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President's Report, by Dean C. Angelo, Sr.



Allow me to begin this, our second, Newsletter article by addressing another promise that was made to the Membership as one of our “7 Pledges to Lodge 7”. We promised “to begin the practice of regularly offering training and informational sessions in Legal Defense, Collective Bargaining, Disciplinary Procedures, Management and Labor Affair issues, and other areas of significance”. The intent of these training sessions is to offer the Membership (active, retired and disabled) frequent opportunities to become more familiar with contractual and other duty related matters that are typically difficult to maneuver and at times become contentious.

In order to offer the first of these training sessions, which will be on the Legal Defense and the Grievance Procedure; we need to complete this month's Unit and Watch Representative elections. Letters will go out to the successful Representatives shortly after the election processes are completed. Additional announcements and/or updates on the Lodge's website will offer invitations to anyone else wishing to participate. Dates and times of these offerings will be adjusted depending on the amount of responses. We are looking forward to offering several of these training sessions throughout our term. Please take advantage of these opportunities; you will not only become a more knowledgeable and involved Member, but when an incident arises you will also become a contributing Member who will be able to assist your fellow Sisters and Brothers in need.

27th State Biennial Conference

In conjunction with the upcoming Unit and Watch Representative elections, I want to inform all of you who are, or will soon become eligible to attend the 27th Biennial State Conference which is being held in Springfield, Illinois on 25 and 26 JUL 14. Use this notification as an early heads-up to everyone planning on attending, running for Unit or Watch Representative or interested in being considered an Alternate Delegate. Please begin all of the necessary adjustments to your work schedules so that any requests are submitted timely enough to guarantee your participation in this year's Conference.

For those interested in hitting the links prior to the start of official business, as the host Lodge, the Illinois State Trooper's Lodge 41 has scheduled a golf outing at Springfield's Piper Glen Golf Club on 24 JUL 14. More specific information will be forthcoming from Lodge 7, but anyone wanting to explore the Conference or the golf outing sooner as opposed to later, should log on to the Illinois State Lodge website at <http://www.ilfop.org> and follow the different selections to access every Conference related event.

Contract Meetings

Over the past two months, the Core component of the Negotiation Team has regularly met with our attorneys. Since taking office there have been four such meetings with our lawyers, two with the City Team and one with the City's main counsel. The most recent meeting with the Lodge's attorneys was not only very constructive; it lasted for more than five hours. As previously stated, we will not be negotiating in the media or in the Newsletter but we do wish to inform the Members that the process is moving forward at a pace that we are very pleased with. We are also proud to state that there appears to be opportunity in the negotiation process now that was more or less unavailable before our arrival. We have been informed by the City team on more than one occasion that the overall environment and working relationship has taken on a newfound sense of professionalism as well as a welcomed and encouraging direction.

As we are all quite aware, negotiations are very serious endeavors. There is a lot at
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Attention All Fishermen

The 2014 Annual Eddie Reines
Fishing Tournament Has Been
Cancelled.

The Response Is Just Not As
Plenty As Years Gone By.

All Funds Will Be Returned To
The Members Who Did Sign
Up!



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stake with this Contract and we are taking every moment and opportunity to enhance the Lodge's position. As of the writing of this article, we have three pre-scheduled Core Team Contact meetings with the City in the month of June alone. We promise everyone that the Lodge will continue working non-stop throughout the summer months. To say that this will be a busy summer is a colossal understatement. As the process moves forward, we will keep everyone advised of how often we meet and when the next rounds of negotiation sessions are set. When we know the new dates, you will know too.

Underwood V Chicago Update (formally Korshak)

Attorney Clint Krislov addressed a room of nearly 200 Retirees during a luncheon that was held 21 MAY 14, which was organized by Retiree, Paul Vitaoli. As most know, the original case, *Korshak V Chicago*, secured a settlement that guaranteed Retiree healthcare costs through 30 JUN 13. Mr. Krislov handled the initial case and now has taken on the responsibilities of the new challenge under the name *Underwood V Chicago* as he has taken on another fight to maintain Retiree healthcare for the women and men who were promised nothing less when they first entered into an agreement with the city of Chicago as they took the oath to become Police Officers.

Mr. Krislov informed everyone that the present status of *Underwood V Chicago* is stayed, awaiting a decision on another pension-related challenge which deals with a "coverage without reduction claims based on the Illinois Constitution's Article XIII, Section 5". The case, *Kanerva V Weems*, was argued before the Illinois Supreme Court on 18 SEP 13 and the decision should be coming very soon. Depending on how the Court rules, the *Underwood* case could greatly benefit if the decision is made in favor of maintaining these State employees' healthcare benefits. Anyone seeking further or more specific information; or who might be interested to financially supporting our Retirees' cause, can contact the offices of Krislov and Associates, Ltd at 1-312-606-0500.

Legislative

By the time you receive this Newsletter in the mail, the 98th Illinois General Assembly Legislative session should be in adjournment and it appears that there will be no movement on any legislation directly affecting the Chicago Police Pension Code. On 27 MAY 14, the Cook County Pension System changes were passed in the Senate with an approval of 32-13. These changes to the Cook County Pension Plan System were headed to the House for consideration even though they were opposed by several other unions; such as the Natural Nurses United, PBPA (CPD Sergeants & Lieutenants), UFCW (Pharmacists), Machinists, Communication Workers, Carpenters, ASFCME Council 31, Local 2 (Chicago Firefighters), The Newspaper Guild, Illinois Federation of Teachers, the Chicago Teachers Union, Illinois Education Association / National Education Association and the FOP. But as we all know by now, Springfield operates quite differently and anything could happen once discussion and debate end. Happily, the session ended with no changes to the County System. We will continue to work to strengthen our pension protections and fight against any movement to diminish them.

CPD Honor Guard

Finally, having recently returned from the National Police Memorial held in Washington D.C.; I would be remiss if I did not address the overall importance of this annual event. The emotion and respect that envelops the mass of international law enforcement representatives in attendance is immeasurable.

I don't have enough print space to do the Memorial events justice; however I do suggest that every Officer and her or his family should experience the National Police Memorial at least once. I can assure you that you will leave our Nation's Capital with a newfound sense of pride for the career you have chosen to be your life's work. There is one portion of the Memorial that I have to share with the Membership though. I had the distinct pleasure of witnessing the expertise of the Chicago Police Honor Guard as they participated in a "competition" at the Memorial on 05 MAY 14. The intense scrutiny and intricate review they go through under the uncompromising eyes of the United States Marine Corp and United States Army Honor Guard is second to none.

Along with a nice-sized Chicago contingent, we watched in amazement as the examiners looked for tiny specs of lint, tugged at every article of clothing, ensured that every button was in vertical alignment and even searched the shoes for debris that might have attached itself as the Honor Guard, arrived on the examination area. Our guys not only passed muster, they took Fourth Place overall this year, but they were also awarded the prestigious and highly touted Chief Judge's Award. This year's Award Winning Team consisted of Mike Ostrowski (narrator extraordinaire), Ernie Cato, Daniel Diaz, Patrick Kenning, Larry Odoms, Richard Robles and Paul Zogg. Gentlemen, you made us all very proud. Congratulations and thank you for the outstanding performance!

Be Safe and God Bless the Police.



1st Vice President's Report, by Ray Casiano, Jr.



My Brothers and Sisters, another month has past and many events have taken place since our last newsletter. The new Field Representatives and the office staff have been working diligently as a team to protect the membership's contractual rights and benefits as well as other needs as they arise.

The Field Representatives, including myself, have been on several callouts throughout the City to support our members and, in some cases, their families during traumatic incidents. It is important that our members are aware that we are here to protect, support and help in any way we can when we arrive.

Lookout For Each Other

As police officers we are constantly protecting those who cannot protect themselves. Sometimes, we are even acting as counselors and assisting in solving other people's problems. As we go on performing our police duties with pride and honor we may not realize that we may need some of the same service that we provide to others. Many of us have heard stories or maybe sat across from an officer day after day at roll call, or even witnessed your partner has been dealing with a challenging situation which effects his or her well-being. We see the signs, but sometimes we don't reach out until it's too late. Maybe you just do not want to get involved. If you are the officer effected, your pride or mistrust towards the department may get in the way of you seeking help. If you are that officer looking across the roll call room reach out and help! If you are that officer dealing with a life challenging situation, remember the Lodge can help and point you in the right direction. As a reminder our members and their family are eligible for free confidential services from the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) who are ready to help our

members and their families 24/7 at (312) 743-0378.

Acknowledgement

On a lighter note, we would like to congratulate our Brothers and Sisters that have been recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Soon these members will be receiving a formal letter from the Lodge. We encourage these new Sergeants to maintain their membership with Lodge 7. We would like to also recognize our Honor Guard's accomplishment during the National Police Week at Washington, DC. After a detailed inspection by a U.S. Marine NCO and other high ranking military personnel our Honor Guard hit center stage. They performed their routine as a tribute to our fallen officers. Their passion for what they do and long hours of practice on their own time paid off. They earned the Chief's Justice Award during a competition against other Honor Guards representing various law enforcement agencies from across the country. Job well done!

Military Leave of Absence Act (MLAA) Order

Last month I announced that a directive would be coming out soon to address the issues concerning military reservist being forced to use compensatory time for training. We recently received a draft copy of the order from MLAS. We will be reviewing the order carefully to ensure that it's in compliance with the law. We are also looking at any ambiguities that could potentially lead to different interpretations of the order by Command Staff. We are hopeful that these issues will soon be resolved and no longer be a concern for our members in the United States Armed Forces. As always, we are here to "serve and protect" you, so that you can better "serve and protect" the citizens of Chicago. **God Bless!**

The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge No. 7's Annual Golf Outing The Tom Skelly Open

Cog Hill Golf and Country Club
12294 Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois
Monday, August 25, 2014- Shotgun Start: @ 9am



\$500 per foursome includes:

- Golf & Cart
- Complimentary Bag Drop
- Complimentary Range Balls (Before Golf)
 - On Course Lunch
- Complimentary Locker & Towel Service
- Refreshment Stand With Cold Drinks & Snacks
 - Dinner

2nd Vice President's Report, by Frank DiMaria



FOP Firearms Safety Days

The Lodge hosted the annual Firearms Safety Days at the Hall on 21 & 22 May 2014. In attendance were Representatives from the approved firearm manufacturers who conducted onsite inspections of our Members duty related weapons and in some cases minor repairs of these weapons. Also attending this year's event were Representatives from a weapon cleaning company. The event opened daily at 0800 hrs and Officers Active & Retired from across the city were already lined up outside the Hall to take advantage of this worthwhile event that the Lodge had arranged for their Members. During the course of the two day event over five hundred of our Members came thru the doors and over fifteen hundred duty related weapons were cleaned and inspected. During the course of the weapon inspections there were twenty weapons discovered to have malfunctioning parts, poor or over applied maintenance and may have failed during a crucial moment on the street. All of these problems were corrected at no charge to our Members. Some of our Members were gracious in tipping the Representatives from the cleaning service which they declined to accept and turned it over to me. This money was donated to the Alcohol

Counselors of the EAP for purchasing coffee for their meetings.

I would like to personally thank the following Representatives and their Companies for participating in this year's FOP Firearm Safety Days and the invaluable service which they provided to our Members:

Neal Bednar c/o Midwest Sporting Goods
 Bob Wood c/o Ruger
 Mitch Shore c/o Shore Galleries
 Mark Williamson c/o Glock
 Craig Villanova c/o Kiesler Police Supply
 Dave Romero c/o Ray O'Hearn Police Supply Co
 Tommy Cochran c/o Sig Sig Sauer
 Dennis Carroll c/o Sig Sauer
 Randy Nichols c/o Springfield Arms
 Ken Paradise c/o Smith & Wesson
 Rick Shene c/o Smith & Wesson
 Ryan Johnson c/o LMT
 Harold Schillinger c/o Super Quick Clean Guns
 Sam Dickey c/o Super Quick Clean Guns

Please support these Companies because they support you the Members. The next FOP Firearm Safety Days will be scheduled in May 2015. Any comments please contact me fdmaria@chicagofop.org. Take care and be safe.

FOP Picnic

The FOP Annual Picnic will be held on 16 July 2014 from 1000 hrs until 1800 hrs on the grounds of Gaelic Park located at 6119 W 147th St Oak Forest Illinois. Please mark your calendars to attend this year's Picnic with your families.

Fraternal Membership in the FOP

A rumor has recently been circulating amongst a group of recently promoted Officers that when they are promoted they are no longer eligible for Membership in the FOP. It is true the FOP no longer is their bargaining agent once they are promoted but these Members, if they choose, can be Fraternal Members in this organization which entitles them to the following membership benefits: membership book and stickers, the newsletter, a life insurance policy, free flu shots and are members are allowed to participate in the Picnic, Fishing Tournament, Golf Outing and any other Fraternal Benefit or Event hosted by the Lodge. The cost is \$65.00 annually to continue your Fraternal Membership. Please contact the Lodge if you are interested.

General Meeting Notice



Tuesday, June, 17th @ 7:00pm

*In the FOP Hall- Remember this
 will be the last meeting until
 September*

F.O.P. Family Auxiliary The Chicago Police Detectives Association Annual Golf Outing

In support of all Chicago Police Officers

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014
 Bloomingdale Golf Club
 181 Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingdale IL**

**10:00am Shotgun Start
 Golf & Cart
 Lunch, Beverage Cart & Pig Roast Dinner**

**For more information please contact:
 Angie Haynes (773) 334-5718 Ken Hauser
 (312) 485-8388, Al Jaglowski (773) 719-4113**

Recording Secretary's Report, by Greg Bella



On May 8th a promotion list to Sergeant was posted and five of our members were passed over because Human Resources did not have their academic credentials on file. MLAS sent us a copy of the letter sent to F.O.P. on October 19th 2012. The F.O.P. was notified by the Chicago Police Department Human Resources Division that anyone who does not ensure that H.R. has a complete and accurate record of academic credentials will be passed over for promotion. Human Resources switched over to a new computer program and some of the academic records were lost.

We worked with MLAS Commander Don O'Neill and were able to get our members, who were passed over, added to the class once they produced their transcripts. We went back and forth with the arguments about H.R. losing the transcripts and the Department should know by your hire date that the education credentials were needed to be hired. At the end of the day, the arguments do not get you where you want to be, promoted to Sergeant. Please call H.R. at 312-745-5328 and they will tell you if your transcripts are on file. If H.R. does not have your transcripts on file then you should hand carry them to 35th and Michigan 4th floor Human Services and they will give you a time stamped receipt. Keep the receipt so you can prove you gave them your transcripts.

If you are on the Sergeants list please ensure that you follow up with Human Resources or you could be passed over when the next class is posted. You don't want to be debating the issue when you should be in the class.

This is the second month that we have been in office and you have seen one common thread, communication. There are two parts to communication, one is to be able to talk to the other side and resolve our problems. There is a place for the grievance procedure, but the goal is to solve the immediate problem. When you have a problem, you want it solved as soon as possible. The grievance will take three years for arbitration and then you have to hope for a favorable outcome.

The second part is to communicate to you the members. In the past, this has always been a challenge. We can communicate to you through the newsletter, the website, Unit and Watch Reps, you calling the office and roll calls visits. Even with these outlets, members still don't get the word so we must get better. We have to have more frequent Unit and Watch rep meetings to pass on information and that will improve under Kevin Kilmer's watch.

We had several meeting with our I.T. people and we are working towards streaming the General and Board meetings. These will be available through a secured F.O.P., website where each member will have a PC number and password. This will enable you to get more information and see what your elected officers do for you and the organization. Your officers will be able to stream messages to get information to you and I can see legal defense and grievance seminars being available online.

Dean has mandated that every Board members visit a roll call every month and this has already begun. If you want a roll call visit to answer questions I don't think you have to wait for our rotation. Please call Kevin Kilmer at the Lodge and he can schedule a visit to your watch or tell you what roll calls have been done.

We will not always agree with the City and Department but we will never make it personal, that is not professional and that is not the way you deserve to be represented.



10th Annual Cycle Across Illinois

July 17th- 20th, 2014

Alton to Chicago

Commemorating 10 years of helping police families by honoring fallen police officers

For more information visit www.ilcops.org

Day 1

- Ceremonial tire dip into the Mississippi River
- Lunch in Waverly
- Day concludes in Springfield

Day 2

- Riders leave University of Illinois Springfield.
- Arrive in Bloomington/Normal

Day 3

- Depart Bloomington/Normal thru Pontiac
- Arrive in Dwight for lunch
- Finish day in Romeoville at Lewis University

Day 4

- Riders depart to ISP District 15 in Downers Grove
- Arrive Cook County Sheriff's Headquarters
- Riders arrive Chicago

Financial Secretary's Report, by Kevin Kilmer



When I was attending a budget class in 2005, my professor said that although public safety will always make up the largest portion of a municipal budget, government officials will never attempt to adjust it because it would be political suicide. Well, here we are 9 years later and times have certainly changed. Manipulating the public safety budget and the financial obligations that go along with it is now standard operating procedure for most municipalities. While there are many reasons for this, I think it is safe to say underfunded pension systems are a primary cause of this new way of budgetary analysis.

As pension sustainability is arguably the most important issue to our membership, I have thought long and hard on ways we can solve this financial predicament we are now in. Increased revenues is a logical fix, however where this reve-

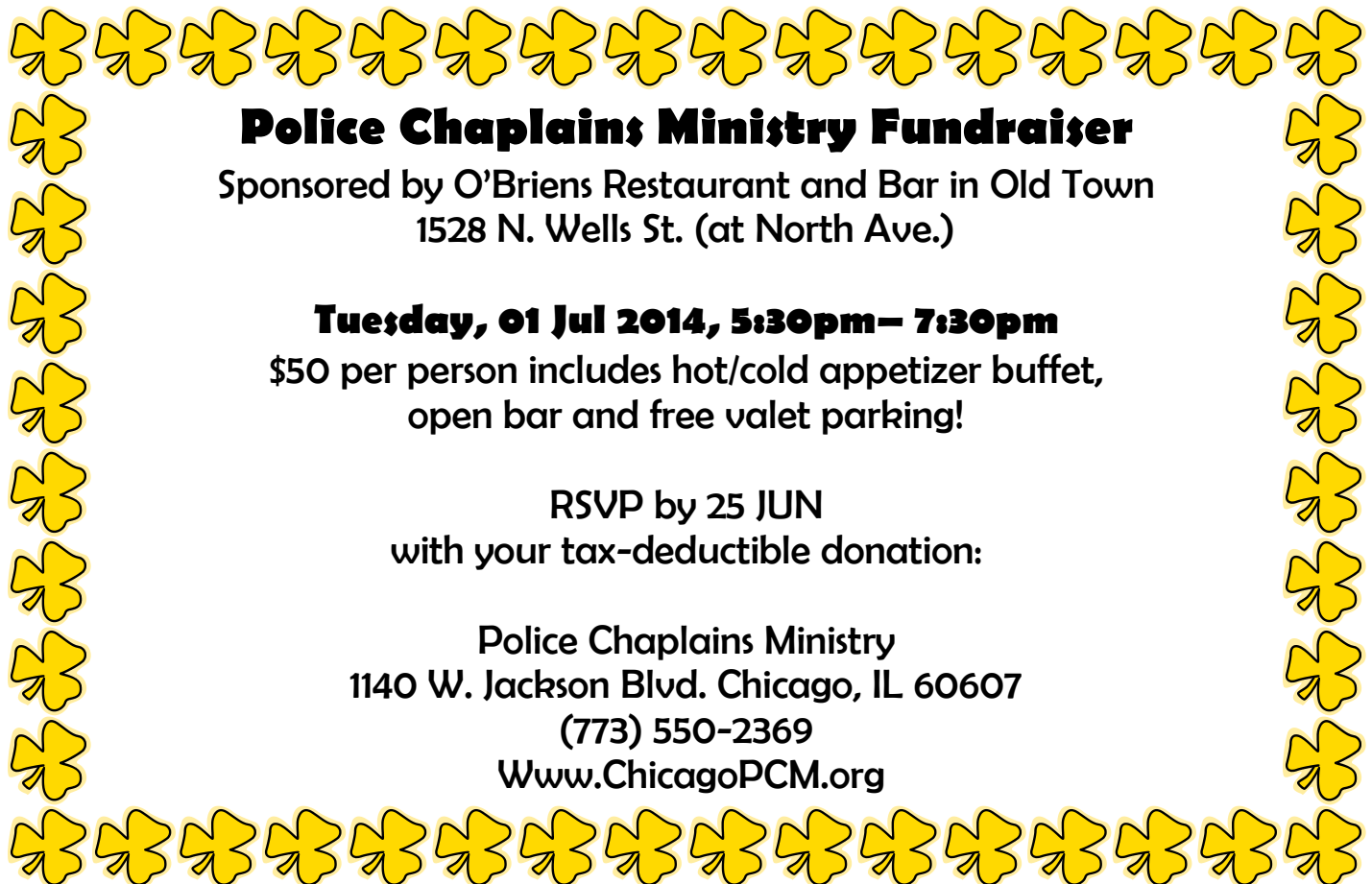
nue would come from is another issue altogether. With most additional income sources already being utilized, finding alternative, sustainable, revenue sources is a challenge. Financial Transaction Taxes, Commuter Taxes, and a Chicago Casino are all ideas that have been presented to increase revenues but these options will require time consuming legislation which will have a bevy of opponents with deep pockets.

Another, more realistic option is to encourage our membership to become more involved in the electoral process to ensure the election of law makers whose views on public safety financing coincides with ours. Our lack of participation in the past has led to some politicians taking us for granted and not even seeking our endorsement due to the small number of voters from our membership.

The first step to remedy this is for all of us to register to vote. The process is quick and simple and there is no

acceptable excuse not to register. Believe it or not, elected officials are able to look up the amount of registered voters so let's register and get to the polls and show these Legislators how significant our organization can be. For those of you that need additional information on how to register to vote, please go to the Cook County Clerks' Website at <http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections/register tovote/Pages/WhereandHowtoRegister.aspx>

I have been appointed Chairman of the Voter Registration Committee so you will be hearing from me in the near future announcing events to aid the membership with voter registration and information concerning the electoral process. With your support and participation, I am optimistic we can send a message to Springfield and City Hall that all roads must go through 1412 West Washington.



Police Chaplains Ministry Fundraiser
 Sponsored by O'Briens Restaurant and Bar in Old Town
 1528 N. Wells St. (at North Ave.)

Tuesday, 01 Jul 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
 \$50 per person includes hot/cold appetizer buffet,
 open bar and free valet parking!

RSVP by 25 JUN
 with your tax-deductible donation:

Police Chaplains Ministry
 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607
 (773) 550-2369
www.ChicagoPCM.org

Field Representative Report, by Keith Carter

I would like to extend words of gratitude to the many people who showed support during my first two call outs as an F.O.P. Field Rep. As you well know, we have experienced several tragedies within our CPD family, most recently the untimely death of P.O. Veronica Rizzo. Officer Rizzo, was a very well liked and respected member of the department and her Church. The support shown for Officer Rizzo's family was outstanding from not only F.O.P. President Dean Angelo, but from all of the Field Reps who responded to scene. A special thanks to the Chaplin's Unit, EAP, Area Central Detectives, 008th District, and the Fire Department for the thoughtfulness and professionalism they exhibited during this extremely difficult time.

My second call out was equally outstanding in regards to the professionalism shown during an incident in the 006th District. The Command Staff, particularly Fred Waller demonstrated compassion during a very difficult time for one of our members. I would like to personally thank 006th District Unit Rep Maurice Thigpen for responding to the scene to ensure the representation of the officer. The assistance provided by all of the officer's who responded to help secure the well-being of the officer's family and property was second to none.

During difficult times, we need to be there for one another. We need to be there when someone is at a low point and needs a hand to help lift them up, or sometimes, even carry them...that is what family does, and we are family. I will work diligently along with the other Field Reps to serve the membership of Lodge #7 whenever and wherever needed to the best of my ability.

Field Representative Report, by Marlon Harvey

Our members most often seek the help of FOP in an effort to challenge possible contract violations. However, there are circumstances when the environment that you work in, or the equipment that you use poses a safety hazard. This can include almost any equipment that is utilized to perform assigned task as well as proper training in using equipment.

There are steps that members can take to bring attention to a possible safety concern. You can apprise the Unit Representative of your district/unit regarding the problem. The Unit Representative will prepare a Safety Complaint form detailing the problem and forward it to the FOP office. We will then begin to gather information needed to correct the safety concern. This will include if necessary an on site visit to ensure that an accurate analysis of the problem is obtained. In the instance where a district/unit does not have a Unit Representative the member can notify FOP directly and a Safety Complaint will be created in our office.

Keep in mind that in some cases correcting safety concerns can involve Management, Labor & Affairs as well as several departments within the City of Chicago. This process can take time as it may involve several City of Chicago department officials. In all instances efforts will be made by our office to address the concerns. Currently, we are in the process of reviewing open safety complaints dating back as far as 2010. During two meetings with Management, Labor & Affairs we were able to clear up fifty-four open complaints and scheduled eight for further follow up. We are scheduled to meet again during the first week of June 2014 when I expect to clear out or correct several more of the outstanding complaints.

There are of course, serious matters brought to our attention regularly. We are addressing new safety concerns as well as reviewing the old ones. On 13 May 2014 FOP was alerted to a sewer back up problem in the 1st District. Officers in the 1st District have related that this was an on going problem. During one of my on site visits in the 1st District the problem was discovered and City crews worked the entire week until the needed repairs were completed. I must add that this was a coordinated effort between FOP, MLAS and the 1st District Commander Alfred J. Nagode. Thank you to all involved in working to help correct this problem. I am looking forward applying the same approach in the event there is a safety complaint of this magnitude in the future.

It is important to be mindful of quality police work. Avoid relying on generating paper to show job proficiency. Being effective in your performance is a critical element of a good police officer. I will end with a quote by Albert Einstein. "Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts." As always continue to stay safe and back up each other out there when you're working.

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

Veronica Rizzo
Daniel G. Burke
William M. Geary
Manuel Gray
Charles D. Kelley

Ronald Kimball
Richard L. Mariner
William F. McCarthy
Arthur W. McCauslin
Thomas Napolitano

Ronald Beach
William P. Healy
Harold J. Carroll
Harry Hill, Jr.
Richard D. Schneider

Field Representative Report, by Tom McDonagh

On 27 May 14, I attended the Chicago Police Department's Recognition Awards ceremony. This was the first one I have attended in several years and I was surprised at how young all the award recipients were...getting old stinks! Most of the heroic deeds read off during the ceremony were split-second decisions. These dedicated officers were able to make the right decision thanks to the intense training they received during their time in the Academy. Most of these acts go unnoticed and it was gratifying to see these men and women have their moment in the spotlight.

Later that day, I heard a story on the radio about a proposal brought forth by the city council regarding uniform purchases. The champion of this proposal was to ensure that the police and fire uniforms would not be manufactured in sweatshop factories. Kudos to the aldermen for this noble cause, but really? I would like to remind these aldermen that we are in the midst of a major pension crisis and that all resources and energies might be better served dealing with this other noble cause. It's unfathomable that uniform manufacturing is a priority in this city when there are other more pertinent issues.

I am pleased to announce that I will be chairing the Legal Defense committee. Some of the future plans include cleaning up the language to the handbook and updates to the Discipline Screening Program. Once the new committee is announced, we plan on holding a series of Legal Defense seminars here at the hall. We hope that these seminars will educate and inform the membership.

On a personal note, I recently completed my Master's program at Lewis University. There were several fellow CPD members in my graduation class whom I would like to acknowledge: Amalio Corral 606, Karianne Doyle 020, Hemogene Del Toro 009 and Rebecca Garcia 196. This is an interest free gift from the City of Chicago, so I encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of the tuition reimbursement program. I enjoyed the challenges of returning to school after 22 years and furthering my education, and I urge you to do the same!

Message From Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

The first Thursday of each month, a group of regulars from the police Mass meet for dinner, drinks and conversation at a restaurant on the Northwest side, thanks to the generosity of Rudy Malnati (as in Malnati's Restaurants). If you'd like to join us to share Scripture, prayer, Tradition and faith, please let me know. In the meantime, please support Malnati's properties and thank them for their kindness to the police!

As always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 15 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

We recently mailed a letter to all of our regular Police Chaplains Ministry supporters, asking for financial assistance for our 19TH annual summer Gold Star Families outing. This month **we are again taking the Gold Star Families on a lake-front cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago***. It's a first-class event, as **we** (yes, with

your help – WE) take care of everything: VIP parking, food, entertainment, pictures, etc. Our cruise ship is even escorted by CPD Marine Units with blue lights flashing. The most important component of our wonderful day together is this: we once again remind Gold Star Families that the loved ones they lost in the line of duty are NEVER FORGOTTEN! See some pictures from last year's event on our website's "Photo Album" page.

If you would like to help make this outing a success with your tax-deductible contribution, please visit our website or send a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607. (Via CPD mail, you can reach us at Unit 118.)

If you did not receive a mailing but would like to be added to our mailing list, please call me at the number below or click on "Join our mailing list" on the website.

The inaugural **Joe Walski Golf Outing**, scheduled for Saturday, 07 JUN at Carriage Greens in Darien is **SOLD OUT**. However, sponsorship opportunities and

tickets for dinner only **ARE STILL AVAILABLE**. Proceeds from the outing benefit Police Chaplains Ministry. For more information, please see the link on our website's home page. May Joe Walski, a proud CPD member who passed away a few months ago, rest in peace!

Finally, on Tuesday, 01 JUL, **O'Brien's Restaurant** (at North and Wells in Old Town) is generously hosting a fundraiser **Happy Hour for the Police Chaplains Ministry**. \$50 gets you unlimited food and drink from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. that evening. Get your tickets by emailing me (below). Come on out...I guarantee you'll be in good company!!!

God bless you in your most noble, God-ordained work, Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain.

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“What Happens in Heaven When We Pray” Compliments of Rabbi Moshe

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around, explaining the analogy of prayer. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section." Here, all petitions to G-d said in prayer are received. I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world. Interestingly enough there were no wastebaskets in the room, no request gets ignored regardless of how it was written. Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "this is the packaging and delivery section." Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth. The angel said "all requests are answered, though some answers are wrapped differently than what we expected." Finally, at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section", my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed. "How is it that there is little activity going on here?" I asked. "So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments." "How does one acknowledge G-d's blessings?" I asked. "Simple," the angel answered. "Take a moment daily and just say thank you G-d for all your kindness." Wanting him to continue his thought, I asked, "What blessings should they acknowledge?" The angel replied, "If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have some money saved up in the bank, in your wallet, or spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will spend most of their day at the Doctor, or perhaps not even survive this day. If you can attend a place of worship without the fear of harassment, arrest,

torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world. If your parents are still alive and still married, you are envied and blessed. If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair." Then he said, "go ahead pass along the following message: take a moment to drop a line to the 'Acknowledgement Department', and say thank you G-d for the gift of another day, not all received this gift today."

Wow how true, it actually woke me up as if someone put cold water down my back. Some interesting points to ponder about life..... Life is simpler when you plow around the stump. Words that soak into your ears are whispered not yelled. Forgive your enemies, it messes up their heads. You cannot unsay a cruel word. Every path has a few puddles. The best sermons are lived, not preached. Most of the stuff people worry about ain' never gonna happen anyway. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer. Live a good, honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time. Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got, that's just the way it is. The biggest challenge you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every morning'. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to G-d.

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains, thanks to each and every one of you for the Holy and Noble work that you do. May G-d bless you, keep you safe. Amen.

Should you need a shoulder to lean on or wish some company for a ride along, don't hesitate to give us a call, our honor.

P.S. For the curious as to why I put a dash in when I write G-d.... Please note: I do not spell out The name of G-d out of respect. Spelling out THE NAME and then throwing the paper in the trash would be a desecration of THE NAME, so I put in the dash. This is a religious custom I follow. Please don't be offended or get upset. This is not political, nor am I trying to make a statement, just a religious custom. Thanks for understanding. If you would like to discuss it further, please don't hesitate to drop me a line or give me a call.

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