

ALodge UPDATE



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Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

August 2020

Scholarship Winners

We had forty nine applications submitted for our scholarships this year. It was no easy task for the Scholarship Committee, there were so many deserving applicants. In the end we had to decide on only two.

Our first scholarship recipient for 2020 is Bailey Hill. Bailey is from Mansfield in District 3 and will be attending the Mansfield Campus of The Ohio State University. She will be studying pre medical science and hopes to move on to radiology. She is the daughter of Tommy and Theresa Hill. Tommy Hill works for the City of Ontario and is a member of FOP William Taylor Lodge 32. Miss Hill was presented her check by FOPA State President John Nicholson.

Our second recipient is Sarah Whiteman. Sarah is from Duncan Falls in District 4 and will be attending Central Ohio Technical College to obtain her LPN and plans to go on to receive her RN. She is the daughter of Joshua and Abbee Whiteman, both of whom are employed by the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office. Joshua Whiteman is a member of FOP Zane Lodge 5. Miss Whiteman will be receiving her check from District 4 Trustee Terry King later this month.

Congratulations to our winners, best of luck in all of your future endeavors! And a HUGE thank you to the Scholarship Committee for your time and effort, it's not easy to choose between so many great applicants.



Bailey Hill with her father Tommy Hill being presented her check from President John Nicholson

STAND With COPS

If you haven't already done so, check out the website for Stand with Cops at www.StandWithCops.org

Stand with Cops was started by Ohio FOP Past President Jay McDonald and Jerad Lindsey to show support for law enforcement and, predominantly through social media, share updates about current events involving law enforcement.

In today's climate, law enforcement needs our support more than ever. Check out their website, you can leave them a message of support on the site. You can also follow them on facebook: www.facebook.com/standwithcops and on twitter: @standwithcops

What you can also do is snap a picture with this sign send it in to us. Take a selfie with it, or get the whole lodge together for a group photo!

Let's show Ohio Law Enforcement that we support them, and that the FOPA in Ohio most definitely Stands With Cops!



Full size version on page 8, if you'd like a sign personalized with your lodge, request it here @ ALodgeUpdate.com

Member Spotlight

Jim Leezer, Cap City Lodge #5

James 'Jim' Leezer was raised to always respect law enforcement and has several close friends with careers in the field. In these changing times over the past few years he found himself wanting to show his support and promote good will toward law enforcement. A close friend suggested joining the FOPA, so after a little research he joined the FOPA lodge in Columbus, Cap City Lodge #5. Today he is their lodge President.

During the initial unrest and protests in Columbus he helped to provide water and lunches to the officers. Working with FOP Cap City Lodge #9 and other organizations they were able to gather supplies, prepare lunches, and deliver them to the officers at strategic locations. He also works with the Franklin Township Police Department to pass out free lunches and Narcan three days a week.

The FOPA isn't his only volunteer work, Jim also volunteers his time with 'Together We Live'. This organization helps to provide funding for addicts wanting/needing treatment, that don't have insurance or means to get the help they need. They also work with the friends and families of addicts and educate the general public about addiction and the effects it is having on families and society.

Jim works for an electrical contractor. He has been married for 28 years with one son and daughter-in-law. He and his wife have three grandchildren 15, 13, and 2 1/2. When he's not busy with work or his volunteer duties he enjoys strength sports, geocaching, and gaming.

Thank you Jim, for all you do!



Lodge Spotlight

Capital City Lodge #5

FOP Cap City Lodge #9 purchased a digital billboard at East Broad and 270 in Columbus. During these times of unrest in major cities across America they wanted to remind Columbus that they are here to protect and serve while also asking the public for their support. At their lodge meeting FOPA Cap City Lodge #5 voted to donate \$5,000 dollars to their P Lodge to pay for these billboards.



Capital City FOPA Lodge #5 President Jim Leezer presenting the first of two \$2,500 checks to the President of Capital City FOP Lodge #9 Keith Ferrell

Lodge Spotlight



Queen City Lodge #4

Our lodge held it's first meeting since March, on Tuesday, July 7. During the month of May, our Lodge normally co-hosts Police Week activities, which include Open Houses at each of the 5 police districts, a ceremony on Fountain Square awarding Officers from the Hamilton County area in several categories, then participants walk the several blocks to the Hamilton County Police Memorial, where another ceremony honors our fallen officers. This year, unfortunately another name was added to the Memorial, Officer Kaia Grant of Springdale, Ohio, who was killed in the line of duty



March 21, 2020. The official Police Week ceremonies were cancelled, however, there was a small ceremony Friday, May 15, at the Police Memorial, for Officer Grant's family and the Springdale, Ohio, Officers, followed by another short service for the several retired Officers who had passed during the shutdown, whose families weren't able to have the usual services, which would have included an FOP prayer.

Also May 15, there was an amazing Light Ohio Blue event. Approximately 70 cruisers and 30 motorcycles from agencies around the state staged near Springdale, Ohio, Police Headquarters and then proceeded south, driving past the Police Memorial and ended with a short service in front of Union Terminal. If you have the chance, please look up the videos...again, amazing!!!

Lt. Steve Saunders, this evening spoke at the FOPA meeting tonight about the Civil Unrest Cincinnati experienced a few weeks ago, and the 12 hour shifts with no days off. He said we had success, but the curfew violations got to be a overload, as the the complaints were numerous. His talk was encouraging for the many who were present. He was presented a "Award Of Appreciation" by FOPA President Pete Bohrofen.



It was a smaller than normal crowd at our meeting on July 7, perhaps due to the short notice or maybe people still being cautious about gatherings. Our meetings consist of a short business meeting, a guest speaker and we award an Officer of the Month. At the July meeting, we honored Officer William Remley of District Two, who during his patrol, used the department issued tourniquet to stop the bleeding of a resident who accidentally lacerated his arm. The picture shows our President Pete Bohrofen presenting the award to Officer Remley. Our guest speaker was Lt. Steve Saunders, of Cincinnati Public Information Office, who spoke to us about the days of Civil Unrest and what our officers endured during those couple weeks. Meeting finishes up with several door prizes and split the pot.

Congratulations to Officer William Remley of District Two. At last night's FOPA meeting Bill was awarded for saving a life while on patrol. Officer Remley used his department issued tourniquet to stop the bleeding of a man who accidentally lacerated his arm.



Our next meeting will be Tuesday August 4, 2020. We meet at the FOP Hall, 1900 Central Parkway, with doors opening at 6pm for dinner and social gathering and meeting starts at 7pm.

Submitted By: Alison Nevin FOPA District 9 Trustee, Queen City Lodge #4

Erie County Lodge #35

Erie County Lodge 35 swore in their newest member Dante DeSalle at their first meeting back on June 23rd. Dante was also the Lodge 35 scholarship recipient and was presented with a \$500 scholarship by lodge President Tim Meade. He will be starting at The Ohio State University this fall.

Dante is the son of Jamie and Christine DeSalle. Christine serves as the secretary for Lodge 35 and as the State Trustee for District 3.

Welcome aboard Dante, Good Luck at OSU!



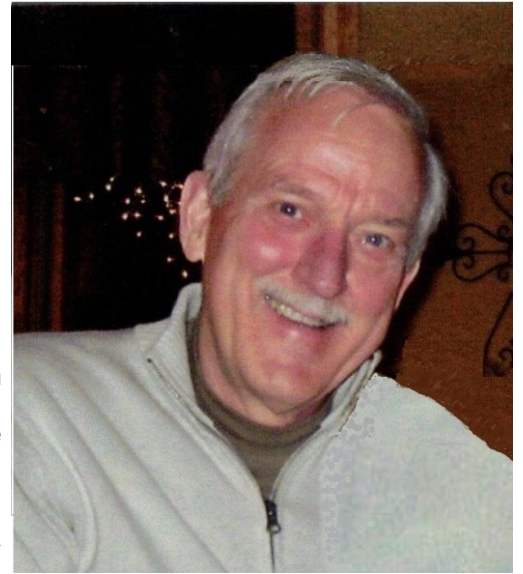
In Memoriam

Dan Reiff, Lodge 8

William "Dan" Reiff, 77, passed away at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at his home after a prolonged health battle.

Dan was born on October 7, 1942, in Lima, Ohio to the late William and Helen (Roth) Reiff. On August 5, 1960 he married Judy (Miller) Reiff, who survives in Elida.

Dan attended Forest Park United Methodist Church and was a graduate of Shawnee High School. He was the owner of Reiff Sport Supply for 37 years. He was an American Township trustee, and retired as an Allen County Commissioner. He was a recipient of the Liberty Bell Award through the Lima Allen Co. Bar Association. He served as an Executive Board Member for the Allen Co. Job and Family Services, was president of the Allen Co. Regional Planning commission, chaired the Allen Co. Transportation Coordinating Committee and the Allen County Developmental Controls Committee. He served as the chairman of the Allen Co. Health Advisory Boards and the Government Technical Advisory Committee at Lima Technical College. He also served with the Lima Area Development Corporation, the Allen County Children Services Board, passionately involved with the Allen Co. Alzheimer's Association, and served on various wildlife conservation organization boards and committees. He was named Member of the Year for the FOPA Lodge 8 in 2016. He was a member of the Lima Sertoma Club, Lima Lodge #205, F&AM, 32° Scottish Rite, Valley of Dayton, Elks BPOE #54, Eagles Aerie #370, Life Member of the NRA, founding member of the local Ducks Unlimited, one of the co-founders of the Lima Sabres Gun Club, and a dedicated member of the Republican Party.



He is survived by his wife, Judy; sons: Richard (Pam) Reiff and Jeffrey (Shelly) Reiff both of Elida; four grandchildren: Kristy (Ryan) Snoek, Travis (Katie) Reiff, Ashley (Derek) Edwards and Lindsey (Brian) Rutter; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Greg (Denise) Reiff of Lima; and several nieces and nephews.

Dan had been a member of Lima Lodge 8 since 2003 and served as a State Trustee from 2012-2018.



Ashley Williams, Lodge 35

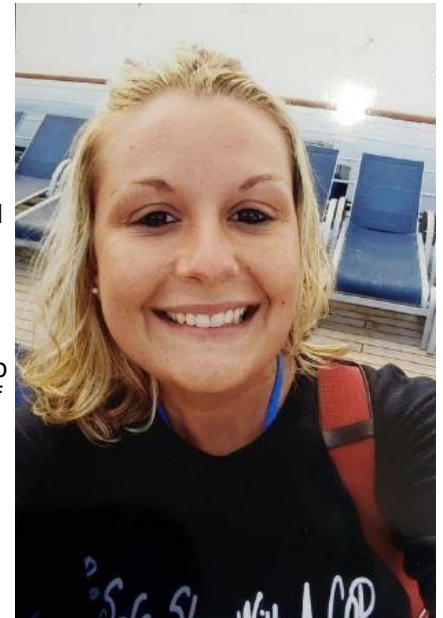
Ashley Elizabeth (Lill) Williams, 34, of Norwalk, passed away July 15th at home surrounded by loved ones after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer.

Ashley was born in Sandusky, Ohio, and grew up in Huron, Ohio. Ashley graduated from Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic in 2004 and The University of Toledo, where she earned her Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice, in 2009. She was hired by the City of Huron Municipal Court in 2010. She served as Deputy Clerk and as a Probation Officer until 2016.

Ashley is survived by her daughter, Payton Williams, whom she loved very much. She is also survived by her parents, Cindy (Carothers) and John Wilken of Huron; Gary and Lori Lill of Wakeman; husband, Joseph England of Norwalk; step-sons Joseph England of Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Jonah England of Norwalk; grandparents, Carl and Mary Ellen Wilken of Sandusky; brother, Matt (Heather) Wilken of Sandusky; Payton's dad and step-mom, Brian and Tiffany Williams; 6 step-sisters; Mother and Father in law, Lupe and Brett Gribben of Milan; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Adelle Gribben of Berlin Heights, sister-in-law, Jessica Gribben of Norwalk; brother-in-law, Jonathan Gribben, of Fostoria; 23 nieces and nephews; 2 great nephews; an abundance of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Second Cousins and many close friends.

Ashley is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, L. Ross and Marjorie L. Carothers and paternal grandparents Richard P. Lill Sr., Dorothy (Lill) Mantey, and Paul Mantey and Carl Soboslai.

Ashley had been a member of Erie County Lodge #35 since 2011.



Ohio Line of Duty Death

Anthony Dia

Police Officer Anthony Dia was shot and killed after responding to a disturbance at a Home Depot store at 1035 West Alexis Road at about 12:30 am.

A drunk subject had started to harass participants of an informal car show that was in the parking lot of the store. Officer Dia was the first officer on the scene and attempted to contact the subject. The man produced a handgun and opened fire, striking Officer Dia in the chest. Despite his wounds, Officer Dia was able to return fire as the man fled.

The subject fled into a nearby wooded area where he committed suicide.

Witnesses to the shooting began to provide medical aid to Officer Dia. Another responding officer transported him to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

Officer Dia had served with the Toledo Police Department for two years and had previously served with the Mercy Health Police Department for two years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and parents.



Memorial photos courtesy of Bill Theisen, member of Erie County FOPA Lodge 35



Events

Kettering Valor & Hope Golf Classic

Kettering FOPA Lodge #58 is again this year working with their P lodge Kettering FOP #92 to put on the Valor and Hope Golf Classic. Together they have raised over \$50,000 in the past six years! The proceeds help to support both lodges and the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial. If you would like to become a sponsor the contact information is below. If you would like to be a participant you can contact the numbers listed or visit their Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/KetteringFOPGolfOuting/>

Dear Friend,

2020 has presented challenges to our community unlike any we've seen before. With that being said, the Kettering FOP #92 and the Kettering FOPA #58 would like to move forward with our 7th annual golf outing on Friday, October 2nd, 2020. Our hope is that this event will give all participants the opportunity to enjoy a day of fun and relaxation, and help relieve much of the stress and anxiety so many of us have been faced with during this difficult time.

We are seeking assistance of any means possible to support this event, such as contributions of goods, services, and/or financial support. We understand that your business or organization may be struggling and we want to help. With your assistance of this event, we will provide positive recognition and advertisement to help get you back up and running again.

Please take the time to consider sponsoring the 2020 Valor and Hope Classic. With your help, we hope to move forward and bring some normalcy back to our everyday lives. Additionally, your support will assist to further the mission of the organizations benefitting from this fundraiser:

- Since 1954, the Kettering FOP Lodge #92 has represented the men and women of the Kettering Police Department. This fraternal and social organization is devoted to the improvement of labor and safety standards for all members. Additionally, Lodge #92 contributes annually to various charitable causes throughout the community. 501(C)(8)
- The Kettering Fraternal Order of Police Associates #58 is an organization dedicated to the mission of increasing public understanding of the rights, duties, and problems of law enforcement officers; fostering respect for them, and bettering the conditions under which they serve society. 501(C)(4)
- The Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Committee was established in 2007 when officers from several departments from around Montgomery County decided to host a county-wide memorial ceremony where officers from various agencies from across Montgomery County could join together to memorialize and remember fallen officers in a formal ceremony and let their family survivors and co-workers know that they are not forgotten. 501(C)(3)

We hope you'll join us for another great day of golf, food, and entertainment at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace – voted Dayton's best golf course by the Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal.

Sincerely,

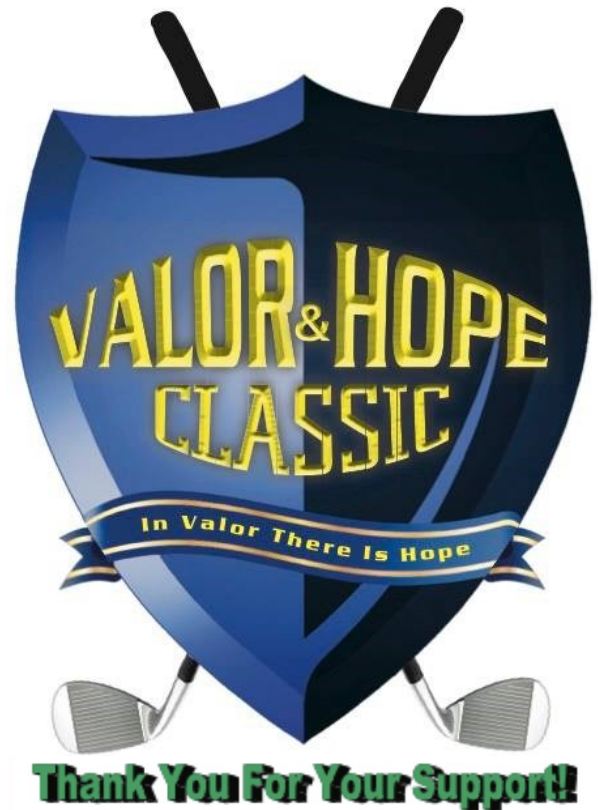

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If you would like to see your event or fundraiser featured in our next issue please contact us at ALodgeUpdate@gmail.com



☐ **ACE LEVEL, \$2,500**

- Exclusive: 2019 Valor & Hope Classic Presented By "Your Company"
- Cart, Hole, & Birdie level sponsorship included.
- Includes event fees for 4 players.
- Commemorative plaque.

☐ **BIRDIE, \$500**

- Large banner prominently displayed throughout event.
- Cart and Hole sponsorship included.
- 25% off event fees for 4 players.

☐ **EAGLE LEVEL, \$1,000**

- Exclusive Hole Sponsorship.
- Cart, Hole, & Birdie level sponsorship included.
- 50% off event fees for 4 players.
- Commemorative plaque.

☐ **HOLE SPONSORSHIP, \$250**

- Prominent Signage on Hole
- Recognition on all promotional materials

☐ **CART SPONSORS, \$50**

- Signage on golf carts

☐ **Item(s) for raffles please list:**

☐ **Monetary Donation, \$ _____**

Business Name: _____

Contact's Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

I give permission for supplied logo to be used on all promotional materials.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Social Media Accounts _____

Please provide a digital logo for printing materials.
Player registration will begin August 1, 2020. Please submit sponsorship as soon as possible for inclusion in Player Registration Materials.

Contact Kerri Miles & Ryan Vandegrift with any questions
ValorAndHopeClassic@outlook.com

Checks should be made payable to: Kettering FOP/FOPA Golf Scramble
Send to: Kettering FOP/FOPA Golf Scramble, 4100 Glenheath Drive, Kettering, OH 45440



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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!

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.

About Central State University: Central State University, founded in 1887, is a public, land grant college located in Wilberforce, OH. Regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, CSU is committed to transforming lives through higher education.

About Eastern Gateway Community College: With locations in Steubenville and Youngstown, OH, EGCC has been helping working adults earn the degree and certifications they need to get ahead in the workplace since 1965. EGCC is a public, regionally accredited college in the University System of Ohio.

Visit FOPFreeCollege.org or call us at 888-590-9009!



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****Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19,
the date of our drawing has changed.
Winners will now be drawn at the 2021 State Conference.
Thank you for your understanding and support****



FOPA State Lodge

50/50 Raffle

10 Winners split the Pot!!
Up to \$500 each!!

Winners Drawn at 2021 FOP/FOPA State Conference
Need not be present to win!

\$5 each or 5 for \$20

Proceeds to be split 50/50 between:
FOPA of Ohio State Lodge
and

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*Critical Incident Response Service CIRS provides peer counseling
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