

A Lodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

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Per Capita

Per the State Constitution and Bylaws, Article V - Annual Reports & Per Capita Section 2: Each Associate Lodge shall pay to the State Lodge an annual sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20) per member on the rolls of each lodge on the first day of March, June, with the final payment due in October of each Year.

Supplemental payments can also be made as you get new members if you wish. Please submit new members with per capita. Cards will then be printed and mailed. PLEASE do NOT just send a complete roster to Denise without indicating who is new, to be removed, or whatever changes need to be done. Also, please make sure she has current contact information for your lodge officers.

IRS Filing

It's that time of year again, and we can't stress enough the importance of your yearly IRS filing. The 990 is a simple form that can be filed electronically. But if you don't file and lose your compliance with the IRS, getting back in good standing can be a difficult, time consuming and costly process.

For more information on the 990 forms please visit <https://www.irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits>.

To check your status or view past filing information: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/allSearch>



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- **Now enrolling for fall classes starting August 17, 2020**

Our education partners are public, regionally accredited colleges in Ohio, so credits you earn are transferable. Full and part-time options are designed for working adults.

Find out more at FOPFreeCollege.org!

Legislative News

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio Has been very active in the legislative arena in 2021. As of Dec 21,2021. There have been 277 bills introduced in the Ohio senate and 521 bills introduced by members of the Ohio House of Representatives. I will detail a couple of the bills and efforts the FOP of Ohio is paying particularly close attention to in this report.

House Bill (HB512) Has been introduced by Representative Abrams and Baldrige to increase employer contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. The rates paid by the cites into the pension fund has not risen but the rates paid by the officers has gone up substantially over the years. This legislation seeks to remedy that disparity and raise the rates paid by employers to help keep police officers' pensions strong and stable. By the way the rates paid by the State of Ohio for Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers pension costs dwarfs what cities pay for officers and the FOP of Ohio strongly believe the officers should be treated in an equitable manner as troopers.

HB109 has been introduced by Abrams and Carruthers and this bill is in response to the riots many of our cities experienced in 2020. It would broaden the criminal offenses that can be pursued against those who participate in criminal riots and will also allow police officers to sue rioters in some instances.

Senate Bill 215 (SB215) and HB227 are bills that eliminate the licensing requirements to carry concealed weapons in the State of Ohio. There are some differences in the bills but they each remove the requirement that those who carry concealed weapons acquire a background check, receive training in safe handling of firearms or even be required to notify a police officer that you are carrying a concealed weapon during a stop. One of the bills even prohibits law enforcement from approaching someone they think may be armed and confronting them. Think about a person lurking outside of a bank or convenience store. A witness sees a bulge in their shirt that they think may be a firearm. This Law would prohibit officers from performing what officers call a Terry stop, which has been allowed by the US Supreme court since 1968. These are two bills we need to watch closely, as the FOP may be calling on you soon to reach out to your legislator about the dangerous provision of these bills.

The FOP of Ohio remains active in the discussion about so-called police reform or what they refer to as police modernization. The FOP may demand the due process provision be included in these efforts and we will wait to see what comes next in this arena.

The FOP of Ohio participated in a press conference regarding the proposals to spend federal stimulus dollars targeted at law enforcement here in Ohio. Governor DeWine has proposed spending \$250 million dollars given to Ohio by the US Government to attack violent crime by allowing agencies to apply for grants funded by this program.

Submitted by: James Leezer, President Cap City Lodge 5

FOPA Mask Fundraiser



Discounted prices!!

\$5.00 each

5 for \$20

10 or more \$3 each
(Price includes shipping)

Masks are two ply polyester cooling fabric, machine washable and reuseable.
For more information contact Theresa Drennen (419) 357-2813 or ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com

State Officer Reports

Due to COVID and the inability of some of our board members to attend, President Nicholson made the decision to cancel our winter meeting. He asked the executive officers and the trustees to still submit their reports. We want you to know the board members are still working hard for you, even if we aren't able to meet in person. The following are the reports submitted by the board:

John P. Nicholson, President

Many lodges have resumed in person meetings for some time now, while others are finding other ways to conduct business such as zoom meetings or conference calls. However your lodge chooses to navigate the concerns with covid is up to you, just make sure you are complying with your bylaws and have your FOP Lodge's approval.

I always encourage you to recruit new members. Our voices are needed more than ever to support our FOP brothers and sisters that are out on the streets protecting our communities. Those of us who support law enforcement need to make our voices heard!

It looks like masks will still be around for some time, so if interested please contact Vice President Drennen.

Please continue sending in your per capita and please remember to file your tax forms for your lodges.

I hope you are all doing well, and I look forward to seeing you all at the spring board meeting.

Theresa A. Drennen, Vice President

I've been busy with a few projects:

Newsletter This is the twelfth issue of our newsletter and it has received great feedback. I enjoy putting it together and hope we can continue to grow the content, which is where I need help. If your lodge has events or fundraisers, let me know. If your lodge is involved in projects with your FOP lodge or with your community let us share that news. If you would like to see your lodge or a particular member featured for their hard work, let us share those stories with the other lodges. Also, if you have suggestions for content, I'd love to hear fresh ideas.

Growing our membership I've been working with Mahoning County Deputies Lodge #141 on establishing an FOPA lodge and hope to have all of the necessary information submitted for review at the spring meeting. Overall however, our membership has dropped off significantly and this needs to be a priority to all lodges.

Social Media We now have over 550 followers on our Facebook page. I will be posting more content. I want to focus on positive stories about law enforcement and informative content that the FOP and others share. If you see positive stories about law enforcement, or stories you would like to see shared, please send them to me via email or to our facebook page. www.facebook.com/ohiostatefopa

Scholarship Committee I am once again chairing the scholarship committee. We have already received our first application for 2022! Scholarships will be due by June 1st and we will announce the winners during our annual conference in July. If you would be interested in serving on the scholarship committee please let me know. All participation is done via email.

Fundraising We still have masks available and have discounted the pricing. \$5 each, 5 for \$20, 10 or more \$3 each. These prices include shipping. We are always considering new fundraising ideas, please contact me with any suggestions you may have for fundraising efforts we could try!

I stay in frequent contact with President Nicholson and at his request have reached out to lodges, trustees, and other board members concerning various issues throughout the year. I've discussed with him and with FOP leadership ways we can work to be an asset to the FOP.

State Officer Reports

Elaine Domonkos, State Secretary-Treasurer

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

As was stated in my last newsletter, your State Lodge has been conducting business throughout the 4th Quarter. Below is the 4th Quarter banking information:

Bank Balances from October 01, 2021, to December 31, 2021

General Account

Beginning Balance	\$75,747.00
Ending Balance	\$77,345.30
Difference	+ 1,598.30

Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$11,563.14
Ending Balance	\$11,563.14
Difference	\$0.00



The current bank balances as of this writing, (January 24, 2022), is: General Account - \$77,345.30. The amount in the Scholarship Account is \$10,063.14. The amount in the General account is slowly rising due to lodges that are sending in their per capita payments. The Scholarship is lower due to payments going out to current scholarship recipients. These young men and women have submitted their grades (as required) in order to receive their next installment of the scholarship.

We recently sent the last installment for Scholarship winner, Connor Trick. He sent the following message upon receiving his final payment:

Dear Mrs. Domonkos,

I received the final scholarship check in the mail today. I wanted to thank you and the FOPA again for supporting my college education.

Thanks again,

Connor Trick

Please encourage your FOP parent lodge to have their high school senior apply for this scholarship!

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.

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UPDATED LODGE SECRETARY INFORMATION

All lodges, please make sure you send in the update for the officers of your lodge, REGARDLESS, if there has been a change. I would like to make sure that I have all the correct information for each lodge. I encourage every lodge to have this information sent by February 15, 2022.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Again, I would like to request that each lodge send me a copy of their Membership Application. I will use this when responding to membership inquiries that are received through the State FOP website. If you are a secretary, please make sure you reach out to these potential new members quickly. I do include you in the emails that are sent. Please try to respond in a timely manner – I have received responses back stating that they are not hearing back from the lodges. Your lodge membership application will help in any time delay.

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

Trustee Reports

John Galinac, District 1 Trustee

John Galinac District 1 Report 01/27/22

All of my Lodges our doing a great job.

The continuing rage of COVID is making normal operations at some locations difficult.

Stay save, stay home.

John Galinac, 1st District Trustee

Bill Carlton, District 2 Trustee

No report submitted

Mary Meade, District 3 Trustee

No report submitted

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Terry King, District 4 Trustee

No report submitted

District 5 Trustee

No report submitted, position is currently vacant

Laura Bell, District 6 Trustee

No report submitted

Thad Jackson, District 7 Trustee

January 19, 2022

Approximately a month ago I held executive board meeting. This was to do some house cleaning and to discuss starting back up with meetings. Members I had talked to had expressed that they were concerned about their safety. It was already a low turnout for the meetings. We know that everyone is not going to wear a mask. So we thought about forming the meeting room in sections and spacing people. There was some discussion held as to even calling some of the members to inform them of this and the startup date. However before we could do this we were hit with Covid 19 and the Omicron and it quickly spreaded running the infections up. So we are temporarily on hold again.

I expressed to the executive board the importance of new members. This is a good time to concentrate our efforts on getting new members. They agreed and will put forth effort. On another note our lodge will be presenting our parent lodge, FOP 8 with a support check for \$2000.00

Not much more. Everybody try to stay safe.

Thad Jackson
7th District Trustee.

Gene Rheume, District 8 Trustee

I was able to visit all of my lodges but one. I was able to swear in officers for three lodges.

Lodge 50 South Euclid still can't get into the Med building to hold their meetings,

I did not use any lodge visit forms as I thought they were not allowed.

This is all there is in 8th District.

Gene A. Rheume

Alison Nevin, District 9 Trustee

No report submitted

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State Officer's Reports

Janice Ritchey, District 11 Trustee

Janice Ritchey Trustee Report January 2022
FOPA Capital City Lodge #5

We have held our monthly meetings each month. We haven't had many members attending due to Covid. In December we held our annual Holiday Banquet at the FOP Lodge 9 hall. It was well attended and most if FOP Lodge 9 executive board was there.

Our members worked on our Feed the Police program on Christmas Eve Day. Each year we put together a lunch for all Central Ohio Officer's on Christmas day. We had a lot of volunteers that help with us every year. Its always nice see the Officers and hearing their thanks for doing this each year.

Our membership for 2021 was down. We only had 178 members this year. We are getting new members, but losing older members each year. We will continue to work on getting more members.

Many of our members are attending the FOP meeting each month. Our are welcome to attend these meetings, and it helps us stay up to date with our Parent Lodge.

Several of our Board Members attended the Back the Blue event. Our lodge is planning one later this year. More details to follow.

On July 31, 2022 our lodge will have a Car Show at the VFW POST in Whitehall, Ohio. More details to follow. Hope some of you can come and show us your beautiful classic cars.

I look forward to seeing everyone at FOP/FOPA conference in July. I have missed seeing all of you. I hope this COVID will be over and we can meet once again.

Stay healthy and be safe. God bless the peacemakers.

Janice Ritchey, Trustee District 11

Ohio Line of Duty Death

Shane Bartek

Police Officer Shane Bartek was shot and killed while attempting to take action when a woman attempted to carjack him in the 4300 block of Rock River Drive.

The woman approached him in the parking lot of an apartment complex and attempted to rob him of his car. Officer Bartek immediately took police action and attempted to disarm the woman but was shot twice during the ensuing struggle.

The woman fled but was arrested later in the evening and admitted to murdering Officer Bartek. She was charged with aggravated murder and multiple other felonies in connection with the incident.

An associate of the woman was arrested after a vehicle pursuit in which he was driving Officer Bartek's stolen car. He was charged with failure to comply with an order of a police officer, receiving stolen property, and obstructing official business.



Officer Bartek had served with the Cleveland Division of Police for 1-1/2 years and was assigned to the Fifth District.

Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio 2022 Golf Outing



Scioto Reserve Country Club
7383 Scioto Parkway
Powell, Ohio 43065
Phone: 740-881-9082

Monday August 1, 2022
Cost: \$125 per player
Registration 9:00AM
Shotgun start 10:30AM

Enjoy 18 holes of golf (including cart), lunch, dinner, prizes, and an exciting awards banquet.

All for just \$125.00 per player

- Closest to the pin challenge. Winner will receive an Odyssey Putter
- Longest drive contest Winner will receive a New Titleist driver
- Titleist Driver Raffle

Please contact:
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FOP Strong

Fraternal Order of Police 2022 Golf Outing- 4 Man Scramble



This year's event will be held, **August 1st** at the well-manicured Scioto Reserve Country Club in Powell, Ohio.

Registration begins at 9:00am, shotgun start at 10:30 am.

The cost for this event is only **\$125 per golfer**. This price includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, drink tickets, dinner, and various awards.

All Sponsorships are 100% tax deductible

HOLE SPONSOR - \$150.00

Showcase your company's logo as your logo will be prominently displayed on signage at the sponsored hole.

Closest to the Pin SPONSOR - \$250.00

Showcase your company's logo as your logo will be prominently displayed on signage at the golf course

Dinner SPONSOR - \$750.00

Showcase your company's logo as your logo will be prominently displayed on signage at the golf course.

President's SPONSOR - \$2,500.00

Champion Sponsorship package includes:

- One (1) foursome.
- Recognition on banner at golf course.

Please RSVP and return with payment by **March 1, 2022**
Make checks payable to FOP of Ohio Foundation

FOP Supporter Information

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