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

Final Mayoral And Aldermanic Endorsements



By the time this *Newsletter* hits the mail for some of our Members (especially those retired and living out of state), the Chicago Mayoral Election will be over. Ever since the run-off election became a reality, Members have called, emailed, texted or face-to-faced the entire Board of Directors on who the Lodge was going to endorse. As previously reported on the Lodge's website and also at the March General Meeting, the Political Action Committee (PAC) was unable to come to make a recommendation to the Board on who the PAC wanted to endorse for Mayor. As an attempt to offer our Members a voice in this process, a mailing went out in the March *Newsletter*. We were hopeful to receive at least a thousand responses. Sadly, less than 400 came back! The surveys that came back from the *Newsletter* resulted in 128 for Mr. Garcia, 102 for Mayor Emanuel and 146 for No Endorsement. We also did a collective poll that was taken by our Unit Reps. Those choices were split between the two candidates and No Endorsement as well. Percentage-wise, the Unit Rep numbers came back with 39% for Mr. Garcia, 27% for Mayor Emanuel and 34% for No Endorsement. We even went so far as to allow for a show of hands at the March General Meeting, which resulted in No Endorsement garnering the largest response.

Both of the remaining Mayoral candidates came before the Political Action Committee (PAC) on 12 March 15. Six questions were put to the Mayor at 10:30 AM and the same six questions were put to Mr. Garcia at 2:30 PM. The "Q & A" of the two interviews was posted on the Lodge's website and remain available for your review. For those that were not in attendance at the March General Meeting and unaware of what transpired after some lively discussion concerning the Lodge's Mayoral endorsement; a motion was made from the floor, seconded and approved that the Board report to the Membership the Board of Director's individual votes (that were yet to be taken at that time). Therefore and in order to comply with the intended transparency behind aforementioned motion: 1st Vice-President Ray Casiano; 2nd Vice President Frank DiMaria, Recording Secretary Greg Bella; Treasurer John Capparelli; Financial Secretary Kevin Kilmer; Past President Bill Nolan; Sergeant of Arms Bill Burns; Trustee Chairman Robert Rutherford; Trustees Dean Angelo, Jr., Pat Duckhorn, Kathleen Gahagan, Joseph Gentile, Ken Hauser, Tom Lonergan, Kevin McNulty, Landry Reeves, Inez Riley, Jay Ryan, Steve Schorsch and Ron Shogren each cast their vote for No Endorsement. Third Vice President Daniel Gorman; Sergeants of Arms Al Francis, Jr. and James Moriarty, Jr.; Trustees Sergio Escobedo, Michael Garza and Daniel Trevino cast their vote for Mr. Garcia. Trustee Mark Donahue cast his vote for Mayor Emanuel. By a vote of 20 to 6 to 1, the Lodge voted to not endorse either of the Mayoral Candidates in the run-off election.

The Aldermanic candidates involved in their own run-off races were interviewed (some were re-interviewed as it was their second appearance before the PAC), discussed and then voted on by the PAC as to whether or not they would received the Lodge's endorsement. A list of the Aldermanic candidates who were endorsed was posted on the Lodge website. To further share the results, the following candidates were endorsed: Brian Hopkins in the 2nd Ward, John Pope in the 10th Ward, Patrick Daley Thompson in the 11th Ward, Raymond Lopez in the 15th Ward, Toni Foulkes in the 16th Ward, Willie Cochran in the 20th Ward, Chris Taliaferro in the 29th

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You can view the contract online at www.chicagofop.org

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Ward, Regner "Ray" Suarez in the 31st Ward, Gilbert Villegas in the 36th Ward, Emma Mitts in the 37th Ward, Anthony Napolitano in the 41st Ward, Caroline Vickrey in the 43rd Ward, John Garrido in the 45th Ward and Amy Crawford in the 46th Ward. After continued discussion and further re-consideration by the full Board, there were no endorsements made in the 7th, 18th, 21st and 24th Wards.

No matter who ends up being successful, the Lodge looks forward to meeting with the Mayor and the full City Council shortly after they take office. There is so much important and highly critical work ahead of us; the Lodge hopes that partisan politics will be put aside so we can come together to focus on strengthening the pension system, guaranteeing future benefits and improving our workplace.

Line of Duty Deaths

As reported by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), on average, one officer dies in the line of duty every 58 hours. To many that statistic might seem unrealistic. In 2014, a total of 126 Line of Duty deaths occurred, which is a 24% increase from the 102 deaths that occurred in 2013. When we compare the deaths that were reported by NLEOMF for the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015 (1 January to 29 March); 2015 line of duty deaths are up 15%. To date, there have been 30 Line of Duty deaths reported so far this year, as compared to 26 for the same period last year. Causes of death that are included from the NLEOMF are traffic-related fatalities, job-related illnesses fatalities and firearm-related fatalities. The preliminary 2014 Law Enforcement Fatality Report reported yet another startling increase. In 2014, 50 Officers were killed in firearm-related incidents as compared to 32 in 2013; up 56%, with **ambush attacks remaining the leading cause of felonious deaths**. (source: www.lawmemorial.org)

Chairman and CEO of the NLEOMF, Craig W. Floyd made the following statement in reaction to this dangerous and alarming trend. *"With the increasing number of ambush-style attacks against our Officers, I am deeply concerned that a growing anti-government sentiment in America is influencing weak-minded individuals to launch violent assaults against the men and women working to enforce our laws and keep our nation safe. Enough is enough. We need to tone down the rhetoric and rally in support of Law Enforcement and against lawlessness."* Mr. Floyd, we couldn't have said it any better.

Upcoming Memorial Events

After reading the previous information you are more than likely concerned, frustrated, angered and ready to do something. There are several ways to get involved. You could write letters to elected officials. You could donate time and/or funding to any one of the Police supporting organizations that are out there. You could show your support in yet another way, by attending one of the Memorial events. If you are retired or have active family in Policing, you must try to make every attempt to travel to the annual National Police Week events in Washington, D.C. This year's event takes place over the week of 12 May 2015. The level of mutual pride, emotion and respect that begins with the Candlelight Vigil and ends with the Capital Lawn Ceremony is like nothing you will ever experience. If you have not had the chance to attend this event, you are missing something that has no equal. This needs to go on your "bucket list".

If Washington, D.C. isn't an option this year, those who are interested in something more local can look to attending the Illinois State Memorial event that takes place on 6 – 7 May 2015 in Springfield, Illinois. For further information concerning our State events, log onto the Illinois State FOP Lodge or the Illinois Police Memorial websites. If neither of these events work for your schedule, Lodge 7 has our own event immediately following our Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, 5 May 2015. We have a short program that is scheduled to begin at noon. These events are mentioned at this time in order to get as many people to participate and to show a level of the respect and support fitting the families of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Late Addition

On 28 March 15, just before this article was to be submitted, I was honored to have been invited to attend and speak when an Honorary Chicago Street Sign was dedicated at the intersection of 131st and Avenue M. The sign was dedicated to the memory, heroism and loss of Officer John W. Mathews (E.O.W. 21 May 88). There was no media present, so no lead-in story would be seen on the local nightly news later that evening. There was no stream of politicians that showed up, so no Facebook pages were tagged or photos posted as a way to use this solemn event for their individual and political support. In attendance were longtime neighborhood friends. Watching everyone interacting you could easily tell they grew up together. They also grew up with John and his wife Laura. Also there were the real Police, some showing respect in their full dress and others in regular working, street-duty garb. There were old school retired Police that either knew John when he just got on or worked with his (or Laura's) dads back in the day. And then there were the members of the Mathews' family, immediate and extended.

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Although brief, much was said. The wording of a City of Chicago Resolution was read by Alderman John Pope. There were words of respect and never-ending support offered by Fourth District Commander Kevin Navarro. I addressed our, "We Never Forget" motto and how it should be something more of a constant as opposed to an occasional discussion over a meal or a beverage. Finally there were words of appreciation shared by John's Son, Joseph. All the words were meaningful and came from the heart. The wrapping on the sign was removed and everyone applauded. Blue balloons were released and everyone took photos. The event was ending when the Mounted Horse bearing the name of John Mathews posed with John's wife, Laura, who was holding the commemorative street sign that was gifted to her. You would have thought that it was special enough to merely have Mounted Officer Timothy Hunt and his pony partner, Police Horse "Mathews" pose with Mrs. Mathews. But when the horse nibbled at her cheek, and then bit down on the street sign, attempting to lift it from Laura's hands, we looked at each other and knew that somebody else was there with us. The horse wound up leaving a tooth mark on the sign as a permanent reminder.

As if the morning wasn't special enough, the way it ended turned into something that stories which begin with "you won't believe this one..." are made of. Everyone present will be talking about it for years to come. Those who weren't there won't really believe it when they hear about it. Those of us that were fortunate enough to have been there know what we saw and will always wonder if Officer John Mathews (E.O.W. 21 May 88) himself made his presence known. And if you still don't believe this one, we have the pictures to prove it...



John Jr., Joseph, Laura, Police Horse "Mathews", Officer Tim Hunt & Anne



Mrs. Laura Mathews, Police Horse "Mathews" and Miss Anne Mathews

Be Safe and God Bless the Police

2015 FOP BOOK CORRECTIONS

March 2015: 4-2 DOG on March 31st should be 64-65 (not 65-66)

April 2015: 5-2 DOG on April 24th should be 7-1 (not 3-4) & CAPS Day should be eliminated as it has been replaced by Police Memorial Day on the 25th

May 2015: Replace with corrected sticker (received with FOP book mailing).

July 2015: July 3rd is listed as Independence Day should be July 4th.

August 2015: The date August 16th is misprinted as August 19th.

September 2015: 4-2 DOG on September 27th should be 64-65 (not 64-66).

Street Guide

On page 104, Clover St. N. is gone

On page 109, Pope John Paul II Drive is a duplicate

The Evangelical Catholic Diocese of the Northwest respectfully invites all law enforcement officers and their families to join us at

Blue Lives Matter Mass of Appreciation

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 2:00 PM

The Evangelical Catholic Church of the Holy Family
5749 North Kenmore Avenue
Chicago, Illinois



This Mass will be celebrated by James Wilkowski, Bishop for the Diocese of the Northwest.

The Diocese wishes to express its thanks and gratitude to all those who have embraced the vocation to law enforcement and protection to defend and uphold the safety for all people.

It is time for the law enforcement communities to know that the People of God have their backs.

1st Vice President's Report, by Ray Casiano



Promises

Brothers and Sisters, I cannot believe that a year has passed since being elected into office as your 1st Vice-President. Once again, thank you for this humbling experience and the opportunity to represent you. This team, under the leadership of President Dean C. Angelo Sr., has accomplished quite a lot in this first year and there is still much more to do during this term. As I made promises to you during my campaign, and kept them; we should expect nothing less from the candidate that wins this Mayoral election. As it was exciting during the 2014 FOP President runoff election, so is the 2015 Mayoral runoff election. Chicago politics have not been this exciting since the Mayoral race of 1983 between the late Jane Byrne, the late Harold Washington and Richard M. Daley. Once again I challenge you to come out and vote with your family members on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Let's elect the Mayoral candidate who will protect our benefits and keep the promises made to us and our retirees.

Don't Pull the Plug Just Yet

We all have choices to make in life and sometimes those choices are difficult and life changing. Lately I have received concerning calls from members after they have made the life changing choice to retire. Unfortunately, some are not happily retiring, but instead, they are pulling the plug because they are running out of medical or IOD time before reaching the age of 55 years old. Although, this may be the only option for some, it may not be the best option for other members. Consider calling Maggie O'Grady or myself before risking the loss of retiree health care benefits that were agreed to in a Memorandum of Understanding of the "CBA" providing a minimum required number of eligible Officers file for retirement. We are a phone call away from making a positive financial difference in your choice. Retirement is a time to enjoy the fruits of your labor not a time to forfeit them.

Acknowledgment

The Magnificent Mile is "magnificent" not only because of its high-end shops, but because our members patrol it. They are always ready to "Serve and Protect" as was the case on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Officers Michael Lawrence and Sergio Valdez, from the Bike Unit 211 rolled into action to save a life that day. As they patrolled the Magnificent Mile they were stopped by several "hand wavers" who informed them of a man lying on the Avenue, unresponsive. Without hesitation the Officers responded to find a 75 year old man without any vitals. Sergio and Mike immediately started life saving measures to save the man. Sergio and Mike were under challenging conditions; providing first aid and controlling traffic at the same time. After being taken to the hospital, it was reported later that the man was in stable condition thanks to the both of them.

A few days later, another set of Officers saved a life, and this time it was at Midway airport. The call was of an elderly man that passed out and was not breathing at a restaurant. Officers from Unit 051 responded and their quick actions to start CPR saved his life. It is with great pride that we recognize Officers Walter Bland, John "Johnny" Munoz, Mike Ephraim, and Sherida Shepherd.

The actions of these Heroes brings great credit to their Families, Lodge 7 and the Department. **Job well done!**

FOP is here to "Serve and Protect" you, so that you can better "Serve and Protect" the citizens of Chicago. God Bless!

2nd Vice President's Report, by Frank DiMaria



Uniform Resale

The Lodge will host a Uniform Resale at the Hall on 22 April 2015 from 1100 hrs. – 1700 hrs. Officers from across the City will set up displays of their slightly used uniform items at a discounted price. Anyone wishing to sell their items at the Resale should arrive at the Hall before 1100 hours to set up. Tables will be provided on a 1st come 1st serve basis for Officers wishing to sell their items.

The Lodge will NOT have a table of uniform items and will NOT be accepting uniform donations.

Parole Hearing

The Lodge was recently notified by the Illinois Prisoner Review Board that a protest hearing had been scheduled on 18 March 2015 at 26th & California for the offender convicted of the At-

tempted Murder of PO Eddie Jackson who worked in the VCD Prostitution Unit, on 14 October 1977. The Lodge circulated petitions obtaining thousands of signatures protesting any possibility of early release for this dangerous offender and was in preparation of the Protest Hearing. The Lodge was notified five (5) days prior to the hearing that it would be cancelled until May 2015. The Lodge will keep you advised of the date and time of the future Protest Hearing.

Firearm Safety Days

The Lodge will host Firearm Safety Days at the Hall on 20 May 2015 from 0800-1700 hours and 21 May 2015 from 0800-1500 hours. In attendance will be representatives from the approved Firearm Manufacturers who will conduct safety inspections of our Members duty related weapons. There will also be a repre-

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representative of a weapons cleaning product who will clean our Members' weapons. Both of these services will be provided at no cost to our Members (Active & Retired). Please mark the dates and take advantage of this worthwhile program that the Lodge has provided. You can contact 1st VP Casiano or myself if you have any questions.

Warm Weather and Officer Safety

The recent warming temperatures showed an increase on street violence in our City and across the Country. The recent shoot-

ing of two Police Officers in Ferguson, MO at a demonstration is proof that because you are the police you are not immune from the violence which is occurring. Officers, stay focused on what is occurring around you and your surroundings. Don't take anything for granted and keep your eyes on the person(s) you are encountering during your tours of duty. The main objective is, yes to provide service to the citizens of Chicago, but also to return home safely at the end of your tour of duty. Take care of yourselves and each other. Any questions or comments please contact me at fdimaria@chicagofop.org.

Financial Secretary's Report, by Kevin Kilmer



Unit Representative

One of the most demanding positions at the Lodge is Unit Representative. Unit Reps are elected by the members within their units. Their two main responsibilities include keeping the membership informed and assisting officers when filing grievances. Since Unit Reps are still full-time members of the Chicago Police Department, they are unable to assist in certain responsibilities specific to a Field Representative, who are the six individuals appointed by Lodge President Angelo to work in the office on a full-time basis. A frequent instance where this occurs is during a police involved shooting, whereas a Lodge member's communications with Field Representatives, not Unit or Watch Reps, are deemed privileged. Additionally, per our Agreement with the City, Field Representatives cannot be ordered off of the crime scene.

Unit Reps meet regularly and are headed by the Financial Secretary. Citywide elections are held 90 days following the election of the Board of Directors, unless the current Unit Rep gives up his spot, which has recently occurred in the 6th, 10th, 17th, and 25th Districts. Unlike Board Members, there are no meeting requirements to run for this office. Unit Reps, by virtue of their elected office, may be delegates to the National and State FOP Conferences. To learn more about the Unit Rep program, contact me at kkilmer@chicagofop.org or review the FOP Constitution, Article V, for more information.

Grievance Seminar

On Monday, April 13th at 10:00 am and Thursday, April 16th at 5:00 pm the Lodge will be hosting a Grievance Seminar for all Unit and Watch Representatives. During this training class, we will discuss how to write and file a grievance, explain the grievance procedure from start to finish, and try to answer any questions the representatives might have regarding the overall process. Members of the Lodge 7 Office Staff, Board of Directors,

and current FOP Legal Representation will be there as well to lend a hand. I hope to see you here!

Thank You White Sox!

Finally, a special thank you goes out to the Chicago White Sox for saluting members of the Chicago Police Department for their bravery and service with a special offer for two complimentary tickets to one of 15 games at U.S. Cellular Field this season. This is the fourth consecutive year the team has provided tickets to police officers. Since the program's inception, the White Sox have provided department members more than 55,000 game tickets.

Each member of the Chicago Police Department can redeem the two tickets starting Monday, March 23, at the U.S. Cellular Field Ticket Office (Monday-Friday 10 am-5 pm or Saturday-Sunday 10 am—4 pm on non-game days). Officers will be required to show their department identification and badge in order to claim the tickets. The deadline to redeem is Friday, May 15. Make sure you save your tickets stubs...they will be worth something when the White Sox win the World Series!

General Meeting

The next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 1900 hours. Members are encouraged to attend and reminded to sign in when you arrive.

Recording Secretary Report, *by Greg Bella*



Furlough Extensions

The Lodge has received several calls regarding the policy on furlough extensions for officers working the 4-2 work week. The guidelines are confusing because the General Order and the Collective Bargaining Agreement seem to be in conflict with each other. We did research on the subject and located a Letter of Agreement written on September 2, 2011 memorializing a meeting that occurred on August 24, 2011 between the previous administration and the city. It was decided by both parties that effective for the calendar year 2012, the Chicago Police Operations Calendar will indicate Sunday, January 8, 2012 as the first day of the 1st Police Period and each succeeding Police Period will begin on a Sunday. This changed the start of the period from Thursday to Sunday.

Under this new Operations Calendar, furloughs and furlough extensions were discussed and the following parameters were agreed upon. Department members assigned to the 4-2 work schedule will have the right to extend a furlough or furlough segment to the regular scheduled days off on the front and back of the furlough or furlough segment. Department members in the ten hour work schedule or the traditional work schedule will be allowed furlough extensions on **either** the front **or** the back end of their furloughs to the Sunday prior to the start of the furlough or the Saturday following the end of the furlough.

Additionally, Department members will be afforded the option of reverting to the day off group or work schedule they were assigned to at the time of the Annual Furlough Selection **unless they voluntarily changed their day off group or work schedule**. When reverting back to a day off group, eligible members will notify their Watch Commander by To-From subject report of that intention no less than 2 weeks prior to the reversion. The member will identify when they intend to revert. The member may opt to revert on the Sunday before the start of the furlough or the Sunday beginning the furlough. The member will remain in the reversion day off group or work schedule for the entire furlough. The member will remain in the reversion day off group until the Saturday following the completion of the furlough or return to their assigned day off group on the Sunday following the furlough.

If you have any questions please call the Lodge.

S.B. 1

The State Supreme Court has not ruled on S.B. 1 yet but we anticipate a ruling to be issued by May. S.B. 1 is an attempt by the State of Illinois to change the pension benefits for State of Illinois employees. The ruling will determine how all municipalities move forward in attempting to solve the pension crisis. As soon as there is a ruling we will put it on the FOP website and send out an e-mail blast.

Mayoral Election

By the time you get this newsletter the election will be over and we will have to deal with problems that are the reality. No matter who is elected Mayor we have to work with them for not only our good but the good of the city. If it is Emanuel we have to hope his path will achieve the results we all need for a resolution to the financial crisis. If it is Garcia we will have to work with him and help him develop a plan to repair our city. There has never been more at risk for the active and retired men and women who protect this city.

To assign blame for the city's ills might make you feel better for a day but the financial crisis will still be here tomorrow. These are challenging times and we have to find new sources of revenue to pay for the benefits we have earned. To compound matters the teachers' pension is another ticking time bomb that must be dealt with by the city. The reality of the situation is that simply fixing the lack of funding of the Police and Fire pensions through the property tax would require those taxes to double. A tax increase of that magnitude would devastate our property value. The one absolute is our dedication and determination to once and for all find a permanent solution to the underfunding of our pension.

FOP Smartphone App

We have received a lot of inquires into the status of the FOP App. After working with developers to improve functionality, a maintenance update of the App is now available. You can download the App by visiting our website and following the link on the right side of the homepage. Please keep in mind that while we are happy to provide this tool to our members, it is a work in progress and we appreciate your patience as we work through implementation. Our staff is working diligently to approve new user requests, and troubleshoot any issues.

Address Change Form, Effective Date: _____

Name: _____ Star Number: _____
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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

Retirees Working Security, *by Marlon Harvey*



Using Department Locations for Drivers License and Auto Registration

The Illinois Compiled Statue permits police officers to change the residential address on their Illinois Driver's License and or Illinois State ID to their work address or office. Additionally, an officer can also change the registration of his/her automobiles to the headquarters building. The officer's spouse and children can also change their automobile registrations to headquarters too.

In order to make the address change for your Driver's License or State ID you need to go to the Secretary of State's website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com and download the required form. The form is called "REQUEST TO CHANGE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF PEACE OFFICER". Finding the request form on the site is a bit of a challenge. Follow the prompts to help navigate to the form. At the top of the Home Page click on PUBLICATIONS. On the following page click on MOTORIST. You will find another list where you click on DRIVERS LICENSE/ID CARD. On the last page scroll down the list for the REQUEST TO CHANGE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF PEACE OFFICER form. Print the form and take it to your unit of assignment where your Commanding Officer must sign it. You can then go to the Secretary of State office to apply for the changes.

Private vehicles registered to police officers, their spouse, and children that live with them can change their residential address to the Chicago Police Department headquarters building at 3510 S. Michigan Ave Chicago IL 60653. Downloading a form and

obtaining a Commanding Officers signature for changing vehicle registration addresses is not required. Simply go to a Secretary of State location and request to make the address change. The form will be provided for you there.

Two of Our Own

Court Update:

Murdered Police Officer Michael R. Flisk

April 23, 2015, Cook County Criminal Court, 2600 S. California; Room 504. The court will begin the jury selection process in preparation for commencement of trial for offender Timothy Herring with Judge Mary Margaret Brosnahan presiding. It is expected that trial could begin anytime after Thursday, April 23, 2015 once a jury is selected. The Lodge is asking that members stay on the ready to once again show their support for our police family once trial begins. Trial date and time will be posted on the FOP website once the information is known.

Court Update:

Murdered Police Officer David A. Blake

May 5, 2015, Cook County Criminal Court, 2600 S. California, Room 306. The court will begin the jury selection process in preparation for commencement of trial for offender Bernard Williams with Judge Lawrence Flood presiding. It is expected that trial could begin anytime after Tuesday May 5, 2015 once a jury is selected. Of course, trial information will be posted as soon as possible.

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

In case you missed or couldn't get into the CPD **comedy show** at the Laugh Factory a few months ago... I'll be repeating some of my material at a dinner function at the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club in Bridgeport on Saturday evening, 18 APR. A donation of \$80 to Bridgeport Catholic Academy includes dinner, drinks, music by IIT's VanderCook College of Music Jazz Ensemble, and of course many laughs. More information: 773/376-6223.

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. There will also be an **Easter Mass** at Mercy Home on Sunday, 05 APR, at **10:00** a.m. (note change in time for the holiday).

And—planning ahead—Mother's Day is Sunday, 10 MAY. Bring Mom to the police Mass that morning if you'd like (again noting the change in Mass time to **10:00 a.m.**). 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.

Finally, on Tuesday, 19 MAY, a **Memorial Mass** will be celebrated at 8:40 a.m. at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church in Park

Ridge for **Joseph Cali** (EOW 20 MAY 1975). All police Masses are kept under 30 minutes for the sake of officers who attend on their lunch break.

St. Jude League stickers are available from your district/unit St. Jude League representative, as well as the FOP, (Tom McDonagh). 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 look forward to seeing you at one of the above places...or at the St. Jude March on Sunday, 03 MAY...or on the street!

Fr. Dan Brandt, *CPD Chaplain*

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Bits & Pieces, by Keith Carter

Please be aware that if you have some type of indebtedness to the City of Chicago, ie late water bills and traffic citations, you will not be allowed to take any promotional exams. Our members, once notified to any indebtedness with the City of Chicago, should immediately pay the bill or make arrangements to set up a payment plan and adhere to all prescribed time frames that have been agreed upon. Members who fail to complete the payment plan may be subject to disciplinary action, including discharge from the Department.

Over the past several weeks, I've received phone calls from Retired members inquiring about liability insurance while working jobs that may require them having to use their weapons to protect themselves or somebody else. The Lodge does not steer our members to companies that will provide insurance, but there are several companies to choose from with rates that are very reasonable.

Mental Health Committee Report, by Bill Burns, Sergeant-at-Arms

In 2014, FOP Lodge #7 formed a vital new committee currently entitled, "The Mental Health Committee". Our goal was to form a partnership with the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.), Human Resources, Special Functions, the Police Chaplain Unit, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, the Pension Board, and the Medical Section.

The E.A.P, located at 1759 West Adams, is the Peer Support Center, and their main responsibility is to protect our officers in an ethical manner. Every district and unit has between one and ten peer support members. There are 417 peer support members that cover the surrounding suburbs and State, with 298 active Chicago Peer Support members. We have three clinicians who do all types of psychiatric counseling; Dr. Rob Sobo; Kathy O'Neill, who specializes in adolescents; and Denis Adams, who has a pastoral background. Peer Support has three alcoholic counselors on staff, that being Joe Riley, Larry Ryan and Marty Ridge. Services are free and confidential per Employee Resource E06-01-02. Peer Support phone numbers is 312-743-0378, PAX 0578.

Disability Committee Report, by Tina Perilli

Ordinary Limited Duty Status

In the next few months, several members will have exhausted their medical time. The next step is for the member to contact the Chicago Police Department, Medical Section. They will be able to assist the member on applying/filling out a PAR form for ordinary disability. The member will then proceed to Human Resource Division, 3510 S. Michigan, on the 4th floor. The member will need to turn in their star, shield, CPD identification card, and helmet and, if assigned, a gas mask. The member will receive a receipt for returned items. The next step is to contact and advise the following locations:

Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund, located at 221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1626, Chicago, Illinois 60601-1203, Main Line (312) 744-3891, Toll Free (800) 656-6606, Fax (312) 726-3216 and PAX 0357 or 0358.

The Pension Fund will then be able to assist in the process of applying and requesting a hearing in order to obtain Ordinary Disability benefits. Ordinary Disability Benefits are payable during any period or periods of disability exceeding 30-days, for which the officer does not have a right to receive any part of his salary. For every four (4) years of service, an officer is eligible for a year of ordinary disability benefits, not to exceed five (5) years. The amount of the benefit is 50% of the salary at the time the disability occurs. (Sec.5/5-155) The officer must contact the Benefits Management Office at 312-747-8660 to ensure they maintain their insurance benefits. They are located at 333 S. State Street, Room #400.

April is tax time and a great time to make sure your records are accurate. Take a few minutes and make sure your beneficiaries are updated on all policies. This could alleviate any unwanted stress on our families in the event of a tragedy.

Field Representative Report, by Thomas McDonagh



Springfield

On 25 February 2015, I visited the lovely town of Springfield, Illinois to testify on behalf of HB 3184 and sponsor, Representative Frances Ann Hurley. The synopsis as introduced amends the Criminal Code of 2012. This bill provides that aggravated assaults on first responders performing their official duties, assaulted to prevent them from performing their official duties or assaulted in retaliation for performing their official duties, be charged with a Class 4 Felony.

As the statute reads now, the weapon used is the sole delineation of how the assault is categorized. There are several weapon categories that will upgrade an aggravated assault to a felony. So what does all this mean? Currently, you can be threatened with a baseball bat or a brick and the assailant would only be charged with a misdemeanor. These are two blunt instruments that could inflict serious injuries on first responders. If the change to the law passes, and “Joe Offender” threatens any first responder with any weapon, the assault will automatically be charged as a Class 4 Felony rather than a Class A Misdemeanor. This classification will stand regardless whether the weapon is grouped as a Category I, II or III. This new law would definitely send a message that if you threaten the Police, you will be charged with felony and this would hopefully be a deterrent going forward.

I returned to Springfield on 24 March 2015 to partake in a discussion regarding an amendment to a bill that Senator John Mulroe is sponsoring. SB 764 requires each County Sheriff to ensure that his or her office is in accordance with the requirements of the Automated External Defibrillator Act. This Act requires that County Sheriff offices be equipped with an operational and accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs) and an adequate number of personnel trained to administer the AED. The amended bill would make a similar change as it applies to Municipal Police Departments in the Illinois Municipal Code.

As we all can attest, Police work is a highly stressful profession. A 2014 study completed by the Boston Police Department found that Police Officers have a 40% higher risk of sudden cardiac arrest than any other professions. This is a direct result of situations Police Officers deal with on a daily basis, specifically pursuits, altercations, and restraining. This takes a toll on members and having an AED nearby can dramatically increase the chance of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest episode.

Police in Florida’s Miami-Dade County have had squad cars equipped with AEDs since all the way back in 1999. Not only would it be beneficial, it simply makes sense to have AEDs in all police stations...then again, common sense has been lacking on this job at times since I began twenty years ago!

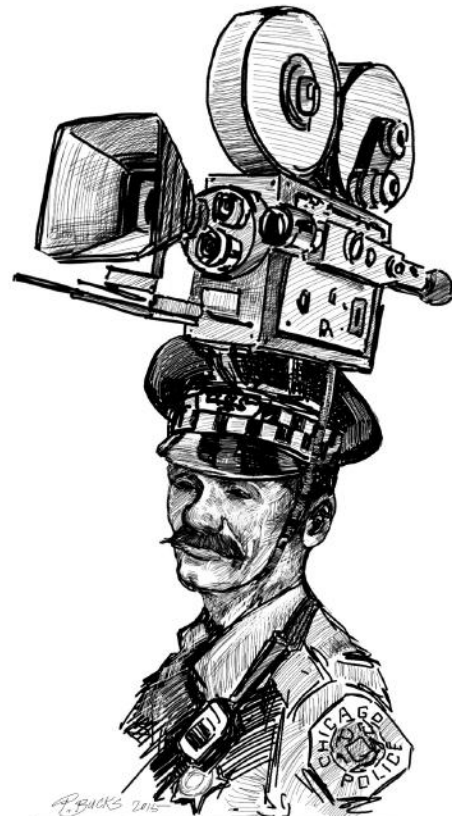
In fact, AEDs are found in most Chicago Public Schools and City of Chicago facilities except for police stations. Police sta-

tions are 24-hour facilities that never close, unlike school or office buildings. Wouldn’t it make sense to have an AED at a location that is accessible at anytime? All of the police stations built in the last 15 years are equipped with community centers that are constantly in use for various events. The good citizen is constantly walking in and out of police stations throughout the city at all hours and should also be protected. It just makes sense.

A heartfelt thank you to Representative Hurley and Senator Mulroe for championing these bills on behalf of the members of Lodge 7. Hopefully this trend of voting in support of Lodge 7 continues throughout this legislative session.

Desk Sergeant

Last call for the Desk Sergeant grievance questionnaire. Please remind any and all co-workers to please contact me here at the Lodge so I can send out the questionnaire and we can move on this issue. Please email me at tmcdonagh@chicagofop.org for a copy.



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A few months ago I was paged to respond to the hospital for one of our Members. Our brother was admitted with a sudden onset of a respiratory illness and they give him less than twenty-four hours to live. I responded to the hospital and, as one can expect, all there were in total shock of how life can take such a sudden turn; celebrating a birthday party the night before and the next day hanging on to life by a shoe string. We gathered around the hospital bed, prayed with our brother and prayed with the family. We all felt that, even though we were told that we must say our last good bye, we can't stop praying. The family requested that I break the news to all assembled in the hall and waiting room; that our brother's condition is grave and that he is not expected to survive, all we can do is pray for G-d's mercy. We prayed, we cried, we hugged and we all resolved that, “as long as there is life, there is hope.” Turn the clock ahead a few months, our brother is still alive and in rehab doing his best to make a healthy comeback. One of the family members called recently to chat and made the following statement, “Rabbi, when we pray, we have to believe that G-d listens, we never gave up.” It reminded me of the story of *The Little Girl With The Umbrella*.

The community began to worry deeply about the prolonged drought which was affecting their wheat and corn crops in very obvious ways. The wheat kernels were not developing as needed for even a minimum yield and the corn leaves were already drooping severely. The town depended heavily upon the farming potential of the area and had always been able to count on enough rain from nature that irrigation was something they had never invested in extensively.

The religious leaders of the town met and agreed to call for a combined day of prayer and devotion, asking G-d in his mercy and kindness, to stop the drought and bring the rain. They asked their congregations to gather together in the town's largest meeting house the following day. As the anxious towns people settled in their seats, the ministers took turns pleading and praying the cause, much needed rain, on behalf of all present. It was a solemn setting indeed as these farmers and businessmen joined in with their own prayers and silent pleas.

Imagine the joy when they suddenly heard a deep rumble of thunder, an appearance of dark clouds in the distance, and then the sound of rain on the roof. They were all overjoyed that their prayers were heard. But the town religious leaders were just as surprised to see that as they walked out through the rain to their cars only one person out of the entire group had brought an umbrella—a young girl whose faith had been so sure, that her prayers will be answered, she had taken appropriate action and brought an umbrella.

So the next time we find ourselves in a position that we pray for G-d's mercy, let us remember, that prayer and faith go hand in hand. **AS LONG AS THERE IS LIFE THERE IS HOPE!** By the way, **DON'T FORGET YOUR UMBRELLA!**

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you and keep you safe. Amen! Should you wish some company for a ride-along or have some humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call or drop us a line.

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

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Pension News, by Mike Lappe, Pension Board Trustee

I would enjoy telling the membership, active and retired, good news concerning the state of our pensions, but that has to wait for now. What I need to write about is some less than honorable and regularly unwarranted discourteous e-mails that are direct attacks on the clerical staff and pension board trustees. A good number of the issues related to the frustrations stem from insurance coverage that the Fund has no direct control over.

As a courtesy to the member the clerical staff regularly takes time out of their daily responsibilities to help members out in these instances, which has never been part of their job descriptions. Therefore, after consulting with our board attorney and other trustees, and in order to continue to protect the Fund, if someone finds it necessary to use profanity during a telephone conversation, in an e-mail or through any other type of communication, the mode of communication will be terminated and the member will be instructed to call the city on their own and you

will be offered the opportunity to work things out for yourself. Also, you will be requested that any further questions you might have for the Fund be put in writing and sent via US Mail. Upon receipt of your needs, someone from the Fund will respond back to you using US Mail. Finally, some of our administrative staff personnel are visibly shaken after dealing with strings of un-called for profanity.

FOP President Dean Angelo, Sr. recently addressed a similar issue in a President's Message. It seems that there are those who feel they can be crass with Chicago Policemen's Pension Fund Staff similarly as some have been with the FOP office staff.

Bad behavior will simply not be tolerated any longer. I would strongly recommend that you work on treating and speaking to the pension staff as if you're talking to your mother.



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