

# A Lodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

August 2023

## From the President

Greetings Members,

We had a productive State Conference in June, and we received great feedback from those in attendance. We had some excellent suggestions for next year's conference. One suggestion was a round table style discussion where we could share ideas and suggestions of things that are successful in our own lodges. Another was to bring back an FOPA hospitality suite. We will be implementing both of those next year.

We also discussed how lodges should be filing their articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State and the proper procedures for constitution and by-law changes. I will include those in the email with this newsletter.

Lastly, thank you to all of you who were able to attend the conference. It was great to see you and I appreciate the great feedback and suggestions.

Warmest regards,

Theresa A Drennen, State President

## Member of the Year

FOPA Member of the year is awarded to a lodge member whose service to their lodge goes well above the norm. We received several nominations this year, and it was a tough decision for us as they are all outstanding members.

This year's member of the year has been with her lodge for around 8 years but has been supporting law enforcement long before that. Married to a law enforcement officer, she'd been supporting events at their FOP lodge before officially joining the FOPA.

She has participated in fingerprinting children at the county fair and has helped to organize several DARE events. Upon joining her FOPA lodge she immediately stepped up participating fully in all aspects of the lodge including fundraising for both her FOPA and the FOP lodges. She quickly realized the need for fresh fundraising ideas and created the FOP-FOPA purse bingo. Her idea was met with mixed reviews, people envisioned a nursing home style bingo and were skeptical about the idea. She pushed ahead organizing a small committee and raised over \$5,000 the first year! That was 5 years ago, their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Purse bingo sold out in less than two days and with over 230 people in attendance cleared over \$10,000! Her lodge president attributes the success to this member's passion for the FOPA and her incredible organizational skills.

She has also participated in updating the Constitution and Bylaws of her lodge and overhauled their membership list to be current, active, and informed.

She was unanimously chosen by the board of her lodge as 2019 member of the year and is an invaluable asset to the organization. **Congratulations Lima Lodge #8 Secretary Tammy White.**



*Tammy White*

## Lodge of the Year

FOPA Lodge of the Year is given to a lodge whose members give exceptional service to either their FOP lodge or to their community. In the case of this year's winner, they do both. Their members understand what it means to back the blue and are truly dedicated to making sure the officers as well as their families have the support they need. They are always ready and willing to help their FOP lodge in any way possible. They continue to seek members to build more support for law enforcement. And their FOP lodge supports them as well, nominating them for this honor.

They are just as devoted to serving their community. As a lodge they contribute to a local food pantry, the Stuff the Bus yearly collection for school supplies, Toys for Tots, and collect Easter basket items for the county Boys and Girls club. They collect items and donations for the county Humane Society and the Dog Pound. They donated to a local project that supplies winter coats for kids and donate to a domestic violence shelter. They donate to OhGO and Salvation Army for events that help fight hunger. They have a yearly booth at National Touch a Truck and at a local community days celebration where they give away two bikes with helmets to local kids at each event. They donated 5 Sensory Kits to the Speech therapy department at FMRC. Their members assist FOP 17 with a community wide Trick or Treat held yearly at Cedar Point. They have a yearly fundraiser for the National Wreaths Across America and are the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest contributor for wreaths at the Ohio Veterans Home, where their members also help to lay the wreaths on the graves each year. These are just the highlights of what the members of this lodge accomplish each year. They also help their FOP lodge with their annual reverse raffle and offer support with their police memorial.



*Lodge #35 President Tim Meade, State President Theresa Drennen, Lodge #35 Treasurer Mary Meade, and Secretary Christine DeSalle*

**Congratulations to the members of Erie County FOPA Lodge #35!**

## Virgil McDaniel Award

This year we received three nominations for the Virgil McDaniel award, all three nominations were for the same member. The Virgil McDaniel award is an award the FOPA presents to an FOP member who has given exceptional service to their profession. Sometimes that means extraordinary acts of valor, or as it is with this year's recipient, it can be someone who is a hero behind the scenes. Someone who has quietly dedicated years to serving his lodge, his community, and the whole law enforcement community.

This year's recipient has served his lodge for over four decades. He has served as a trustee, their president and currently as their secretary, as well as serving as a trustee on the FOP state board. He was a greatly respected officer serving his department for over 27 years. He was instrumental in the fundraising and planning to erect a memorial locally for fallen officers. Each year he helps to plan and participates in the services they hold at their memorial.

When lodge member was killed in the line of duty, and arrangements fell to the lodge, he took the lead, reaching out to those who could assist in planning. He made sure the officer's widow was put in contact with agencies that could help in her time of sorrow. He attended to every detail making sure their fallen brother was honored to the fullest, even as he was grieving the loss as well.

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## Virgil McDaniel Award

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He has jumped into freezing waters to support Special Olympics, he's Walked a Mile in red high heels to support a local domestic violence shelter, and he is also a huge supporter of his local FOPA. He helped reestablish their FOPA lodge and has always actively encouraged a strong bond between his lodge and the A lodge. He exemplifies strong leadership between both lodges so that the 'Good of the Order' and all members maintain a positive image, and integrity in all that they do.

One of the nominations we received put it the best: 'This Brother epitomizes, leading by example, what each member of FOP lodges throughout the state should be. He is fully engaged in service above self, wanting no recognition, but quietly and humbly promoting the profession. He is by far the most active member of his lodge and his selfless volunteerism makes him a shining star worthy of this award.'



*Virgil McDaniel and Ron Susana*

**Congratulations to Ron Susana from Lake Erie Lodge #17**

## President's Award

The member chosen for this award was nominated by her local FOP lodge for Member of the Year and Her contributions to her lodge are worthy of that each year.

She has been part of the Blue family long before her FOPA membership. She supported local law enforcement prior to becoming a FOPA member in the 90's. Although this lodge disbanded, she was an integral part in forming the current FOPA in 2011 as she understood the need when her city lost an officer in the line of duty. She has served as secretary in the lodge since the beginning. To say she goes above and beyond is an understatement. When their lodge has fundraisers, she is always willing to sell, promote or make food for these events. People look forward to the desserts she brings to her FOP's reverse raffle each year. When her lodge does toy drives or collects needed items for local shelters or school supplies, she willingly picks up the items from members and makes sure they get delivered to their destination. From blankets and treats to the local dog pound to Easter basket stuffers for Community Youth Mentoring. She's served food to area youth with the Salvation Army. She actively recruits new members and promotes all the good that their organization does which reaches far beyond just law enforcement. She and the other members of the lodge are truly community oriented and can be found at numerous community events even when not representing the FOPA. She keeps things running smoothly when the other lodge officers are out of state for extended periods of time. Even in times of bad health, she pushed forward, making sure the needs of the FOPA were met.



*Lodge #35 Tim Meade, FOP #17 Ron Susana, FOPA #35 Theresa Drennen, Christine DeSalle, Holly Price, Mary Meade and Constance Lillo*

Christine is a family woman married for over 22 years to her husband a Sandusky police officer, she has three children and 4 grandkids, plus works full time. She has defined the meaning of giving back to the community and supporting local law enforcement which prompted her three children to join FOPA. She has volunteered at her church, was a full-time swim Mom, but always found time to support the endeavors of FOPA 35 and FOP 17. She is a caring person and with a heart of gold, who goes the extra mile in everything she does.

**Congratulations to Christine DeSalle, Secretary Erie County Lodge #35**

# State Secretary-Treasurer Report

Greetings from your Secretary/Treasurer, Elaine Domonkos.

I know it's summer as it's blazing hot! It's hard to believe, however, that it's almost August and school will be starting soon.

It was great seeing everyone at the 2023 State Conference in Sandusky. It seems like it was so long ago. For those who were unable to attend, I will try and hit the high points of what was discussed.



## **NEW E-MAIL**

- I have set up a new email account specifically for FOPA business. Please start using the following email for any correspondence you may have: [FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com)

## **PER CAPITA PAYMENTS**

- Please continue sending in your Per Capita payments as soon as you receive your member's dues. Remember that the state does not consider an individual a member until their per capita is received by the State Lodge. The only way to accomplish this is by sending in your payments at the very minimum, monthly. Please make sure you attach a list of the members being paid. We are not mind readers, so we will need your list. Please indicate those members which are new as well.

If you submit a payment of \$100, then there should be a list of 5 names to accompany this payment.

Checks should be made payable to FOPA OF OHIO INC

## **IRS / Tax Filing (990)**

- By now every active lodge should have completed their IRS 990 filing. If not, please do so immediately!

## **OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FILING**

- If you are up for renewal for your filing, please change the Statutory Agent to read myself (or the current FOPA State Secretary – whoever it may be at the time you renew) with the 222 E Town St; Columbus OH 43215 address. This is what the FOP Lodges do (name their current State Secretary). That way we can help keep track of the renewals.

## **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

- If you are in need of a new membership card for a new member, or a replacement card, please **DO NOT**, repeat, **DO NOT**, email or call Denise Young. She is extremely busy and needs to concentrate on her job. Please email me ([FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com)) and I will notify Denise of your request. That way, she only needs to concentrate on one email as opposed to many. If she needs to contact you, she will do so on her own, otherwise, it will go through me. We appreciate your understanding to this request.

## **OFFICER/LODGE CONTACT**

- Please remember to keep your contact information up to date with the State Lodge. Communication is the key and in order to do so, we need to make sure we have all the correct information. Please submit this to the state if you have not yet done so. Many credentials were sent to the wrong location because there was no change provided. Therefore, please make sure to keep this up to date.

Those were the basic highlights. We had our annual Presidents and Secretaries meeting and went over the membership website. If your secretary is in need of access, please let me know. I will forward your information to Denise.

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# State Secretary-Treasurer Report

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The 2024 State Conference will be held in Columbus (Dublin area), July 20 – 23, 2024. More information to follow as it becomes available.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2023 Scholarship Winners, Sydney Kunkel and Alyssa Kise, along with our Honorable Mention, Ryan Graybill. As chair of the Scholarship Committee, it was a tough decision as there were many qualified applicants. Continue spreading the word to your P lodge that we offer this scholarship. Those students who will be entering their senior year of high school should start working or thinking about applying. Applications can be found on the website (fopohio.org)

## BANK BALANCE FROM APRIL 01, 2023 to JULY 20, 2023

### General Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$108,950.89
Ending Balance	\$93,666.30
Difference	- \$15,284.59

The payments made during this time period ranged from the State Conference officer expenses, liability insurance, as well as the Per Capita Payment of \$22,880 paid to the State FOP for 2,288 members. \$6,864 (\$3 per member) was paid from the General account to the Scholarship Account. At this time, we are awaiting the charges owed for the rooms for the State Conference. Once received, that bill will be paid.

A deposit of \$1,070 was made which represented the monies received from our two fund raisers – Wooden Flags and the Bourbon Baskets.

### Scholarship Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$9,694.14
Ending Balance	\$15,058.14
Difference	\$5,364.00

Payments include scholarship installments to the following:

Alyssa Kise	\$500.00	2023 Scholar Winner
Ryan Graybill	\$500.00	2023 Honorable Mention Winner (One-time payment of \$500)
Jessica Streckfuss	\$500.00	
Sydney Kunkel	\$500.00**	2023 Scholar Winner (**Check not yet cashed)

There was a deposit made in the amount of \$6,684 which represents \$3.00 per member as per our Constitution.

We are still awaiting verification of grades on several other students. Once received, this will complete our obligation for the Spring Semester.

As always, your State Board is here to help you in any way that they can. Please feel free to contact me via email ([FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:FOPAOhioStateSecretary@gmail.com)) or phone 614-323-5557 if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Fraternally,  
Elaine Domonkos  
FOPA State Secretary/Treasurer

## Scholarship Winners

The State FOPA Scholarship Program awards two \$4000 scholarships (paid over four years) and one time \$500 runner up scholarship each year to children of Ohio FOP members. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

### Alyssa Kise

Alyssa is receiving a \$4000 scholarship. She is a graduate of Jonathon Alder High School and is the daughter of Joy and Keith Kise. Her father Keith is a member of Capital City FOP Lodge #9 in Columbus.

Alyssa will be attending Cedarville University to study studio art and graphic design.

Congratulations Alyssa and best of luck in your studies!



*Joy Kise, Grace Kise, Keith Kise, Alyssa Kise, State Vice President Jim Leezer and FOP #9 Executive Vice President Brian Steel*

### Sydney Kunkle

Sydney is receiving a \$4000 scholarship. She is from Canal Fulton and a graduate of Northwest High School. She is the daughter of Nikki and Daniel Kunkle. Her father Daniel is a member of Lloyd Seifer FOP Lodge #206 in Jackson Township.

Sydney will be attending The Ohio State University to study Biology and Epidemiology.

Congratulations Sydney and best of luck with your future endeavors !

### Ryan Graybill

Ryan is receiving a \$500 scholarship. He is from Huron and graduated from Huron High School. Ryan is the son of Theresa and Eric Graybill. His father Eric is a member of FOP Lake Erie Lodge #17 in Sandusky.

Ryan will be attending Kent State University to study Biology and Zoology.

Congratulations Ryan and best of luck in your studies



*Ryan Grabill and State Trustee Mary Meade*

## Newsletter Submission Guidelines

- ◆ The quarterly newsletter is sent out the first week of February, May, August and November. Any submissions are due no later than the 15th of each month prior to publication.
- ◆ If you would like to see your lodge or member featured, we have questionnaires to help. Let us know if you're interested and we can email the questionnaire forms.
- ◆ Picture submissions need the names (and positions if lodge officers) included.
- ◆ Fundraiser and event submissions need a contact phone or email that will be published for members to contact if they need more information.
- ◆ If your local FOP lodge or Auxiliary lodge would like to share their fundraisers, we will be happy to include those as well. These will also need a point of contact included.
- ◆ Please make all submissions in Microsoft Word format or in text format.
- ◆ All submissions and inquiries can be sent to [ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com](mailto:ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com)

## Around the State

### Lima Lodge #8 supporting their community



FOPA Lima Lodge #8 participated in the local 2023 Memorial Day Parade. Their first parade was a huge success. They had a great time handing out candy and distributing informational flyers to attract new members.



FOPA Lima Lodge #8 supported an Eagle Scout project by Evan Conley. He was invited to speak at their December meeting and the lodge voted to support a bench with the lodge name and number on it. The placement is at Bresslers Reservoir. Once weather permitted he laid the concrete and placed the bench. Even is pictured with the bench above. Lodge #8 is very proud of Evan! This was a great way to support youth in the community and get exposure for the lodge.

**Great Job Lodge #8! Keep up the GREAT work!**



Fraternal Order of Police Association Lodge #46

## Wine & Dine Fund Raiser

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

Time: 6:00pm to 11:00pm

Place: Matus Winery

15674 Gore Orphange Road

Wakeman, Ohio 44889

Tickets: \$50.00 per person - includes: Food (cash bar), Music, and a bottle of wine to take home (must be present).

Chinese Raffle & 50/50 Raffle

Please contact: Jim Malick at 440-320-8749 or

Cynthia Theo at 216-559-5153 for tickets

**\*\*Lodge #46 will also be hosting a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday October 29th.  
See contact information above for more details.**



# MURDER MYSTERY



**I LOVE THE 80'S TO DEATH  
PRESENTED BY PORTAGE COUNTY  
FOP&FOPA**

**SEPTEMBER 30,2023**

**RAVENNA ELKS 776 N. FREEDOM ST  
Ravenna Oh. 44266**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM  
Dress in your best 80's attire**

**TICKETS ARE \$40.00 EACH. (Includes Dinner,  
Murder Mystery, beverage, and dessert).**

**FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL KELLY LANHAM 330-428-5572 OR  
MIKE STANKIEWICZ 330-697-2800**

# FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE ASSOCIATES OF OHIO, INC.



AKRON LODGE NO. 6 ♦ P.O. BOX 364 ♦ AKRON, OHIO 44309-0364

Welcome and a Good Summer to All F.O.P.A. #6 Members!  
*It is time once again to invite you to join us for the*

## F.O.P.A. #6 ANNUAL PICNIC & CORN ROAST!

*Saturday, August 12, 2023*

*At Wolter Park, 2610 Ley Dr. 2:00 p.m. till 7*

Enclosed you will find 2 books of raffle Tickets for the event.  
They are to be sold for \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00.

### THE PRIZES ARE AS FOLLOWS...

- 1st Prize.... \$500.00**
- 2nd Prize... \$250.00**
- 3rd Prize.... \$100.00**
- 4th Prize..... \$50.00**

All tickets must be sold and returned by **Friday, August 11, 2023**. Send a check or money order, along with the completed ticket stubs to:

**F.O.P.A. #6, P.O. Box 364, Akron, OH 44309-0364**  
*(If you don't buy or sell the tickets, discard them!)*

There will be a Chinese auction starting at 2:00 to bid on numerous items donated by our supporters. Tickets will be \$1 ea. Or 6 for \$5. There will also be a 50/50 drawing around 6:00. Tickets will also be \$1 or 6 for \$5.

If you plan to attend the picnic on Saturday, you can bring your stubs along and throw them into the hopper for the drawing, which will take place around 6:00 p.m. There'll be plenty of food, beverages and fellowship with your F.O.P.A. Brothers & Sisters, and it's open to all F.O.P., F.O.P.A., F.O.P. Auxillary, and prospective members.

**(ADULTS ONLY)**



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# FOP, FOPA and Ducks Unlimited



## Indoor Hunting Tournament

Springfield Eagles

1802 Selma Rd, Springfield, OH 45505

**Saturday, September 30, 2023—3pm to 6pm**



Join us for dinner, raffles, games and a "hunt" for moose, elk, and white tail deer to support those that serve and protect our community. A portion of the proceeds will support a legacy gift fund for the Clark County Sheriff's Department to purchase a K9 in the future.



## FEATURED GUNS



Riley Defense AK 47



Henry 44 Big boy



Henry Big Boy X FOP Tribute



Bullpup 12 Gauge Shotgun



CZ USA Scorpion Evo 3 51 9mm



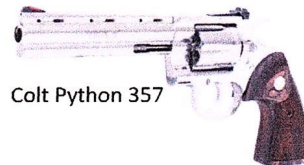
Ruger AR 15



S&W M&P EZ9mm



Springfield Hellcat 9mm



Colt Python 357



.223 Ruger

\*Individual styles/ colors may vary depending on availability

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# Fundraisers and Events



The Big Buck Package  
 8 Hunting Draw Tickets  
 \$10 Raffle Tickets  
 1 chance on a Ruger AR-15

\$30 : Individual	1 dinner ticket, 1 chance for the Ruger AR-15
\$100 The Big Buck Package	1 dinner ticket, 8 Hunting draw tickets, \$10 Raffle Tickets, 1 Chance a for a Ruger AR-15
\$800 Wild Turkey Table	Dinner for 8, reserved seating, 9 Big Buck Packages, 1 Bottle of Wild Turkey
\$1400 Ladies Table	Dinner for 8, reserved Seating, CCW purse, 8 chances for the Ruger AR-15, choice of: Ruger Security-9 Compact Turquoise, Ruger LCP .380 (Purple), or Smith &Wesson M&P Shield EZ (choose .380 or 9mm)
\$1400 White Tail Deer Table	Dinner for 8, reserved Seating, 8 chances for the Ruger AR-15, choice of: Glock 43X 9mm, Smith & Wesson M&P Shield EZ 9mm, Rock Island 1911 .45mm
\$2500 Big Game Table	Reserved Seating up front, Dinner for 8, 8 chances for Ruger AR-15 and your choice of premium gun (Springfield, Ruger, Bushmaster, etc.—contact for full list of available choices)



Make Checks Payable To : F.O.P. #72

Mail To:

F.O.P #72 3077 Old Mill Rd. Springfield, Ohio 45502

Website: FOPLODGE72.TICKETLEAP.COM

For gun choices and to order over the phone:

Karen Turnmire: 937-605-1449



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Preregistration required for reserved/package tables\*\*\*

## Fundraisers and Events

### Springfield Fraternal Order of Police and FOP Associates Gun Raffle



**\$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100**

**Only 150 tickets** will be sold for each

The Springfield Fraternal Order of Police & FOPA are announcing two raffles:

**Henry "Golden Boy" Law Enforcement Tribute Edition .22 lever-action rifle**

**AND**

**Henry "Golden Boy" Firefighters Tribute Edition .22 lever-action rifle.**

Tickets may be purchased either in person from a FOP/ FOPA officer, by phone at **937-605-1449**,

or on the internet at [fopgolf@yahoo.com](mailto:fopgolf@yahoo.com)

The drawing for both rifles will be held on **Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at the fall **FOP/ FOPA Indoor Hunting Tournament at the Springfield Eagles**. **Tickets to Hunting Tournament purchased separately.**

**You need not be present to win.**

*All participants shall be over 18 years of age or as otherwise provided by law. Void where prohibited.*



### 2023 FOP of Ohio Football Raffle

**Winner—(2) Tickets for:  
Ohio State @ Notre Dame  
Saturday September 23, 2023**

**Chances: \$10 or 3/\$20**

**Drawing to be held:  
August 31, 2023**

**Proceeds to Benefit:  
FOP of Ohio State Lodge  
Need not be present to win.**

To purchase tickets: <https://unionly.io/o/fopohio/2023-osu-notre-dame-tickets>