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

"Elective Time" Morphs Into "No Time"



For several months now the Lodge has been attempting to secure the Membership with having the option of a guaranteed amount of elective time off, as articulated within a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on pages 151 and 152 of the present Agreement. When the MOU was first written, discussed and eventually signed off on; the Lodge and our counterparts in Management Labor and Affairs (MLAS) were quite sure that our intentions were to continue to work towards an accepted and agreed to percentage of the manpower allotment that the Department could live with concerning Officers being able to secure a day off. The plan was to get as many Officers off on any given day, on any given watch, in any given district. The Lodge is quite certain that our Members are as tired of reading about this topic as we are writing about it. For the life of us, we cannot understand what the problems are concerning the supervisory personnel on this job granting someone a simple day off from work. How hard can it be?

We have one district supervisor that refuses to comply with the June 15, 2015 notice. This particular supervisor hangs his 'gold checkerboard crown cap' on a reason that not only baffles most organizational loyalists, but questions this individual's planet of residence. His weak reasoning orbits around the lack of the Superintendent's signature; even though the signatures of the Director of Human Resources, who is also the Acting Director of MLAS, and the Lodge President both appear on the notice. Although this is one of the more unique excuses to deny Officers time off, it is only one of the weak issues we are hearing about.

We have another district supervisor who has actually told those on the watch that "the FOP is screwing you and I can't give you off because of this letter." First off, the Lodge has several problems with a comment coming from this, or any other supervisor for that matter, who somehow believes that it is proper workplace, collective bargaining etiquette for anybody who is not in our bargaining unit to comment on, or insert himself/herself in, Lodge 7 business. Furthermore, this is the same supervisor who believes that it is perfectly fine to take off several elective days of his own whenever "his" need arises. It appears to be perfectly fine to sign off on one's own elective time, but not-so-fine when it comes down to caring about the troops.

We have several more supervisors who seem to be mystified by the 15% threshold, which is mentioned in the notice. There was always an understanding between the Lodge and MLAS that the 15% threshold was in fact a number that supervisors would find to be "reasonably considered" when this approach was designed to guarantee more time off for the working women and men of the department. Obviously any "reasonableness" by those in the position to grant time off is being lost to an inability to grasp the language or to an individual's hidden agenda or personal power trip. Either way, Officers assigned to districts are not getting off from work as the Lodge and MLAS had originally planned. It appears that we will wind up with no other choice but to consider other measures as our only way to secure what should be a no-brainer when it comes to getting a simple day off.

Lastly, to all of the supervisors who continue to do the right thing by our Membership and continue to grant our Member's elective time requests, we want to say "Thank You, Boss!" However, on behalf of all of the Officers who are continually being denied whenever they submit

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Reminder!

There are no General Meetings scheduled for July or August.

General Meetings will resume in September.

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elective time requests, for these Officers the Lodge would like to convey a sarcastic appreciation to the supervisors out there for their far-reaching and off-the-wall excuses regularly being used to deny our Members a day off; days off that have been earned and that are deserved; to these supervisors we'd like to respond by saying, "Thanks for Nothing!"

Senate Bill 777

In last month's *Newsletter* article, we mentioned certain aspects and inefficiencies of Public Act 1495 (PA 1495), also known as Senate Bill 3528 (SB 3538). Recently the elected officials in Springfield took on the task of revisiting these bills. This legislation introduced the present Tier II pension design for those hired after January of 2011, as well an additional change that introduced the Actuarial Required Contribution (ARC) deposit. The development of the ARC called for a set amount of monies to be deposit into the Police pension (Fund). The guaranteed amount to be deposit was a first in our Fund's history and at that time appeared to be a major step towards financial solvency of our pension.

All too often we come to realize that the best of plans, more often than we would like to admit, do not work out as initially designed. Even with the best of intentions that took place during the 2010 Illinois Legislative Session, PA 1495 and SB 3538 fell short. Not only was the ARC an amount that has come to be financially unrealistic, especially with the present City of Chicago and State of Illinois fiscal climates. The requirement of a \$592 million deposit became an impossible task, and the additional attachment of the secondary language dealing with the "intercept" became insufficient as well.

Fast forward to the present Legislative Session and to the introduction and passage of Senate Bill 777 (SB 777). SB 777 includes specific language which addresses the unattainable shortcomings of the 2010 Legislative session and PA 1495 and SB 3538. SB 777 also works towards a solution to positively impact our never-ending pension crisis by locating and securing a dedicated source of revenue. The new dedicated source of revenue is focusing on revenue from a future Chicago casino. Obviously, the casino license will depend on lengthy discussions, deals being made and (hopefully) the eventual passage of a Chicago casino license. But the dedication of casino revenue is a first of its kind for our Fund. Alone, a dedicated source of funding from any future casino monies would still fall short of meeting the minimal financial requirements to solve our pension crisis; but it is certainly welcomed and a major step in the right direction.

Immediately after its passage, questions about SB 777 became quite numerous and incited some to respond without focusing on accuracy. The correct answers are multifaceted and even confusing by some accounts. To simplify the changes that come with SB 777, the original deposits as outlined in 2010 were more or less refinanced. Over the course of the next five years, SB 777 guarantees that our Fund is set to receive an average of 74 cents on every dollar when compared to the 2010 deposit schedule. SB 777 is certainly not perfect, nor does it meet what the Fund and each Officer deserves; which is full and complete payment. However the first year's deposit of \$420 million is guaranteed and much more achievable than the \$592 million that was due under the 2010 language. Even though SB 777 passed both chambers in Springfield, once the vote concluded, Senate President Cullerton performed a Parliamentary procedure known as a *motion to reconsider*, which placed SB 777 in a state of limbo as it were to wait on the accompanying Chicago casino license to be proposed.

Dispelling Untruths

Shortly after both chambers in Springfield discussed, voted and passed what is now Senate Bill 777; accusations, rumors, innuendos and out and out lies began to fly off the shelves. One rumor monger actually admitted that his electronic comments were not only false, but that he posted them on purpose to "stir up some s--t". There you have it. The Lodge is tasked with working extremely hard to communicate as openly and accurately as humanly possible whenever instances affect the Membership. We also wind up spending additional time, efforts and at times even money to put out fires that are purposely set for no other reason but to watch the flames. We would rather not give credence to those that ignite the flames of emotion for no better reason but to incite disruption and dissention amongst our ranks, but we think it is finally coming full circle for many of those involved.

It appears that several of these individuals are beginning to reap what they sow and that their audiences are catching on to the true intentions behind what are consistently, erroneous and bothersome rants. From what we are hearing at the Lodge, you can trust that there is a growing segment of our Membership who are becoming extremely exhausted by the antics of those that choose to consistently "stir the s--t" as it were. Our office is being contacted regularly by our Members that start out by stating "so and so told us" and the fabrications begin. Shortly after we smooth over the caller's irritation and angst we get asked, "why would he/she tell us that?" Therein lays the million dollar question. What we can and do tell them, without hesitation, is that those who choose to regularly involve themselves in "talking/stirring s--t" are quickly wearing out their welcomes and losing any and all confidence they might have once had as being the go-to guy or girl. As is should be.

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Newsletter Survey Results

Last month's *Newsletter* contained a survey that asked the Members to give the Lodge input on the design, delivery and frequency of how we go about continuing to offer the *Newsletter*. To bring the readers up to speed on the results of that survey, these are the results that came back to the Lodge. None of the respondents wanted to "Totally Eliminate" the *Newsletter* and only .07% wanted a "Quarterly Online Only" version. There were 9% who responded and requested a "Home Delivery Quarterly" version, while 12% requested an "Online Only" version. The largest group responded with the traditional "Home Delivery, Monthly" version. This leads us to share the following information with our Membership.

Presently, the monthly *Newsletter* costs the Members an excess of \$12,400. The related cost includes printing and postage. The several hours related to the set-up and overall configuration is done in-house by Doreen and takes her away from other Lodge business. As another example of new ways to cut additional Lodge expenses, we are in the process of exploring a different approach to the *Newsletter*.

Recently, members of the Public Relations, Communication and Newsletter Committees met with representatives of KRURAPP Communication. KRURAPP Communications are the same group that publishes *Illinois COPS Magazine*, which arrives in the districts and units every month. The magazine is something that has a very professional look. The articles and ads are not only relevant, but are also placed in a manner that is tasteful and sophisticated.

We all realize that change is difficult and, as Police, we are less prone to accept any type of change. A change to a magazine format is being considered to immediately save the Lodge 30% of our present monthly expenses, with a goal to save in excess of 50% shortly thereafter and hopefully to eliminate the entire costs of our *Newsletter*. Therefore, if the full Board approves of the new format and movement into a design that will offer a new level of communication, while enhancing Membership services, look for the August *Newsletter* to arrive looking more like a magazine, and less like the present design. As always, the Lodge will be available for comment and input once (if) this transition occurs.

Good Byes to Staff

For the past few years, Members that came to the FOP for one need or another usually wound up having the pleasure of those needs being met by the personable Ms. Lindsey Tinetti. Lindsey will be leaving the lovely Chicago weather for the less severe climate of Tennessee, which makes many of us extremely jealous that she will be a very short drive away from the country music haven of Nashville. We certainly want to take a moment to wish Lindsey all the best as she embarks on the next phase of her life's journey.

Regrettably we are also losing one of our longer serving stalwarts. She is a woman that not only emanates from a Police family, but has long thought of our Officers as "her kids." Over her time with the Lodge she became part of many an Officer's family shortly after helping them with whatever assistance they needed. Mrs. Pat Suchocki is Lodge 7 and has been for the 16 plus years she has worked here. As sad as it is to share with the Membership, the women with familiar voice on the phone, with the concerning face that greeted everyone as the elevator door opened and who offered the most sincere wishes to "be safe" when you left the third floor is departing our fine city for the dance floors of New Mexico. Miss Pat will be missed by many.

Personally I am so very grateful to her for staying on the extra year-plus a since I took office. Immediately upon our victory in the 2014 FOP elections, we were informed of her intention to leave the FOP. The first day after coming into the office, Pat told me that she changed her plans and would stay for an additional year. She mentioned how much she cared for me as a person and how much it meant for her to have witnessed our victory. She also wanted to assist us with as smooth and as uneventful of a transition as humanly possible. For the past 16-plus years Pat has always been there for each and every member as she has for me. I know that I can never thank her enough for what she has done for this organization and what she has done for me as well.

Finally, as most of us know, Pat is as close to being a professional dancer as it gets. Even though we hate to see her leave us, we do wish her all the best as she shimmies onto the dance floors and waltzes into a ballroom lifestyle. We will make sure that updates and photos and Facebook postings become regular segments of reporting in the Lodge's future communications. Miss Pat, please know that our entire Membership will miss you and that you take with you our love and hopes for no stress, no aggravation and no worries.

Be Safe and God Bless the Police

1st Vice President's Report, *by Ray Casiano*



Be Safe!

Brothers and Sisters, we've not had much of a summer so far, but in any case, take whatever time you get to enjoy it with family and friends. If Tom Skilling's weather reports from WGN are any indications of the homicide rate, we should be down compared to last year this same time. But don't let the cool weather fool you; continue to watch for your safety and your partners. Stay in the "Yellow" and be ready to use the proper force to protect yourself and others. Remember the criminal element is always waiting/looking for any opportunity.

Walls versus Bridges

There are big differences between walls and bridges. Walls are easier to build than bridges and their functions are quite unique as well. Depending on the intended goals, walls are designed to keep people out or confined to certain areas. Whereas bridges are more difficult to be designed, but once built will help to overcome obstacles, bring people together and reach new grounds otherwise not possible. For the past several months the Lodge has been building bridges to redevelop our relationship with MLAS. This new relationship has fostered the ability for me to close 55 out of 100 open medical grievances that have been laying around for years. After reviewing several files it was clear to me that the prior administration took the grievances to mediation once, and if they did not get what was demanded that day, they immediately demanded arbitration. That was the easy way out! It is my job along with our attorneys to work these medical grievances out of deadlock and into a settlement that our members can benefit from. It's all about negotiations with the facts available or lack thereof and about keeping the member involved. In some cases concessions are made where both sides of the table walk away feeling they could have done better. The more complete the facts are, the better position we are in to mediate for our members, which leads me into this month's Medical Corner.

Medical Corner

As a reminder it's imperative that our members review their Injury On Duty (IOD) reports as soon as they can for correct and complete details of the events leading up to the injury. There have been concerns from our members that supervisors are not reporting all of the details within the IOD report. This makes it difficult for the member's injury to be certified as an IOD by the Medical Section.

Another concern is that many times witnesses to the IOD are fellow Officers and they are asked to sign a To-From Witness report that was completed by a supervisor. This report may be written with the Supervisor's own version of the incident, prior to the witness Officer's arrival at the station for the sake of saving time. In many instances, the To-From Witness report is lacking information that will help the injured Officer with their claim, leaving the injured Officer fighting an uphill battle with the Medical section when their IOD is denied. I ask that our



On June 24, 2014, Michele, Nicolas, and Jenna Turrise were playing at Grandma Sandy's house, waiting for the rain to stop so that Rich could pick them up to go out to dinner. Just as he was about to walk out the door, the phone rang. Thinking that Michele just wanted him to bring something from home, he didn't think twice about answering. But nothing could have prepared him for what the call would mean. It was Michele's mom Sandy crying

on the other end of the line saying that Michele had collapsed and the paramedics were on the way. Rich rushed to the house and Michele was taken to Christ Hospital.

In the days to follow, Michele remained on life support for a condition described only as sudden cardiac arrest. There was nothing that could be done to save her. Michele passed away on July 2, 2014, surrounded by her family. Rich is a Chicago Police officer, who spends his days helping others. The family resides in the Garfield Ridge neighborhood.

Today, the cost to raise a child is overwhelming. The cost of food, shelter, not to mention private education and college costs are soaring. It is unimaginable to think what the cost of education will be by the time Nicolas and Jenna head off to college. Therefore, we have come together to plan the "**Magic 4 Michele**" Benefit, a benefit for the children of Michele Turrise, in order to ease the financial burden Rich will encounter as he provides for and raises the children on his own. Our goal is not only to support Rich emotionally, but also financially, so that Rich will not have to take on additional jobs and spend time away from his children.

A "**Magic 4 Michele**" fund has been established at TCF Bank located at 6141 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60638.

Michele left behind a loving husband, adoring children, and hundreds of devastated family and friends. We are writing this letter on behalf of Rich, Nicolas and Jenna Turrise to ask you to consider supporting the "**Magic 4 Michele**" Benefit. Family and friends will hold a benefit on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Gaelic Park located at 6119 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest, IL from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are willing to make a donation to the "**Magic 4 Michele**" Benefit, please refer to the contacts below or visit our website at magic4michele.com or email magic4michele@yahoo.com. THANK YOU in advance for your consideration and support.

members immediately review their IOD report for the correct and complete information. If the member discovers that the IOD report is not complete and correct, he/she must follow up with a To-From Subject report, correcting the details. I also ask our other members that are witnesses to these IODs to ensure that the To-From Witness reports are correct, thereby not leaving our fellow members hanging out to dry and fighting for an IOD certification. Remember that can be you fighting next time.

Acknowledgment

Once again one of our members relied on his training when he was faced with danger and shot an armed offender who pointed a handgun at him. Several days later the offender died. The Officer and his partners have taken another dangerous criminal off the streets of Chicago. A salute to him and his unit and all of you working the streets every day!

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



Parole Hearing

The Lodge was notified of the annual hearing before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board (IPRB) to consider denying or granting parole to the convicted murderer of PO Edward Barron, Star #14571, 004th District - EOW 28 September 1973.

The hearing is a three (3) step process. The 1st step is at the institution to hear the inmate's reason to be granted early release, at 26th & California for the Protest Hearing and the En Banc Hearing in Springfield where the Board will vote to deny or grant early release.

On 25 June 2015, I travelled with a representative of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and twenty three Police Officers from Headquarters to Springfield to attend the En Banc Hearing. Upon our arrival, we were met by Retired Police Officer Dan Abate, PO Edward Barron's partner, and the Commander of the 004th District, Kevin Navarro. It should be noted that Dan Abate has personally participated in all three phases of these hearings, representing PO Barron's Family and the memory of his partner, protesting for over 30 years since the inmate has been eligible for parole. We were instructed to wait in the outer lobby of the IPRB offices as the Board met in executive session. We were eventually admitted to the Board Room along with the inmate's family, the Prisoner Advocates Groups and representatives of the Northwestern Law Project. The IPRB Member who conducted the hearing at the institution presented the case and what he had learned. The discussion was lengthy with different Board Members having their own views and personal opinions of the case; it was if they were retrying the case and its sentence, as handed down by the Judge at that time.

The Assistant State's Attorney made his presentation, along with strong objections, as to what occurred arguing vehemently against any possibility of early release of this inmate. Again the Northwestern Group Attorney, along with his assistant, spoke to the Board making their case to grant this reformed man parole. The IRPB Member made a motion to Deny Parole to this inmate and a vote was taken and failed 8-6. Parole was granted to this convicted cop killer after serving only 41 years and 9 months of

Area Central Detective Division Retirement Party



Thursday, July 16, 2015
6:00 pm—11:00 pm

Billy Goat Inn
1535 W. Madison, Chicago, Illinois

For tickets, please contact Area Central:
Bell: 7-8380 - PAX: 1115

his lawfully imposed sentence.

The inmate's family was overjoyed. The Northwestern People openly wept along with some of the IPRB Members who voted against denying parole displaying signs of joy. The Police Officers who attended the hearing just received a huge civics lesson with this horrible decision and exited the room quietly and with dignity as we boarded the bus to return to Chicago.

There are more cases pending of C-Inmates who were convicted of murdering Police Officers and received indeterminate sentencing. If the Barron case is any indication of this new Board's attitude and position in releasing a convicted cop killer, society is in trouble.

I would like to take this time to personally thank all those who assisted in this protest. I would like to thank the 23 Police Officers, John Gordon and Brian Warner who made the trip on the bus to Springfield, the Cook County Assistant State's Attorneys who handled the protest, the Chicago Police Department for their continued support in these matters and to the thousands of Police Officers and Citizens who signed the Petitions to deny Parole and finally to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation for their continued support and for supplying the bus for the trip to Springfield. My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to the family and partner of PO Edward Barron for what you must now endure.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

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

Recording Secretary's Report, by Greg Bella



The killer of Michael Flisk has been found guilty and sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. This is a small win for a family that has lost a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. There is the bigger family we all belong to who has lost a friend, a colleague and a co worker. There are no words that can describe the loss everyone feels and these words are repeated every time one of our fellow officers is murdered.

I'm sure the same feelings were felt and spoken about when Officer Ed Barron was murdered 45 years ago in the 004th District. His killer was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison, but just last week the Parole Board felt that after 41 years he had served his debt to society and voted to release him from prison. The members of the Parole Board are appointed by the Governor. The FOP and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, including both active and retired officers get petitions signed and hand deliver them to the Parole Board every time a cop killer comes up for parole. The Police presence at these hearings is to let the Parole Board know we care and we will never forget

our Brothers and Sisters who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. I pray that in the Flisk case life without parole means just that, but that doesn't mean the Northwestern Law groups won't try and find a way around the sentence.

Sadly today it is the media who questions everything we do as officers and they portray us in a way that turns society against us. The media would like nothing better than for there to be riots right here in Chicago. Think of the ratings! The media has made it impossible for us to our job, which is to protect the very society that they have turned against us. In spite of this, our Officers go out there every day and do a professional and admirable job against all odds. There is an old saying that applies today: "when society turns against the Police that protect them, they had better make friends with the criminals."

Next month I will put the proposed By-Law changes in the newsletter. These proposals will be voted on at the Noon September General meeting.

Have a safe summer.

Financial Secretary's Report, by Kevin Kilmer



There has been some confusion regarding the Suspension Grievance process in the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. If you receive a reprimand or a recommendation for suspension time from 1 to 10 days as a result of a sustained Complaint Register investigation, you have 2 options: Accept the penalty or opt for binding summary opinion. With Binding Summary Opinion, an arbitrator rules on the merits of the griev-

ances in a short time span due to the fact that the arbitrator decides on several grievances at one sitting. An officer will not be required to serve the recommended suspension until the arbitrator rules on the specific case. This judgment is final and binding on both parties.

If you decide you wish to file a suspension grievance and opt for summary opinion, please use the wording below in the narrative of your grievance:

Suspension Grievance

Reprimands and Suspensions from One (1) to Ten (10) Days
Grievant officer received notification of a () day suspension as a result of CR# _____
Grievant feels this punishment is without just cause and seeks to be made whole per
Binding Summary Opinion.

Contract Violation Section 9.6

Once your grievance is processed, the Lodge will receive your CR file from the Department. At this time, the Lodge will ask the grievant to come to the Lodge and type a 1-3 page to/from to elaborate why they deem the suspension excessive. This document, as well as the officer's testimony (if he/she chooses) will be provided to the Summary Opinion Arbitrator at the scheduled date.

If you have any questions regarding this newly implemented process, don't hesitate to call or email me here at the Lodge. I hope this brings a little clarity to a confusing process.

Please join us for a
 Promotion Celebration

Thursday, July 30, 2015
 6:00 pm—10:00 pm

Galleria Marchetti
 825 W. Erie, Chicago, Illinois

Tickets cost \$50 and will not be sold at the door. Please call the 012th District for more information, 312-746-8346

Honoring:

- Commander Roberto Nieves
- Lieutenant Robert Cyze
- Detective Ken Jaszczor
- Detective Aquarius Leonard
- Detective Herman Lopez
- Detective Theresa Torres
- ET Wilbert Godinez
- ET William "Jeff" Goodrich

OFFICIAL SUMMONS



You are hereby ordered to appear:

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

O'Brien's Restaurant & Bar
 1528 N. Wells St., Chicago, Illinois

\$50 includes hot/cold appetizer buffet, full open bar and FREE valet parking.

Thanks to O'Brien's generosity, this function will benefit the Police Chaplains Ministry.

Father Dan Brandt's Corner

Last month we blessed a brand new fleet of CPD motorcycles, as well as the bikes of the **Brothers in Blue**, a Chicago Police charitable motorcycle club. Through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, our patron, and St. Christopher, patron of travelers, may God grant all our riders safety on the road!



Thanks to all who supported the second annual **golf outing in memory of Joe Walski, CPD**, who passed away almost two years ago. Despite predictions of thunderstorms, Mother Nature came through for us, a good time was had by all, and funds were raised for two worthy charities.

Again despite forecasted rain, we had beautiful weather on Fathers' Day, as hundreds of police families gathered at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park for an annual outdoor Mass. The event was covered by all the local news outlets. Check out our website's "Photo album" page for pictures and media coverage links.



Last month, we also enjoyed a wonderful day aboard the *Spirit of Chicago* with our **Gold Star Families**. This luncheon cruise was sponsored through the generosity of our Police Chaplains Ministry supporters. On behalf of all who have lost a loved one in the line of duty, THANK YOU!! If you did not receive a mailing but would like to be added to our mailing list in order to support future outings, please call me at the number below or click on "Join our mailing list" on the website.

On Sunday, 02 AUG, at 11:15 am, a **BLUE MASS** will be hosted at the parish where I reside, Resurrection Catholic Church, at Francisco and Nelson (in 014). Right after Mass, we will dedicate a new St. Michael the Archangel statue erected outside the church in honor of Chicago Police Officers who died in the line of duty. No matter your faith tradition, you are welcome to join us! (By the way, at their regular Sunday and weekday Masses, this parish remembers—by name—CPD officers who died in the line of duty.)

On Tuesday, 11 AUG, **O'Brien's Restaurant** (at North and Wells in Old Town) is generously hosting a fundraiser **Happy Hour for Police Chaplains Ministry**. \$50 gets you unlimited food and drink from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Get your name on the guest list by emailing me (below). I guarantee you'll be in good company!

Do you use **Amazon.com**? Please designate "Police Chaplains Ministry Fund" as your Amazon Smile recipient, and our vital ministry will receive .5% of your purchases at NO COST TO YOU. It's a great (and painless) way to support Police Chaplains Ministry. Thanks in advance!

Finally, have you been married civilly and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Church? Perhaps you were previously married, or celebrating a special anniversary and would like to renew your vows? The Chaplains' Office is planning a **GROUP inter-denominational wedding ceremony** to be held sometime in the next six months. If you and your better half are interested in joining about ten other CPD couples for this event, please contact us soon so we can schedule it and choose a venue.

God bless you and keep you safe!

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

Cog Hill Golf and Country Club—12294 Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois

Monday, August 24, 2015—Shot Gun Start: 9:00 am

\$500 per foursome includes: Golf - Cart - Complimentary Bag Drop - Complimentary Range Balls Before Golf - On Course Lunch - Complimentary Locker & Towel Service - Refreshment Stand With Cold Drinks & Snacks - Dinner—Eagle BBQ



Please call to reserve your spot today. Ask for Kathy Moore or Doreen Plachta at 312-733-7776.

Field Representative Report, by Thomas McDonagh



Uniform Changes

Well, the Department decided it was time to address a “major issue” that has been looming over this fine city and it has nothing to do with shootings or homicides. Nor does it address the lack of biddable openings across the city or the constant concerns about equipment being outdated, which ultimately could result in someone getting hurt. Nah, the big concerns of the department are that baseball hats are unprofessional and tattoos are taboo. Are you freaking kidding me?

I will be the first to admit that the uniform combinations were confusing and that clarification was necessary, but to roll out the changes right before the warm summer months is bad timing. Lodge Members that sit on the Uniform and Equipment Committee met with command staff at 35th Street to voice their concerns with the changes. The meeting concluded with the assumption that the discussion would continue. Unfortunately, this was not the case and the Department forged ahead with the new version of Uniform and Property U04-01 on 08 June 2015 without any consideration of the recommendations and discussions that had previously taken place. My point is why we were even invited to sit at the table when nothing that was relayed on our end was ever going to be considered. It’s BS and a slap in the face to every Lodge Member.

The baseball hat was always an optional part of the uniform that Officers appreciated for a number of reasons. The baseball cap could be worn in the squad car and served as protection from sun damage since the brim of the baseball cap provided more coverage. Another reason Lodge Members valued the baseball cap was because if it was lost, there was no penalty from the department. Now if someone loses the crown cap and the shield that is affixed to it, the officer has to turn over four (4) hours of comp time and purchase a new one.

According to Employee Resource U01-02, a sworn bargaining member represented by the FOP losing a shield for the first time, except when the loss is considered unavoidable, will be subject to a maximum suspension of one-half day. This is implemented by reducing the member’s compensation time by four (4) hours or by placing him on actual one-half day suspension (4 hours) without pay if the officer does not have available compensatory time.

One suggestion made regarding the crown cap and shield was to make all shields generic and simply read Patrolman or Police Officer. The Department could deem all lost shields unavoidable and this would result zero time being deducted. The Department could purchase replacement shields in bulk and if one was lost during a foot pursuit, you could grab a replacement from the District. Since the baseball caps were approved as an optional item



International Police Association Membership Drive

We hope you will consider joining us during our first ever special Membership Drive.

Annual dues of \$25 are waived this year for new members.

No catches, no tricks, no cost. At the end of the year if you are not convinced that the IPA is for you, just don’t renew.

Come join all the friends you haven't met yet. Open to all law enforcement officers, active or retired. Just visit our website at www.ipa-usa.org and click the JOIN button.

seven (7) years ago, there have been no shields reported as lost.

Again, this issue was brought to the attention of the 35th Street crew without any consideration for our concerns. Since Uniform and Property U04-01 has been issued, the Lodge has filed an Unfair Labor Practice, in addition to a class action grievance (129-15-007) on behalf of all affected members. Watch for updates on the FOP website and if you have any questions, please call the Lodge.

10.5 Hour Schedule

The Lodge is finalizing a survey for the 005th District regarding the 10.5 hour schedule. We felt it was important to create a secondary survey to address important issues not included in the city’s survey. We recognize that this is a work in progress and that adjustments are always challenging. That being said, this is not an excuse that the city can use for everything. The Officers of the 005th District have ideas to better the situation and their voices should be heard. Results of this secondary survey will help guide us on how we move forward.

SOS Picture

As I write this article I would be remised if I did not express my disgust over the mistreatment of a valued member of this Department. A decorated Detective recently lost his court battle over a picture that was taken years ago. I find it amazing that the city and a Circuit Court judge would be pressured into dismissing a member because of a photograph. The outcry over this incident can be linked directly to grandstanding politicians looking to further their own agendas. The only victim in this case is the Detective that lost his job. It was not until the media embellished the details of the incident that it became front page news. We as police officers have a difficult job. We do not need the media adding fuel to the fire by only reporting stories that portray the police in a negative light. Enough is enough.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer!

January 2015 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Accardo, Rosemary	Officer	050	29
Aguilera, Daniel	Officer	008	24
Amezaga, Alphonse	Officer	124	20
Balcitis, Patricia	Officer	184	20
Bandyk, Mark E.	Officer	145	28
Bednarek, Therese M.	Officer	004	24
Bell, Kenneth D.	Detective	620	29
Cegielski, Sonia M.	Officer	DPR	30
David, Marco A.	Officer	124	21
Davis, Michael M.	Officer	002	23
Fabian, Christina I.	Agent	121	30
Germak, Luba	Officer	015	20
Hargrett, Melvin T.	ET	442	29
Hawthorne, Cassandra D.	Officer	022	26
Hayes, Brenda R.	Officer	002	28
Hegarty, Martin J.	Officer	189	21
Herrera, Noelia	Detective	630	24
Johnson, Brenda A.	Officer	045	21
Keenan, Daniel J.	Officer	025	30
Lafrancis, Christine M.	Officer	010	25
Martinez, Jude R.	Detective	630	26
McCloud, Darryl E.	Officer	003	30
Mullins, James L.	Sergeant	024	35
O'Connor, Daniel J.	Officer	050	21
Purvis, Kathleen L.	Officer	018	21
Richards, Kelly A.	Officer	022	28
Rodriguez, Lydia E.	Officer	019	21
Salam, Mohammed A.	Officer	019	22
Saragosa, Ramon G.	Officer	012	26
Schmitz, Leo P.	Deputy Chief	007	29
Sodini, Ronald P.	Lieutenant	017	29
Starks, Jr., Alexander R.	Officer	003	23
Trahanas, John E.	Detective	630	34
Williams, Keith A.	Officer	001	23
Willis, Daniel E.	Officer	121	29

February 2015 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Arroyo, Luis A.	Officer	DPR	29
Austin, Myron T.	Officer	010	27
Bella, Jeffrey R.	Officer	701	29
Bialas, Maryann L.	Sergeant	012	30
Bracko-Grubbs, Sharon A.	Officer	193	27
Bright, Karen D.	Officer	005	26
Bryant, Barry C.	Officer	002	22
Bryant, Constance E.	Officer	019	22
Buglio, William E.	ET	277	28
Dolido, Richard G.	Officer	024	21
Emmett, Michael C.	ET	277	38
Esquivel, Joseph L.	Officer	004	19
Garcia, Martin	Detective	610	25
Jordan, Rufus	Officer	007	24
Knightly, John K.	Officer	022	30
Lopiccolo-Root, Christina	Officer	012	23
Maddox, Ecina	Officer	006	26
Maras, Edward S.	Officer	018	29
Marczuk, Gary S.	Detective	384	21
McDonald, Donald	Officer	002	30

February 2015 Retirees Continued

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
McKenzie, Robin V.	Officer	003	29
Melson, Brian	Officer	003	29
Musiol, Jennifer C.	Officer	DPR	26
Perez, Gregorio	Officer	012	29
Pilolli, Matthew	Detective	630	29
Pritza, Marilyn	Officer	114	29
Riordan, Elizabeth A.	Officer	050	30
Rycraw, Cheryl L.	Officer	DPR	26
Staton, Charles K.	Officer	017	23
Stolfe, Debbie L.	Officer	012	21
Syfczak, David W.	Officer	019	30
Taglioli, Carmela	Officer	008	24
Tierney, Brian J.	Detective	630	21
Travaglini, John A.	Officer	008	23
Tristano, Nicholas J.	Officer	050	30

March 2015 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Adamovitz, Ranetta	Officer	140	28
Adams, Helen S.	Officer	005	25
Aguilera, Edward M.	Officer	004	29
Angone, Theresa M.	Officer	001	33
Carney, Kevin G.	Detective	630	29
Chillon, Omar I.	Detective	630	26
Colon, Joseph	Officer	189	29
Conley, Maurice D.	Officer	022	20
Fahy, Thomas M.	Officer	059	34
Ford, Renee	Officer	125	21
Griffin, Edward E.	Officer	124	22
Janda, Steven J.	Officer	011	23
Marquez, Andrew	Officer	189	28
Martino, Diane M.	Officer	020	25
O'Donovan, Patrick T.	Detective	193	32
Ortiz, Gilbert	Detective	630	29
Pledger, Christopher	Officer	171	29
Rau, Jr., Raymond R.	Officer	189	21
Reyes, III, Juan	Officer	010	29
Rodriguez, Stanlea A.	Detective	001	25
Roschay, Philip L.	Officer	019	14
Rose, William L.	Officer	018	23
Thompson, Keith W.	Officer	003	29

20th Year Anniversary Celebration CPD—Recruit Class 95-4

Friday, July 10, 2015

6:00 pm—Midnight

Drum & Monkey

1435 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois

For additional information, please contact
Detective Ayanna Corbin or Sergeant Dan Shine
Area South RBT—312-747-8273

“What Are You Listening For?” *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

A grandfather and his teenage grandchild were walking downtown, on Michigan Avenue near The Water Tower. It was during the Noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, Grandpa said, "I hear a cricket." The teenager said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all of this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," Grandpa said, "I heard a cricket." "That's crazy," said the teenager.

Grandpa listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes, beneath the branches, and sure enough, he located a small cricket. The teenager was utterly amazed and said, "That's incredible, you must have super-human ears!" "No," said Grandpa, "my ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be!" said the teenager, "I could never hear a cricket in this noise." "Yes, it's true," came the reply. "It depends on what is really important to you. Here, let me show you."

Grandpa reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. Then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed every head within twenty feet turn and look to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs.

"See what I mean?" asked Grandpa, "It all depends on what's important to you."

What is important to you? What do you listen for? Some people say that there is no G-d, or that He never speaks to us anymore. But perhaps they can't see or hear Him because they are not listening for Him. They are living for themselves, not for G-d. If you are in tune with G-d, you will be able to notice Him at work, in your life and in the world. And you'll also be able to hear Him when He speaks, and "drops a few coins" for you to pick up.

Some interesting thoughts about life that have been around for a long time and are still applicable today. Enjoy.

Noah's Ark: Everything I Need To Know, I Learned From Noah's Ark.

- 1) Don't miss the boat.
- 2) Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- 3) Plan ahead; it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4) Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5) Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6) Build your future on high ground.
- 7) For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 8) Speed isn't always necessary; the snails were on board with the cheetahs.

9) When you're stressed, float awhile.

10) Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

11) No matter the storm, when you are with G-d, there's always a rainbow waiting....hmmm

Thanks for the Holy and noble work that you do every day. It's not always easy, but you do it anyway and for that we say THANK YOU! On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G-d bless you and keep you safe. Have an enjoyable, safe, and blessed summer.

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

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

Roy Johnson	Age 85
George V. Lennartz	Age 86
William C. Zamb	Age 57
Lavoren R. Blakley	Age 85
Michael G. Marano	Age 52
Jose G. Salazar	Age 62
Adelbert J. Marx	Age 77
Harry D. Berge	Age 82
James P. Raspberry	Age 81
John T. Meehan	Age 43
Lazane B. Tyler	Age 64
Robert E. Maloney	Age 86
John C. Marlovitz	Age 89
Aaron G. Washington	Age 58
Richard J. Niewinski	Age 82
Gregory R. Baiocchi	Age 65
Douglas F. Mauro	Age 64
James J. Earley	Age 83
Gregory L. Stevenson	Age 65
Roy J. Handler	Age 86
Martin W. Conroy	Age 73
Ronald E. Davis	Age 77
Kenneth E. Urbon	Age 75
Raymond T. Wagner	Age 74
Richard D. Olle	Age 71

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