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## Acting President's Report, by Bill Dougherty, 1st Vice-President



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### President Shields Suspended

On December 17, 2013, at the General Meeting, President Shields was served with papers from the State FOP Lodge. President Shields was served his Notice of Hearing, suspending him of his membership rights, duties and authority. According to the Constitution and By-laws of Lodge 7, "in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will act as President until such time when an election for an acting President is held by the Board of Directors. The acting President, elected by the Board of Directors, will fill the remaining term of the departing President."

As you know, there have been many events leading up to the suspension. The most recent occurred when Michael Shields sent a letter to the City of Chicago's Inspector General claiming that the Sergeants' contract was "fixed," along with the last two contracts that were negotiated by the FOP. President Shields never consulted with the Board of Directors before sending the letter. He also did not consult either of our in-house attorneys nor the attorney negotiating our contract.

There was a special Board of Directors meeting on Monday, December 16, 2013. At that meeting, Michael Shields maintained that the Lodge's in-house attorney informed him about the "fixed" contracts. The attorney was immediately summoned to the Board meeting, where he revealed that he had never been consulted by Shields and had no knowledge of the letter to the Inspector General until after it was sent. Shields confirmed these facts. The attorney added that he did not participate in any way during the negotiations or the arbitration of the last two collective bargaining agreements. He stated that he had no knowledge of any fraud perpetrated by members of Lodge 7.

The very next evening, December 17, 2013, there was a General Meeting at the Lodge. It was at this meeting that the Illinois State Lodge delivered its charges and suspended Shields from the FOP. Shields refused to leave and the police were called to maintain order. At the General Meeting, Shields repeated his claims about the contracts until a tape of the attorney speaking at the special Board of Directors meeting was produced and played. Shields then hurriedly brought the meeting to a close, refusing to allow the Chairman of the Trustees to present his report.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2013, President Shields did not come to work. In addition to the suspension and charges leveled by the State Lodge, the Chairman of Lodge 7's Trustees also filed a set of charges against Shields seeking his expulsion from the unit.

Brothers and Sisters, if you have any doubts about how your last two contracts were arrived at, consider this: Michael Shields has accused me, Rich Aguilar and former Lodge officials of fraud. With full knowledge of this fraud that we are "alleged" to have perpetrated on the membership, Michael Shields appointed Rich Aguilar and me to the CORE group that is currently negotiating your Collective Bargaining Agreement. If he truly believed what is in his letter, why on earth would he do such a thing?

While I am deeply embarrassed by the actions of Michael Shields and the negative attention we have received, we need to move on with the business of the Lodge. There are many good and positive things that the FOP has accomplished and will obtain in the future.

### Coventry Award

The Lodge recently received a decision from an arbitrator on many of the outstanding Coventry claims. You may recall that Coventry is a company that the City contracts with to consult on medical care. The Medical Services Section would send cases where officers

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needed surgery to Coventry for review. The surgery would typically be denied and the officer forced to participate in an appeal process that was outside of our collective bargaining agreement. The Lodge had already won an earlier arbitration against Coventry, where it was held that the City could only consult with the company, but health care decisions on treatment had to follow Appendix N in the contract. We want doctors making health care decisions, not companies that get paid for denying care.

The most recent award ruled that the FOP was correct in that officers whose treatment or surgeries were delayed as a result of Coventry denials are entitled to have their IOD banks restored for the number of days their surgical pro-

cedures were delayed. All of these officers were injured on duty and, as a policy clearly states in the Municipal Code, and just plain common sense, these officers must be treated as quickly as possible for the officers well being and for the sake of getting these officers back to their policing duties.

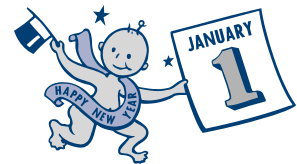
### Retiree Healthcare Lawsuit

Most of you are probably aware that the FOP sponsored lawsuit to maintain retiree healthcare benefits was dismissed by Judge Holderman in Federal District Court. Our attorney, Clinton Krislov, filed an appeal the very next day. It is probably safe to say that these issues are ultimately going to be decided by a higher court, so it is a silver lining

that we are there sooner rather than later.

Brother and Sisters, if you have not signed up to receive attorney Clint Krislov's email blasts on this important litigation, I urge you to do so. They are very informative and give far more information. For more information on how to receive Krislov's most recent email, please contact 312-206-0500.

*From everyone here at the FOP, we wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*



## From The Desk Of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



Over the past several days, many of you have personally reached out to me regarding the current state of affairs here at the Lodge. As I sit here and write this month's news-

letter article, I still cannot find the words to try and provide some type of rational explanation.

I honestly don't know the reasoning behind the December 16<sup>th</sup> letter sent to the City Inspector General. However, I know this: I am personally unwilling to stand by public accusations of criminal conduct without any evidence.

It is not fair to those accused and it is not fair to the members of the Lodge. My public response to these allegations was based on what I thought was the right thing to do. In my mind, loyalty to principles is every bit as important as loyalty to people. Like you, I am deeply disappointed and upset.

It is my opinion that the single biggest detrimental factor that is hurting our Union is not City Hall or HQ, but rather the way we treat each other. It was President Lincoln who so eloquently stated, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

None of us can change these recent events. If we continue to make our focus

the mistakes of the past, we are simply spinning our wheels. Our focus must become what is the best way forward. I am convinced that we can move ahead for the benefit of the entire membership. In order to do that we must put aside our personal differences and bitterness and do it together.



**Address Change Form, Effective Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Star Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



### New Year's Message

Our Lodge, over the past several months, has been the subject of media headlines and recently these stories have heightened to an unacceptable level. This type of publicity could not have surfaced at a worse time while we are in negotiations with the City involving issues which may impact our Members. We the Members of this great organization must stand united and move forward to ensure that our contractual rights and benefits, which we all fought so hard to obtain, are not lost. We as Lodge Members must put our personal differences and political agendas aside so we may continue to do the good work of this Lodge.

Be Safe and take care in 2014.

### Stress Management Class

The Lodge and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be hosting Stress Management Classes in 2014 for our Members. The classes will be held at the Hartgrove Hospital, 5730 W. Roosevelt Road. The classes last two (2) days from 0830 hrs until 1630 hrs and you must attend both days.

#### The dates for the 2014 Stress Management Classes are:

- 23 & 24 January 2014
- 27 & 28 February 2014
- 27 & 28 March 2014
- 24 & 25 April 2014
- 22 & 23 May 2014
- 26 & 27 June 2014
- 24 & 25 July 2014
- 28 & 29 August 2014
- 25 & 26 September 2014
- 23 & 24 October 2014
- No Classes in November
- 4 & 5 December 2014

### Keeping Accurate Records and Updating Your Beneficiary

Officers, the Lodge mails out the current FOP Books annually and many will be returned by the Post Office due to bad addresses. Many Officers often come into the Lodge notifying us they did not receive their books. The Lodge will re-

view the Member's current information that we have on file and will often learn that their address and telephone number has changed and they did not notify the Lodge. It is sometimes also learned, while reviewing the member's personal information, that the beneficiary they had registered with the Lodge when they were in the Academy may have changed. Officers, if you have moved or need to change your beneficiary contact the Lodge with this information. The Lodge does not share this information so if you have any changes the Department also should be notified. Please see page 7 of this Newsletter for a summary of the life benefits provided to Lodge Members.

### Deferred Compensation Participants and their Beneficiaries

Recently the Lodge has taken calls from our Members who participate in the De-

ferred Compensation Plan that the City of Chicago offers as a benefit. Some our Members stated that they received an email stating that members of the plan are not able to view or access their beneficiary on the web site while reviewing their account or that no beneficiary is listed. Upon learning these facts I contacted Nationwide, the company that manages our Deferred Comp, and learned that they also had been receiving calls with the same concerns. The representative took my information and my beneficiary was correct. I also verified my beneficiary on the Deferred Comp Website. Officers, if you believe that you do not have the correct beneficiary listed please contact Nationwide at 312 443-1975 or visit their web site at [www.ChicagoDeferredComp.com](http://www.ChicagoDeferredComp.com) to log in and view your account to ensure that you have the correct beneficiary listed.

## General Meeting Schedule—2014

- January 21, 2014 - Noon
- February 18, 2014 - 1900 Hours
- March 18, 2014 - Noon
- April 15, 2014 - 1900 Hours
- May 20, 2014 - Noon
- June 17, 2014 - 1900 Hours
- July 2014 - NO MEETING—SUMMER BREAK
- August 2014 - NO MEETING—SUMMER BREAK
- September 16, 2014 - Noon
- October 21, 2014 - 1900 Hours
- November 18, 2014 - Noon
- December 16, 2014 - 1900 Hours



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



### “There Will Be a Finding of No Probable Cause”

It has been brought to the attention of the Lodge that recently, Judge(s) in Branch court(s) have been coming just short of labeling officers untruthful during preliminary hearings and subsequently dismissing felony cases; especially felony narcotic cases.

Is it a matter of the Judge(s) not understanding the seriousness of delivering such findings? Is it a matter of the Judge(s) wanting to be judicially expedient? Is it a matter of the Judge(s) not wanting to contribute to jail over-crowding with lesser amounts of felony weight drug cases? Is it a matter of the Judge(s) being left of impartial and overlooking the evidence presented? Or is it for other reasons?

At a preliminary hearing, it's not for a Judge to decide if a charged subject is guilty or not guilty, but rather if enough evidence was presented at the hearing to have the defendant stand trial. An argument would most likely be made that during a preliminary hearing there may not be enough evidence presented to “Find probable cause”, and just because there is a finding of “No Probable Cause” does not mean that the arrest is false.

As an example, a subject commits a traffic violation, is stopped, has no DL and custodial search produces felony narcotics. The

subject/offender is arrested and at preliminary hearing the testimony is “pursuant to a search, narcotics were recovered from the defendant, and tested positive for (narcotics)”. A reasonable person would believe that the defendant did commit a crime and there was enough evidence to stand trial; however the preliminary hearing ends with a finding of no probable cause. This does not mean the witness is dishonest nor does it mean it was a false arrest. But there certainly is a concern when the Judge(s) states that the testifying witness is dishonest or “cannot be believed”.

We all know that cases can still be brought to the Grand Jury for indictment after a finding of “NPC”. Some members have even been seeking permission to carry the case directly to the Grand Jury before it even goes to a preliminary hearing.

In addition to the cases which were already brought to the Lodge's attention, Lodge Trustees have been noting specific cases where our members' credibility has been attacked. This matter will be discussed with the Lodge's Board of Directors at the next Board meeting and we will explore the best possible avenue to move forward.

### 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.

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of **Officer Thor Soderberg**  
January 9, 2014  
Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks

Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of **Officer Thomas Wortham IV**  
January 10, 2014  
Room 606, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Porter

Antwon Carter “Pro-Se” - charged in the murder of **Officer Michael Bailey**  
January 14, 2014  
Room 602, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Sacks

Edgar Colon, Tyrone Clay and Alexander Villa - charged in the murder of **Officer Clifton Lewis**  
January 22, 2014  
Room 206, 26 / Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins-Grant

Robin Johnson – convicted of the murder of **Officer Richard Francis**  
Sentencing date of January 29, 2014  
Room 302, 26 / Cal, Judge Gainer

Timothy Herring Jr. - charged in the murder of **ET Mike Flisk**  
February 13, 2014  
Room 404, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

## Financial Secretary's Report, By Richard Aguilar



### A Sincere Thank You to Supt. McCarthy

I'll bet many of you have a puzzled look on your face right about now as you know that I have been critical of our Superintendent in the past. This time he got it right and I willingly give him the credit he is due.

I'm sure at least some of you are aware of the controversy surrounding an injured military veteran who wanted to return to work and whether his issue was

being handled properly by the Lodge. If not, the short story is that one of our Brothers in Blue was deployed to foreign soil. He was so catastrophically injured while serving his country that many thought he would never walk again and returning to work as a Chicago Police Officer was completely out of the question. Those that thought this did not know him. He persevered, taught his injured body to walk, and did in fact return to the job. However, he was unable to serve the Department in a full-duty

capacity. Allowing him to work in a limited-duty capacity would only allow him to work for a maximum of twenty-four months, after which he would be required to apply for ordinary disability at the pension board, receive half-pay, and pay for his own medical insurance.

First Vice-President Bill Dougherty and Third Vice-President Dan Gorman worked with this Officer and advocated diligently on his behalf during several meetings with Superin-

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tendent McCarthy. They were assured that he would come up with a solution to this Officer's problem. The Superintendent made good on his word when he amended the Employee Resource that outlines the Sworn Limited Duty Program of the Chicago Police Department. His decision ensures that this Officer, and any Officer injured while deployed to a foreign combat zone, will not have the twenty-four month restriction placed on him.

Superintendent McCarthy, I sincerely thank you for your efforts.

### Facts, Fiction, and Restoring the Trust

On Monday, December 16, 2013 President Mike Shields penned a letter to the Inspector General's Office. This letter made accusations that First Vice-President Bill Dougherty, Past President Mark Donahue, Former Third Vice-President Greg Bella and I were involved in unethical and possibly illegal actions during prior contract negotiations. I was absolutely dumbfounded, to say the least, when I first learned of this letter and read it.

My attitude changed to disbelief after I actually had a chance to digest it and participate in a discussion about it at a Special Board Meeting convened just for that purpose. Many of the allegations in that letter were apparently based on comments Shields attributed to FOP General Counsel Paul Geiger. Geiger was summoned to the meeting and promptly denied having any knowledge of any wrongdoing at any contract negotiations. He made it clear that he did not participate in prior contract negotiations in any capacity for the Lodge. He therefore, did not have any knowledge of what took place at the negotiating table. When Geiger denied the statements attributed to him the members at that meeting asked Shields what evidence supported his allegations. He refused to answer.

The letter became a topic at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Shields advised the membership that Geiger told him this and Geiger told him that, but was not specific with exactly what Geiger told him. Shields stated that he sent the letter because we were involved in negotiations and he believed it

was in the best interests of the membership. He was asked if he had consulted with FOP General Counsel about sending the letter. He replied, "No." He was asked if he consulted with the FOP Labor Attorney. He replied, "No." He was asked if Geiger denied having any knowledge of any wrongdoing in negotiations. He again replied, "No." Just about then a funny thing happened. Someone asked if there was a recording of the Special Board Meeting. There was. It was played back and everyone in the room could hear Geiger state he did not have any knowledge of any wrongdoing. Imagine that. Mike lied to the membership again. There did not appear to be any basis for any of the allegations made in the letter.

The last, and perhaps most telling, answer came when Shields was asked when he first became aware of the alleged misconduct. He told the membership he became aware of it on March 27, 2012. Why do I say this is the most telling answer? I think anyone in their right mind would realize that this date was months before the first negotiations meeting which occurred in July 2012. That being the case, it begs some obvious questions. Why would Shields appoint Dougherty or me to the Core Negotiating Group if he believed we had committed the acts alleged in the letter about prior negotiations? Why would Shields now appoint Geiger to the Core Negotiating Group if he was aware that Geiger knew about prior misconduct and did nothing about it?

Were any deals made in the last round of negotiations? Absolutely, but they are more properly called tentative agreements. We would not have a new work schedule unless a deal was made. We would not have premium free healthcare unless a deal was made. Now, don't misunderstand what I am saying here. Hundreds of hours of work, which included intensive research and long negotiations, were involved in these so-called deals. Mike himself has signed off on several tentative agreements in the current round of negotiations. Does this mean he is as guilty as those he is pointing his finger at?

I would like to be able to give Mike the benefit of the doubt that his inexperience is to blame and that maybe he just doesn't understand how the negotiations process works, but I cannot. My belief now is that this letter was the product of a desperate man who will take any steps necessary to discredit anyone he views as an adversary. It was his last chance. Unfortunately for him, it is clearly unadulterated fiction.

The good news here is that, after speaking with a representative of the negotiators on the other side of the table, it is clear to them that this letter, although offensive, was created by one person and is not representative of the views of the Board of Directors as a whole. The belief is that negotiations will continue as scheduled. They possibly may be even more productive now that trust can once again exist between the parties.

The final and perhaps most difficult step will be to restore your trust in this organization. I can assure you that I will do everything I can to make that happen.

*On behalf of my Assistant, Eglia and myself, I would like to wish you and your family a Safe and Prosperous New Year.*



## Introducing Marlon Harvey, Field Representative

To the members of FOP Chicago Lodge 7 both active and retired, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have twenty-seven years of experience working as a Chicago Police Officer. For well over the last seven years, I have served as an elected FOP 7 Unit Rep in the Mounted Patrol Unit 055 where I am assigned. During that time I have participated in grievance Arbitration hearings, FOP committee meetings and served as a delegate at both National and State FOP conferences. Through all of my experiences in union matters over the years there has always been one thing that motivates my efforts; that is you the members of FOP Chicago Lodge 7.

I can tell you with confidence, and officers that know me can attest throughout my career, that I perform with a strong work ethic, from my first day hitting the street working midnights in 005 up to this very day now serving you as FOP Field Representative. It is for this very reason that the FOP 7 Board members voted to assign me as your FOP Field Representative. I thank the Board for having confidence in my ability to serve the members.

This is a humbling experience for me. Now I am in a position to help a greater number of members that have dedicated themselves to the same career that I have. Every day as police officers, we serve the citizens of Chicago, often-times at great danger and harm to ourselves. Even as you read this Newsletter, there is an officer somewhere out there searching for an armed offender under dangerous circumstances. Regrettably, there are times when serving the public can cost an officer his life. While police officers are serving the City of Chicago, who will serve the officer? That is the dedication and purpose of your FOP.

I approach this assignment with the same dedication and work ethic that has motivated me throughout my career. I am fully aware that these are tough times for all law enforcement all over the country. Public sentiment towards law enforcement literally changes like the wind day-by-

day. The pending contract and health and pension concerns must be addressed and protected. The quality of life for law enforcement officers should not be diminished considering the sacrifices that are made as a police officer.

As I prepare to face the challenges that lay ahead as your FOP 7 Field Representative, I ask only one thing of all members; never forget that we are all Police Officers. When an officer keys up the radio in an emergency 10-1, do you ask why? No, you don't. You respond and ensure that the officer is safe. This applies to all matters that concern us at this time. We must work together and we must show Unity. Support your Lodge as we continue to serve and support you. I will end with a quote by Winston Churchill. "When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you."

Thank you. Marlon E. Harvey

*The Newly Remodeled FOP Gift Shop Will Open Soon. More information will be forthcoming!*

**STORE HOURS:**

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

**STORE CLOSED:**

JANUARY 1ST, 2014  
JANUARY 20TH

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## Departed Brothers & Sisters

*Kurt Van Tine*

*Susan P. Overton*

*Harry H. Haymaker*

*Thomas W. Jaguszewski*

*Thomas M. Shine*

*John F. LeCompte*

*Kenneth J. Janusz*

*Albert Conroyd*

*James L. Sullivan*

*Susan M. Lucas*

*Lloyd L. Hayes*

*Donald R. Ecklund*

*David A. Kopala*

*Francis Kantak*

*Thomas P. Flanagan*

*James J. Adams*

*Patrick Mokry*

*Nicholas Baffa*

*In Memory of.....*

## Chicago Lodge 7 Life Insurance Benefits For Your Records

**Members (Age 63 and Younger)**

<b>\$3000</b>	<b>Life benefit</b> is paid when an active member dies from any cause. <b>(Members age 63 and younger)</b>		
<b>\$3000</b>	<b>Accidental Death</b> benefit is 24 hour coverage - business or pleasure. This benefit pays when a member dies from a sudden, unforeseen, and unexpected event including exposure or disappearance		
<b>\$5000</b>	<b>Line of Duty</b> benefit is defined as a “covered activity” and will pay in addition to the Accidental Death benefit when a member is killed while performing law enforcement duties.		
<b>\$3000</b>	<b>Common Carrier</b> benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death benefit if a member is killed while riding on a qualifying land, air or water transportation.		
<b>\$1500</b>	<b>Felonious Assault</b> benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death and Line of Duty benefits when a member’s loss of life results from use of force equivalent to a felony under the jurisdiction in which the accident occurred.		
<b>\$3000</b>	<b>Seat Belt</b> benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while properly utilizing a seat belt, as evidenced by a police report.		
<b>\$3000</b>	<b>Occupant Protection Device</b> benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an auto mobile accident while protected by a properly deployed air bag. This benefit is only paid if the Seat Belt benefit is payable.		
<b>\$3000</b>	<b>Heart &amp; Circulatory Malfunction</b> benefit pays in addition to other benefits if a member suffers a covered loss of life due to a heart or circulatory malfunction within 48 hours after participation in an emergency activity. Also, up to \$250 of medical expenses will be reimbursed for initial treatment of the symptoms for a suspected heart or circulatory malfunction.		
<b>Additional Benefits</b> are paid when a member is involved in an accident that directly results in one of the following losses:			
* Loss of Hands or Feet	\$3000	* Reattachment of Hand or Foot	\$1500
* Loss of Hand or Foot	\$1500	* Loss of Speech	\$1500
* Loss of Thumb and Index, same hand	\$750	* Loss of Hearing (both ears)	\$1500
* Paraplegia	\$1500	* Loss of Sight, both eyes	\$3000
* Quadriplegia	\$3000	* Loss of Sight, one eye	\$1500
* Hemiplegia	\$1500	* Uniplegia	\$750

**Members (Age 64 and Older)**

<b>\$1000</b>	<b>Life benefit</b> is paid when a member dies from any natural cause. <b>(Members age 63 to 74 only)</b>		
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Life benefit</b> is paid when a member dies from any natural cause. <b>(Members age 75 and older)</b>		
<b>\$3000</b>	<b>Accidental Death</b> benefit is 24 hour coverage - business or pleasure. This benefit pays when a member dies from a sudden, unforeseen, and unexpected event including exposure or disappearance. (All ages)		
<b>\$3000</b>	<b>Common Carrier</b> benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death benefit if a member is killed while riding on a qualifying land, air or water transportation.		
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* Paraplegia	\$1500	* Loss of Sight, both eyes	\$3000
* Quadriplegia	\$3000	* Loss of Sight, one eye	\$1500
* Hemiplegia	\$1500	* Uniplegia	\$750

**Annual Pre-ACT Exam Offered At The F.O.P. Hall**

The best preparation for the ACT Exam is a solid academic high school curriculum. However, in our competitive academic environment, students must also have test “SMARTS.” Statistics have shown that the students who have had preparation in testing strategies, practice testing, test format and test instructions, substantially outperform others. The COLLEGE VISIONS STRICTLY STRATEGIES workshop that will be offered at the F.O.P. Hall focuses on these important test strategies and techniques.

By mandate of the State of Illinois Department of Education, all public and private high school juniors will be required to sit for the ACT Exam this April. By attending

this workshop and taking a practice ACT Exam, your child will have a week or two to become more prepared in certain areas where they may not have tested as well as they would have liked, prior to the ACT being offered at their particular school. In an effort to prepare **the children of “F.O.P., LODGE #7” members** for this very important exam, the F.O.P. has invited COLLEGE VISIONS to conduct their workshop for the daughters and sons of F.O.P. members. This workshop will be offered on Sunday, March 30, 2014 from 1300 - 1600 hours and will be held at the F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. This program usually costs \$50.00 or more. The cost for the children of the F.O.P. will only be

\$25.00 per child. The presenters of this program are knowledgeable and experienced educators. They have prepared thousands of students in the Chicago area to be “test smart.” The Lodge encourages you to involve your child in this program. If your child only picks up one or two items that assist him/her in taking the ACT Exam, it is to his/her advantage.

There is limited space available at the F.O.P. Hall, so please complete the application and send it, along with a check or money order for \$25 made payable to College Visions, by Monday, March 21, 2014.

**College Visions, ACT WORKSHOP, Strictly Strategies**

<b>Session Time:</b> Sunday, March 30, 2014 1300 – 1600 hours	<b>Location:</b> Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 7 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607	<b>Registration Fee:</b> \$25.00
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**Please return this registration form and your fee (cash or check payable to College Visions) to Kathy Moore at F.O.P. Lodge No. 7, by Friday, March 21, 2014**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Star #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_/City \_\_\_\_\_/State \_\_\_\_\_/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_/Year In School: \_\_\_\_\_/Cash: \_\_\_\_\_/Check: \_\_\_\_\_



## RETIREE BREAKFASTS & LUNCHEONS

### North:

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

### The Northsider's Luncheon:

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

### South:

2nd Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am  
**Jedi's Garden**, Oak Lawn, IL

### 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  
**Jedi Garden**, 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

### 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

### Florida Retirees:

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

### Las Vegas Retirees:

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

### Michigan Retirees:

1st Thursday of Month @ 7:00 am  
**Eagles Lodge**, Gladwin, MI  
 John Nielson, 989-246-2276

## “Reflections for the New Year”, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

### How Big Is YOUR Frying Pan?

Two men went fishing. One man was an experienced fisherman, the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the inexperienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste good fish. "Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?" he asked. The inexperienced fisherman replied, "I only have a small frying pan."

Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throw back the big plans, the big dreams, the big jobs and the big opportunities that G~d gives us. Our faith is too small. We laugh at that fisherman who didn't figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan; yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith?

Whether it's a problem or a possibility, G~d will never give you anything bigger than you can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything G~d brings our way. "Stop telling G~d you've got big problems. Tell your problems you've got a big G~d!"  
AMEN

### "The Man, the Tiger, and G~d"

A man was being chased by a tiger. He ran as hard as he could until he was at the edge of a cliff with the tiger in hot pursuit. The man looked over the edge of the cliff and saw a branch growing out of the side of the cliff a few feet down. He jumped down and grabbed the branch just as the tiger reached the cliff. The tiger growled viciously as the man sighed a great sigh of relief. Just then a mouse came out from a crevice and began to chew on the branch. The man looked down to what was a drop of a thousand feet and sure death and looked to the heavens and yelled out, "Dear G~d, if you are there, please help. I will do anything you ask but please help." Suddenly a voice came booming down from heaven, "You will do anything I ask?" it questioned.

The man shocked to hear a reply to his

plea yelled back, "I will gladly do anything you ask, but please save me."

The voice from heaven then replied, "There is one way to save you but it will take courage and faith."

The branch began to weaken from the mouse and the tiger was still growling a few feet above the man, "Please, Lord, tell me what I must do and I will do it. Your will is my will." The voice from heaven then said, "All right then, let go of the branch."

The man, afraid to look down to a fall of a thousand feet and certain death, looked up at the hungry tiger a few feet away and he looked at the mouse still chewing on the branch. Then he looked up at the heavens and yelled, "Is there anyone else up there?"

When he couldn't hold on any longer and his fingers gave way, little did he realize he was hanging two feet above a mountain ledge and was safe and sound? End of story.

Does that sound funny to you? Well perhaps. But let's stop and think about it. When you are in a terrible situation and you seek G~d for help, what are you going to do when He asks you to step out in faith? Are you ready to let go, or are you going to ask, "Is there anybody else up there I can talk to?" As the saying goes, "Faith - with it you have no questions, without it you have no answers".

As we enter a New Year, let us take a moment to reflect and give thanks for all of our blessings of the past and pray that we continue to merit G~d's blessings. The following are some thoughts, to make you stop for a moment and reflect.

### Some Thoughts to Live By

- Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others; it is because we are different that each of us is special.
- Don't take for granted the things close to your heart; cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.

- Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future; by living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.
- Don't give up when you have something to give; nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.
- Don't be afraid to admit that you are less perfect; it is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.
- Don't be afraid to encounter risk; it is by taking chances that we learn to be brave.
- Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find; the quickest way to receive love, is to give love.
- The fastest way to lose love is to hold too tightly; and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.
- Don't dismiss your dreams; to be without dreams is to be without hope. And to be without hope is to be without purpose.
- Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but also where you're going.
- Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G~d bless you and keep you safe and may 2014 be one of your best years yet.  
AMEN!

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### The Name of G~d

Please note: I do not spell out the name of G~d out of respect. Spelling out THE name and then throwing it in the trash, would be a desecration of THE name, so I put in the dash. This is a religious custom I follow, and please don't be offended. Thanks for understanding.

## From Your Chaplain Father Dan Brandt



### Happy, Healthy, Holy New Year!

If your New Year's resolution is to get some regular "Churchin' up," then please know you're most welcome at the **Police Mass every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Mercy Home (1140 W. Jackson Blvd). While this is a Catholic Mass, ALL are welcome! Bring your family.

You might also consider joining us for an **evening retreat for first responders: Wednesday, 29 JAN**, at Mayslake Ministries...450 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lombard. Register at [www.MayslakeMinistries.org](http://www.MayslakeMinistries.org) or by calling 630-268-9000. Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis and I will be co-facilitating this evening for YOU involved in first response. Please consider taking two hours out of your schedule to enliven your soul.

Here's a feel-good story for you... Recently, the 009<sup>th</sup> district locked up two low-life thugs who robbed an elderly priest living at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church at 48<sup>th</sup> and Damen. They had been harassing him for years and even vandalized his car. A Good Samaritan, Bill Senchuk, who owns an auto body shop in Norwood Park, came forward and offered to fix Fr. Jack's car, free of charge. A generous \$1,500 worth

of body work was done for free! The car, which was heavily damaged by these clowns, now looks brand new. So if you ever need auto repairs or body work, please keep **Cosmetic Auto** in mind: 6166 N. Northwest Hwy / 773-763-7400. Bill and his crew take very good care of the police. By the way, nice job to the 009<sup>th</sup> district and detectives involved in this case!

**Mercy Home for Boys and Girls** provides the Chaplains Ministry with office space at no charge and even allows us to use their chapel on Jackson Boulevard for our twice-monthly Police Mass. They are incredibly hospitable to our ministry to the police. So... if you happen to be a poker player, please consider entering Mercy Home's **Poker Tournament at Gibson's Steakhouse** (1028 N. Rush Street) on **Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Poker buy-in is \$200 before 15 JAN and \$250 after...spectator tickets are \$100, available at [www.MercyHome.org](http://www.MercyHome.org)/events.

Mercy Home is also in search of a PO who would like an apartment in their southeast side complex (69<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland) for adults and families. See our website for more info. This is NOT a resident-assistance role; you would simply enjoy your privacy, living in an apartment on premise, with greatly-discounted rent in return...a win-win situation! **If you're looking for an apartment,**

**please consider this opportunity.** You'll find more details on our website (below).

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance to CPD members or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (773/251-5351), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers receive text messages. You can also email each of us through the chaplains' website.

*God bless you and your family in the new year!*

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## Tax Time!

Active Members paid \$486.00 in union dues that can be claimed on your income tax in 2013.

In accordance with IRS guidelines, the Lodge is required to furnish to each dues paying member the portion of Lodge expenditures during the previous year which was represented as lobbying costs, since this amount would not be considered tax deductible.

The lobbying costs represented about 2.15% of the total expenditures of the Lodge.

Take this article to your taxman when you have your taxes done.



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## Vest Safety Day

Representatives from the various soft body armor companies will be at the FOP Hall displaying their latest product models.

If you are in need of updating your current vest, take advantage of this opportunity and visit the Vest Safety Day. All officers are welcome!



Thursday  
19 February 2014  
0800—1700 hours

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

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