more with less is not working when it comes down to the Police having the ability to keep them safe. Apparently, they have not.

The Tourists

How many reported and, even more importantly, unreported theft and battery victims in the downtown area does it take to get the message across that there are not enough Police Officers employed by the City of Chicago to ensure their safety? If history can be used as an indicator, the surest way for any elected official to be unsuccessful at re-election time is to bury his head in the sand and continually ignore the problems of this once-great city.

One can only hope that, after the 2015 mayoral election, we all have the opportunity to look our former mayor in the eye and say to him, “I Told You So!”

Constitution and By-Law Proposals

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has received two proposals for amending our Constitution. Both proposals were tendered properly through the Secretary and were addressed at the June Board of Directors Meeting. The proposals for which parts that would have been removed are in bold are:

Article IV- Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Lodge President, the Immediate Past President, the 1st, 2nd **and 3rd** Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Sergeants-At-Arms, and seventeen (17) Trustees.

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General Meeting Notice

It’s time to resume the General Meetings!

Please attend the September General Meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2012 at Noon.

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.

From the Desk of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



Illinois State Rep. Monique Davis

Many of you contacted the Lodge regarding a statement many by Illinois House State Representative Monique Davis on 19 July. Representative Davis was quoted saying, "I'm going to tell you what some suspicions have been, and people have whispered to me: they're not sure that black people are shooting all of these children," Davis said. "There's some suspicion - and I don't want to spread this, but I'm just going to tell you what I've been hearing - they suspect maybe the police are killing some of these kids." Here at the Lodge we try to answer your questions and address your concerns to the best of our ability. As I told each of those members and write to you today, I don't have a good answer when trying to explain the thought process of the collectively stupid. If I may extend a little advice to the Representative, if you don't want to spread this suspicion, it is probably not a good idea to make such a pronouncement on a public radio station. Remarks such as these lend strong support to a small public movement that elected officeholders should be required to take and pass a basic intelligence test, before they attempt to legislate for the people at large. It is clearly frightening that someone with so little intelligence and so much arrogance and ignorance has a vote in our State's governing

body. If comments such as these are a barometer for intelligence amongst some of our State Legislators, there is little reason left to wonder why the State of Illinois is a political and financial mess.

Indebtedness to the City

Over the past several months, some of our members have contacted the Lodge regarding a notice of Indebtedness to the City of Chicago. It is reasonable to assume that the amount owed and the length of time of the indebtedness differs on a case-by-case basis. It has been brought to the attention of the Lodge that affected members will be issued a 4-day suspension for the actual indebtedness and an additional 1-day for each week of indebtedness. The Lodge finds the proposed penalty excessive, and as stated above, the circumstances surrounding each incident are different as are the possible explanations. I am quite certain that Chicago Police Officers are not the only City employee's receiving such notice. My question is what type of penalty are the other agencies administering to their employees? More troubling is that some of our members have explained to us that the alleged indebtedness was not their own, but that of a family member or someone who lived at the same address. All affected members are encouraged to consult the Lodge regarding possible appeal options.

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

2013 FOP Picnic Report by Frank DiMaria and Sid Davis

The 2013 FOP Picnic was held on 17 July 2013 on the grounds at Gaelic Park after months of planning and preparation. The morning was clear, sunny and the temperature at 0700 hrs was in the eighties and expected to reach the high 90's by afternoon. The hot temperatures did not stop our members from lining up outside of the gates of Gaelic Park around 0830 hrs and once we opened the gates there was a steady stream of our members and their families entering the fields to set up their tents and enjoy this event which the Lodge provides. As the children entered the park they were given candy and a prize. The complimentary refreshments for both the children and adults never stopped being poured until the last glass was filled at the end of the day. The children lined up as we passed out frozen treats until there was none. If someone would have looked at the front of the FOP Store which relocated to Gaelic Park they would have thought they were at Filene's Basement Running of the Brides searching for that perfect bargain or sale item. The clown entertained the children with his act and the DJ played music satisfying everyone's taste. Santa Claus arrived at Gaelic Park in the early afternoon and he set up shop greeting our Members and their children posing for photos and passing out candy to all of the children who stopped by to say hello. The tent decorating contest was held and the winners this year were 1st Place Cindy Rodriguez (Retired) Crime Scene, 2nd Place David Granado 010th District Flags on Display and 3rd Place Tony Valenti 007th District Blackhawk Tribute. The amusement rides were very busy and were taken full advantage of by our members and their families and never stopped running until we closed. We survived the crowds and the extreme heat closing the park at 1800 hrs ending another picnic. We hope that everyone had a good time and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following persons and companies for their contributions which added to the success of the 2013 Picnic. Please support them because they support you the Membership: Frank Amaro and the Italian American War Veterans, American Licorice Company, Stephen Bervid Sr as Santa Claus, Tom Cline the Clown, Chicago Patrolmen's Credit Union, Colleen Daly Attorney at Law, Will Fahey Attorney at Law, Brian Gainer Attorney at Law, Ralph Licari Attorney at Law, Ferrara Candy Company, Mars Candy Company, Prim Rose Candy Company, Tootsie Roll Company, Weber Bakery, and Vitners Potato Chips.



Message From Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain



If you've been involved in a shooting in recent years, then you're familiar with the Department's OIS (Officer-Involved Shooting) class offered regularly at the academy. This is a MOST worthwhile program that many jurisdictions don't offer...but CPD mandates, thank God! There have been nothing but rave reviews from those who have participated, and I bring it up because I am proud to help facilitate it each month with our range instructors. **Kudos** to CPD for being ahead of the curve, offering such a vital program for members who are forced to use their weapons on- or off-duty. (While I whole-heartedly believe in this program, *I hope NOT to see you there!*)

In light of the perils you face day-to-day, I'd like to place the following prayer into your hands... you've heard it at various ceremonies and gatherings, but I thought you might like to have it in print...

Police Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we ask your blessing and guidance upon all law enforcement officers engaged in the protection of your people.

Be with them on their tours of duty while patrolling the streets of our city. Give the blessing of your wisdom, to know and do what is right. Temper their actions with mercy and justice.

When their tours are completed, guide them safely home to their loved ones.

We also ask your blessing upon all our brothers and sisters who have sacrificed their very lives in the performance of their duties. Give to their loved ones the peace and strength to bear the anguish of their loss. May eternal peace and rest abide with their departed loved ones forever.

This we ask in your most holy name, for you live and reign forever and ever... *Amen.*

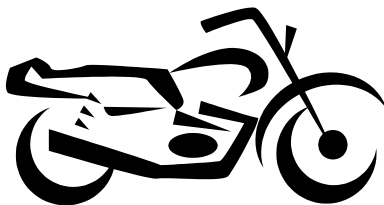
Speaking of prayers... Our beloved Cubs may need some, so if you're looking for a fun time on Tuesday evening, 13 AUG, please join us at the Cubs/Reds game at Wrigley Field. We'll be close to God, as we have a rooftop reserved—thanks to the guys in 019. It's a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. \$100 gets you admission and unlimited food/drink. The game starts at 7:05, with pre-game beginning at 6:00. We are limited to 200 tickets; please contact me or visit our website ASAP for tickets.

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

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain
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“Casper Lauer” Police Memorial Motorcycle Run!



15 September 2013
 1000 hrs
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“Never Say Never,” Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

A marathon was coming up and one of our brothers called and asked “Rabbi, should I run the marathon?” So I asked “What is your hesitation?” He answered “I don’t think I can make it to the end, I’m out of shape.” I told him go for it anyway, because that is what life about, running the race, giving it your best, even if you don’t make it to the end. So our guy ran the marathon and made it 14 miles (Ron, I’m proud of you!). I was thinking to myself, how many people can run 14 miles, even those that are in shape. It reminded me of a response that I saw in an advice column as a teenager that has stuck with me since. This woman wrote in to the columnist the following question, “I am 56 years old, I always had a dream of becoming a doctor. Now that the kids are out of the house I would like to go to medical school. It would take me eight years to get my degree in medicine. Should I go for it, or is being 64 years old, too old to become a doctor?” The response was “And how old will you be in eight years if you don’t go to medical school?”

I don’t follow sports much, but with all the excitement about the Stanley Cup, I followed the games a bit. So in the semi-finals the Hawks are down 3-1. Now, all the past statistics kick in, past history, the sports people of authority, with their crystal balls and all newspapers saying "never did a team come back from a 3-1 deficit" to win the Championship. My response to the naysayers was “never say never,” and sure enough they came back. Then in the Sixth game of the Championships, the Hawks are down again 3-2, one minute left to the game. Nobody in their wildest dreams thought they stood a chance, then BAM, 2 goals in 17 seconds and they win the Championship. I don’t think it ever happened in history, 2 goals scored in 17 seconds.

The moral of the story, this is life “NEVER SAY NEVER.” We all have our trials and tribulations as we trek through this journey called life. Some challenges are more difficult than others, and our job is to ask the Lord for strength and do our best in running the marathon, because quitting is not an option. Ask the following people how they made it to the top, and they will all answer the same, prayer, faith, lots of perseverance and leaving the word "never" out of your vocabulary.

Henry Ford failed and went broke five times before he finally succeeded. Beethoven handled the violin awkwardly and preferred playing his own compositions instead of improving his technique. His teacher called him hopeless as a composer. Colo-

nel Sanders had the construction of a new road put him out of business in 1967. He went to over 1,000 places trying to sell his chicken recipe before he found a buyer interested in his 11 herbs and spices. Seven years later, at the age of 75, Colonel Sanders sold his fried chicken company for a finger-lickin' \$15 million! Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for lack of ideas. Disney also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland. Albert Einstein did not speak until he was four years old and didn't read until he was seven. His teacher described him as "mentally slow, unsociable and adrift forever in his foolish dreams." He was expelled and refused admittance to Zurich Polytechnic School. The University of Bern turned down his Ph.D. dissertation as being irrelevant and fanciful. Louis Pasteur was only a mediocre pupil in undergraduate studies and ranked 15 out of 22 in chemistry.

When NFL running back Herschel Walker was in junior high school, he wanted to play football, but the coach told him he was too small. He advised young Herschel to go out for track instead. Never one to give up, he ignored the coach's advice and began an intensive training program to build himself up. Only a few years later, Herschel Walker won the Heisman trophy. When General Douglas MacArthur applied for admission to West Point, he was turned down, not once but twice. But he tried a third time, was accepted and marched into the history books. Babe Ruth, considered by sports historians to be the greatest athlete of all time and famous for setting the home run record, also holds the record for strikeouts. By 1975 it had sold more than seven million copies in the U.S. alone. Margaret Mitchell's classic *Gone with the Wind* was turned down by more than twenty-five publishers.

Never give up believing in yourself!!! and when things start looking bleak, or impossible, remember we all thought the same and yet we won.... 2 goals in 17 secs....WOW!!!! And most important, never pass up an opportunity to share a laugh and a hug with someone who can use a lift in their spirits, you'll both fell better. On Behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G-d bless you and keep you safe, today and always. Amen! , Remember if we can be of assistance or if you have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call. Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail: moshewolf@hotmail.com

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“Chicago, Murder City USA” by Sergeant-at-Arms, James Moriarty

Let me preface this article by saying there are some fine impartial judges who know the law and apply it without prejudice at 26th and California. They are however, the minority. I was talking to a West Side Police Officer the other day that happens to be assigned to the Organized Crime Bureau, Narcotics Division. He went on to tell me about a finding of not guilty for case he had in front of a judge for Delivery of a Controlled Substance in which the amount was less than a half of a gram of a Controlled Substance. He went on to say that the judge enumerated on the record in essence, but not verbatim, that in his opinion the Narcotics Division of the Organized Crime Bureau should have better things to do than go after people like the defendant who Delivered such a small amount of Narcotics to the undercover officer. The officer went on to explain to me that they were conducting these types of Narcotics purchases as a method to reduce the violent crime associated with street sales of Narcotics. Now you ask, what's the big deal here? I'm not a law school student but after 26 years on the street, I know one thing for certain. If the judges applied the law without injecting their personal opinions, the outcome in many of these cases would be quite different. If the judges do not penalize or incarcerate these individuals for committing a crime, are they not empowering criminals to continue their unlawful activity, which keeps the endless cycle of illegal narcotics sales and the violence associated with it, alive and well? Do you think that judge ever considered the risk that this undercover officer took in making the undercover purchase? Do you think the judge ever considered the cost to the taxpayers to arrest and process this criminal?

I have heard rumors that judges are told by the jail to limit the numbers that are sentenced to jail time on a given day. If this rumor is true and this judge complied with this order, would he or she be a co-conspirator in a crime? Do these judges ever consider the consequences to the police officer who now gets sued by one of the many law firms who make a living suing the Police Department for an unlawful arrest after the criminal is found not guilty? Did the judge base his not guilty decision on not scarring another young person's record with a felony conviction, but fail to consider that once back on the street he will continue his unlawful activity and possibly become the next victim or offender of a violent crime that permanently changes someone's life?

We all hear the outcry from the politician's about the senseless violence on the West and South side, and then the next day we hear the same politician talking about a disproportionate amount of minorities in Cook County Jail. If we want the senseless violence and murder of our citizens to end, then we need to send a message to the criminals: **if you break the law you will go to jail**. If 26th and California is a speed bump or revolving door; how are we going to stop the violence? The Chicago Police Officers represented by Chicago Lodge 7 arrest criminals based on the fact that they committed a criminal offense and nothing more. We do NOT consider the elected office, the race, gender, political affiliation, religion or lifestyle choices of the criminal. If the violence and murder does not bother these political officials controlling the jail and the judges, then they are part of a problem that will never end. When the rights of the criminal are more important than the officer who risked his life bringing this criminal to justice, something is very wrong.

Did you ever think you would see the day when mobs of teens would rob, beat and steal on Michigan Avenue, scaring off the tourists that used to visit this once proud city? New York City has three times the population (8.3M) of Chicago (2.7M), however Chicago experiences three times the amount homicides that New York does. Let's look a little closer to home. Dupage County has roughly 900,000 residents or one third the size of Chicago's 2.7 million residents. Dupage County has experienced 4 homicides per year from 1999-2008. To be fair, let's take the average amount of homicides in Chicago and divide it by 3 because our city is three times larger than DuPage County. Chicago experienced an average per year of 554 Homicides from 1999-2008. Divide 554 by 3 and your answer is 185 compared to 4. Or to be politically correct, since this is based on a ten year period, Chicago had 1,850 homicides, DuPage County had 40. The difference here is two-pronged: DuPage County and all of our collar counties prosecute Criminals to the fullest extent of the law and hire the appropriate numbers of police to keep their citizens safe.

Mayor Rahm Emmanuel campaigned on the promise to the citizens of Chicago he would hire 1,000 more police officers. Instead of hiring 1,000 officers, he has let the number of total Chicago Police Officers diminish to just over 12,000, which is 1,500 short of the former authorized strength of the Chicago Police Department. How's that doing more with less working out for the citizens and the few tourists we have left? Do you ever feel like you're living in a social experiment that has gone very wrong? Do you think it's time to bring our police force up to full strength and aspire to the homicide rate in DuPage County? Do you think it's time to put a freeze on all City spending, parks, river walks, median planters and all other luxury items until we can restore peace in this town, shore up the pension obligations that are part of the deferred compensation police officers were promised when they signed the agreement with the Chicago Police Department, or should we color it gone and just accept that we will be Detroit within 10 years?



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