

A Lodge UPDATE



Issue 15

Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

November 2022

Hello Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather. This time of year is somewhat of a slower time for your State Board members. But we are working on a few things. We are making a few changes to our scholarship application, making sure lodges are up to date on per capita and are compliant with the IRS, and collecting updated contact information from all of the lodges. If you have any changes to the leadership in your lodges, please send us that information. We need a minimum of two contacts per lodge, the information that we need is name, email address (this is important, most correspondence is done via email) phone number, and for the secretaries a mailing address. This information will not be shared outside of our organization.

There is an open District Trustee and an Associate Trustee position for District 5. If anyone is interested in serving on the board in that capacity, please reach out and we can discuss what the position entails.

In each issue I ask you to submit your up coming events and fundraisers. Partly that is to help you with your fundraising, but partly so that we on the State Board can attend if we are available. I had the pleasure of attending Akron Lodge #6's annual corn roast last August and will try to make it to other events in the near future. Let us know what you have coming up, we'd love to attend or even lend a hand!

Also regarding newsletter submissions, we will be happy to include events your FOP lodge is sponsoring, and if you work closely with an FOP auxiliary we can include theirs too! We all have the same goal of supporting law enforcement and we are stronger when we support each other!

Our FOP/FOPA Winter Board meeting will be in Columbus January 27th and 28th. I hope to see you there. Until then please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Together I believe we can accomplish a great deal in the coming years!

Fraternally,

Theresa A Drennen, State Lodge President

Around the State

Erie County Lodge #35

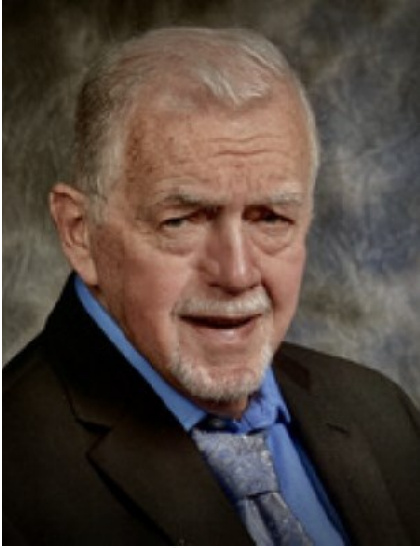
Members of Lodge #35 again this year assisted with Bash on the Bay, the annual country music concert that takes place on Put-in-Bay. This year featured Brad Paisley and The Zac Brown Band. Our members bartend in the VIP tent and our lodge gets a share of the tips for the night. It's hard work but very profitable and lots of fun!!

Submitted by: [Mary Meade Districts 3 & 6 Trustee and Lodge #35](#)



In Memoriam

Our condolences go out to Akron Lodge #6, since our conference they have lost two long time members. Jim McFadden was their current secretary and Past President Dick Friend had served as their president for 25 years.



Jim McFadden, Akron Lodge #6

James A. McFadden, 82, of Akron passed away on Sept. 1 after a sudden illness. Born in Akron, to the late Paul and Helen McFadden, he was retired from Goodyear and was active in the Retirees Club where he served as secretary. He was also active in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, FOPA #6, Army-Navy #102, and the Knights of Columbus. Jim was a member of St. Matthew's Parish.

In 2014 he was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma. His survivors include daughter, Kelly (Jerry) Duhme; sons, Ronald (Sherri), James Michael, Randy L., and Brian L. (Nichole); sisters, Ruth Ann Pelyhes and Bernadine Boyce; grandchildren, Arthur James, Paula Marie, Steven Scott, Ashley Nichole, Rebecca Lynn, Alexander, and Brandon James; great-grandchildren, A.J., Amaya, Dan, and Alyssa. He also leaves his beloved companion, Paula Halas.

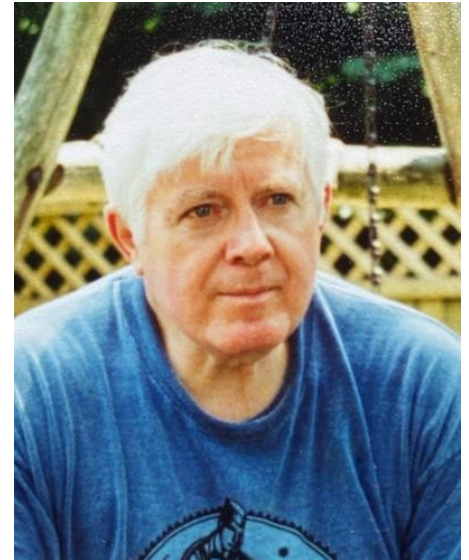
Jim was the current secretary of Akron Lodge #6 and a longtime member. He was also very active with the Special Olympics of Ohio Polar Plunge. He was a fixture at our annual conferences and will be missed by so many across the state.



Dick Friend Akron Lodge #6

Richard "Dick" Dale Friend, 89, of Copley, OH, passed away September 11, 2022 at the Inn at CoalRidge. Richard was born on January 19, 1933 in Akron, OH to the late Richard and Loretta (Fay) Friend.

After a patriotic stint in the US Army, spending time in Okinawa and Korea in combat engineer, he spent his entire working life with Ohio Edison in Akron. A dedicated "company man" he retired in 1994. He was very proud of his volunteer time with the Fraternal Order of Police Associates, Akron Lodge 6 and served as its president for 25 years. Thank you to the Akron Police for the friendship offered over the years. Together with his wife and several other couples, they formed the Akron-Barberton-Canton (ABC) Polka Association and held polka events in the area. In the mid 1990's he started a weekly polka jam at the Akron F.O.P. park when the Akron German-American Club closed its doors. Until recently, he worked at this weekly event for over 25 years. It was polka that provided Dick and Joan a wonderful circle of friends and musicians for decades – a heart-warm thank you. A special note to the now departed Hank Pawlak for penning "Joan's Polka".



Dick lived a long, full life – in addition to a polka-filled life, he made wine, took his family on hikes, showed his kids how to change the oil in their cars, loved to roller skate and play poker, made chocolate fudge, put up inspiring Christmas decorations that stayed up through February, bowled, camped in Michigan with friends, sang with his kids in the car and ever the romantic, never missed a holiday gift to his wife.

He is survived by children Michael (Olga) Friend, Christopher (Kate) Friend, Shawn (Dennis) Friend-Begin, Tracy (Chris) Logan and Patrick (Jennifer) Friend, as well as 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews in Michigan, Ohio and St. Simon's Island, GA. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Libby, Edward, Donald, Leah, Patricia, Robert, and in 2017, his beloved wife of 60 years, Joan (Jordan).

State Secretary-Treasurer Report

Happy Fall, from your Secretary-Treasurer!

I hope this finds everyone well. While things have slowed with the per capita payments, we need to make sure that everyone has sent in their final payment and list of paid members. It is VITAL that all the names of the paid members for 2022 be sent in – if you do not submit this list, there could be a chance that a paid member does not have a card printed for the 2023 membership year. We take the paid member list from the current year and submit those to the printer for the next membership year. If your paid member's name is not submitted, he/she will not have a card for 2023. Therefore, it is **IMPERATIVE** that this list be submitted by month's end.

If any lodge has questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact our administrator, Denise Young, or myself.

In addition to the names being submitted, please submit your final per capita payment. Your membership list and per capita paid, must match. Again, please submit your final per capita payment by month's end as well.

President Drennen has sent correspondence out to those lodges who are behind on their per capita payments and their IRS filing. If you are one of those lodges who received notification, please contact President Drennen or myself should you have any questions.

I may be sounding like a broken record, but communication is key. Please remember to keep the State Lodge informed of any changes in Secretary/Treasurer and President of your lodge. Many lodges will be conducting elections for the upcoming year. It is important for the State Lodge to have this information to maintain communication between your lodge and the State Lodge.

BANK BALANCES FROM JULY 01, 2022 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

General Account

Beginning Balance	\$117,094.26
Ending Balance	\$111,900.15
Difference	\$5,194.11

The difference reflects payments for the officer salaries, officer expenses (meals, mileage), postage and supplies, conference registration, scholarship fund. This ending balance does NOT reflect the FOP per capita payment, nor the payment to the State FOP for the Spring Board Meeting and postage/copies from the State FOP.

Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$10,188.14
Ending Balance	\$12,194.19
Difference	+\$2006.05

Scholarship checks were written to the scholar winners who submitted their grades (requirement of each scholarship winner in order to continue the scholarship payment) – Payments were made to:

Jessica Streckfuss	Check 1 of 8
Maleah Oney	Check 1 of 8
Laura Aamodt	Check 3 of 8
Grace Beck	Check 3 of 8
Seth Dunning	Check 7 of 8

There was also a deposit to the scholarship fund from our general fund of \$4,506.00 per our Constitution and By Laws.

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State Secretary-Treasurer Report

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS – LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

The State Lodge received letters of thanks from the two scholarship winners. As stated previously, both young ladies were deserving and were very appreciative. Please see the following from each recipient: (retyped as written):

Fraternal Order of Police Associates:

Hi, my name is Jessica Streckfuss and I am the recipient of the 2022 FOPA Scholarship. Although you have ready my letters of recommendation and resume, I would like to personally thank you for this opportunity. This scholarship is very special to me. From a very young age the Fraternal Order of Police has been very prevalent in my life. My mom has been a Cincinnati Police Officer for 27+ years. Although this scholarship is coming from the State of Ohio's Fraternal Order of Police Association, I would like to share some of my memories from the Fraternal Order of Police in Cincinnati.

I have always remembered going to the FOP picnic at Stricker's Grove with my mom. From running around the park and riding rides, to babysitting other officer's children, it was always something I used to look forward to (especially the free ice cream).

I also look forward to seeing the kind ladies that work at the Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union on West 8th St. They would always give my twin sister and I suckers at the drive thru window, and knew us by name. My favorite part about each birthday was the coin grab. My sister and I would walk into the credit union and compete to see who could grab the most change (it was me most of the time ☐) Those ladies were some of the nicest people to me as a young child, and still are today.

Another thing that I remember is the FOP Christmas party! All of the kids would sit on the ground and watch the puppet show. Santa would come in and give each child a toy. The Christmas party is something that I always looked forward to because they treated my mom, sister, and I like family.

Thank you for the opportunity that you have given me to continue my education with less stress. I appreciate this more than you know and I hope to continue working with you in the future. I will always choose to Back the Blue!

*Best Wishes,
Jessica Streckfuss*

Dear Ms. Domonkos and Scholarship Committee:

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Fraternal Order of Police Associates Scholarship for 2022. Thank you for your generosity and financial support to assist me while studying at The Ohio State University.

I am currently a Health Sciences major and will be exploring my future career options as a freshman. I recently attended orientation and am so excited to begin this new, exciting chapter of my life.

Thank you again for this generous gift. Receiving this scholarship has lightened the financial burden and I am extremely grateful.

*Sincerely,
Maleah Oney*

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
Elaine Domonkos
FOPA State Secretary/Treasurer

Around the State

Newark Lodge #10

Here are some pictures from our annual car show held at the Newark Lodge # 10 on August 14th. The weather was not very helpful but we still had a nice time. We have this car show every year to honor Jim Landis who was a member of our lodge for many years. He was previously with the Licking County Sheriff's Office before he lost his leg in a rescue attempt with his work with the Licking County Dive and Rescue Team. This year we also honored Jim Matheny who had been our beloved DJ for these events for many years. Jim also dedicated his life to helping the community by having car shows every year helping multiple organizations raise money for many worthwhile causes. We also honored our First Responders who tirelessly help the community each and every day. Their efforts help keep us safe and save many lives on a daily basis. We love them all!

Submitted by: Joyce Benson President Lodge #10



Columbus Lodge #5

Columbus Lodge 'Cap City' #5 held a car show on October 15th rescheduled from July.

Submitted by: Jim Leezer State Lodge Vice President





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The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio is the largest law enforcement organization in the State of Ohio, with more than 22,000 active and retired members in the Buckeye State.

In May of 2022, a poll conducted by Morning Consult showed that a vast majority of registered voters—81%—describe crime as a significant problem in our country. Crime and personal safety are a top concern of 79% of these voters. This poll also revealed that 61% of these voters would rate the performance of police in their communities as excellent or good, and 3 in 4 of the voters surveyed agree that police officers do their jobs regardless of skin color, gender, or other factors. The poll also showed that 72% of registered voters trust organizations “like the Fraternal Order of Police a lot or some,” and 43% of these voters say knowing a nominee or candidate for office has the endorsement of the FOP makes them more likely to support them.

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio and its local lodges endorse the following candidates for the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. “Our endorsed candidates have shown a strong commitment to supporting issues important to municipal, county, and state law enforcement officers across our state,” said FOP of Ohio President Gary Wolske. “We will encourage our members and the citizens of Ohio to support the candidates endorsed by the FOP of Ohio,” Wolske said.

Statewide Ballot: Yes, on Issue 1

Statewide Offices:

Governor – Mike DeWine

Secretary of State – Frank LaRose

Auditor – Keith Faber

Treasurer – Scott Schertzer

US Senate – JD Vance

Ohio Supreme Court – Sharon Kennedy; Patrick Fischer; and Pat DeWine

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Ohio House Endorsed Candidates:

District 3 - Josiah Lanning	District 4 – Jill Rudler	District 5 – Richard Brown
District 11 – Omar Tarazi	District 14 – Sean Brennan	District 15 - Richard Dell Aquilla
District 16 – Michael Lamb	District 17 – Tom Patton	District 24 – Adam Koehler
District 27 - Jenn Giroux	District 28 – Jessica Miranda	District 29 – Cindy Abrams
District 30 – Bill Seitz	District 31 – Bill Roemer	District 32 – Matt Shaughnessy
District 33 – Tavia Galonski	District 34 – Casey Weinstein	District 36 – Andrea White
District 39 – Phil Plummer	District 42 – Ericka White	District 45 – Jennifer Gross
District 48 – Scott Oelslager	District 49 – Thomas West	District 52 – Gayle Manning
District 53 – Joe Miller	District 56 – Adam Matthews	District 57 – Jamie Callender
District 61 – Louise Valentine	District 64 – Vincent Peterson	District 67 – Melanie Miller
District 69 – Kevin Miller	District 72 – Kathleen Clyde	District 73 – Jeff LaRe
District 75 – Haraz Ghanbari	District 86 – Tracy Richardson	District 89 – D.J. Swearingen
District 90 – Brian Baldrige	District 92 – Mark Johnson	District 93 – Jason Stephens
District 94 – Jay Edwards		

Ohio Senate Endorsed Candidates:

District 3 – Michele Reynolds	District 9 – Orlando Sonza Jr.	District 13 – Nathan Manning
District 21 – Kent Smith	District 23 – Nickie Antonio	District 25 -Bill DeMora
District 29 – Kirk Schuring		



Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to see your lodge or one of your members featured in this newsletter, please let us know! We love to share what members and lodges are up to. Please make sure articles are submitted in word or text format, and with any pictures please include the names of people featured. With any event or fundraiser submissions please include contact information so that interested members can contact you.

Events and Fundraisers

FOP Ohio Foundation Purse Raffle



The 2nd FOP Foundation Designer Purse Raffle is underway and you can purchase tickets now! The raffle will take place over 26 weeks with a guaranteed winner each week. Purses will include Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors and Fossil. Tickets are only \$20 and we are selling 1,000 tickets. Once we have sold all of the tickets we will begin the raffle and a winner will be announced each week based on the Monday evening Ohio Lottery Pick 3. Pick your favorite number and get your ticket now! If you purchase or sell five tickets you will get a free entry. All proceeds will benefit the FOP of Ohio Foundation.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://uniononly.io/o/fopohfoundation/2022-designer-purse-raffle>

If you have any questions or would like to order/sell tickets please contact Paige at pludwig@fopohio.org or 614.271.6782



Scan QR Code to purchase tickets online

Wreaths Across America

FOPA 35's kick off of Wreaths Across America, our main charity event has started. This fundraiser puts wreathes on the graves of veterans all over the United States. Ours is specifically for our Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky Ohio. Was have 4800 graves to honor and strive to gift each deceased veteran a Christmas wreath. With the attached code that takes you directly to our site, WAA donates 1 wreath for every 2 purchased. We have almost 340 so far. We have a long way to go. We would appreciate any help to meet our goal. Thank you for honoring our veterans, Merry Christmas!



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- 2) Point camera at code
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