

FRIENDS OF THE F.O.P.

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2008

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week". Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events to honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The first official memorial service took place on May 15, 1982. On that date, approximately 125 people gathered in Senate Park to honor 91 law enforcement officers. Over the past 22 years we have honored over 3,000 law enforcement officers from around our nation. Today, the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service has become one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS).

The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Police are very proud to be the official sponsor of the Memorial Service.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement

community. Principal organizers of National Police Week are - National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), which sponsors the annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial; Fraternal Order of Police/Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary (FOP/FOPA), which organize the Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at the U.S. Capitol; Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), which holds the National Police Survivors' Conference.

The following schedule includes a number of National Police Week-related events in the Washington, DC, area. The 20th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Sponsored by the NLEOMF, the event will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, in the 400 block of E Street, NW,

Washington, DC. A reading of the names newly engraved on the Memorial immediately follows the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend; no tickets are required.

National Police Week activities and associated events are also available in the online calendar at:

www.nleomf.com



A Brief History of the Fraternal Order of Police

*From the Fraternal Order of Police, Grand Lodge website.
Please visit the FOP on the web at www.fop.net.*

In 1915, the life of a policeman was bleak. In many communities they were forced to work 12 hour days, 365 days a year. Police officers didn't like it, but there was little they could do to change their working conditions. There were no organizations to make their voices heard; no other means to make their grievances known.

This soon changed, thanks to the courage and wisdom of two Pittsburgh patrol officers. Martin Toole and Delbert Nagle knew they must first organize police officers, like other labor interests, if they were to be successful in making life better for themselves and their fellow police officers. They and 21 others "who were willing to take a chance" met on May 14, 1915, and held the first meeting of the Fraternal Order of Police. They formed Fort Pitt Lodge #1.

They decided on this name due to the anti-union sentiment of the time. However, there was no mistaking their intentions. As they told their city mayor, Joe Armstrong, the FOP would be the means "to bring our grievances before the Mayor or Council and have many things adjusted that we are unable to present in any other way...we could get many things through our legislature that our Council will not, or cannot give us."

And so it began, a tradition of police officers representing police officers. The Fraternal Order of Police was given life by two dedicated police officers determined to better their profession and those who choose to protect and serve our communities, our states, and our country. It was not long afterward that Mayor Armstrong was congratulating the Fraternal Order of Police for their "strong influence in the legislatures in various states,...their considerate and charitable efforts" on behalf of the



officers in need and for the FOP's "efforts at increasing the public confidence toward the police to the benefit of the peace, as well as the public."

From that small beginning the Fraternal Order of Police began growing steadily. In 1917, the idea of a National Organization of Police Officers came about.

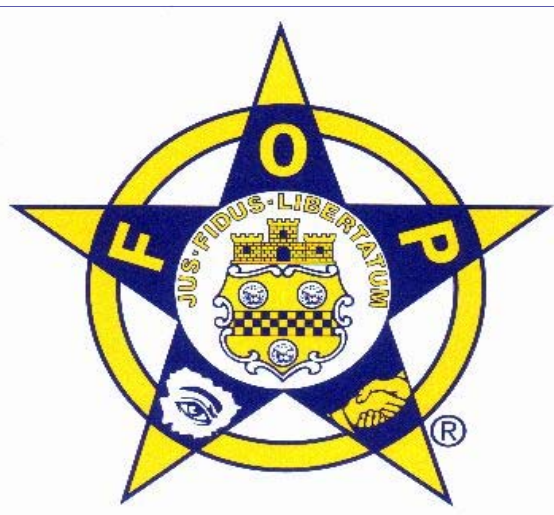
Today, the tradition that was first envisioned over 90 years ago lives on with more than 2,100 local lodges and more than 325,000 members in the United States. The Fraternal Order of Police has

become the largest professional police organization in the country. The FOP continues to grow because we have been true to the tradition and continued to build on it. The Fraternal Order of Police are proud professionals working on behalf of law enforcement officers from all ranks and levels of government.

The National Fraternal Order of Police chartered The Hodgkins F.O.P. Lodge #151 on December 1st, 1981. Since

that time, our Lodge has been active in many local charities and benefits. Our commitment to our community is a primary objective for our organization. Some of the causes we have and will continue to support are, the Lyons Township Little League, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Annual projects at the Hodgkins Elementary School and we have proudly established Annual Scholarships for local High School Graduates and is responsible for building the Hodgkins Veterans Memorial.

Obviously, we take great pride in our organization and the accomplishments that we have made over the years. We are committed to this event and are asking for your assistance. Our success for the past 26 years is due to your support.



Is It A Cold or The Flu?

Before you choose a treatment, it helps to know what you have. Distinguishing between a cold and the flu can sometimes be tricky. To be certain, doctors now can perform a quick office test that identifies *influenza*. The test eventually will be available as a home kit. Meanwhile, here are the symptoms to look for:

<i>SYMPTOMS:</i>	<i>COLD:</i>	<i>FLU:</i>
Fever	Rare	Characteristic, high (102-104 Degrees) Lasts 3-4 days
Headache	Rare	Prominent
General aches, pains	Slight	Usual, often severe
Fatigue, weakness	Quite mild	Can last up to 3 weeks
Extreme exhaustion	Never	Early and prominent
Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate, hacking cough	Common, can become severe
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Complications	Sinus congestion or earache	Bronchitis, can be life-threatening

Information about Flu surveillance and vaccination is available through the Centers for Disease Control's toll-free Voice Information System (1-888-232-3228) or online at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm.



HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRES FOUR NEW OFFICERS

In response to staffing needs and preparation for future retirements, the Village of Hodgkins has hired four new police officers this past year.

In January and February 2007, the Department hired Ryan Carrasquillo and Jeff Keilman as patrol officers. Ofc. Carrasquillo is a member of the United States Marine Corps and is currently serving as a reservist.

Joseph Balsitis and Matthew Hosteny attended the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in

Champaign, Illinois. They graduated from the Police Academy on December 6th and subsequently began their 12 week field training program with the Hodgkins Police Department.

For the first time, the Hodgkins Police Department will be able to maintain a minimum of three officers on shift around the clock. This provides more police presence and protection for the residents of the Village of Hodgkins, in addition to increasing officer safety concerns.

THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S MEMORIAL

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated in 1991 by President George H.W. Bush.

It honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers. Inscribed on the Memorial's blue-gray marble walls are the names of more than 17,500 officers who have been killed in the line of

duty, dating back to the first known death in 1792.

Designed by Washington, DC architect Davis Buckley, the Memorial sits on three acres of federal park land called Judiciary Square. The site has served for over 200 years as the seat of our nation's judicial branch of government. A glance around the space finds plush carpets of grass, nearly 60,000 plants and 128 trees decorating the Memorial grounds. Each year, around the first of April, some 14,000 daffodils make the Memorial



one of Washington's most spectacular attractions.

Bordering the Memorial's beautifully landscaped park are two tree-lined "pathways of remembrance" where the names of the fallen officers are engraved.

The names of the fallen officers are displayed in random order on the Memorial Wall. At an

annual candlelight vigil held each year during National Police Week (in May) new names of fallen officers are added to the Memorial.

Each of the pathway entrances are adorned with a powerful statuary grouping of an adult lion protecting its cubs. The bronze statues were sculpted by Raymond Kaskey. They symbolize the protective role of our law officers and convey the strength, courage and valor that are the hallmarks of those who serve in law enforcement.

Respect. Honor. Remember.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 151, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy New Year. We hope you had a great Holiday Season.

Our annual Associate Membership Drive is in full swing. In this issue of our newsletter, you will find a Membership Form (page 7). The funds received from the drive along with our other

various fund-raising events help us sponsor many charitable events throughout the year.

Our fundraisers allow us to support many charitable causes in our area. We have supported most of these local charities for many years. Your support is truly the key to our success. We **DO NOT USE TELEMARKETERS**. The only solicitation you will receive is this newsletter. If you receive a solicitation from a telemarketer, either by phone or mail, please contact the Hodgkins Police to see if it is a valid organization.

We are proud of the great relationship that we have with the community which is reflected by the great response that we receive each year during the membership drive and our fund-raising events.

Thank You,

Doug Bird

Officer Doug Bird
President



*Ofc. Doug Bird
Lodge President*



Show Your Support: Become An Associate Member Of The Hodgkins F.O.P. Lodge #151

For the past 26 years, the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 has maintained a close community relationship. We are proud of the number of charities and activities that we have become involved with, and contributed locally and nationally, for various causes.

We have a strong commitment to the youth of our society. This commitment is demonstrated by the number of youth related programs that we remain active with on an annual basis. One of our proudest accomplishments is the formation of the Hodgkins F.O.P. Scholarship. We award 5 scholarships a year, one of which is awarded to a Hodgkins D.A.R.E. graduate. A portion of each fund raising activity that we sponsor throughout the year is placed into the scholarship fund.

In the spring of the year, the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police help support the Annual St. Jude Bike-A-Thon. This event is mainly comprised of local elementary school kids and is not only a great cause to support, but also very personally gratifying. Then-Lt. Phil Kringlie coordinated the first police

department sponsored Bike-A-Thon 17 years ago. This program has raised over \$21,000.00 since that time.

“Safety Day” and “Anti-Gang Day” are two other programs that are sponsored by the police department and receive support from Lodge #151. Each year, the Hodgkins F.O.P. provides lunch for these programs for the entire Hodgkins Elementary School. We are also a proud team sponsor of the Lyons Township National Little League.

Needless to say, our support of these and other programs rely on our successful fund raising activities. Our annual ‘Associate Membership’ Drive is one way that you can show your support for these programs.

For only \$25.00 you will receive a Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Associate Membership Card, window decals and a years subscription to our “Friends Of The F.O.P.” newsletter. On the next page is a membership application for the year 2008. Please take the time to fill it out and send it back to us or just drop it off at the police station. Feel free to recommend us to your relatives, friends and neighbors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

F.O.P. LODGE 151 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2008

F.O.P. LODGE 151 AWARDS 5 SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2008. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE AT LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL OR AT THE HODGKINS POLICE DEPT.

DEADLINE IS APRIL 15 2008.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN MARCH 2008.



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HODGKINS F.O.P. LODGE 151 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I, THE APPLICANT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF FULL LEGAL AGE AND GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, DO HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE HODGKINS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #151

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **St:** _____
Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

We will be glad to include your immediate family members who reside with you on your membership. Just print their names below, and we'll send their membership cards and decals along with yours.

Associate Membership Fee: \$25.00

Thank You For Supporting The
Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police
Lodge #151

This is the only solicitation you will receive. No one will call your residence from our local lodge.

Hodgkins F.O.P. Associate Members will receive:
1 Year Subscription to the Hodgkins F.O.P. Newsletter "Friends of the F.O.P.",
Membership Cards and Window decals that reflect your support of the
Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151

*Please make Check or Money Order Payable to:
Hodgkins F.O.P. Lodge #151
Drop off or mail to: 6015 Lenzi Avenue, Hodgkins, Il. 60525*

Please Remember:
You will receive no further solicitation from ANYONE with the opportunity to join the Hodgkins F.O.P.
We DO NOT use Telemarketers



The Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police reserves the right to deny membership to those who do not qualify

Thank You for Your Support!



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free people.

James Madison



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