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RETIREED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

May 2022

IF YOU RECEIVED A YELLOW NEWSLETTER, YOUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED, APPLICATION FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

IF YOU RECEIVE A WHITE NEWSLETTER, YOUR DUES ARE PAID.

Upon receipt of your 2022 dues, we will send you a membership card and auto decal.

President's Message

Harold Brown

Our next meeting will be April 22nd at 1 PM at the FOP Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. After the meeting please stay to meet with your fellow retirees and to enjoy a sandwich.

At the February meeting we had the nominations of officers for the next two years. The nominations were: Harold Brown for President, Russell Schaefer 1st Vice President, Neil Dillon 2nd Vice President, Ronald Topczewski Treasurer. There were no other nominations so one vote was cast for those nominated.

As of now we have about five hundred members who have not paid their dues. Because of the increase in cost of printing our newsletter and postage, if your dues are not paid by August you will be dropped from our rolls.

We are receiving calls about changing the beneficiary at the pension fund. We have put the form on our web site so it can be downloaded and sent to the Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund. The Fund's address is 221 N LaSalle, #1626, 60601.

The date for our Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner is September 25th there will be more information in our August newsletter.

Please read the message from FOP president John Catanzara.

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REGULAR MEETING
Sunday, April 22nd, 2022 at 1:00 PM
at FOP
1412 W Washington Blvd.

Organized in 1888 as an Association to protect the Police Pension Fund and the welfare of Police Pensioners, their widows and children.

Just A Thought.....
By Russ Schaefer 1st Vice President, RCPA

In early March of this year I attended my Lt's Association General Meeting and Dinner and at the meeting Retired Lt. David O'Callaghan spoke with passion about a program that was initiated to collect Bullet Proof Vests from Law Enforcement Officers across the country to be sent to Ukraine. These vests are destined for the civilian population in Ukraine and will certainly benefit the civilians that have joined the military effort to thwart Putin's efforts of death and destruction in Ukraine.

The Church that is accepting vests and other types of donations is:

St. Joseph's Ukrainian Church Catholic Church: 5000 N. Cumberland, Chicago

Contact person is: Lana at 773-983-2787. Use Basement entrance north side of church.

An additional key contact through St. Joseph's church is Pbandriwsky@gmail.com

His Phone Number is 773-848-6886.

If you prefer a South Side drop off there is Dave O'Callaghan / 312-246-6752

Dave resides at 10609 South Hamlin, Chicago. Email: docall@comcast.net

Also Russ Schaefer / 312-203-2251. I reside at 12032 S. 74th Ave, Palos Heights, IL.

Email: russellschaefer@sbcglobal.net

The news of this effort has gone Nationwide and you can help that also. Groups have already formed in Detroit, Philadelphia, New York and many other cities. Contacts for any other city can be made through Borys Potapenko at BorysPotapenko@gmail.com His Phone number in Detroit is 586-216-3798

If you prefer, Cash Donations via checks can be made to UCCA at 2247 West Chicago Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60622 . Checks can also be dropped off at St. Joseph's Church or the Ukrainian Center on Chicago Ave.

Any Vest of any age is being accepted and if you live outside of Illinois or know any other retired or active Police Officer or Federal Agents that live inside or outside of Illinois PLEASE contact them and ask them to contact their local Law Enforcement Departments to see if they are collecting vests. Most importantly just spread the news. As we now know thousands of people have been killed or seriously injured in this unjust conflict against the Ukrainian people, many of them Children so get involved and spread the word because if we can just save one life..... your effort will be just that reward.

Stay Safe My Friends.....Russ Schaefer

Well, we finally got rid of the face diapers! Good ole Uncle Joe is throwing gas on the Russia/ Ukraine war. Chicago's Mayor Lightfoot has disavowed Chicago its Russian sister city, ignorant of the fact that the government of Russia started the war, not its citizens.

Oh, don't forget Illinois Governor Prickster, and Senator Dick Dumbin held a news conference condemning Russia's action against Ukraine, posturing hyperbolically while Ukraine soldiers beg for help and ammo. It is all theater and it is difficult to know what to believe in all quarters these days.

Someone commented on my last article, saying my comments on the Wuhan virus were only my opinion. They were wrong. All I related were facts and I have the sources. You cannot only depend on today's media. They lied about Trump's Russian collusion, Hunter Biden's laptop from hell, the Wuhan virus, and the jabs many people got, often to their regret, like the 108 dead World Cup athletes and coaches. (Ref: <https://peckford42.wordpress.com/2021/11/19/5-fold-increase-in-sudden-cardiac-and-unexplained-deaths-among-fifa-athletes-in-2021/>) Don't look for this kind of info with a Google search engine. Try DuckDuckGo.com and even there you'll have to dig about five pages down.

As retired law enforcement individuals we know that news reports cannot be trusted from cases we have been part of that made the news.

One of the latest issues of corruption is with the chief of IAD. Her niece was driving her car, along with her so-called boyfriend, and they were stopped by officers. Over 6,000 dollars' worth of drugs were thrown out of the car. All persons and the vehicle were transported to a police facility and, the driver was released with no tickets; the vehicle, which should have been confiscated and impounded, was returned and the arresting officers were re-assigned to desk duty while the car's owner, the CPD IAD head has been protected. Further, the male arrested was the CI in the wrong-address raid of Anjanette Young's house. She sued the city and several police officers and collected a \$2.9 million settlement of taxpayer's money. Not a thing was mentioned in the media, until after several other sources brought this incident to the attention of the public, and then only one TV news station decided to present the facts. Chicago Mayor Lightfoot was devoid of comment. The investigation was turned over to the Inspector General and they will get an answer in a few months. In reality, they hope everyone will forget about it by then. Again, who shall we believe?

Here's another issue. PPP (Payroll Protection Program) loans were made available to businesses during the shutdowns, and a majority of the loans were forgiven by the government. Well, it seems that there were a great number of fraudulent applications made, and one

company that I know of had over 100 of their employees making fraudulent applications. But guess what, the Chicago media reported a couple of Chicago Police Command personnel also made fraudulent applications. Did Mayor Lightfoot take any action? If she did, have you heard anything? Crickets.

More information has come to light regarding the November 2021 police exam. One hundred and fifty-five people were called to take the written test; 59 showed up, and 30 of the 59 people failed the test leaving 29 in the running to become Chicago Police officers. From a previous list a "POWER TEST" was given. Four hundred applicants were invited to take the Power Test and 46 people showed up and only 4 passed. The Chicago Police Academy scheduled a new class of 50 people to start PPO training and 20 showed the first day. I received this information from a reliable source, however trying to get information from the city or department to confirm this without filing a FOIA is next to impossible. FOP stated that in 2021 over 1200 officers left the department. The Mayor and CPD just recently decided to lower education standards for police applicants. Instead of getting good candidates, we will be getting subpar officers. I wonder if this is being done on purpose.

How does this affect our pension that is already upside down with fewer paying in than are retired?

Driving, I'm sure that you have noticed a great increase in drivers who violate traffic laws. The posted speed limit on Chicago expressways is 55, yet average speeds are between 70 and 80 with bursts of 90 to 100 mph and that still does not outrun the bullets. The ISP has a limited number of cars doing expressway duty. The Dan Ryan only has two units patrolling from the loop to the Indiana border. However, if there is a shooting on an expressway the ISP can magically come up with several officers to look for shell casings. If the law is not going to be enforced why would people obey it? Engaging in pro-active policing today in Chicago and many other places is a fool's errand. Most Chicago officers keep a low profile to avoid trouble even if they are in the right. Why? They cannot depend on bosses or the department to back them up. Recently, an officer and his partner were shot. After saving the partner's life with a tourniquet and administering first aid to himself, COPA suggested giving the officer three days for not turning off the BWC!

We read and watch horrifying things taking place across the U.S., with people acting without fear of the consequences. Our so-called elected officials fear taking a stand because they do not want to alienate those who voted for them. We the people have to take a stand or we and our families are doomed.

Stay safe and be aware!!



DEATH NOTIFICATIONS

OCTOBER 2021

BENJAMIN ALMAZAN	ANTHONY BRADLEY	JOSE GONZALEZ	WILLIAM REED
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JANUARY 2022

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ROBERT BYRDIE	FRED HARMON	TIMOTHY MC CLEAN	ROBERT SHERWIN
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FEBRUARY 2022

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John J. Catanzara Jr.
President
FOP Lodge 7 Chicago

I hope everyone is enjoying the slow return to “normal”. As we move forward into 2022, the election in November will take center stage. Many of the same politicians that were responsible for the nightmare HB3653 legislation are up for re-election. It’s no secret of our intent to be major players in state and local politics moving forward. As such, we are looking for retirees to be more involved this election season. Lodge 7 is looking for retired members to sign up to be poll watchers and election judges. We can send a clear message that this is an all hands on deck approach to taking back how this state and city operate.

We have 2 officers running for office. Erin Jones is running for State Senator in Senate district 10 on the NW side. Martwick lied repeatedly about the birthdate elimination for the 3% COLA that he got passed for CFD after having CPD removed. Several time he assured me it would happen. It hasn’t. He also gave his support and influence in the Senate to the Justice Reform Safety Act (HB3653) even after I explicitly told him we were a 100% NO.

Carolyn Crump is running for 6th district Representative in a very strange district that runs from Englewood, through Canaryville and into the Gold Coast. The incumbent was in the leadership on the house side for the same legislation. Politicians have become too comfortable today with going with the blowing winds instead of right and wrong. Their tab has come due!!

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Treasurer's Message *By Ronald Topczewski*

If you received a WHITE NEWSLETTER, your 2022 dues are paid. If you received a YELLOW NEWSLETTER, your dues are NOT PAID and are now due. Please use the **YELLOW APPLICATION**. This is the only way to tell our members if dues are paid or not. Upon receipt of your 2022 dues, we will send you your membership card and auto decals. If you move, please notify our office and the pension office (312-744-3891) as soon as possible; provide your new address and phone number.

If any retiree groups would like to put an article in our newsletter regarding their meetings, please contact us.

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