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



Let me begin my first article as Lodge President by recognizing all who participated in both of the recent election processes. I am humbled by the tremendous responsibility entrusted in me by the women and men of the Membership and I welcome the challenges the next three years will bring. I wish to congratulate the newly elected Board and welcome them to join me in working tirelessly on restoring the good name of this vital and celebrated organization known as the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge 7.

Over the course of the past several months, we had conversations with thousands of officers from the 004<sup>th</sup> District to the 024<sup>th</sup> District, many of who related their frustrations. Some of their frustrations dealt with problems with the promotional process, lack of technology, inadequate equipment, abysmal vehicles, minimal manpower, and concerns about the Union as well. Another common denominator was the feeling of being unappreciated. Everywhere we went, officers truly believed that no one cared. And as we all know, perception is everything.

As a Union, what can we offer the Membership to deal with these concerns? How do we get to the bottom of such frustrations? What impact can we have on the City and the Department to rectify even one of these issues? These are questions that we have struggled with for months. It has been our position to approach the City and the Department with a new sense of professionalism and a new voice as a way get to some movement in these areas. As we've said over and over, the women and men of the Chicago Police Department deserve better. I would love to promise everything will be addressed and addressed immediately, but we all know better than that. However, I am still very hopeful that we will get results in these areas.

### Transitional Period

Due to the need for a run-off election to determine the winner of the Presidential office, the typical timeframe associated with what we have come to know as the "transitional period" had more or less been reduced to a few days. Usually there is a month-long timeframe where the outgoing team of Field Representatives would assist the incoming team with the day-to-day expectations and workload of Lodge business and Membership services.

I am pleased to inform the Membership that the transition is moving along quite smoothly. Furthermore, we are appreciative of the assistance of several of the previously assigned Field Representative personnel as we continue to get acclimated. Even with the diminished timeframe, the new Field Representative team is in place and working diligently on securing the knowledge to move forward providing services to the Membership.

### Contract Update

During our first week and then again in our second week of official business, we had opportunities to meet and get acquainted with the Lodge's lead labor negotiator, Joseph Burns. During our initial meeting, we were quite impressed with Mr. Burns' overall grasp of our contractual history. We were also encouraged as to his awareness of our present day protections as well as the importance of maintaining our benefits. As we continued to discuss where we are now, negotiation-wise, it became apparent that we needed to make a few adjustments.

One adjustment we have made, that can be shared in print, is the change we have made to the Core Team. The new Core Team will consist of First Vice-President Ray

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Casiano, Tom McDonagh, Keith Carter and myself. Tom has been involved in the present negotiation process since it began. We are looking for Tom to assist throughout the process by interjecting how we got to where we are, item by item. We have also made adjustments to a few of the items for discussion that will be addressed in session between the Lodge and the City.

### Legislative Exposure and Expectations

We have also had the opportunity to meet with several lobbyists over the past few weeks. Each of them shared their ideas on the state of the pension and the state of Springfield. It should come as no surprise to the Membership, the one constant they all had was that our present pension system is in a precarious condition, to say the least. No matter who we spoke with, we were told there are options out there; options such as increases in Member contributions, decreased Member benefits and increased property taxes; none of which will cure the pending crisis.

Furthermore, as we move forward assessing the state of affairs within the Lodge, we are presently in the process of making a collective decision on which direction to take in Springfield. The State Capital is of huge importance to each and every Member, both Active and Retired. One of our main concerns is to carefully examine all variables concerning the Lodge's representation downstate and to make sure that we are getting the best service possible for our Members. You deserve nothing but the best. As a Board, we are not going to take this responsibility lightly, nor will we rush to any decision. Whether we choose to maintain the status quo or go in a different direction, we will never lose focus of our only objective –what is best for the Membership.

### Pledge Updates

During the roll call visits, and throughout our run for office to represent the Membership, we made "7 Pledges to Lodge 7". I want to take a moment to inform the Membership that these Pledges are in the process of being fulfilled. The remaining Pledges will be addressed in future correspondence.

Pledge 1 dealt with the reduction of the President's salary from E-8 to E-6 and the removal of the \$600 a month stipend for all full-time Field Representatives; both of which were voluntarily accomplished with the assistance of the Lodge Treasurer John Capparelli and the accounting firm of Sassetti LLC. The salary adjustments will be memorialized with changes to the language in the Constitution and By-Laws to be voted on at the September General Meeting.

In closing, I must once again thank the Membership for the honor and privilege of being your President. I have nothing but the utmost respect for the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge 7, the Chicago Police Department and each and every one of you. Be Safe and God Bless.

### *Deceased Brothers & Sisters*

Walter J. Clifford

Margaret E. Baron

Bryan A. Strong

Edward P. Bourke

Timothy J. Maloney

James Jausly

Wayne C. Trapp

Louis J. Sanfratello

Rogelio O. Pinal

Eugene M. Moriarty

Thomas A. Klebba

Robert E. Etcheson

David L. Harris

David L. Edison

Joseph G. Laska

James A. Moore

## Firearms Safety Days

*At the FOP Hall*

**May 21st (8am-5pm) &**

**May 22nd (8am-3pm)**

Free onsite safety inspections of duty related weapons,  
soft body armor, and leather goods.

Please call the Lodge for more information,

(312) 733-7776

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



The election has come and gone, and I would like to thank everyone for voting. Now it's time to start working on our campaign promises. The President

and I have our sleeves rolled up and are working hard to chip away at the list of promises made to the membership. The sails are up and we are steering this vessel in the right direction to better our Union and serve our Brothers and Sisters. Let me assure you, the crew we have in place is working diligently and are committed to serving the Membership and protecting your rights.

Since my first day in office, I have helped mediate several grievances with MLAS. I am pleased to report that in these cases, our members have left the mediation pleased with the resolution of their grievance. I have also had the opportunity to go on two call outs. The first was to visit an officer who was in the hospital, recovering after having suffered a heart attack at the district. I

went the following day to visit him again, and I am pleased to report that he is recovering well.

The second was a call for service in the 9<sup>th</sup> District. The officers responded and found themselves faced with an offender armed with a knife. Having failed to comply with officers' directions to drop the weapon, and continuing to make threats, the officers were forced to take action. The offender was shot, DOA, and the officers were unharmed.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with MLAS and the Superintendent about the issues concerning our military reservist. Specifically, the issue of submitting time due slips for weekend and or annual drill/training. I am pleased to announce that steps are being taken to address and correct these issues. We will soon see an order in place that will address these issues. Both the Department and the F.O.P. share a common goal; to see that the laws and procedures in place are followed to

ensure the rights of our members.

Don't forget, the month of May is Police Memorial Month. As we spend time with our family, enjoying each other's company, take a moment to remember our Brothers and Sisters, as well as our Military members who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their life in service to protect our City and our Nation's freedom.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the office staff. As our Police Department has the patrol division as their backbone, so does the Lodge. I would like to thank the staff that works hard everyday in the F.O.P. office to ensure that the members receive the best service possible, and that the elected officers have the necessary support to steer this ship in the right direction. We are here to "Serve and Protect" you, so that you can better "Serve and Protect" the citizens of Chicago. God Bless!

## Constitution and By-Law Changes Amendments

*Article XII, Amendments to the By-Laws, informs Lodge members that only active members, in good standing of this Lodge, may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Such proposals shall be in resolution form, stating the reasons for the amendment, and shall be attested by the signatures of eleven (11) active members in good standing.*

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing  
(via police mail, Unit 541) to the  
Recording Secretary, Greg Bella, by May 31, 2014.

The deadline is a few weeks away so please submit your proposals today.



## 2nd Vice President's Report, by Frank Di Maria



### May Memorials

The month of May has been designated to honor police officers who were killed in the line of duty. The Chicago Police Department has held a tradition for the past eighty two (82) years to march on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May to honor their fallen. This march is named the St. Jude Memorial March. Officers of every rank representing District Law Enforcement, Detective Division, City-Wide and Support Units will assemble on Museum Campus and Solidarity Drives in preparation of the March. Over the last several years a group of Retired Chicago Police Officers have assembled and marched in the parade. With each passing year, their number grows. Both Retired Chicago Police Officers and active Members are encouraged to attend and march this year. I ask that you come join us in celebrating one of the oldest Chicago Police Department traditions!

### Firearm Safety Days

The Lodge is hosting Firearm Safety Days on 21 May 2014, 0800 to 1700 hrs and 22 May 2014, 0800 to 1500 hrs. Representatives from the various (approved) firearm manufacturers will be on site to conduct safety inspection of duty related weapons. There will also be on site representatives who have agreed

to provide cleaning of our Members duty related weapons. These services have been arranged for you by the Lodge and will be provided at no cost. Officers, I urge you to take advantage of this worthwhile program. Give yourself the peace of mind in knowing that your police equipment is in top condition!

### FOP Fishing Tournament

The annual FOP Fishing Tournament has been scheduled for the 18 June 2014 on the waters of the Chain of Lakes. Each entry must include two fishermen (per boat) and one person must be a FOP Member. The cost is \$80.00 per boat and this includes the entry fee, prizes, lunch and refreshments at the weigh in. You might remember that the Tournament has been traditionally held in May. We have changed the date to June as to encourage more parent and child entries.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents Message

I have been elected to five terms as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of this Lodge and have served as Field Representative for the past twelve years. I recently entered into my thirty-second year as a Chicago Police Officer and I was faced with some career decisions. I was told many years ago, by the old timers I was working with, that you will know when it is time to leave the job... After speaking with

my family, I made the decision to retire from the Department effective 15 April 2014. During the twenty plus years I spent working on the street, I have had the privilege of working with some of Chicago's finest police officers. It has also been a privilege and a honor to have served the Membership as a Field Representative of the Lodge. Assisting officers on a daily basis, is one of the most rewarding assignments I have had during my police career. I will continue to serve the Membership as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I encourage you to feel free to contact me at the Lodge or by sending me an email at [fdimaria@chicagofop.org](mailto:fdimaria@chicagofop.org).

Take care of yourselves and each other.

### Memorial Dates

- 1 May 2014  
Illinois Police Memorial Springfield
- 4 May 2014  
St Jude Memorial March Assembly  
(0700 Step Off 0800)
- 6 May 2014  
FOP Chicago Lodge 7 Memorial  
1200 hrs
- 13, 14, 15 May 2014  
National Police Memorial  
Washington, DC

## Old 9th District Reunion

Thursday  
29 May 2014  
1900 hrs- ?

Moose Lodge  
7536 South Harlem Ave.  
Bridgeview, IL

*Free parking available in back!*

## General Meeting Notice



**Tuesday, May 20th  
FOP Hall @ Noon**

### 3rd Vice President's Report, by Danny Gorman



A new Board of Directors was elected with just shy of 60% of the membership returning ballots. The new administration is underway having our first Board meeting and General Membership meeting in the past month. The transition is going smooth and thank you to the members for giving us patience during this transition. Unit and Watch Rep elections will take place in the next month (refer to the Financial Secretary's article). Committee appointments will be made thereafter. Lodge By-Law and Constitution change proposals are due the last day of May.

A new Core Negotiating team was put into place who has met with the City. The Legislative Director and the Lodge's lobbyist have maintained a presence in Springfield and are monitoring any pension reform bills which would diminish our pension benefits. Their recent report reflects no movement on any such bills, however; you may be aware that Senate Bill 1922 passed both houses, but does not include police / fire.

Since the Board of Directors' election, we have also seen a variety of reports from media outlets regarding the increase in weekend violence, crime stat reporting and an increase in officers getting injured responding to said violence. We are happy to see the Department has increased hiring and has opened bidding across the City. Along with these additions and changes come learning curves and culture shock. Back each other up, pass on what you know, resort to

your training and go home safe at the end of every tour.

#### 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.*

Edgar Colon, Tyrone Clay and Alexander Villa - charged in the murder of **Officer Clifton Lewis**  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014: Room 206, 26 / Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins-Grant

Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of **Officer Thomas Wortham IV**  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Room 606, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Porter

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of **Officer Thor Soderberg**  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks

Timothy Herring Jr. - charged in the murder of **ET Mike Flisk**  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Room 504, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

Antwon Carter "Pro-Se" - charged in the murder of **Officer Michael Bailey**  
T.B.A.: Room 602, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Sacks

### Financial Secretary's Report, by Kevin Kilmer



Before I write about Union Business, I would like to take a minute and say what an honor it is to represent all of you hard working police officers, both active and retired. When I was young, I spent many a great summer hanging out at Albion Beach surrounded by Chicago Police Officers...on and off duty. These guys became the fathers I never had by taking me under their wing and teaching me life lessons that would help me become successful both professionally and personally. Being able to give back to these same guys by protecting their hard-earned benefits is an incredible feeling that cannot be duplicated. I look forward to being a champion for these unsung heroes as well as the rest of the Membership during my term as Financial Secretary.

As the only Beat Cop elected to the Executive Board, I feel an enormous responsibility to represent all of the Officers out there who are working the streets day in and day out. I understand how hard getting "time" is and I know how deflating it feels to get in a squad car with 150,000 miles and no PDT. I promise to be your defender for these issues as I have worked under these same conditions most of my career. Furthermore, I would like to send a special thank you to all the people who I have worked with throughout my career under these circumstances who not only showed me how to be a better policeman through their vast experience, but also demonstrated how to handle the rigors of balancing a family life with a policeman's work.

#### Unit and Watch Representatives

It is a very exciting time to be a part of the FOP as Unit and Watch Representative elections are upon us. In my 15 years as a Chicago Police Officer, I have always found the Unit Reps to be the backbone of the FOP. Increased transparency and communication with the Membership was one of my campaign promises and there is no easier way to augment both than through the election of capable Unit Reps. It is extremely discouraging to speak at a Unit roll call and find out the audience does not know who their Unit Rep is. My greatest challenge, with the help of the membership, will be to energize this program where we will have the most qualified members representing each Unit. For starters, if anyone is interested in becoming a Unit Rep, please send me a To/From or email me at [kevinckilmer@gmail.com](mailto:kevinckilmer@gmail.com) to state your intention to run. I would also welcome any suggestions from the Membership on ways we can improve this vital program. Please refer to the FOP Lodge 7 Website and the FOP Lodge 7 Facebook page for any updates on the elections. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

## Recording Secretary's Report, by Greg Bella



It has been a busy first month. We are slowly but surely mending the fractured relationships that occurred over the past three years. When we sit with the people across the table from us, like them or not, we must be able to communicate with them to resolve problems for our Membership. Sometimes we will be able to reach common ground to solve a problem, sometimes we will argue and we will be lied to, but we will not make it personal.

There is just no room for that when the well-being of the Membership is at stake. With that being said we are diligently working on your behalf. We are working on the contract and the pension. We will fight to keep our benefits while working to find a solution to the pension problem. We can't do it alone and we must bring all the actors to the table. Diminishing our benefits is not the answer and the sensible politicians know alternative sources of revenue are the answer.

We are working to keep every promise made during the campaign and I ask for your patience during this undertaking. We know it is going to take time get the trust of the Membership back but as time goes by you will see the results. Dean has cut his salary from E-8 to E-6. The Field Reps all agreed to substantially cut their salaries and these cuts will become permanent through changes in the By-Laws.

We have been given permission by the Board to look into streaming the General and Board meetings. This will be a monumental undertaking because we have to have a secure website. We envision an F.O.P. website with an area for the public to view and a secure area only for our members. The area for our members will require a PC number and a login password. There you will be able to view the meetings from your computer, iPad, or smartphone. We have instructed the IT people that our members identity must be protected to maintain their ability to speak freely without worry of retribution. Once a proposal is submitted and passed by the Board we will roll the streaming process in steps to make sure we get it right. This program will get more information to more members and at the same time get more members involved in the process.

I am working in the office to help the new Field Reps with the transition and as I promised during the campaign I am not receiving a salary. Once the office is up and running I will come in part time to do the Recording Secretary's job. I will also take all calls concerning retiree issues.

Committees are being picked by the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and will be announced by June. I want to thank all the members who responded to the call to serve on the committees and with their hard work things will improve. The damage done in the past is substantial but not fatal and with hard work by the Board of Directors and Leadership of Dean Angelo Sr. we will get this union back on track.

## Disability Committee Report, by Tina Perilli

I would like to congratulate all of our newly elected FOP members. I look forward to working with each of you in our mission to assist the disabled officers within the Chicago Police Department.

Now that winter is over...I am already thinking of warmer weather and having a wellness fair sometime in the next few months. During this fair, we will be looking to have vendors from Human Resources, Pension Board, Benefits Management Office and a multitude of other outside vendors, who can assist our officers with the transition of being disabled.

If any officer is close to exhausting their medical time or non-IOD limited duty time, please contact me via email at tperilli@chicagofop.org and I will be able to assist you in applying for disability benefits. There are three (3) classifications of disability benefits:

### Ordinary Disability

Benefits are provided to officers who become disabled as the result of any cause other than an injury incurred while in the performance of an act of duty.

### Duty Disability

Benefits are payable to an active officer who becomes disabled as the result of injury occurred in the performance of an active duty and is payable during the period the officer does not have the right to receive salary.

The duty disability benefit is equal to 75% of the officer's salary.

### Occupational Disease Disability

Benefits are payable to an officer with at least ten (10) years of service, who suffers a heart attack or any other disabling heart disease but is **not** entitled to any benefit under section 5/5/154. The occupational disease benefit shall be 65% of the salary attached to the rank held by the officer in the police service at the time of the officer's removal from the police department's payroll.

*I hope this information helps you, until next month, keep safe, be happy and take care of yourself and others!*

## Field Representative Report, by Keith Carter

To the members of F.O.P. Chicago Lodge 7 both active and retired, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Keith Carter and I have twenty seven years of experience working as a Chicago Police Officer. Since 1997, I have served as an F.O.P. Watch Representative in 012<sup>th</sup> District, Area Four, Area Central, and Area North. During that time I have attended both National and State F.O.P. conferences, including several as a delegate. Throughout all my experiences regarding union matters, there has always been one thing that remains constant and motivates my efforts— the members of F.O.P. Chicago Lodge 7.

This is a very humbling experience for me. I am now in a position to help a greater number of members, men and women who have dedicated themselves to the same career that I have. As police officers, we face danger on a daily basis in our effort to serve the citizens of Chicago. As you read this newsletter, remember that there is an officer somewhere out there who is searching for an armed offender. Regrettably, there are times when serving the public can cost an officer his/her life. Chicago police officers dedicate themselves to serving the citizens of Chicago, but who is there to serve and protect the officer? That is the purpose and the mission of your F.O.P.

I approach this assignment fully aware of the tough times ahead for the membership with the pending contract, health care, and pension concerns that must be addressed and protected. I'm dedicated to make sure that the quality of life for active and retirees are not diminished considering the sacrifices that are made by us, as police officers.

As I prepare to face the challenges that are on the horizon as your F.O.P. 7 Field Representative, I ask that we never forget that we are all Police Officers. We must work together, show unity, and support your lodge as we continue to serve and support you. The most important ingredient in the formula for success is knowing how to get along with people.

## Field Representative Report, by Marlon Harvey

Congratulations to our new F.O.P. President Dean Angelo, Sr. I would also like to congratulate every F.O.P. member that participated as a candidate in our 2014 F.O.P. election. The decision to step up to the plate to contribute in strengthening our F.O.P. is commendable. If possible I would personally shake the hand of every F.O.P. member that participated in voting. This is the kind of support our F.O.P. organization needs. To every candidate and to every voter I say thank you.

The F.O.P. administration that will represent us during the next term is taking shape. Despite the results of the election I call all police officers both active and retired to stand behind the F.O.P. As I see it, there is no such thing as a winner or a loser in the F.O.P. election. In my eyes it is simply a changing of the guard. By virtue of obtaining a position in F.O.P. to represent Chicago Police Officers obligates you to perform with ethics, service and honor to the men and women who have served and to those that still wear our uniform. When I have spoken to officers I have said many times there isn't a magic formula to holding a F.O.P. position. From the President down to the Trustees all that is required is that you do your job. Anything less results in diminished effectiveness of the F.O.P. organization. We are all we have left. The F.O.P. is police officers working for police officers. If we lose that we will have nothing. I will end with a quote from Bruce Lee. "*Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do.*" Thank you.

## Field Representative Report, by Tom McDonagh

Greetings members of F.O.P. Lodge 7, my name is Tom McDonagh and I been a member of F.O.P. since graduating the academy in 1995. I have been involved with the F.O.P. since my days as a Watch Rep in the 023<sup>rd</sup> District. I have also served as a Unit Representative in Area One and an elected Trustee. The last three years have been a difficult and turbulent time for the F.O.P. membership and I am excited about the future of this storied union. The Membership spoke when electing Dean Angelo and he will have the task of rebuilding this Lodge and strengthening our morale. Dean is an educated and reasonable individual that will set aside the petty differences of the past and move us ahead.

I am looking forward to the changes that have already begun around the Lodge and convinced that we as members will appreciate the change in direction moving forward. The lost art of serving the membership will be the focus of this administration and we can all be proud of this organization once again.



## Fraternal Order of Police • Illinois State Lodge 2014 Scholarship Application

DUE JUNE 1, 2014

Each year, the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police awards \$9,000 in scholarships to college students whose parents are members in good standing. Chosen at random, one applicant from each of the 18 representative FOP districts in Illinois will receive \$500 towards college expenses. The random drawing will be held during the June 19, 2014 meeting of the ILFOP Executive Board meeting. Winners will be notified within one week after the drawing via e-mail and postal mail. **Incomplete applications will not be included in the drawing.**

Additionally, ISPFUCU - Your Law Enforcement Credit Union will again sponsor a 19th \$500 winner.

### Eligibility Requirements

*ALL criteria must be true and checked.*

- Applicant is a full-time, undergraduate student (12 or more credit hours per semester) at an accredited junior college or four-year institution.
- Parent/guardian is a member in good standing of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police.
- Applicant has provided, along with the application, proof of registration (see acceptable forms of proof under "Submission Information" below.)

### Applicant Information

Student's Full Name:

College/University:

Parent/Guardian:  Lodge Number:  FOP District:  [Click here to identify district.](#)

Street Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

E-Mail Address:  Phone Number:

Additional Information or Comments?

### Submission Information

- Applicant must send completed application, along with proof of registration, which may include (1) notice from registrar, (2) class schedule, or (3) tuition payment receipt.
- Incomplete applications and those submitted without the required accompanying materials will not be entered.
- Applications due no later than June 1, 2014.
- Submit by e-mail or print and return to the State Lodge using the buttons below.

*Please call the State Lodge at (217) 726-8880 with questions or for more information.*

**Print and send completed application and additional materials to:**  
 Illinois Fraternal Order of Police  
 4341 Acer Grove, Suite B  
 Springfield, IL 62711  
 Fax: (217) 726-8881  
 Email: [sbrandon@ilfop.org](mailto:sbrandon@ilfop.org)



**“Honoring Our Heros,” *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf***

The month of May is dedicated to two special groups of people in our midst. It is Police Memorial month, where we honor our Heros who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Please remember the families of these honored Heros . Reach out with a call or card let them know that their loved ones will never be forgotten. Also let us be mindful of our brothers and sisters on duty disability let them know they are in our prayers. We also honor another very special group of people this month, dedicating a day to them called "Mother's Day". Please let me share two inspirationals with you regarding Mom.

**"Before I was a Mom"**

Before I was a Mom, I never tripped over toys or forgot words to a lullaby. I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous. I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mom, I had never been puked On, pooped on, chewed on, peed on. I had complete control of my mind and my thoughts. I slept all night.

Before I was a Mom, I never held down a screaming child so doctors could do tests, or give shots. I never looked into teary eyes and cried. I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin. I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mom, I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put her down. I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt. I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much. I never knew that I could love someone so much. I never knew I would love being a Mom.

Before I was a Mom, I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body. I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby. I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child. I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important and happy.

Before I was a Mom, I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was

okay, I had never known the warmth, the joy, the love, the heartache, the wonderment or the satisfaction of being a Mom. I love every moment, and I'm thankful for the most beautiful blessing of being able to wear the title of "Mom".

In fairness to all single Dad's out there, (and we have plenty that I know of among our friends) a shout out to you for the great job you do in playing "Mr. Mom", you do us proud.

**"Flowers For Mom"**

A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars."

The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose". He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers. As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home. She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother." She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.

So if you are blessed with Mom still being around, give her a call or better yet give her a visit and a big hug and tell her how precious she is. (If you have any good stories or humor to share, don't hesitate to e-mail a copy my way, thanks!) On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in His loving care. Amen

Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf  
773-463-4780 or e-mail:moshewolf@hotmail.com

**Address Change Form**

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 Your Chaplain Father Dan Brandt



On a recent night out in 008, Chaplain/PO Bob Montelongo and I heard a "Man with a gun" call on Western Avenue. We were a block away and scooted over there to find out it was a nonsense call (imagine that!). We ran into POs Brian Sullivan and Colin Prendergast, who along with Bob produced three Rosaries. These three report to work armed with this most valuable and reliable weapon in their vest pocket. Thanks to them, I have picked up this practice when out with the troops. **If you would like a Rosary** to carry with you when on the street, please email Chaplain Bob Montelongo (on our website's home page), and he'll be happy to send you one. For more pictures like the above, where you're sure to see folks you know, see the "Photo Album" page

on our website.

May is the month when many Christians remember the Blessed Mother, Mary, the vessel who brought us Jesus Christ. How appropriate that we should remember (not deify or worship, but honor and revere) this young Jewish heroine.

May is also the month we remember our fallen brothers and sisters. **St. Jude League stickers** are still available. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends and family! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, and help the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes. For more information about obtaining your sticker, or if your unit rep ran out of them (or if you don't know who your rep is), please contact me or one of the CPD Chaplains.

In the event you have this newsletter in your hands in time for **Mother's Day**, please note that Sunday, 11 MAY, our usual Police Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. (rather than the regular 11:00 a.m.). Bring Mom to the Police Mass that morning if you'd like. If Mom

is no longer with us, let me know ahead of time, and we'll remember her in our prayers for the deceased that day.

Also, mark your calendar: we will celebrate a special **Father's 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.

The police Mass usually runs under 30 minutes...so you can squeeze it into your lunch break if you're working. Catholic or not, you're always welcome to pray with us. God bless you in your most worthy and noble work!

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### 10-1 Benefit COME HELP A CPD FAMILY IN NEED!

*For the benefit of the family of our friend and co-worker,  
**Detective Dennis McLaughlin**  
who recently passed away on duty, leaving  
behind a wife and two daughters.*

**When: Friday, May 16 @ 7:30pm**

**Where: Trinity Pub (5943 N. Northwest Highway)**

Trinity Pub has generously donated two hours of refreshments with all proceeds to be donated to the family.

**\$20 fee at the door**

*Please bring a pot luck dish to share with our friends and neighbors.*



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

DIRECT LINE:  
312-733-2344

WEBSITE:  
WWW.FOPGIFTSHOP.COM

**Happy Mother's Day, Police Memorial Day, and National Memorial Day!**

**Thank you for all you do.**

**To celebrate, we have a great Sale... just for you!**

Still on sale by popular demand

Ladies V-neck thermal long sleeve hoodie  
in pink or eggplant small to 2XL

...was \$12.95 now \$7.77

District and Area mugs limited supplies not all district or areas available (clearing them out for the new style mug)

...was \$10.95 now \$6.59

25% off two tone blue or black spring jacket with hood

...was \$29.95-31.95 now \$ 22.46-\$23.96  
medium to 2XL (limited quantities)

Ladies pink full zip sweatshirt small to 2XL

...was \$25.95-\$27.95 now \$19.46-\$20.96

Youth side tie tee with heart logo at bottom 2/4 to 14/16

...was \$10.95 now \$7.66

All lapel pins were \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

....now 2 for \$4.00

Great for trading at the memorials!

*(must purchase in groups of two)*

Tee shirt of the month:

**30% off**

Chicago Police  
Motorcycle  
Unit

**20% off**

**all pepper**

**spray**



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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