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



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Attention Pensions

We are asking all of our members to visit the offices of their respective State Senators and Representatives during the week of 10 March, to deliver the message that the City has failed to pay a sufficient amount to secure proper pension funding levels even after getting direction from their own actuary. The City cannot be allowed to push this issue down the road any longer. They must identify a new revenue source to properly fund our Pensions. The law that requires actuarial required contributions (ARC) has been on the books for over three years now. That ARC funding law needs to stay in place and the City needs to honor the law, not attempt to dismantle it and deepen the pension problem. Please, go see the folks who will ultimately decide this part of your future. Be firm, but be polite.

We Are One Chicago Campaign

On February 17th, we held a press conference that had city workers themselves talking about how a diminished pension would affect the lives of their families. On February 19th, the We Are One Chicago campaign sent a contingent of city workers to Springfield to send a message to legislators and City Hall that we will not stand for politicians passing legislation that diminishes our pension contracts. There were over 1,000 city workers and retirees that stood together and let the legislators know that we will be down there in force if the Mayor submits any pension bill that affects our members. Alderman Bob Fioretti and Alderman Ricardo Munoz stood with city workers in support of our pensions. We cannot stand by and expect everyone else to carry the load, at the very least each of our members must call their legislators. At the very least we must call them and let them know that we have always lived up to our contract and placed 9% out of each paycheck into the pension fund since the day we came on the job. Don't let them diminish our pensions. Call 1-888-412-6570 and let your State Senators and Representatives know how we feel.

Military Leave of Absence Act

The Lodge recently represented an officer who filed a charge of discrimination at the Illinois Department of Human Rights. The officer is a member of the United States Army Reserves. At various points throughout 2013, she attended mandatory drill weekends as part of her Army Reserves duties. The Illinois Military Leave of Absence Act provides that the City of Chicago must pay regular compensation to the officer minus any amount that she receives in payment for her military activities. The Department made this veteran use compensatory time for her training.

The City of Chicago has not yet filed its written response to the charge. However, I would hope that the Police Department brings itself into compliance with the law immediately. We all owe a debt of gratitude to our men and women in the armed forces, and it is insulting that we even had to file this charge. The Lodge will keep you posted on the outcome of this important case.

Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

If you participated in the FSA in 2013 and you don't use all your money designated for 2013 in your account before March 15, 2014, and submit the claims by March 31, 2014, your remaining balance for 2013 will be forfeited. For a list of eligible healthcare expenses, visit the Payflex website at HealthHub.com or call Payflex at 1-800-284-4885.

Condition of Department Vehicles

The Lodge gets numerous complaints from officers that the condition of Department vehicles is getting worse. The Department's position is that a vehicle is not

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removed from service on mileage alone. A vehicle is only removed when it is unsafe for use. The Department claims that officer safety is the number one priority when deciding to leave a vehicle in service or remove a vehicle from service. The Department is also aware that we don't bring in vehicles because of a lack of pool cars. We need officers to start downing these unsafe vehicles. Take pictures of these vehicles and refuse to drive a vehicle that you believe is unsafe. We have a proposal in contract negotiations that will address this issue, but we need officers to document what is unsafe about their vehicles.

Emergency Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order

On Feb 11th, Suspended President Mike Shields filed an emergency motion in the Circuit Court, Chancery Division. Mr. Shields wanted to stop the election ballots from going out in order to have himself placed on the ballot after failing to submit to file his petition to run. The Judge heard both sides and ruled that there was no emergency and that the ballots could go out. Judge Valderrama also ruled that there was no valid reason why this motion was being brought at the eleventh hour. The case will return for status on March 13th.

Hearing Against Suspended President Shields

The hearing against Suspended President Shields went forward on Feb 21st. The committee will present their findings at the March 4th Board of Directors meeting. Board meetings are open to all members of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Chicago Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #7 Endorsements for the Primary Election on Tuesday, March 18, 2014

(* - denotes Police officer or direct relation to a Police officer)

William Guzzardi	State Representative—39th District
Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.	State Representative—40th District
Bill Evans	Sheriff of Cook County
Susan Kennedy-Sullivan	1st Appellate Court—Gordon vacancy
David W. Ellis	1st Appellate Court—Murphy vacancy John Simon
1st Appellate Court—Steele vacancy	
Steven G. Watkins	2nd Judicial Sub Circuit
*Terry McGuire	3rd Judicial Sub Circuit
*Lauren Brougham Glennon	3rd Judicial Sub Circuit
Megan Goldish	9th Judicial Sub Circuit
Anthony "Tony" Kyriakopoulos	10th Judicial Sub Circuit
Gina Crumble	11th Judicial Sub Circuit—Vacancy A
Michael Barrett	15th Judicial Sub Circuit
Al Swanson	County Wide—Arnold vacancy
Bridget Mitchell	County Wide—Arnold vacancy
Martiza Martinez	County Wide—Burke vacancy
Brandan O'Brien	County Wide—Connors vacancy
Dan Kubasiak	County Wide—Egan vacancy
Thomas J. Carroll	County Wide—Lowance vacancy
William B. Raines	County Wide—Neville vacancy
James P. Crawley	County Wide—Veal vacancy
Cynthia M. Santos	Metropolitan Water Reclamation
Brendan Houlihan	Metropolitan Water Reclamation
Frank Avila	Metropolitan Water Reclamation

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



Discipline Screening Program

Officers, when a CR Investigation is sustained and there is a recommended penalty of fifteen (15) days or less, the first step in the Officer's appeal process is the Discipline Screening Program (DSP). The officer will be notified of the sustained finding and recommendation of the penalty. The officer will be advised that he or she may accept the recommended penalty or request the Discipline Screening Program, and must return the form within 72 hours of making a choice. If the officer chooses the DSP, he or she must notify the Lodge, and the Lodge will request the CR file. At some time in the future the officer will be notified of the time and date of the DSP.

Prior to the DSP, the officer will have the ability to come into the FOP and review his/her CR file with an FOP representative. The DSP will be held with a representative of the Department and the Lodge in attendance. They will review facts of the case which were used to reach the original recommendation for discipline. If an agreement is reached, that recommendation will be forwarded to the Officer who will have two options: accept the recommended penalty or reject it.

If the Officer accepts the recommended penalty at the DSP, this penalty is binding on the Superintendent who can only decrease the penalty or grant options. If the original penalty is 1-5 days, the officer will serve the suspension. After the suspension, the officer will then file a grievance as outlined in our contract. If the recommended penalty is 6-15 days, the Officer has the option of a Police Board Review. This is a paper review only (To-From Report) directed to the Police Board with the goal of changing the finding or reducing the recommended penalty. The Lodge will assist the officers in writing their appeal to the Police Board. The deci-

sion of the Police Board is final and cannot be changed by the Department. If the Police Board decision is to sustain the recommended discipline then the Officer will serve the suspension. The Officer will then file a grievance for just cause section 8.1 of the contract.

Appendix T Random Drug and Alcohol Testing

As a result of the Arbitrators Award effective 1 January 2012, changes and revisions are made in the Department's Random Drug Testing program. Officers selected for Random Drug Testing will now also be tested for alcohol.

Upon being notified, officers will report to the Random Drug Testing Unit for collection of urine specimens. The Department may test the results of the urine sample for the presence of both drugs and alcohol. The Department may also test for alcohol using a breath alcohol test administered by a qualified tester using a certified and calibrated Breathalyzer. If the test reveals a level of .021-.039 the Officer shall be relieved from duty without compensation until the next day and shall submit to drug and alcohol testing prior to his/her return to duty.

If the return to duty test reveals a alcohol level of .00 the Officer may return to duty and shall not be

the subject of discipline based on the initial test result however during the six month period following the date of the initial test the Officer will be selected for random drug and alcohol testing from an eligibility pool consisting of similarly situated Officers.

If the return to duty test or any test administered within the 6 month period reveals any presence of alcohol the Officer shall be relieved from duty without compensation until ordered to return to duty and the Random Drug Testing Unit will refer the matter to Internal Affairs Division.

If the test reveals a breath alcohol level equal or greater than .04 or its urine concentration equivalent the Officer shall be relieved from duty without compensation until ordered to return to duty and the Random Drug Testing Unit will refer the matter to Internal Affairs Division.

In the event discipline is recommended IAD shall consider whether to agree to hold the discipline in abeyance in exchange for the Officer's agreement to participate in a rehabilitation program and remain drug and alcohol free for a defined period and comply with other appropriate terms and conditions

An Officer who is relieved from duty without compensation in accordance with this subsection may utilize accrued elective time during this unpaid period of absence.

General Meeting Notice!



18 March 2014
1200 hrs



Please remember to sign in!

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



Sentenced to Life

Your presence and professional court room conduct is appreciated. On February 5th, Robin Johnson, who was convicted of the July 2, 2008 murder of **Officer Richard Francis**, was sentenced to a natural life sentence plus an additional 15 years. The Lodge sends thanks and gratitude to ASA Cherise Valente and her team and to Judge Thomas Gainer. The Lodge also hopes this brings the Francis family another step towards closure.

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.
 Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of **Officer Thomas Wortham IV**
 March 11, 2014
 Room 606, 26th / Cal, Judge Porter
 Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of **Officer Thor Soderberg**
 March 18, 2014
 Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks
 Antwon Carter "Pro-Se" - charged in the murder of **Officer Michael Bailey**
 March 19, 2014
 Room 602, 26th / Cal, Judge Sacks
 Timothy Herring Jr. - charged in the murder of **ET Mike Flisk**
 March 27, 2014
 Room 404, 26th / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

Edgar Colon, Tyrone Clay and Alexander Villa - charged in the murder of **Officer Clifton Lewis**
 T.B.A.
 Room 206, 26th/ Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins-Grant

Forgotten Retiree:

*From June 2013
 Granato, Michael, Officer,
 Unit 153, 25 years*

***October Retirees were not yet submitted to us by time of print. They will appear in the April Newsletter.*

Honor Flight Chicago Charity Hockey Game, By Richard Aguilar



Check your calendars to see if you are available on the evening of March 15th at 7:00 pm. The FOP Stars Hockey Club will play their third annual charity hockey game against the FBI at The

Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, IL. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. There is a silent auction, celebrity autograph sessions, and contests between the periods. All proceeds from the game will benefit Honor Flight Chicago.

As the senior member of the Stars Hockey Club I have had the honor of playing in the first two games against the FBI. Both games were sold out and let me tell you it really got the adrenaline flowing when your name was called and you got to skate out to the blue line to the cheers and/or jeers of twenty-five hundred screaming fans while joining your teammates. Next up, a ceremonial faceoff with one of the Blackhawks living legends, Stan Mikita. Finally, cap this off with a stunning rendition of our National Anthem by Jim Cornelison from the Blackhawks and

the United Center and you are really ready to play.

While it is a great event for the players and fans alike, its ultimate purpose is to serve a far greater cause than mere entertainment. The event benefits Honor Flight Chicago which, in turn, benefits military veterans who served in World War II.

Honor Flight Chicago is a charitable organization that makes arrangements for Chicago area World War II Veterans to travel to Washington, DC at no cost to them so that they can visit the World War II Memorial that honors them, their fellow veterans, and their fallen comrades. Many of these veterans are octogenarians and above. Some are confined to wheelchairs. Some have oxygen tanks. Some have failing health. Getting some of them on an airplane to Washington and back is no easy task. It takes a lot of time and money, but it also takes people who are willing to donate their time and energy.

As I stated earlier, the hype leading up to the game was amaz-

ing, but the most unforgettable moment for me occurred while the teams waited in the wings. Both teams were approached by several World War II Veterans just prior to stepping onto the ice. These heroes came up to us and shook our hands thanking us for playing a hockey game. Talk about emotional. Here was a group of men thanking us for playing a stupid game who had risked life and limb on foreign soil to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today. It was humbling to be in their presence to say the least.

Please come out if you get the chance to attend. We would love to see you there, but more importantly support the veterans and the organization that supports them; Honor Flight Chicago. Purchase a ticket or visit their website to donate your time and/or money.

<http://honorflightchicago.org>



2014 Annual St. Patrick's Party



**FEATURING THE MUSIC OF THE
KATIE SULLIVAN BAND**

March 15, 2014

6:00 pm—11:00 pm

Fraternal Order of Police Hall

1412 W. Washington Blvd

**\$20 Donation Includes Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner,
Refreshments & Entertainment**

**For more information or to purchase tickets for the party,
please contact Kathy Moore at the FOP, 312-733-7776.**

In Memory of..... **Departed Brothers & Sisters**

Louis D. Nekoliczak

Richard C. Zientarski

Guy W. McQuery

Thomas Pate

Robert W. Tobiaski

Ronald E. Stenke

Edward J. Higgins

Arthur H. Thompson

Thomas J. Sarnecki

Dale R. Bennett

Joseph S. Walski, Jr.

Thomas M. Quirk

John E. Dougherty

Deana J. Hall

Anthony L. Lacesa

Alfred H. Lange, Sr.

Willie E. Eaglin, Jr.

Joseph F. Guarnieri

Dennis J. McLaughlin

From the Desk of Marlon Harvey, Field Representative



Concealed Carry and Retired Officers

In last month's February Newsletter, I provided information to help guide retired Police Officers in the process of obtaining an Illinois Retired Officers Concealed Carry card, better known as the IROCC card. In the February article, my instructions suggested that the retired officer should obtain documents verifying "good standing," from the Chicago Police Pension Office. In this article I would like to note to all that the required step of acquiring the needed verification of "Good standing" must come from the Chicago Police Department Office of Human Resources Department 3510 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago IL, 60653. The Chicago Police Pension office will assist the retired officer with matters pertaining to the retirement process, however verification of law enforcement employment for the IROCC card must come from the "EMPLOYER OF RECORD," which in our case would be the Department.

There is a rare exception. In the instance where an Officer is placed on disability prior to retiring, he will need to contact the Pension Fund to determine the accumulated period of service while in a disability status. This can be provided to the officer via a written letter and sent to his/her residence. The officer will then be able to present this letter, along with the IROCC application to the Department's

Human Resources office.

HR218 requires that the officer have ten years service as a law enforcement officer. Oftentimes the officer still qualifies for the IROCC card upon changing to retired status. Just recently I assisted a retired officer in this very same circumstance in applying for the IROCC card. We sat down together in the Human Resources Department and went over the IROCC application that he downloaded from the website www.irocc.org. FORM 3 of the IROCC application is the page Human Resources will complete. Personnel in Human Resources were helpful and provided the retired officer with the documents he needed to submit with his application. Contact Ms. Jermaine Hooks of Human Resources at 312-745-5386 to make an appointment.

Officer Safety

Licenses allowing citizens to carry concealed firearms are being issued starting in March. As a matter of fact, as of this writing I am certain that hundreds if not thousands of Concealed Carry licenses have been mailed out already to citizens. This means that the chances have increased significantly for law enforcement officers to have contact with an armed person. Make no mistake here. This article is not about the rights of a citizen to possess a firearm. This is solely regarding officer awareness and safety. I was able to obtain information from the IL State Police office that is involved in the CCL process. As of 18 February 2014,

there were 10,214 CCL applications received from Cook County residences alone. The first licenses were scheduled to be mailed on 28 February 2014, which means licenses could already be in the hands of citizens as you read this.

It is extremely important that every Police Officer working in any field capacity utilize his or her training and sense of safety at all times. Any contact that you may have including calls for service, traffic stops or emergency calls, could mean encountering a possible armed person. In the blink of an eye a seemingly harmless encounter can turn into an attempt to affect the arrest of a now armed offender. The Public Safety Act 430 ILCS 66/10 (h) & (e) allows an officer to ask the citizen if they possess a CCL. The citizen is required to declare possession of the card after being asked AND inform the officer of the exact location of the firearm. This includes ALL occupants of a vehicle as well. Be cognizant that there is always the possibility of multiple firearms on or within the reach of the license holder. There is a streaming video scheduled for release by the Chicago Police Department to guide officers encountering possible CCL holders.

I will end with a quote from Sun Tzu, "Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win." As always officers, stay prepared and always ready. Stay safe and back each other up. Thank you.

Remembering His Ride: Celebrating Brian McDevitt

13 April 2014
1400-1900hrs

Bourbon Street
3359 W 115th Street
Merrionette Park, IL

Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

Uniform Resale!

16 April 2014
1300-1700hrs

FOP Hall
1412 W Washington

FOP Financial Statements, Years Ended December 31, 2012 & 2011

The following financial information has been derived from the audit of the FOP, Chicago Lodge 7 (which includes the Legal Defense Fund). The complete audited financial statements, including the independent auditors' report, is available and may be viewed by contacting the FOP and scheduling an appointment with the Treasurer, John Capparelli.

We have audited the statements of financial position of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7 (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7 as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Frank L. Sassetti, Certified Public Accountants

ASSETS	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,937,000	\$3,239,582
Certificates of deposits	\$4,352,359	\$3,998,703
Dues receivable	\$449,131	\$457,263
Rent receivable	\$4,354	\$4,354
Accrued interest receivable	\$25,317	\$29,726
Accounts receivable	\$0.00	\$4,886
Inventories	\$66,341	\$44,811
Prepaid Expenses	\$326,645	\$325,062
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$1,967,552</u>	<u>\$2,019,174</u>
Total Assets	\$9,128,699	\$10,123,561
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$276,898	\$259,317
Accrued expenses	\$413,847	\$900,323
Deferred revenue	<u>\$192,690</u>	<u>166,380</u>
Total Liabilities	\$883,435	\$1,326,020
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$4,979,418	\$5,046,238
Temporarily restricted	<u>\$3,265,846</u>	<u>\$3,751,303</u>
Total Net Assets	\$8,245,264	\$8,797,541
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$9,128,699	\$10,123,561

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7 LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

ASSETS	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$19,571	\$813
Certificates of deposit	\$4,352,359	\$3,998,703
Dues receivable	\$41,461	\$43,159
Accrued interest receivable	<u>\$25,317</u>	<u>\$29,726</u>
Total Assets	\$4,438,708	\$4,072,401
LIABILITIES		
Due to FOP 7 unrestricted fund	<u>\$1,172,862</u>	<u>\$321,098</u>
Total Liabilities	\$1,172,862	\$321,098
NET ASSETS		
Temporarily restricted	<u>\$3,265,846</u>	<u>\$3,751,303</u>
Total Net Assets	\$3,265,846	\$3,751,303
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$4,438,708	\$4,072,401

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

Session Time:
Sunday, March 30, 2014
1300 – 1600 hours

Location:
Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 7
1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

Registration Fee:
\$25.00

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: _____ High School: _____

Member's Name: _____ Star #: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____/City _____/State _____/ZIP _____

Phone: _____/Year In School: _____/Cash: _____/Check: _____

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**

From the Desk of Sidney Davis... Recording Secretary



Military Update

It has come to the attention of the Lodge that members who are military reservists are being asked to submit time due slips for weekend and/ or annual training. This action is contrary to State Law. Officers are advised to follow orders by Commanders in requesting time off to attend weekend drills or annual training. Officers are then asked to call FOP (312-733-7776) and ask for Sid Davis (Military Liaison) and provide the type of training being performed and how time was forfeited to perform said training. Please call ASAP. Lodge 7 is working to ensure that all military reservists are treated equally and fairly while performing weekend drills and annual training.

Fishing Tournament

Application for the 2014 Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament can be found on the rear cover of this month's newsletter. The date has been moved to June 18, 2014 (7-1, 77-71-72, 66-61). We hope this works better for members and their children who are now out of school. Please call Frank or Sid at the FOP Lodge with any ideas that may improve the event. We look forward to seeing all anglers from last year. All fish brought to the weigh station must be alive to be counted, no exception to this rule.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight saving time is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, 2014. Every year some officers forget this time

factor and arrive too early for work, Church or a scheduled event.

Police Memorial Month

This year the National Memorial is on Thursday, May 15, 2014. The Candlelight Vigil is on Tuesday night, May 13, 2014. If you have never attended a Memorial Service in Washington D.C., please come out to honor Chicago's Fallen Hero's from the past as well as officers who gave all in 2013.

Watch Bidding

Officers are reminded that watch bidding in some Districts and Unit's may occur during the 3rd Period. Information on Watch Bidding is forthcoming from the Department.

PRE-ACT Exam

Officers take advantage of this time honored benefit and Register your children to take the Pre-Act Exam at the FOP Hall on Sunday, March 30, 2014. Cost is \$25.00 per child, application and funds must be in by Friday, March 21, 2014.

Transfer Bids

Thinking about moving, transfer bids come out on Friday, March 7, 2014. Follow the instructions to the letter for compliance.

Ambulance Service

Next Month, I will report on ambulance service for active and retired members of CPD.

FOP Stars v. FBI Hockey Classic

March 15, 2014
7:00-10:00PM

The Edge Ice Arena
735 E. Jefferson Street
Bensenville, IL

Fundraiser for Honor Flight Chicago.
Tickets \$15 in advance (go to honor-flightchicago.org/2014hockeyclassic)
or \$20 at the door

Lunch with the Easter Bunny!

April 12, 2014
Lunch
Noon—1:15PM
Pictures and Egg Hunt
1:15-3:00PM

FOP Hall
1412 W. Washington

For tickets please call 773-334-5718

“The ER Doctor,” *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

Part of the routine of your Chaplains is to make rounds in the Districts and attend roll calls. Recently after a midnight roll call, one of the Officers pulled me aside and said, "I try to look around the room every evening to try and see who could use some extra attention and try to share a good joke, because we never know what emotional burden another one is carrying." It struck me hard, and I said to myself "what an angel," doing his part to make his world a better place. I couldn't share with him that his partner had shared with me earlier that he was just diagnosed with cancer and to please not share the news with anyone, rather just to keep him in my prayers. Little do we know about the burdens that the people close to us are carrying. We only wonder why they are "not in a smiley mood?" A little prayer or a little hug goes a long way for the heavy-hearted. It reminded me of the story of "The Emergency Room Doctor."

The Doctor entered the hospital in hurry, after being called in to do an emergency surgery on a boy. He answered the call ASAP, changed his clothes and went directly to the surgery block. He found the boy's Father pacing in the hall, waiting for the doctor. As soon as he saw him, the Dad yelled: "Why did you take all this time to come? Don't you know that my son's life is in danger? Don't you have a sense of responsibility?"

The Doctor smiled and said: "I am sorry, I wasn't in the hospital and I came as fast as I could after receiving the call, and now I wish you'd calm down so that I can do my work." "Calm down?! What if your son was in this room right now, would you calm down? If your own son dies now what would you do?" asked the Father angrily.

The Doctor smiled again and replied: "I will say what Job said in the Holy Book: From dust we came and to dust we return, blessed be the name of G-d. Doctors cannot prolong lives. Go and intercede for your son, we will do our best by G-d's grace" "Giving advice to others when it doesn't affect you is so easy" murmured the Father, as he stalked away.

The surgery took some hours after which the Doctor came out happy, "Thank goodness! Your son is saved!" And without waiting for the Father's reply he carried on his way running. "If you have any question, ask the nurse!" "Why is he so arrogant? He couldn't wait a minute so that I ask about my son's state?" the Father asked the Nurse minutes after the Doctor left. The Nurse answered, tears coming down her face: "His son died yesterday in a road accident, he was planning his son's funeral when we called him for your son's surgery. And now that he saved your son's life, he has to get to the funeral home to finish the plans for his son's final moments."

NEVER JUDGE ANYONE, because YOU never know what is going on in their life, how heavy of a burden they are carrying, or the challenges that they are facing. It might be heavier than you think. Your kind words can make all the difference in the world.

Some points to make you ponder:

•Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.

• Why is a car's windshield so large & the rear view mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move On.

•Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.

•All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

•Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!

•Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, G-D smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

•When G-D solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when G-D doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

•A blind person asked a Saint: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" The Saint replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

• When you pray for others, G-d listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

• WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.....

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to G-d. On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, thanks for the Holy and noble work you do. Should you ever need a shoulder to lean on don't hesitate to give us a call. Be blessed be safe.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain

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**Retirement Party for
Det. Eileen Heffernan,
Area South!**

**14 March 2014
McNally's
11136 S. Western Ave
1700-2200hrs**

From Your Chaplain Father Dan Brandt



In addition to the chaplains visiting roll calls and riding with the troops in various districts, Chaplain/ PO Bob Montelongo and I get out on the street for about 14 hours every Wednesday from noon until the early hours each Thursday morning. This city-wide tour allows us a chance to meet you in *your* world.

We recently bumped into a couple of PO's from 014 on a burglary-in-progress call at Sacramento and George, after which they asked for a picture. I quipped that if they sent me the picture, I would include it in my next FOP newsletter column....here it is (Bob and I are the handsome guys in the middle). Keep up the great work, officers! (For more pictures like this, where you're sure to see folks you know, see the "Photo Album" page on our website.)

Thank you to the **CPD Survivors Group**, who on 20 FEB hosted a **resource night** at the FOP hall. Lined up were many programs, re-

sources, outreaches and information beneficial to department members. More information on what the CPD Survivors offer on a volunteer and confidential basis to department members and retirees is available through a link on our website.

St. Jude League stickers are available from your district/unit St. Jude League representative. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends and family! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities. It also helps the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes. For more information about obtaining your sticker, or if you don't know who your rep is, please contact me.

I am saddened to share news you likely have already heard: the untimely death of three department members these past two months. Active **CPD members John, Dale and Dennis** were in their early 50's when they passed away unexpectedly. Please keep these brothers and their families in your prayers!

The vocation you have chosen is, as you know, not necessarily conducive to physical wellbeing. Please keep that in mind when it comes to stress control, diet, regular check-ups, and exercise! As we progress through the Lenten Season, we're reminded to care for our souls and our spiritual wellbeing, as well.

That said, here are some reminders:

The **Shrine of St. Michael at St. Rita High School** at 7740 S. Western Avenue, dedicated to the memory of E/T Mike Flisk (star 6962, EOW 27 NOV 2010), is available to police officers any time the building is open. Make a visit when you're in the area, and spend a few minutes of silent prayer in a beautiful and peaceful setting!

Also available to active and retired police officers is the **St. Michael League Mass**, offered at two locations on a monthly basis: every 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church (95th/Lawndale), and every 4th Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Monastery of the Holy Cross (31st/Aberdeen). While this is a Catholic Mass, all are welcome.

Finally, you're *always* welcome at the **police Mass** every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. See you at one of the above places...or on the street!

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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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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its
 Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament
 at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, June 18, 2014.

All members, active and retired, are invited to take part in this event.
 There will be a barbecue at the weigh-in with beer and soft drinks from 2 – 4 p.m.

THE BASIC RULES

Starting time: 0500 hrs – with all boats in by 1430 hrs. All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes waters between the Wisconsin
 Border and McHenry Dam.

Two fishermen per boat; one must be an FOP member.
 All caught fish must be alive when brought into the way station to be counted.

NO PRO FISHERMEN PLEASE

We'd like everyone to have a fun time.
 Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making application for the Tournament.

Name: _____ Active: _____ Retired: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fishing Partner: _____ If youth, age _____

Make checks (\$40 per man - \$80 per boat) payable to F.O.P., Lodge 7 and send Attn: Frank DiMaria at 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607