

A Lodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

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From the Editor

Greetings! Last weekend the State Board had its first in person meeting since the 2020 winter board meeting. It was great to meet together again, and I can't wait to see everyone at our annual State Conference in July. It should be an exciting conference. This is an election year plus we have several committees that we will need your help to fill.

This week is a special week for those of us who support law enforcement, as it is National Police Week. I encourage you to attend any local police memorials and honor those that have laid down their lives for the protection of others. If you can't make it to a memorial take time to reflect on the jobs our officers do and the dangers, they face every day. They need our support as much now as ever.

Just a couple of reminders, first, at conference we will be giving out the Member of the Year, Lodge of the Year, and the Virgil McDaniel Award. I included more information about these awards later in this newsletter. If you have any questions about these awards, feel free to contact me. Second, I want to thank the members who contributed to this issue. It wouldn't be much of a newsletter without the pictures, stories, and events that you send in. I ask you all, if there is something you would like to see featured or if you would like to see your lodge or a member recognized for their efforts, let me know!

Warmest regards,

Theresa A Drennen, State Vice President

Light Ohio Blue

Light Ohio Blue is a statewide campaign to show support to the law enforcement personnel who protect our communities throughout our great state. This year's campaign will be **May 15th** to the **21st**. Each year their staff works with several Ohio business' to light the city skylines blue. Please encourage your family, friends and colleagues to join Light Ohio Blue by lighting exterior light(s) blue to show support for our currently serving law

enforcement and to honor the fallen. Now more than ever law enforcement needs our support!

For more information check out www.lightohioblue.org or their Facebook page www.facebook.com/LightOhioBlue



Legislative News

Well into the second year of the 134th General Assembly, the Legislative Committee continues to work on several pieces of legislation. The bill on restraining pregnant females amended into House Bill (HB) 1 at the end of last year has become law. Also enacted was Senate Bill (SB) 4, which changed the public records law to include emergency service telecommunicators as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure. Another Senate bill that Governor DeWine recently signed is SB 215. The new law allows anyone over 21, who is not prohibited by federal or state law, to carry a concealed weapon without obtaining a license. The Legislative Committee pushed back hard against the bill as it also eliminated the notification requirement for a person having a concealed weapon to notify officers that they are armed.



The FOP continues to be actively involved in three bills that will protect officers during riots and while making arrests. As a reminder, SB 16, HB 22, and HB 109 enhance penalties for the assault and harassment of officers and their families and for interfering in law enforcement duties. HB 22 and HB 109 have passed the House and have had hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB 16 has passed the Senate and has had several hearings before the House Criminal Justice Committee. Another bill that followed the riots was a draft police licensing bill. There has not been any movement on the proposal as the chiefs of police and attorney general have pulled their support, commenting that the FOP incorporated changes went too far. The FOP fought to have due process and civil liberties for officers in the proposed bill.

President Wolske testified before the House Insurance Committee on HB 512. The bill would increase the employer's contribution to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. Legislative Committee Chair Jay McDonald testified in opposition to SB 261, which would shift oversight of the State's medical marijuana program from the pharmacy board to the Department of Commerce. If marijuana is a medicine, it should be treated as a medicine. The Legislative Committee is gearing up to give opposition testimony to SB 288. SB 288 makes significant and wholly unnecessary changes to Ohio's criminal justice system and laws. In the future, we will be testifying in support of HB 607 & HJR 2. They would make public safety a consideration when setting bail.

Submitted by: James Leezer, President Cap City Lodge 5

FOPA Award Nominations

Each year the State Lodge of the FOPA honors exceptional service with three awards: The Member of the Year, the Lodge of the Year, and the Virgil McDaniel award.

- ◆ The Member of the Year Award is awarded by the State President of the FOPA and is given to recognize, statewide, an FOPA member who has demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to their own associate lodge and/or the State Lodge of Ohio.
- ◆ The Fraternal Order of Police Associates of Ohio Lodge of the Year Award is awarded by the State President of the FOPA and is given to recognize, statewide, an FOPA Lodge that has demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to their own parent lodge, to the State Lodge of Ohio, or to their community.
- ◆ The Virgil McDaniel Award is a statewide recognition of a FOP Member who has demonstrated exceptional valor and/or service to the citizens of State of Ohio by the Fraternal Order of Police Associates of Ohio. This award was named in Honor of Ohio FOP Past President and our current FOP Liaison Virgil McDaniel. Members of the FOP and FOPA can nominate their FOP Brothers & Sisters whom they know go above and beyond the call of duty.

If you know of a member, an associate lodge, or an FOP brother or sister that you feel deserves recognition for their hard work, dedication, or exemplary service please nominate them for one of these awards! The nomination forms can be downloaded from the FOPA section of www.fopohio.org or you may request them from us at ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com The deadline for nominations has been extended until **June 1st**.

State Secretary-Treasurer Report

Greetings! It was great meeting some of you at the Spring Board Meeting recently held at Salt Fork State Lodge. I believe we had a very productive meeting. Below you will find the financial information for first quarter of 2022 along with information discussed at the Spring Board Meeting. I look forward to meeting many of you at the State Conference in July!

Bank Balance from January 01, 2022, to April 30, 2022

General Account

Beginning Balance	\$77,345.30
Ending Balance	\$109,405.30
Difference	+ \$32,060.00

Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$11,563.14
Ending Balance	\$10,188.14
Difference	- \$1,375.00

The General Account increased by \$32,060 due to lodges submitting their Per Capita payments. The Scholarship Account decreased due to the obligation to our scholar winners. We did have \$560.00 in donations to the Scholarship fund from the Zanesville Lodge.

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS

By now, every lodge should have submitted at least their first per capita payment. All payments were due by March 31, 2022 for those members who have paid thus far. It is highly recommended and encouraged that you submit your per capita payment on a MONTHLY basis. This will ensure that those members who have paid show as a member. We cannot verify members for their plates or the education program until we show them as paid through the state lodge. Therefore, if you get in the habit of paying as you go (per month), you will be right on track.

LEADERSHIP MEETING – CONFERENCE

We are looking to have a leadership meeting at the State Conference (Presidents and Secretaries, Treasurers). We would like to show everyone how to use the membership data base for reporting your membership. Please note, that as of now, only secretaries will have the access to this database for your lodge. Those wishing information regarding this database, need to contact Denise Young (dyoung@fopohio.org) - Be on the lookout for more information.

LODGE INFORMATION – SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

In the last newsletter, I requested that every lodge send me a copy of their Membership application AND their lodge leadership (officers) information. I had only 1 lodge reply to this request – Newark Lodge. Again, I ask that you ALL send me your lodge information – I want to make sure that we are communicating with one another. We need to make sure that all information is current.

In closing, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have ANY questions regarding the reports. I can be reached via email at 2jeds1010@gmail.com and phone 614-323-5557 (please leave a message should you get my voice mail!)

Thank you and I will see you in July!

Elaine Domonkos
State FOPA Secretary/Treasurer

Around the State



William McKinley Lodge #11

William McKinley Lodge #11 former Lodge President, Lawrence 'Chip' Haut was surprised at our April meeting with a plaque presented by the FOP Lodge #2 to honor his 30 years as President of our FOPA Lodge #11.

Submitted by: Judy Haut, Treasurer Wm McKinley FOPA #11

Thank you Chip for everything you've done for the FOPA!

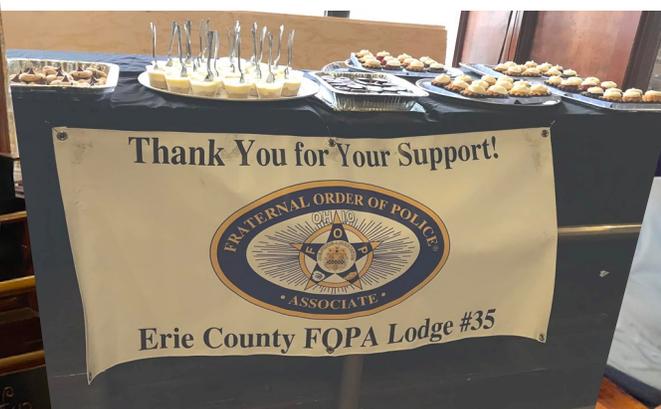


Erie County Lodge #35



Pictured above: Denise Young, State Vice President Theresa Drennen, FOPA Lodge 5 President Jim Leezer

Below: Mary Dahlman and FOPA 35 Trustee Holly Price



Pictured above FOPA Lodge 35 Officers: VP Vicki Bayer, Secretary Christine DeSalle, Treasurer Mary Meade

Below: Mary Meade and FOPA 35 President Tim Meade



After missing out on their annual fundraiser due to COVID the last two years, Erie County #35 finally got to host their popular wing party fundraiser. Their members worked hard to put this together and it was a huge success!

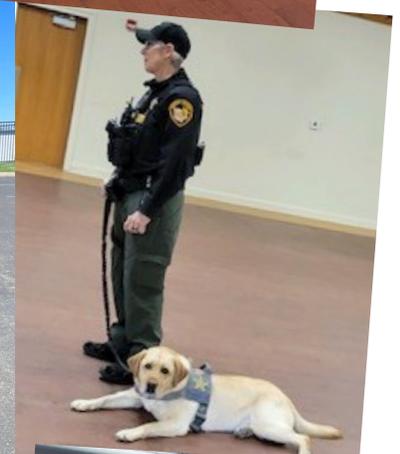
Great work Lodge #35!

Around the State

Cap City Columbus Lodge #5

Cap City #5 hosted their Easter Egg Hunt on April 10th. The Easter Bunny himself, mounted unite and a K9, attended the event and the kids had a great time!

Submitted by: Jim Leezer, President Cap City #5



Gun Raffle

Cap City #5 is also holding a gun raffle. Tickets are \$10. See ticket for more information.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

F.O.P.A. HENRY® LAW ENFORCEMENT TRIBUTE RIFLE



Model Number: H004LE
Action Type: Lever Action
Caliber: .22 S&L/R
Capacity: 18 LR/21 S
M.S.R. Price: \$1,178.00

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Drawing @ 7:30 PM

DONATION: \$10.00

F.O.P. Lodge Hall
6800 Schrock Hill Ct.
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Any questions, contact **Shane Gibson** @ (614) 270-8370

In Memoriam



Donald G. Hall, age 93, died Thursday, April 7, 2022 at Marion General Hospital.

Don was born November 3, 1928 in Marion to the late Clyde and Betty (Ford) Hall. He graduated from Pleasant High School in 1947. He then attended The Ohio State University and also operated a small diner on Marion Waldo Road with his mother. Don met his future wife, Peggy Strobe, through mutual friends.

He was drafted in 1950 to serve in the United States Army during the Korean War and went overseas reporting for duty in Germany. While home on leave, he and Peggy were married on May 13, 1951, now just short of 71 years! When Don was honorably discharged in 1953 he served as a Marion City Police Officer for 8 years and also was a commercial bulk tank milk truck driver prior to beginning a 32 year career with the Marion County Court of

Common Pleas. He served as a Deputy, Bailiff, Probation and Parole Officer, Divorce Commissioner and retired in 1992 as Director of Court Services. Don also worked part time as a real-estate broker ("Hall of Homes") and Home Builder.

He was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, F.O.P.A. (former State President), Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Gyro, Eagles, VFW, American Legion, Korean War Vets, Marion County Veterans Commissioner, Mason of Grand Lodge #70 (former Grand Master), Shriners (drove a clown parade car), Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, Marion Country Club, OSU Alumni Association, and Rotary (former President).

Don enjoyed their grandchildren and great grandchildren, golfing (including 2 holes in one), OSU Football, summers in Michigan with the Luse family and spending winters in Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Hall; son, Larry (Linda) Hall of Marion; daughter, Cindy (John) Titus of Delaware, OH; 3 grandsons: Barrett (Sara), Brennan (Serina), Brice (Kendra) Hall; 3 granddaughters: Lynnsey, Shelly (Darrell Tiller), and Chelsea Williams; and 8 great grandchildren. Don is preceded in death by 4 brothers: Billy, John, Bob and Jerry.

Submitted by: Dale Baker, President Lodge 49 Marion

State President Nicholson attended the services to pay our respects on behalf of the State Board. Don had faithfully served the FOPA board for many years.



Bruce M. Bernhard, 85, of Fort Thomas, KY, passed away on Friday, January 21, 2022.

Bruce was a member of Christ Church United Church of Christ in Ft. Thomas, KY. He was a member of both the Cincinnati & Campbell County FOPA and the Associate Police Captains (APC). He also served as the Chaplain for the Cincinnati FOPA. He was a graduate of Hughes High School and was the chairman of the HUZ Alumni Social Club. Bruce was a Credit Manager with Sysco Food Services and a U.S. Army Veteran.

Bruce was born March 3, 1936 in Cincinnati, OH to the late Earl Bernhard and Kathleen (nee: Molyneux) Bernhard. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna (nee: Hornbach) Bernhard.

Bruce is survived by his Wife, Audrey (nee: Glass) Bernhard, his Daughter, Kristen (Brent) Hendrick, his Son, Marc (Denise) Bernhard, Step Daughter, Terry Khatib, Grandchildren, Peyton, Carson, J.B., Kindsey, Grace & Step Granddaughter, Noelle.

Memorials are suggested to Christ Church United Church of Christ, 15 S. Ft. Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, KY 41075 or a charity of ones choice.

Submitted by: Alison Nevin 9th District Trustee, Lodge 4 Cincinnati

S *FOP of Ohio* **SPAGHETTI and Bourbon Bar DINNER**

SATURDAY
July
16

Join us under the tent at the
State FOP Conference in
Independence from 5pm to
7pm.



\$25 per person

**Tickets will be sold
until July 1, 2022**

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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Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-224-5700 ext. 1150

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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 State _____ Zip: _____
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Golfer 1 _____ Golfer 3 _____
 Golfer 2 _____ Golfer 4 _____