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



The Importance of 'State-Wide' Lobbying

Over the course of the past few months, we have been reading about anti-union and anti-collective bargaining rhetoric emanating out of Springfield. Headlines regularly address referendums on approving right-to-work zones, suggestions on becoming fair-share participants and language designed to weaken collective bargaining's ability to represent workers. The lobbyists of Lodge 7, Troopers Lodge 41, Illinois FOP Labor Council and the Illinois State FOP Lodge have been working overtime and in lockstep on what is certainly proving to be an extremely busy and very important legislative session. As we have shared in earlier *Newsletter* articles, our meeting two months ago took place for the purpose of discussing our individual and collective positions concerning the vast amount of legislative bills and whether or not we would be supportive of them. There are over 160 bills being bantered about, far too many to list here.

However, the Illinois Lodge's Legislative Committee recently sent out a nicely written and clarifying update of what we are monitoring titled, *The Sharks Are Circling*. The objective of this 3-page document was to simplify the institutional logic behind the 169 bills that might (or might not) wind up impacting the Law Enforcement community at-large. This same article speaks to many of the issues we presently face and identifies five main categories; Pension Reform, Police Reform, Labor Reform, Governmental Funding and Pro-Law Enforcement. Due to the article's length, we have posted the State Lodge's document on the Lodge 7 website (www.chicagofop.org) for review. We have also added the Illinois State Lodge's Legislative Committee Facebook page (at www.facebook.com/pages/Illinois-Fraternal-Order-of-Police/242019312523647); as well as the link to the Illinois 99th General Assembly as a way to allow our Members' access to the legislative bills presently on the agenda (at www.ilga.gov). Once at the General Assembly web site, you can enter a specific bill number or a keyword to locate and view any particular item. Rest assured that the Lodge will continue to work alongside our Brother Lodges in order to protect the entire FOP Membership.

Quarterly Meetings Held On Schedule

During the course of the recent Contract negotiation process, the Lodge and MLAS signed off on multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), some of which articulated that we meet on a quarterly basis in order to revisit something specific to the MOU itself. One such MOU pertains to the 10.5 hour pilot program that is presently on-going in the 005th District. Another addresses district personnel's overall ability and/or inability to secure elective time off. Our Members are extremely concerned with both of these issues and our meetings with MLAS are part and parcel of our non-stop commitment to resolve the issues that adversely affect the Membership.

Three days after the first quarter ended the Lodge met with multiple exempts, the head of MLAS/HR and representatives from the Superintendent's office in order to discuss how the 10.5 hour pilot was progressing. Even though we have experienced only one 'hardship transfer' out of the 005th District, the Lodge remains hesitant on whether the Members working the pilot are satisfied with the multiple starting times, the squad design and the changes of starting times as related to their RDO's. To that end, the Department designed a survey to capture what they believe to be the appropriate data on several aspects of the pilot. The survey is being offered

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only to those assigned to the 005th District and will be completed by the end of April. It is the Lodge's position that this data be shared with the entire Membership in order to have each and every Officer privy as to how those who are presently involved with this pilot responded to what works and to what doesn't. Our next meeting with the Department will address these responses and how to best deal with the pilot's shortcomings, while working to enhance the pilot's attributes. The Members will continually be advised of any future developments.

Immediately following the 10.5 hour meeting, we moved our discussion to problems stemming from an overwhelming level of denials of elective time at the district-level. The crux of this discussion began with the Lodge echoing the Membership's concerns that if they are regularly getting denied elective time in January, February and March; then how will they ever be able to have any elective time off in the summer months? The Lodge also addressed the intentions behind 'furlough by watch'; which was to ensure that more Officers will be available for daily assignments, thus allowing more Officers to be able to use elective time (and to be able to do so much more frequently). The denials of elective time have become much more commonplace and are adversely impacting any benefit related to 'furlough by watch'.

Our conversation changed direction once we produced documentation supplied by 009th District Unit Rep Jim Jakstavich, 009th District Officer Lisa Rocco and 14th District Officer and Trustee Dean Angelo Jr. These documents allowed us to demonstrate the percentages being used to deny and/or allow elective time off were far less than the minimal percentages as identified by the very person responsible for preparing the Department's percentages. Learning this was a remarkable moment for the Lodge in that we finally had an admission, as it were, to what many had suspected since the start of this calendar year; which was that elective time off was being unrealistically restricted. Our next objective was to work with the Department on an acceptable and minimal percentage of elective time off. We also needed to ensure that any adjustment would be adhered to in every District, on every watch and by every XO and/or time-keeper. This percentage would then secure increased opportunities for District personnel to be able to take advantage of the purpose of the Elective Time MOU; which was to get the Members the most time off as possible. After all, this is your time and you should be able to use it whenever you need to.

We are extremely proud to share the results of our meeting concerning elective time off. Elective time off is no longer going to be determined by an arbitrary number, nor will inconsistencies from watch to watch or District to District be allowed to continue. Requests for elective time off will now be based on 15% of the available manpower once non-discretionary personnel are removed from the equation. This will be common practice and done the same way on every day, in every District and on every watch. For those unaware of the impact of this arrangement, we have never before had an 'across-the-board' settlement identifying an agreed upon minimal percentage of elective time off. This is yet another example of what can be achieved by way of open communication and professionalism.

Blue Lives Matter Mass or Blackhawks Game 3

On 17 April a Blue Lives Matter - Mass of Appreciation was held at the classically ornate Evangelical Catholic Church of the Holy Family located at 5749 N. Kenmore. The Mass was scheduled to begin at 2:00 PM. The Chicago Blackhawks dropped the puck for Game 3 at the exact same time. It would be nice to report that Bishop Wilkowski was preaching to a standing room only congregation; but he wasn't. While on the west side, the Chicago Blackhawks were playing to a standing room and completely sold-out crowd at the United Center.

We are all well aware of the past year being a difficult one for those in Law Enforcement. The Police deaths totaled 126 in 2014 and another 35 fell from our ranks in 2015; but our Officers continue to show up for duty each and every day. The Hawks were plagued by injuries throughout their season; but they fought through it making the playoffs once again. Over 160 Police families lost a hero; someone who will never again walk through the front door, sit down at the dinner table or put the children to bed. The Blackhawks, on the other hand are completely healed and, as timing would have it, the team is at full strength and everyone on the roster entered the rink for Game 3. They sat on the bench, skated around the rink and will continue to play in whatever remains of their season.

Please don't read too much into the previous paragraphs. The Hawks are a great team. They have done a lot for the City. The games are exciting. The fan base is one of the strongest in all sports. It is easy to appreciate how often the Chicago Blackhawks impact peoples' lives. On the other hand, the women and men of the Chicago Police Department are pretty amazing at what they do as well. The Members of the Department are also a great team. The CPD does a tremendous amount of work for the City of Chicago and its communities. What the Police do isn't always as exciting as a break away on the ice; but it is a vocation that very few would want. Even professional athletes would shy away from our ranks because it is easier to skate down a rink after a puck than it is to chase an armed felon down a dark alley.

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Then why is it so difficult for the people who we put our lives on the line for, to not appreciate what Police do? How can the civilians not get it? We get it, Police aren't the Blackhawks. The Hawks have fans, while Police generally don't. We have a problem understanding why the United Center, every bar in the Chicagoland area and more than likely every living room or den (CPD homes included) were tuned into Game 3; while the Evangelical Church was nearly empty. Roll calls will be full of chatter about the goals, the checks, the fights or the win. Only the few who took the time out of their Sunday to show their support for the Police heard the kind words of Bishop Wilkowski. Only those same few could let you know that every third Sunday Service at the Evangelical Church will be dedicated to those who *Serve and Protect*.

In a time when recording a television show is as easy as clicking a button, one has to wonder why the Chicago Blackhawks beat out the Blue Lives Matter, Mass of Appreciation. Although being part of the crowd at the Church was less exciting compared to watching Game 3; we all know that **Blue Lives Matter** much more than a win on Madison Street.

An Extraordinary & Eventful First Year

This Administration was inducted on April 6, 2014; yes a year has already come and gone. As you might have guessed by the amount of accomplishments that we have achieved over the past twelve months, it has certainly been a year of hard work and continued dedication to our responsibilities to the Membership. We remain steadfastly committed to delivering on our promises and as well as meeting our "*7 Pledges to Lodge 7*". In order to bring everyone up to speed, the following bullet points address the "7 Pledges" I made.

Pledge #1 was met immediately upon entering office when I lowered the President's salary (by \$70,000), as well as those of the Field Representatives (by \$20,000 to \$25,000 per Rep, depending on their individual seniority).

Pledge #2 spoke to offering training sessions. We recently finished our Grievance Training sessions for the Unit and Watch Representatives that took place on April 13 and 16. Another training seminar on Legal Defense is in the works and should be offered by mid-summer.

Pledge #3 to require elected Board Members to attend roll calls and/or work in the Lodge offices, or forfeit their monthly stipend is a bit more complicated. Our By-Laws restrict the diminishment of benefits once the Board is sworn in. As an organization, we should look at changing the By Laws in such a way as to mandate these types of commitments to future Board members. However, please know that there are several Board members who have joined in and are voluntarily going out and speaking with the Membership regularly.

Pledge #4 to eliminate in-house representation was met shortly after taking office. Not only was this designed to save finances, but it was also done to protect the Lodge from being involved in a much more restrictive, employee-employer relationship as opposed to an unrestricted lawyer-client relationship. The latter offers us the ability to move to another firm quickly and without any constraints or limitations if the need should arise.

Pledge #5 to secure a Member-Only portion of our web page has also been met. We are continuing on this premise and are about to roll out a totally new web design, one that will offer a Member-Only blog as a way for our Members to get accurate information.

Our final two Pledges, **#6 & #7** continue to be works in progress, in that:

Pledge #6 spoke to fairness in the Departmental testing and promotional processes. We continue to work on this Pledge through discussions on how to best go about securing a seat at the table when the Department begins their meetings on future tests. This has never before happened, but based on this Administration's ability to keep all lines of communication open, we are confident that the Lodge will succeed in another first.

Pledge #7 addressed starting a new fund with a focus on eventually subsidizing health care costs. Our intention is to move forward on this Pledge, as well as to begin studying the best course of action of capturing any/all related statistical criteria.

As an Administration, we have accomplished a great deal in one year. As an organization responsible for representing over 17,500 women and men, we have so much more yet to do. Personally, this past year has also been a humbling and amazing experience. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank the entire Membership for the many opportunities that you have afforded us to serve you. Every day the phones ring, the grievances get filed and legal defense cases continue. To say that the work of the Lodge never ends would be another huge understatement. There will always be new issues to address. There will always be new battles to fight. As your Administration, we promise to remain vigilant. As your President, I look forward to continuing my work on the two remaining "Pledges". Once again, thank you for the honor to serve as your President.

Be Safe and God Bless the Police

1st Vice President's Report, by Ray Casiano



Not All Heroes Have Their Names Etched In Stone

Brothers and Sisters, May is the month to celebrate our Mothers and remember our fallen comrades. Back in 1962, President Kennedy announced May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and that week as National Police Week. During this time we honor law enforcement Officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of duty while serving and protecting others. Every year in May, Officers from around the world come together in Washington D.C. to honor the fallen. It is truly a sight to be seen; so many honoring our fallen Heroes on the front lawn of the White House and never forgetting those who served and sacrificed for peace and order.

Not all Heroes have their names etched in stone, never-the-less, they should never be forgotten. These are the Officers that have been catastrophically injured in the line of duty. These Officers have the constant reminder of the event that put them in a debilitating nature that will prevent them from ever returning to work as an Officer. These catastrophic injuries will also take its toll on their families.

In some cases the Officers are unaware of the severity of their condition. The types of injuries often involve a lifetime of medical treatment and someone to care for them 24/7. I'm sure you have heard of some of these stories. The reason I am bringing this to light is because some of these Officers worry about medical bills related to their injury that the City will not pay. They are "nickel and dimed" by the Committee on Finance or the City as I have seen during recent medical mediation. Hello! This is an injury on duty (IOD)! Shame on you for putting Officers'

and their families through this. Sometimes saving dollars does not make sense. FOP will use its resources to make bad situations right for the Officers and their families. I am confident that the citizens of this great city would be sympathetic to these Officers' catastrophic injuries received in the line of duty. See, at the end of it all, "Not All Heroes Have Their Names Etched in Stone" and the City should be responsible for all medical bills resulting from the injuries.

Acknowledgment

I would like to wish all our members and their spouses a Happy Mother's Day. I will also like to wish the best to all of our extended families that have paid the ultimate scarifies with the loss of their love one while protecting our city and those who are taking care of our catastrophically injured Officers.

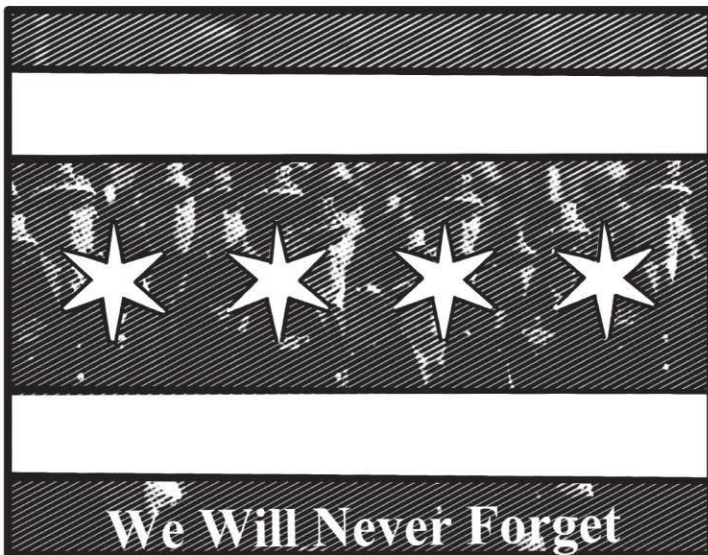
Medical Corner

I receive several calls concerning ambulance fees billed to our active and retired members. In our Contract, section 25.3 it reads the following:

"Officers and their eligible dependents and retirees and their spouses will be exempt from fees for emergency medical service performed by the Chicago Fire Department."

If you receive a bill, there is a form (CPD – 62.106 (6/08)) that needs to be filled out. This is a Waiver of CFD/EMS fee. You can obtain this form by contacting Hazel Darden of Human Resources, Unit 123, (312) 745-5310 or 5390.

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



ATTENTION ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS! ATTORNEY CLINT KRISLOV WILL ATTEND OUR RETIREE LUNCHEON

The next, "Northsiders Luncheon", will be at Biagio's Superosa, located at 4240 N. Central, on Wednesday, 17 June 2015, from 1200 to 1400 hrs
Please join us and pass this on to members of your groups. We will reserve a table for your group.

RSVP by Monday, 15 June
Bob Ranieri, 773-612-8798
Joe Tomaska, 312-593-7244
Paul Vitaioli, 312-402-1040

Financial Secretary's Report, *by Kevin Kilmer*



Grievance Seminars

On March 13th and 16th, The Lodge sponsored a Grievance Seminar for the Unit and Watch Representatives. This event had several Board members of the Lodge, as well as attorneys from Baum Sigman and The Law Offices of Dan Herbert, present to discuss the process of standard and medical grievances, the new procedure for suspension grievances, as well as many other issues facing the membership. There was some lively dialogue regarding where a standard and medical grievance should originate from, the time constraints in order for a grievance to be valid, the summary opinion process regarding suspension grievances, and the arbitration process from start to finish. A special thank you to those who were able to attend. The next seminar that we are planning to host for the Representatives will be Legal Defense. The Lodge will inform the Reps when this event will be scheduled in the near future. We at the Lodge are hopeful these instructive events will continue to energize the Unit and Watch Rep positions and continue to make them a vital part of this organization.

Thank You, Brown Bear

I wanted to switch gears for a moment and reflect on what it means to be a Police Officer. As we all know, it is tough to be in law enforcement these days. The press has never been kind to us and lately it seems like the whole world perceives us as a bunch of thugs with guns without any moral compass. The reason I bring this up is not to further enrage our membership, but to remind everyone why we took this amazing job, and how rewarding it can be. I will be a member of CPD for 16 years in June and it seems like yesterday that I was sitting at a White Sox Game with a retired Detective known as 'Brown Bear.' We were having a conversation about the merits of becoming a Chicago Police Officer. I was apprehensive about taking the test because I wasn't sure if I was cut out for this profession. Thanks to the sage advice of Brown Bear, I decided to take the CPD entrance exam and was admitted to the Academy in June of 1999. Looking back, I've never been happier with my decision. I owe almost everything I have to the Chicago Police Department. Working side by side with some of the finest people I have ever met has made me a better police officer and a better person as well. I remember sitting in a roll call in the 24th District. Father Nangle mentioned to the watch that, "Every day you suit

up you are doing God's work." Truer words could never have been spoken. The reason I bring this up is to remind all the troops out there that despite what the media may try to say, those that matter know the amazing job you do every day. Now, whenever I see a negative story about police officers, I don't get mad or frustrated...I just think back to that conversation I had with Brown Bear that changed my life and realize how blessed I am.



BERWYN ILLINOIS

Berwyn and Surrounding Areas: May 30 2015 Line up starts at 11 AM
 North Riverside Mall - Penny's side
 Walk starts at NOON ending at Morton H.S with
 Festivities to Honor Police and First Responders to follow



EVERYONE GOES HOME
Support Your
Local First Responders



ALL LIVES MATTER!
Let's show support
in all 50 states!



Walk a Mile in Their Shoes
They are there when you need them.
Let's show them WE care about them and all First Responders!

Every 58 hours an officer dies in the line of duty. 71 officers died in the 911 attack. Police officers put their very lives on the line every day, making split second decisions. Please Show our officers in blue how much we RESPECT and APPRECIATE their service and sacrifice.

find us on [www.blueribbonwalknationwide.com](https://www.facebook.com/blueribbonwalknationwide.com)
facebook Contact Teri King about becoming a Leader in your town.

Kathleen's Wings of Love Benefit

Kathleen King was tragically killed leaving behind three young boys. A group of Kathleen's family and friends have joined together to raise funds to help with the costs necessary to support these young boys. All of the proceeds will be used to care for the children.

May 30, 2015 (5:00pm-11:30pm)
 Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 7211 W. Talcott, Chicago.

\$40 donation includes food and open bar.

Please direct any questions to Kelly McDermott at 773-532-9595

Recording Secretary Report, by Greg Bella



Health Fairs

We have been working with Loyola and the City and have finally worked through the issues. Loyola will be conducting a Health Fair on the north side in May and as soon as we confirm a date and location we will put the information on the website put out an e-mail blast and send out flyers. We will also publish the Southside event information when it is scheduled.

Pension Coalition

The coalition will be inviting elected representatives to the FOP Hall for a pension seminar. We will have speakers to talk about what our benefits are, how we earned them and the different sources of revenue that are available to properly fund our pension. Now that the Contract and election are behind us, our number one priority is keeping our pension benefits. We have to start with the education of the people who will eventually be voting on pension legislation. We don't need the Nancy Pelosi mentality of "let's pass the bill so we can read it and see what is inside." We want every elected official to understand the consequences and the process before they vote. As a part of this process we will be going to Springfield with members of the First Responders Coalition to meet with every State Representative and every State Senator asking for their support in protecting our pension benefits. We will keep you informed and as soon as we get a date and time anyone who wants to go to Springfield can call the Lodge.

Retiree Healthcare

The **Underwood Case** (dealing with retiree healthcare post 2013 going forward) has been remanded to State Court. Clint Krislov moved to have the case reinstated and set a status hearing to proceed in State Court. He will appear before Judge Martin on April 23, 2015. This begins another long battle.

Korshak Case

Clint Krislov filed a Motion to force the City to audit and reconcile your premium charges to actual healthcare costs for the last half of 2013. The

City is now overdue in filing its response. We are set to appear in Court on May 28, 2015 for arguments.

Pension Reform

Clint Krislov has agreed to represent the other City retirees who have had their COLA reduced by the City. In the Jones/Johnson Case Krislov is challenging the City pension reform that cuts their Automatic Annuity Increases (COLA). This case is stayed pending the Illinois Supreme Court's decision in the State pension reform case. A decision is expected by the end of May.

Funding

Clint Krislov needs to rebuild his war chest. While we are once again at the beginning of the healthcare case, we are nonetheless alive and essentially back where we were when the Korshak Trial ended. Clint will present the entire record of the trial to seek a positive outcome for our members. He needs our help, he needs our contributions. You can contact Clint at Clint@Krislovlaw.com, call 312-606-0500 or send contributions to Clint Krislov, 20 N. Wacker Drive; Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60606.



MICHAEL P. GORDON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

11TH ANNUAL "ROOF RAISER"

Come out for a great time and support a great cause!!
Your contribution will be used to fund the
Michael P. Gordon endowed scholarship at Lewis University and
other charitable causes.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015
6:15PM – GAME END
(DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME)


VS


BEYOND THE IVY ROOFTOPS
1010 W. Waveland

\$120/person (regularly \$175/person)
Includes admission and all food & beverages
(All major credit cards accepted)

For more information or to make reservations,
Visit: www.michaelpgordon.org
E-mail: mpgfund@gmail.com or
Call: John at 773.706.4484

Space is limited and will fill up fast - reserve your spot today!
Please designate a sober driver.

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt

Our **Emerald Society** made Chicago very proud as they represented us at several stops around Ireland, including *LEADING* the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin. For more information about this Irish-American police organization, see their link on our website.

On Wednesday, 13 MAY, at 9:00 p.m., we will host a prayer / memorial service at Nordica and Palmer (in 025)—the site where **PO's Gregory Hauser and Raymond Kilroy** were killed in the line of duty 25 years ago, at the same time on the same date.

And 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).



We remember all of our LOD deaths at the **Police Mass** every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. While this is a Catholic Mass, ALL are welcome.

In case you have this newsletter in time, you're welcome to bring mom to Mother's Day Mass on Sunday, 10 MAY. (Please note the holiday 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.

Also, planning ahead: as always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 21 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.

There will be a special **Blue Mass** honoring first responders at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 31 MAY, at **St. Thecla Catholic Church**—6725 W. Devon Ave. Active or retired, you are most welcome to this special Mass I will concelebrate with CFD Chaplain Fr. Tom Mulcrone. While the Mass is being held in a Catholic church, *ALL* CPD members/retirees/families are welcome!

May is the month when many Christians remember the Blessed Mother, Mary, the woman who bore Jesus Christ. How fitting that we should remember (not deify or worship, but honor and revere) this young Jewish heroine. **If you would like a Rosary** to carry with you when on the street, please email Chaplain Bob Montelongo (from our website's home page), and he'll be happy to send you one.

A golf outing will be held 13 JUN in memory of Joe Walski, CPD, who passed away just over a year ago. For details, please visit our website.

Finally, have you been married civilly and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Church? Or, are you celebrating a special anniversary and would like to renew your marriage vows? The Chaplains' Office is gauging interest in a **GROUP inter-denominational wedding ceremony** to be held sometime in the next six or eight months. If you and your better half would be interested in participating, please contact us soon so we can decide if this is an endeavor worth pursuing.

God bless you and keep you safe! Fr. Dan Brandt, *CPD Chaplain*, 773-550-2369
1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 | dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org | www.ChicagoPCM.org

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

MAY, A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, May 3, 2015

The Annual St. Jude Memorial Parade steps off at 0800 hours

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Chicago Lodge 7's Annual Memorial Event begins at 1200 hours

Thursday, May 7, 2015

The Illinois Police Officer Memorial is held in Springfield, Illinois.

May 12—15, 2015

The National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Week held in Washington D.C.

These events are for remembering those in the Law Enforcement community who have given the ultimate sacrifice. The dates, times and locations of these events are scattered but they are readily available to explore by searching the individual organizations. If, on the other hand, attending one of these events is out of the realm of possibility, there are always other ways to participate in remembering. Over the course of our careers, we more than likely have personal knowledge of a Hero who lost their life while *Serving and Protecting*. It doesn't take much effort or much time to pause for a moment or two in order to remember that fallen friend, partner, co-worker or even family member as a sign of respect. Another possibility could be as easy as a quick phone call to some of the old friends, ex-partners, past co-workers or family members in order to sit down for a meal, or to toast a few or to just simply talk about our heroes. Although remembering can cost nothing, the act of Remembrance can be priceless.

RETIREE BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHEONS

<p>North: 1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am Lone Tree Manor, Niles, IL John Zielinski, 773-259-1087</p>	<p>Old School Deuce: 2nd Tuesday of Month @ 10:00 am Lumes Pancake House, Chicago, Illinois Elbert Parker, 773-593-7743</p>
<p>The Northsiders Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday of January, April, July & October @ Noon Biagio's Suprarosa, Chicago, IL Paul Vitaioli, 312-402-1040</p>	<p>Survivors Lunch: 2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am Beverly Woods Restaurant, Chicago, IL</p>
<p>South: 2nd Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am Jedi's Garden, Oak Lawn, IL</p>	<p>Public Housing Unit 1st Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am George's Restaurant, Chicago, IL Maurice Brown, 773-577-0154</p>
<p>8-Ball Luncheon: Last Wednesday of the Month @ Noon Les Brothers, Bridgeview, IL Dorothy Piscitelli, 773-972-0139</p>	<p>Arizona Retirees: 3rd Thursday of Month @ 11:00 am Casino Arizona Eagle Buffet 524 North 92nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ Brian DuFour 623-521-6146</p>
<p>Bomb & Arson: 2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:30 am Fiesta Tapatia Restaurant, Chicago, IL Roger Elmer, 773-763-2115</p>	<p>Arkansas Retirees: 3rd Friday of Month @ Noon Elks Lodge, Mountain Home, AR Bob Zdora, 870-405-5407</p>
<p>12th District Retirees and Alumni 1st Thursday of Month @ 10:00 am Southern Belles Restaurant, Bridgeview, IL 12retirees@comcast.net</p>	<p>Florida Retirees: 1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm Cop Shop, Cape Coral, FL Tom Faragoi, 239-770-7896</p>
<p>Crime Lab, ETs, Forensic Services & Mobile Unit 1st Tuesday of Month @ Noon Flap-Jack's Restaurant, Oak Lawn, IL Bob Baikie, 773-284-1935</p>	<p>Las Vegas Retirees: Every Thursday of Month @ 9:30 am The Willows, Henderson, NV Jerry Rutkowski, 702-575-4301</p>
<p>Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization: 3rd Thursday of Month @ 7:30 pm Orland Park Civic Center, Orland Park, IL Don Ade, 708-408-9308</p>	<p>Michigan Retirees: 1st Thursday of Month @ 7:00 am Eagles Lodge, Gladwin, MI John Nielson, 989-246-2276</p>

Field Representative Report, by Thomas McDonagh



Officer Involved Shootings

Earlier this month we were made aware that the FBI was conducting an investigation into past police involved shootings. The investigation came to light after reports that FBI agents were approaching Officers at their homes, unannounced. The

Officers properly declined to answer any questions without an attorney present, and contacted the Lodge immediately.

Attorney Dan Herbert contacted the FBI and AUSA on behalf of the Officers. Herbert was able to confirm that there is an ongoing criminal investigation that could potentially result in criminal charges. The FBI is still in the early stages of the investigation, but it appears as though the case is revolving around a civil rights violation. As this is an ongoing investigation, I cannot disclose any detailed information, but I assure you the Officers are being well represented and have all the resources that the Lodge can offer. All the Officers approached followed up by writing To-From reports detailing their encounter with the FBI agents and those reports were forwarded through the proper command channels.

My goal in bringing this investigation to the attention of the Membership is not to alarm anyone who has ever been involved in a shooting, but to inform. It is abundantly clear that we are in uncharted waters in this post-Ferguson era and information sharing is a tool that we can use to our benefit. With the media shining a spotlight on law enforcement, and the general feeling of hatred towards the police, we must be aware of the individuals and organizations that are not our friends.

Politics

Several months ago, I wrote about the City's mindboggling plan to pay reparations to offenders that claimed a decorated Police Commander tortured them. The City has subsequently passed an ordinance and caved in to the pressure from the media and police haters. The City has set aside 5.5 million dollars so these poor offenders can get acclimated to society and become model citizens. The ordinance also allows the public school system in Chicago to change their curriculum and add lectures on this issue as if this were some historical event.

One of our own Officers, Martin Preib, has written about these issues. Through his extensive research, Preib has been able to refute many of the claims that have been launched at both veteran police officers. The City wants to turn a blind eye on these findings; findings that would refute any wrong doing. It is a travesty that the City has allowed retired members of this Union; members that gave their all to the cause of protecting good from evil, to languish from deposition to deposition.

Wishing everyone a well-deserved Police Memorial Month. It's a rough time to be the police and it's refreshing to know that some people appreciate us and what we do!!!



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Memorial Day Celebration and Parade

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2015, the Paul Revere Post 623, along with the Smith Park Advisory Council, (SPAC), the Smith Park Neighborhood Alliance, (SPNA), and the Ukrainian Commerce Committee of America, (UCCA) will host the first ever Memorial Day Parade in the West Town community along Chicago Ave. Line up will begin at 8:30 am at the St. Nicholas Church parking lot located 2300 West Superior Street, the parade is scheduled to step off at 10 am. to Smith Park where a

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

*Ernest Santangelo, Retired CPD, is still active and healthy.
The Ernest Santangelo, 94 years old, who passed away
was Retired Police Officer Santangelo's Father.*

Donald Barry, Age 65

Fred O'Reilly, Age 74

William L. Garcia, Age 63

Richard T. Wrzesinski, Age 84

William E. Griffin, Age 89

Terrence T. Bradley, Age 51

Joseph S. Jagiello, Age 68

James H. Houtsma, Age 83

Michael M. Nykiel, Age 65

Edwin J. Kowalski, Age 91

Tyrone Judon, Age 56

James P. Pabsiak, Age 67

Charles E. Ratcliff, Age 74

Leonard J. Schwartz, Age 90

James A. Johnson, Age 74

Wilburn Sanders, Age 82

Jeffery E. Jones, Age 53

Kay M. Louis, Age 77

“The Precious Gem”, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

We have all found ourselves in this situation in life at one time or another. Maybe you were at a party, and everyone was dancing but you don't want to dance in case you were not blessed with grace and you think you will be laughed at. Or you might be in a class and you are asked to get up to speak but you are embarrassed because you might have a bit of a speech impairment. Or how about getting injured on duty and it changes your life forever because you might not be able to do the physical things you were once able to do. Then there are those of us that might not be as blessed as others with the talent or looks or family structure or finances, etc., etc. How we handle our situation is strictly up to the person in the mirror. I met with an old friend who was seriously hurt in an accident, and after many months of physical rehab he returned to work. I asked him, "how did you have the courage and strength to keep on going, after having such a major setback in life?" I'll never forget his response. He said, "Rabbi, I can't turn the clock back and make a new beginning, but we ALL can start today and make a better ending." He made me proud because that is what life is all about. He brought to mind the story of *The King and The Precious Gem*.

There was once a great king who owned a precious gem without peer compared to all gems in the world, in terms of size, color, clarity, and cut. It was a magnificent and precious stone. The king was so proud of his unique stone that every visiting dignitary who would visit would come see the stone and would be very moved by its grandeur. On many occasions the king would go into his treasure vault and admire it privately. On one of these occasions, when the king was privately viewing this stone, the gem fell from his hand and fell against some other stones, apparently even harder stones, for when he picked the gem up there was a GASH on its face. The king was grief-stricken. He immediately called the royal jeweler who examined it and said, based on his assessment, "Your Majesty, there is nothing I could do. I could cut the gem up or shave it down and it would be just as perfect but considerably smaller - this stone could never be of the same quality as it was." The king, unwilling to accept that his precious jewel would never be the same, continued calling other craftsmen and artisans who delivered the same verdict, to the king's great dismay.

The king decided to issue a proclamation throughout the kingdom: "Anyone who can restore this stone to its former beauty will be rewarded with the greatest honor and riches. However anyone who attempts to do so and fails will forfeit their lives." Thousands of people came from throughout the land and upon examination would only shake their heads sadly, realizing full well that it was practically impossible to restore the stone, and they would not dare risk their lives to attempt it.

The stone remained blemished and untouched for many months, when finally an elderly man came to the king, presented his credentials and references, and claimed that he could indeed restore the stone. The king investigated the man's reputation and credentials, discovered he was in fact a craftsman of note and an accomplished artist, and eventually gave his consent for the elderly artisan to ply his craft. The old man submitted a list of requirements, including a private room to work in, special tools, care for his family, etc, and specified that he could not give a timeline for when it would be ready, only promising that he would indeed restore the diamond to a state as extraordinary as it once had been. The king agreed and met the old man's requests, providing all that was necessary. Over the course of the following months, people would see this elderly workman walking the corridors of the royal palace, and when asked about progress, the man would simply reply that he was working on it. Eventually, after many long months passed, he announced to the king that he had completed his task. The king summoned all the dignitaries to celebrate this historic and momentous occasion, when the world would see the restoration of one of its greatest prize jewels.

The great unveiling day came and before the nation the king went up and opened up the box - and there was the stone - still containing the same gash on its face. BUT the elderly craftsman had etched an intricate and unique flower into the face of the stone around the gash. It was done in such a way that the stem of the flower was made up by the gash, and surrounding it was an absolutely stunning masterpiece, a blossom of unparalleled beauty exquisitely done. As beautiful and unique as the gem had once been before, it was even more so now. End of story.

Many of us have some (serious) gashes in our lives that will never go away. We can unproductively proceed through life feeling sorry for ourselves, as the "victims" of this terrible tragedy or incident and blame everything else in our lives on this or these event(s) or placing blame on others. OR we can begin carving something magnificent around that gash, finding ways to transform the difficult experiences we endured into positive forces, something that can enrich our lives and those around us, transforming our gashes into the stems of magnificently beautiful blossoms!! Not always easy, but then again what worthwhile in life comes easy?

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains, may G-d bless you and keep you safe. Amen.
Compliments of your Police Chaplain Rabbi Moshe Wolf—773-463-4780
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