

A Lodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

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Letter from our State President

Greetings Members!

This is a quiet time of year for your FOPA State Board, so I just have a few items. First, I met with a representative from American Income Life and we will continue to get the free \$2000 accidental death benefit as members of the FOPA. Members just have to fill out the card they provide and send it in.

Second, lodges should be back to holding regular in person monthly meetings. If you want to continue using zoom or other electronic means to conduct meetings, this is something that should be discussed with and approved by your FOP lodge. It should also be added to the meeting requirements in your lodge by laws. During the height of the pandemic electronic meetings were necessary and helped us continue to stay in touch, but they should be an exception not the norm. Meeting in person allows for better fraternization, discussion, and exchange of ideas.

Lastly, it is important that we remember the purpose of the FOPA: An organization formed for the purpose of increasing our understanding of the rights, duties and problems of law enforcement officers; of fostering respect for them; and of bettering conditions under which they serve society. We encourage you to meet with your FOP Lodge when deciding what charities or organizations to support and to use the money you raise in your fundraising efforts to support causes directly involved with law enforcement.

In the meantime, should any of you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your District Trustee or any other board member.

John Nicholson, State Lodge President FOPA of Ohio



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Around the State

Queen City Cincinnati Lodge #4



We have been holding our regular meetings the first Tuesday of the month. October 5, 2021, the Officer of the Month was PO Kevin Butler, who serves as district liaison to the community, attending meeting and helping find solutions to area problems. A-lodge FOP President Dan Hills spoke to our group about current discussions with City Council over crime areas and staffing issues among topics.

On October 8, 2021, FOPA President Pete Bohrofen attended the dedication of the intersection of McMillan and Vine, as Pope Jeter Memorial Way. Officer Daniel Pope and Police Specialist Ronald Jeter were killed in the line of duty December 6, 1997, while assigned to the city's annual Robbery Task Force. Cincinnati Council has recently started to honor our fallen officers by renaming streets in their honor.

Submitted by: Alison Nevin, District 9 Trustee



Erie County Lodge #35



Lodge #35 has been as busy as always! They helped FOP 17 with serving the beverages at the Bash on the Bay at Put-in-Bay in August. It's a big fundraiser for the lodge, they get a share of the tips collected at the beverage tent. Country artists Keith Urban and Blake Sheldon headlined the two day event. They also delivered treats to Perkins TWP Police and had a booth at the Founders Day event in Perkins Township. Lodge 35 donated money again this year to FOP 17 to buy candy for the trick or treat at Cedar Point and along with FOP 17 members helped pass out the candy. They are also helping to raise money again this year for Wreaths Across America. For more information or to sponsor a wreath visit: <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/150628>

Submitted by: Tim Meade, President FOPA #35

Christine DeSalle, Tim Meade and Perkins Police Officers with Chief Donald



Lodge 35 Treasurer Mary Meade and President Tim Meade at Bash on the Bay



FOP 17 Members & FOPA 35 Members at Cedar Point's Annual Trick or Treat



FOP 17 Member Matt Dunn & FOPA 35 Secretary Christine DeSalle at Bash on the Bay

Around the State

There are several events each year that local police departments and FOP lodges participate in. One way our FOPA lodges can support our parent FOP lodges and local law enforcement is to participate in these events. One of our main objectives is to help create a better relationship between the officers we support and the citizens they serve. Events like National Night Out (Touch-a-Truck) and trick or treating gives officers and our lodges a fun relaxed way to interact with the public. If your lodge doesn't already participate in these events I encourage you to talk to your FOP lodge or your local departments and see what you can do to help out.



FOPA #5's Paige Ludwig & Denise Young at National Night Out in Columbus



State Vice President Theresa Drennen with Officer LaMar Sharpe At National Night out Massillon



FOPA #5 2nd VP Richard Fisher and President Jim Leezer at Trunk or Treat



FOPA #35 Members Laura Porter, Mary Dahlman, and Holly Price at Cedar Point Trick or Treat

Treasurer's Report

Greetings, from your State Secretary & Treasurer, Elaine Domonkos!

As was stated in my last newsletter, your State Lodge has been conducting business throughout the 3rd quarter. Below is the 3rd Quarter banking information:

Bank Balances from July 01, 2021 thru September 30, 2021

General Account

Beginning Balance	\$98,389.08
Ending Balance	\$75,747.00
Difference	- \$22,642.08

Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$9,891.14
Ending Balance	\$11,563.14
Difference	+ \$1672.00



The current bank balances as of this writing, (October 2, 2021), is: General Account - \$75,645.30. The amount in the Scholarship Account is unchanged at \$11,563.14. The amount in the General account remains lower due to the fact that the payments for the Per Capita and other financial obligations (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer salaries) were taken out of the account.

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS

I may be sounding like a broken record, but, please continue to send in your per capita payment as you get new members. If you induct members each month, then you should be sending in a payment for the per capita each month. Please DO NOT wait to send this in. Until the per capita and member information is received by the State, we cannot confirm that they are members. This is important for those who wish to purchase the FOPA license plate.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

If any lodge uses a special membership application, I would like to request that they send this to me so that when individuals inquire about membership, I can forward the application to the lodge in their area. We have individuals inquiring about membership through the State FOP website. I respond to these inquiries as they come in. When I respond, I include the lodge secretary in my correspondence, so it is important that we have up to date email information for all lodges. If I have a copy of your membership application, I could include that as well. If not, please help me out by reaching out in response to the email you receive. I have gotten several people who are interested in joining their local FOPA Lodge, but can't get a response from the local secretary. We need all the help we can get in increasing our membership. If I were to have a copy of your membership application, I could help your lodge by getting this information out in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or have any better ideas, please let me know.

If anyone should have any questions regarding any of the reports, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at 2jeds1010@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Elaine Domonkos
State FOPA Secretary/Treasurer

Would you like to see your lodge or your FOP's lodge event or fundraiser featured here? Deadline for submissions for the February 2022 issue is January 15th. Please email submissions to ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com

Please include details of the event/raffle and who to contact for tickets or for more information.
When including pictures please include names of people featured.

Legislative Update

The 134th General Assembly has been very busy. The Ohio House has introduced 453 bills; the Ohio Senate has introduced 252 bills so far. The Ohio FOP must watch all of these bills to monitor if they will have an impact on the safety of our members, the safety of our communities and/or if they impact the wages, benefits or rights of our members. It is obviously more than a full-time job.

The FOP of Ohio legislative team works to help advance bills that we believe are good for Ohio and our members and we oppose bills that we believe are not good for Ohio or our members. We often spend more time working to defeat harmful pieces of legislation than we do advocating for helpful legislation.

Below is some legislation that we are tracking:

HB445 - 9-1-1 SERVICES, TRAINING (CARFAGNA R, SMITH K) To make changes to the law governing 9-1-1 service and to repeal program requirements for emergency-service-telecommunicator training.

SB243 - PROHIBITION ON BIASED POLICING (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit biased policing and other status-based profiling.

HB23 - REQUIRE EMS / PEACE OFFICERS TO UNDERGO DEMENTIA-RELATED TRAINING (PLUMMER P, WEST T) To require emergency medical service personnel and peace officers to undergo dementia-related training.

SB183 - EXPUNGE CRIMINAL RECORDS-TRAFFICKING VICTIMS (FEDOR T, KUNZE S) To allow a victim of human trafficking to expunge certain criminal records and to name this act the Expanding Human Trafficking Justice Act.

SB185 - RIOT SUPPRESSION; FIREARM RIGHTS (SCHAFFER T) Regarding a political subdivision's emergency powers when suppressing a riot, mob, or potential riot or mob and the preservation of rights regarding firearms during an emergency.

SB215 - CONCEALED HANDGUN POSSESSION (JOHNSON T) Regarding a concealed handgun licensee's duty to carry the license and notify a law enforcement officer if the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun, a right of a person age twenty-one or older and not legally prohibited from firearm possession to carry a concealed handgun in the same manner as if the person was a licensee, and a pretrial immunity hearing.

Submitted by: James Leezer, President Capitol City Lodge 5

FOPA Mask Fundraiser



Even though there is not a state wide mask mandate, many businesses encourage masks and well as most medical facilities. This is a quality mask that let's you show your support for the FOPA. Plus they would make great stocking stuffers at your lodge Christmas party!

\$5.00 each, 5 for \$20, 10 for \$30
(Price includes shipping)

Masks are two ply polyester cooling fabric, machine washable and reuseable.

**To purchase send a check or money order made out to FOPA of Ohio to:
Theresa Drennen, 2437 Dunkeith Dr NW, Canton OH 44708**

Or more information contact Theresa Drennen (419) 357-2813 or ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE George Murray FOP #67 **GUN RAFFLE**



RAFFLE SPONSORED AND SUPPLIED BY ATWELL'S POLICE & FIRE EQUIPMENT

DRAWING HELD DECEMBER 16, 2021

WINNER'S CHOICE:

GLOCK 19 GEN5 ~ GLOCK 43X

SDS/RADIKL P3 PUMP SHOTGUN

SPRINGFIELD RONIN OPERATOR .45ACP PISTOL

SMITH & WESSON 642 .38 REVOLVER

S&W M&P15 SPORTER 5.56MM RIFLE

SIG SAUER P365 9MM PISTOL

\$20

PER TICKET

YOU MUST PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK TO CLAIM GUN

While supplies last. Contact FOP President Gary Wolske for tickets gwolske@fopohio.org

Law Enforcement Charities in Ohio

President Nicholson mentioned that lodges should focus their charitable giving on causes directly related to law enforcement. There are many worthy causes, and as he said, we encourage you to talk to your FOP lodge. Ask their opinion. Special Olympics is an organization many FOP lodges support, your local lodge can give you ideas. Here are some throughout Ohio that you may want to consider:

The FOP of Ohio Foundation www.fopohio.org (under foundation) funds the CIRS Programs and other endeavors.

Special Olympics of Ohio <https://sooh.org> Law enforcement Torch Run and the Polar Plunges throughout the state

C.O.P.S. Concerns of Police Survivors in Ohio <https://www.ohiocops.org>

Fallen Blue Quilts <https://www.facebook.com/FallenBlueQuilts/>

Also, Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Cincinnati, and other Ohio police departments have their own individual foundations.

These are just a few organizations that support law enforcement that your lodge may want to look into supporting. There are also many local organizations as well, and if you lodge actively support a law enforcement charity let us know so that we can share it!

Upcoming Meetings

FOP & FOPA Winter Board Meeting February 4th –5th in Dublin

(details for the winter meeting will be mailed out at the end of November)

FOP & FOPA Spring Board Meeting May 6th –7th in Salt Fork

FOP & FOPA 2022 Annual Conference July 16th-19th in Independence



The FOP of Ohio is returning to Independence, Ohio for our 86th Annual State Conference in 2022. It's been two years since our last conference, so we are ready to move forward and put this pandemic behind us. The 8th District has always put on a great conference and 2022 should be no different. I wanted to reach out to you and see if you would support the FOP by purchasing an ad in our FOP 2022 Conference book? Promote your business, FOP lodge, Political leaders or memory of an Officer. Details are below, we have many affordable options. Thanks for supporting law enforcement and the FOP of Ohio.

**Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio
86th Annual Conference Independence Ohio 2022
Conference Book Advertising Rates**

AD	SIZE	PRICE
Full Page	7 ½ "X 10"	825.00
Half Page	7 ½ "X 5"	385.00
Third Page	7 ½ "X 3 3/8"	325.00
Quarter Page	3 ¾ " x 5"	235.00
Sixth Page	3 ¾ "X 3 3/8"	185.00
Eighth Page	3 ¾ "X 2 ½"	125.00
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Sponsor	2 ½ "X 1 ½"	65.00

Please send checks payable to:
8th District FOP
222 E. Town St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attn: Rob Hawley

If you have any questions, contact Robert Hawley at rhawley@fopohio.org

*Conference ad rates will increase on 1/1/2022. Sign up today.