

ALodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

May 2021

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.

National Police Week

National Police week is May 10th thru May 16th. Police week was established in 1962 by a joint resolution of congress to pay special recognition to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. While the ceremonies may be cancelled or postponed this year, we can still take this week to reflect and to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

While this year's events in Washington DC have been rescheduled for October due to COVID 19 restrictions, here's a few memorials that will be taking place across Ohio this May:



Saturday May 1st Zanesville FOP 11am at their Lodge

Thursday May 6th Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) will livestream their event:
www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Ohio-Peace-Officer-Training-Academy/Fallen-Officers-Memorial

Saturday May 15th FOP Lake Erie Lodge #17 will host their annual memorial at 2:00pm at Washington Park in downtown Sandusky

May 15th-22nd Memorial Events in Cleveland, for a schedule visit: www.policememorialsociety.org

May 19th Marion County Police Memorial noon at the Police Memorial in Marion Cemetery

FOPA Mask Fundraiser



Discounted prices!!

\$7.00 each

5 for \$30

10 or more \$5 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

Legislative News

The biggest legislative issue facing our Law Enforcement Officer in Ohio right now are the new revised codes ORC 2901.10 and ORC 2152.75 . Restraint or confinement of pregnant women or female juvenile who is a charged or convicted criminal offender. This new law was passed at the end of 2020 it was included in another piece of Legislation regarding the sealing of records and expungements and intervention in lieu of conviction. The Law takes effect April 12, 2121, The FOP of Ohio Legislative committee is currently working on a Legislative modification at the Ohio Legislature level. The new law states "No officer with knowledge that the woman is pregnant or was pregnant, shall knowingly restrain or confine a woman who is charged or convicted criminal offender" At this time the way the Law is written Law Enforcement Officers have to accept the woman's statement about being pregnant or having been pregnant. The law does not require additional evidence of pregnancy or postpartum.

So let's look at the definitions of restrain and confine as law is written. Restrain: use of shackles, Handcuffs or other physical restraint. Confine: solitary confinement in an enclosed space. Most analysts agree that this is true solitary confinement as you might expect in a corrections setting. Who does and how does this applies to? Any Law Enforcement Officer, Court Officer or Corrections Officer must follow this law when he or she has custody or control over a woman who is charged or convicted criminal offender.

This Law not only puts these women at risk but others as well including Law Enforcement Officers but the general public in some cases. I would urge you to reach out to your State Legislators and voice your opinions to help FOP of Ohio Legislative committee get this Legislation amended.

To read more about this law visit: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Law-Enforcement/Ohio-Peace-Officer-Training-Academy/Restraint-or-Confinement-of-Pregnant-Suspect-Hando.aspx>

Or watch this video which gives an in-depth description of how this effects law enforcement: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8sHcEZYKo8>

Submitted by: James Leezer, President Cap City Lodge 5

Winners drawn July 14th! Get your tickets now!
FOPA State Lodge 50/50 Raffle
10 Winners split the Pot!!
Up to \$500 each!!
\$5 each or 5 for \$20
Proceeds to be split 50/50 between:
FOPA State Lodge & FOP of Ohio Foundation (CIRS)
For tickets or more information contact
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State Officer's Reports

In past years after each board meeting, minutes would be sent out to all of the lodges to review what items had been discussed at the state board meetings. Due to COVID we have not been able to hold in person board meetings, but we want to know the board members are still working for you! President Nicholson had asked that trustees not visit lodges until everyone starts meeting again regularly. In lieu of in lodge visits he asked trustees to reach out by phone to their lodges and submit a report for their district. The executive board was also asked to submit their reports. The following are the reports submitted by the board:

John P. Nicholson, President

As we begin to get back to normal and lodges begin meeting again, now is the time 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. It seems right now all people are talking about are the negatives, while we know so much good is being done. 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 please consider supporting our mask campaign.

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 again when we resume our board meetings.



Theresa A. Drennen, Vice President

I've been busy with a few projects:

Mask Fundraiser Trustee Jackson had approached me with the idea of having masks printed to use as a fundraiser. It took some searching but I found a reasonably priced supplier and we had 500 masks printed with the FOPA a logo. We've sold almost half of them and have been able to keep the price reasonable while still making a small profit of around \$110 so far. Plenty are still available if any lodges are interested.

Newsletter This is the ninth Issue of our newsletter and it has received great feedback. I've even had some FOP members ask to be added to the mailing list. I enjoy putting it together and hope we can continue to grow the content. One thing I will be adding is a section on issues facing the FOP. There is legislation currently in front of the senate that could have detrimental effects on law enforcement. I want to make sure our members stay informed on issues such as this. Jim Leezer, President of Cap City Lodge 5 will be assisting me with this project.

Growing our membership I've been working on one way to grow our numbers. I want to put together a packet for FOP lodges that are considering adding an A Lodge. Something to give them clear cut, step by step guidance. Denise Young and Jim Leezer also suggested doing a video or a Q&A session for prospective members. This is something I'd like to work on as way to engage with people on the website and social media.

Social Media We now have over 300 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.

Scholarship Committee I am once again chairing the scholarship committee. I have submitted the list of committee members to Mike Watkins and he will be contacting them as scholarship applications are received. We only have a small group of volunteers but they are all dedicated and have served on the committee in previous years. Scholarship applications are due by June 1st and we will be announcing the winners July 1st.

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. I represented the FOPA at the FOP spring board meeting that was held via zoom. I'm also still working on the 50/50 fundraiser and will coordinate with President Nicholson and Fundraising Chair Paige Ludwig to establish and end date and a way to broadcast the drawing of the winners.

State Officer's Reports

Elaine Domonkos, State Treasurer

Greetings, from your State Treasurer, Elaine Domonkos!

For those who may not be aware, I was appointed treasurer by the State FOPA Board members after the passing of Shaun Campbell. I previously served as Treasurer for the State of Ohio FOPA back in the early 2000's, so this should come fairly easy (I hope anyway). I am a member of Capital City Lodge #5 and served previously as District Trustee as well.

Shaun's daughter turned over the treasurer material and I went through the statements and I am converting the information to Quicken. Once the Board appointed me as treasurer, I was put on the bank account and submitted my information to the insurance company for bonding. In looking at the accounts, I did make the decision to receive the statements electronically as opposed to paper statements, saving \$2.00 per month per account.

Bank Balances from January 31, 2021 thru March 31, 2021

General Account

Beginning Balance	\$60,250.07
Ending Balance	\$78,393.92
Difference	+ \$18,143.85

Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$10,893.14
Ending Balance	\$9,891.14
Difference	- \$1002.00

Please note that the general account includes money received from the FOPA Mask fundraiser, along with the Raffle Ticket sales and the membership dues.

The Scholarship Account writes checks to those winners twice a year. Each scholarship recipient needs to turn in their grades before any check can be written. Those Trustees who have scholar winners, need to make sure that they get their grades submitted each semester.

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 Treasurer

Amber Knerr, State Secretary

There has been an increase in the membership requests throughout this past year in which the trustees are following up with those individuals in their districts.

Per Capita is being received on a semi regular basis and I will have an updated number at the end of April. We are still in need of updated lodge information from our trustees. I need the address of your lodges in addition to the days of the week of your meetings and the times. Please also confirm with me the president and secretary information.

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Secretary report continued

Trustees we are also pending updated transcript information from the previous scholarship recipients. If you receive communication from people in your districts, please let them know we need a copy of their transcripts so payments may be issued.

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Additionally, I will no longer have access to my state farm email. Please direct all correspondence to amberlyndsie_82@yahoo.com and then I can also be reached at 740-404-7244.

John Galinac, District 1 Trustee

No report submitted

Bill Carlton, District 2 Trustee

I just wanted to fill you in on how by lodges are doing in district 2. They are all meeting and are running smoothly.

Mary Meade, District 3 Trustee

Hello all, my name is Mary Meade and I am the new District 3 trustee. I recently sent out emails to all in my district introducing myself and offering my assistance where needed. I'm looking forward to all of this Covid stuff to settle down so I can meet you all face to face. I'm excited to come to your meetings and be actively available to your lodges.

I am currently the Treasurer of Erie County Lodge 35 in Sandusky Ohio. Our lodge is holding strong in these trying times and I am proud to say that all 61 of are members renewed and we are still receiving new applications. Our lodge is active in assisting our FOP Lodge 17. We are lucky to have great support from them in all we do. We continue to actively seek new members and promote our mission statement. We have been meeting via zoom since the first of the year but we are meeting in person this month with guidelines in place and will probably post the meeting to our members on Facebook Live.

Please continue to stay strong and if my district needs anything, please feel free to reach out to me. Have a Happy and Healthy Spring and Summer!

Terry King, District 4 Trustee

April 11, 2011

To: President John Nicholson and Members of the FOPA Board

Both of my lodges are doing well.

Newark Lodge #10 has finally resolved their EIN and tax exempt status. After filing for a new tax I.D, it was discovered that when the parent lodge had filed to start the lodge they had used their number to set up the bank account instead of the new chapter lodge and that number had been carried forward. No new filing was required and they are using the correct number and tax filings are up to date.

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District 4 Trustee report continued

The Newark lodge got flooded out last summer and they are in the process of completing the restoration. Meetings have recently been restarted and since only board members show up they appear to be trying to comply with all the state covid regulations.

Zanesville Lodge #16 is currently holding officer and member meetings. There is little social distancing and masks are almost totally absent. I have asked that they comply, but to no result. Tax filings are current.

Fraternally,

Terry King

District 5 Trustee position is currently vacant

Laura Bell, District 6 Trustee

No report submitted

Thad Jackson, District 7 Trustee

Not much to report with the virus putting a hold on a lot of things. Membership has taken a dive however it seems like it's a statewide issue. With not being able to hold meetings it's hard to find responsible people to fill some of the vacancies that were left. In two months I lost my president, vice president and two trustees. Then later I lost my Treasurer. My new Vice President (Earnie Dailey) along with myself has been running the lodge operations ourselves. It's a little tedious but we both are dedicated.

Our relationship with FOP 8 has not wavered one bit. I consider our relationship excellent.

This year with a lot of work and some help from up above we were able to give our P- Lodge (FOP 8) a check for \$1500 dollars to go where ever they want.

The mask came in pretty handy. Not only are they good for health reasons, I also use them as a talking point when trying to get new members. Just about every day I try to get new members. Because of the times and things that has been in the news makes this really difficult. However we still try. I have had some of the retired FOP members call the office wanting a mask. I would just give it to them if they were requesting one. The postage would eat up the cost so I would just send it to them for good PR. They seem to really appreciate it.

Not much more than that, just trying to stay safe. Please tell the new treasurer I said congratulations and tell everyone I said Hello.

Thad Jackson, 7th District State Trustee

Gene Rheame, District 8 Trustee

I have called and sent letters to the lodges in my district. All is well and the lodges go as follows:

Lodge 50: No meetings until their P lodge does, they will let us know.

Lodge 27: No meetings until September.

Lodge 45: No meetings.

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District 8 Trustee report continued

Lodge 88: No meetings for now.

Lodge 24: Waiting on response

Lodge 14: May start meeting again in April

Lodge 28: Will try to hold meetings, but who knows.

So that is all the news from the 8th,

Thanks, Gene Rheaume

Alison Nevin, District 9 Trustee

No report submitted

Janice Ritchey, District 9 Trustee

March 15, 2021

Capital City Lodge # 5 has not had a meeting since November 2020.

I have called several members to see how they are feeling and seeing how they are getting along with the COVID virus.

As of March we have 150 paid members for 2021. I sent out the second dues notices our members that have not paid.

We started having meetings this month. We will continue to hold out Board and General membership meetings from now on.

We have not had any events going on due to Covid.

Fraternally yours,

Janice Ritchey Trustee



Ohio Line of Duty Death



Jason Lagore

Natural Resources Officer Jason Lagore died after suffering a medical emergency while conducting a search for a juvenile who had fallen through the ice at Rocky Fork Lake at Rocky Fork State Park.

Two juveniles had fallen through the ice but one was able to get to shore. Officer Lagore and other first responders were searching for the other juvenile when he suffered a medical emergency. He was transported Highland District Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The second juvenile was recovered from the water a short time later and also pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Officer Lagore had served with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks and Watercraft for 15 years. He is survived by his wife and two young sons.

Events and Fundraisers

Akron FOPA #6

FOPA #6 in Akron has a couple of events planned for 2021.

First FOP #7's Music Fest at their lodge with Journey tribute band Escape. Saturday June 5th, starting around 6pm. This is FOP #7's main fundraiser and FOPA #6 helps their parent lodge at this event with selling tickets, parking, beverages, and whatever else they may need.

The second is FOPA #6's annual corn roast on August 14th. This event will also be held at their lodge. They will be selling chances (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) on cash prizes of \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500!! There will be free food and beverages and it is open to all members and prospective members.

Would you like to see your lodge's event or fundraiser featured here? Deadline for submissions for the August 2021 issue is July 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.



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**Join the Blue Jackets Foundation
In Supporting the FOP Ohio Foundation
with a 50/50 Raffle**



- The raffle will open at 9AM on Monday, May 3 and will end at 11PM on Wednesday, May 5.
- Tickets can be purchased online ONLY at www.bluejackets.com/5050raffle
- 50% of the proceeds will benefit the FOP of Ohio Foundation
- The winning number will be selected and posted at on the website and twitter (@CBJGIVESBACK) by noon on May 6.
- You must be 18 years or older and live in the viewing market to participate.

On behalf of the FOP Ohio Foundation - THANK YOU! for Supporting Law Enforcement.

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 9th** to the **16th**. 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 an 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



Events and Fundraisers



12th Annual Jarod M. Dean Memorial Golf Outing

Please join us for our 12th Annual Jarod M. Dean Memorial Golf Outing at the beautiful Ellsworth Meadows Golf Course!

Have a chance to win prizes, enjoy a day of golf and enjoy food and beverages.

This event's proceeds financially supports The Paul Lance and Steve Heitz Annual Scholarship Fund, for our membership and their families.

\$90.00 per person that includes greens fees, golf cart, pastries, lunch, dinner, & beverages.

\$25.00 additional for Players Cup

Register today by selecting the link here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczBSZIKD5r76T3zau_ne63m0M7Z7QazPyMR83eopCTcaQIXw/viewform)

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Northwest FOP 123 & FOPA 68 Thank you for your support!



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

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Just getting started in higher education or want to study a new area? Learn more about our partnership with Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC). Offering programs in Criminal Justice, Social Work, Business Management, IT, Healthcare and more. Ohio FOP Members who completed the Peace Officer Training academy are eligible for up to 33 credits toward the Criminal Justice Degree at EGCC- that means you could finish the degree in just over a year!



Through our partnership with Central State University, our members and their families can enroll in the Bachelor Degree completion programs in Criminal Justice, Teacher Education and Business Administration. Students must have an Associate Degree or more than 60 transferable credits into the program of their choice in order to enroll. Students needing to earn pre-requisite credits can do so through EGCC.