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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Andy Maybo | amaybo@dc-fop.org

Greetings brothers and sisters!

I would like to take a minute to thank each and every one of you again for allowing me to serve as your President. This lodge, along with each one of its members, means the world to me and I will continue fighting for you and taking DC FOP Lodge #1 to the next level.

The first few months of my presidency have been nothing short but extraordinary. I am ecstatic to say that Lodge #1 and the MPD Labor Committee have begun to rebuild our relationship. I had the honor and privilege of swearing in the new MPD Labor Committee. As with all Labor Committees, along with MPD's prior Labor Committee, I look forward to working with each and every one of them. I am dedicated to continuing to build the lodge toward Labor, as well as making DC Lodge one of the premier Fraternal Order of Police Lodges in the country. The dedication, commitment, and sacrifices of our Lodge officers, membership and staff continue to confirm to me that we are on the right track.

Recently, we did have a few setbacks at the Lodge. One consisted of a clogged pipe, which overflowed into our downstairs office space. The damage was estimated at over \$10,000 and we lost numerous pieces of electronic equipment, including three computers, printers, scanners, phones, etc. Fortunately, our treasurer, Pablo Figueroa, is experienced and knowledgeable and had the problem resolved in a matter of days. We were able to not only replace the equipment but also reimbursed a percentage of our loss through insurance.

As you also may be aware, another setback we had was at our Police Week tent city site. Someone broke into our trailer and stole thousands of dollars of equipment.





FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont.)

Again, we not only caught the suspect and had him arrested but also are in the process of replacing what was taken. We will incur a financial loss; however, it was a learning experience that has made us a stronger organization by safeguarding against such actions in the future.

I would like to thank all of our members who have attended various Lodge events over the past few months. From the Taste of Guinness to karaoke, I am always excited to see our members participating and having a great time. If you haven't made it to some of these events, I urge you to not only attend but to bring additional friends and family with you. This is a family organization and we need to stress that aspect to our membership who have yet to attend.

For those who aren't aware or haven't kept up with the news lately, law enforcement has been getting slaughtered this year. Our deaths from gunfire are up over 200% as I write this. As of mid-April, there have been 72 officers shot this year with 17 of them fatal. This area has experienced these statistics first-hand, with officers being shot and killed in our region – it has really hit home for many of us. For those who have attended funerals and volunteered their help with the funerals, families of the fallen, and helping at the repasts, I can not thank you enough on behalf of myself and Lodge #1.

One group I specifically want to thank is our DC FOP Lodge #1 Auxiliary. This group has continued to serve our membership, conduct various fundraisers, and continue to do community outreach. The Auxiliary tries to have cakes at every officer graduation, they help support our members who are sick or who have lost a loved one, and so much more. If members of your family are not part of the FOP Auxiliary, I urge you to have them sign up now with this worthwhile organization.



FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont.)

In conclusion, Police Week is just a few weeks away. I want to thank our members in advance who are going to volunteer, along with the dedicated hard work of the Lodge #1 Police Week Committee. As Police Week nears, I ask all of you to please take a minute and reflect on those who have made the Ultimate Sacrifice. A sad fact about our career is at some point over the years, we will know at least one officer who is killed in the line of duty. Keep the officers who have made the Ultimate Sacrifice, along with their families and friends, in your thoughts and prayers. Remember – when we are volunteering our time that week – although many want to have fun, the real reason for Police Week is to honor those who were killed in the line of duty. If you would like information on any of the Police Week events, I strongly urge you to check out www.policeweek.org

Again, I thank you for allowing me to serve and I promise to continue fighting for what is right and just for our membership. Please remain safe on the streets and make sure to get your partners back! God Bless each and every one of you!

Andy Maybo President



FROM THE TREASURER

by Pablo Figueroa | pfigueroa@dc-fop.org

I sure hope everyone has greeted the crazy spring weather we are having. It is still much warmer, though very crazy.

Many are aware that DC Lodge 1 is preparing to host National Police Week 2016. This said, we are looking for volunteers to help us have a successful event. We can really use the help. I know everyone thinks of the Lodge's "tent city" when Police Week is mentioned but please take a moment and view the photographs on the next few pages to remind everyone why we host this annual event.

These officers, like many other Federal, local and state officers, come to Washington DC during National Police Week and participate in many events to pay respect to all of our fallen fellow law enforcement officers. They offer the much needed support that survivors need in this tough time in their lives. (The featured photos are courtesy of Andre E Myrick digital photography.)

Everyone needs to understand that we are committed to educating, protecting and serving our members and their families. A growing segment of our various communities are increasingly unfriendly to us and we are constantly under attack. This is a time in which we have to let our members know we are working on the means, resources and support to protect our members and their families.

Imagine if we were to collect the tears shed from all of our fallen officers' families this year alone. I am positive that we could keep the fountain running at the National Officers Memorial throughout the year.

I would like to encourage all of our members to consider volunteering to help us at the Lodge during Police Week and if possible throughout the year in other sponsored events.





FROM THE TREASURER (cont.)

I urge everyone to start visiting our web page at www.dc-fop.org to stay updated on benefits and events being offered by the lodge.

If you have any questions regarding events or schedule for any of the Police Week events please go to www.policeweek.org/schedule.html and you will be able to see the date, event and time that it is going to take place.

On a lighter note if you did not get the opportunity to purchase your Papal Protection Badge set the lodge still has sets for purchase at a cost of \$85.00. Since they are already at the Lodge you will save shipping charges.

May God continue to bless everyone throughout your tour and when off the job. I, as well as the rest of the board, look forward in seeing you at our next general membership meeting, which is the second Wednesday of each month. •

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A MESSAGE: POLICE WEEK

by Marcello Muzzatti | mmuzzatti@dc-fop.org

Welcome to the Special Edition of the Simulcast for Police Week 2016!

As we prepare for Police Week it seems to never fail that we are forced to move from one location to the next. We got lucky on this one that only had to move one block south from last year and this may be an even better lot. We had some added cost for fencing but all in all it's going to be great spot.

The majority of Police Week events occur May 13, 14 and 15, and some of the rules we put in place are to protect our Lodge by closing it down during those days. The membership decided this to keep it from getting damaged. Many thousands of people come to town and our Lodge cannot handle the large numbers. In return, many outside members asked if we could open for VIPs. We ended up with a program that allows us to sell VIP tickets at \$25 each, good for members to come to the Lodge and enjoy the Club on May 13, 14 and 15. We will be open during the day on Friday for breakfast and lunch and close at 2:00 pm, reopening at 3 pm for VIP ticket holders. On Saturday and Sunday we will open at 2 pm.

On May 12, the Lodge will be open at night for the kick-off of Police Week. We could use your help as members and hope that you can stop by. Sometimes it involves just picking up after guests and keeping an eye on the building – these are a big help to us. The one thing we are telling volunteers is that they MUST sign up via Sign Up Genius and you must be a member of the Lodge to volunteer. You can get to the sign-up page at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44aca82da5f58-2016





A MESSAGE: POLICE WEEK (cont.)

Tent City will be up and running from 11:30 am to 2 am for the three nights. Plenty of parking will be available on the street and in a pay parking lot. The cost is \$5.00 per car per day. As of right now we are completely sold out of vendor spots which is a first – we are very excited about that!

A reminder to all about why we are here and why we have this event. Many other things will be going on and the schedule is at www.policeweek.org which gives you times and locations for events happening during Police Week. Also note that the NLEOMF had to move the CandlelightVigil to the National Mall due to construction at the wall site.

I hope everyone has a safe Police Week and I look forward to all the thousands of brothers and sisters that will be attending the event.

Marcello







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UNITED FOR BLUE RALLY

by Kelly Wince | kelly.wince@unitedforblue.org

United for Blue kicked the month of April off with a good start. On April 1, 2016, United for Blue held its very first "Taste of Guinness" fundraiser. The event was held at the Jerrard F. Young District of Columbia Lodge #1. The "Taste of Guinness" consisted of four local restaurants – Hard Rock Café, Kelly's Irish Times, Four Courts Arlington and the Dubliner – competing for the best food cooked with Guinness. All restaurants did an outstanding job and the food was delicious. By a vote of the audience, Hard Rock Café won the best taste with their menu item Guinness & Jameson Bacon Cheeseburger. To help make the event even more festive, we were honored to have The Shamrouges come down and play their Irish music for us. The Shamrouges play in the Baltimore area and can be heard at many of the local festivals. All in all, it was a great event. Keep an eye out for next year's event. We thank everyone who came out to support United for Blue and to celebrate our first big fundraiser with us!

On April 2, 2016, United for Blue held their 2nd Annual Police Support Rally. Once again, the rally was a success. Although the day started out dreary with rain, the skies began to shine by the start time of noon. Watching supporters beginning to gather from all over the United States, including Massachusetts, Florida, Boston and Minnesota, was heartwarming. What was just as exciting was seeing the buses from Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 89 and Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary Lodge 5 arrive wearing blue with their support signs.

Starting off at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Patrick Mason sang the National Anthem and Monsignor Salvatore Criscuolo gave our invocation, followed by the Metro Richmond Police Emerald Society Pipes and Bands playing Amazing Grace. Marcello Muzzatti commenced the program by introducing the



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www.unitedforblue.org



UNITED FOR BLUE RALLY (cont.)

event coordinators and Co-Founders, Kelly Wince and Bobbie Padgett. As always, Craig Floyd, NLEOMF CEO, led the way with a moving and emotional speech, prior to beginning our march to the National Mall. Along our journey, the streets lined with people waving and saying "Thank You"; cars drove by and honked their horns in support. It was refreshing to see support from the bystanders on the side of road. No one heard a sound of negativity toward our officers – nothing but smiles and waves supporting our law enforcement.

Once on the National Mall, participants gathered and the ceremony began. With the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument as a backdrop, Andy Maybo, president of FOP Lodge 1, kicked off the rally by welcoming and offering support for our law enforcement officers. He was followed by several other speakers: Rebekah Jones, survivor; Matthew Mahl, Chairman of DC Police Union; Theresa Dittamo, survivor; Police Chief Alfred Durham, Richmond Police Department; and Chris Amos, Pastor and retired Norfolk Police Officer. Also, among our guest speakers were two NFL Players, Clinton Portis, Washington Redskins and Jack Brewer, formerly MN Vikings and NY Giants. Ronald Woessner, COPsync CEO, and Tom Berry, Founder Blue Alert system, also came out to share their support and to thank our law enforcement officers. United for Blue will be working with them to help launch and initiate the Trust2protect program in the DMV area on May 10, 2016. We would like to thank FOP Lodge 1 for opening its doors after the rally for everyone to come back and meet each other. Turnout was impressive considering the rain and numerous events going on the Washington DC area. All in all, it was a great day at the National Mall! Plans are already falling into place for United for Blue's 3 Annual Police Support rally – next year bigger and better!





Kelly Wince *President,* United for Blue "Supporting You for Protecting Us"!



UNITED FOR BLUE RALLY (cont.)









UNITED FOR BLUE RALLY (cont.)











FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

by Joseph (Jody) Stimmell | jstimmell@dc-fop.org

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Joseph H. Stimmell, although I go by Jody. I have been appointed as DC FOP Lodge 1's chaplain. I have been a member of the Metropolitan Police Department for over 26 years as well as a member of the FOP and DC FOP Lodge 1. I appreciate the opportunity that I was given to be the chaplain and I look forward to serving and helping the membership with issues and concerns that they might have. Please, if you have any concerns or issues that you feel the Chaplain's office could possibly help you with don't hesitate to contact me. I'm listed on the DC FOP Lodge 1 web site at www.dc-fop.org (Board of Directors) and if you click on my name my email address will show up.

It is a trying time now for being Law Enforcement with all that has happened and the perception of Law Enforcement many have in the communities in which we serve. I would love to tell you that it is almost over and everything will be alright, but you know as well as I do that this is not the case or close to being true. There is some light at the end of the tunnel: we have ourselves and family to lean on as well as many in the communities that we serve. These civilians do care about us and the career we have chosen. These civilians do appreciate our hard work and dedication to the job and communities that we serve and at times even the blood we spill or life we give for them. We have to have tolerance towards the public because they don't understand rule number 1. As Law Enforcement – it doesn't matter what department or agency you work for – we all know what rule number 1 is. For those who might have forgotten or don't know, RULE NUMBER 1 is that at the end of your shift you go home safely.





FROM OUR CHAPLAIN (cont.)

Police Week is a time for Law Enforcement and their families as well as the rest of the world to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their job. To remember that their sacrifice – as painful to us as the survivors – will not be forgotten or minimized and will be acknowledged every year.

I leave you with a Police Officer's Prayer:

Lord, I ask for courage – Courage to face and conquer my own fears, Courage to take me where others will not go.

I ask for strength – Strength of body to protect others, and strength of spirit to lead others.

I ask for dedication –
Dedication to my job, to do it well,
Dedication to my community, to keep it safe.

Give me, Lord, concern for those who trust me, and compassion for those who need me.

And please, Lord through it all, be at my side. •



MEMBER SUPPORT FUNDS

FOP DC Lodge #1 has established three different funds focused on improving the lives and experiences of our members and the community; for example, providing immediate assistance to law enforcement officers in disaster-hit areas when needed, or making necessary repairs and upgrades to our important but aging lodge building. The funds are the Disaster Assistance Response Team fund, the Building Fund, and the Member Support Foundation. Please donate to these special support efforts. Note: Currently, donations to these funds are not tax deductible, but we hope to change that status in the near future.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM FUND

The Disaster Assistance Response Team (D.A.R.T.) fund allows the Lodge to provide logistical and financial support to law enforcement members in areas that are affected by severe weather or other emergencies. D.A.R.T. swiftly responds to assist officers in recovery efforts and those who have suffered damage themselves as a result of the disaster.

BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund is used for the required repairs and up keep of the DC Lodge #1 building. It is a beautiful building in a prime location with many years of wear and tear. It needs continual short-term maintenance and long-term plans to keep it functioning and in good shape; for example: roofing, HVAC, elevator, etc.

MEMBER SUPPORT FUND

The Member Support Foundation funds will be used to render assistance to members upon written request to the lodge. Examples are for injury with an inability to work; a need for food and other basic necessities during a crisis; to help with uncovered medical bills, etc. This is a special opportunity to help our brothers and sisters when they need a hand.

You can use PayPal! Visit www.dc-fop.org/funds.php



UPDATE: LODGE #1 AUXILIARY

by Bonnie Cannon | bcannon@dc-fop.org

Since our last report our Auxiliary had its annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. It turned out pretty well and everyone seemed to have a great time. The money we made from this fundraiser was donated to Maryland FOP Lodge 89 toward the repast held for fallen Prince George's County Detective Jacai Colson. We are also donating to the Prince William County Police Department fund set up for the two injured Prince William County Officers – Officer David McKeown, Officer Jessie Hempen – and fallen Officer Ashley Guindon. Our Auxiliary also had members who volunteered at Detective Jacai Colson's repast. It was a sad day, yet it was a day of coming together as a family should.

Recently, we were told of the death of a Federal Reserve Police Officer. Our Auxiliary donated sandwiches and dessert for that officer's repast and offered our assistance with anything else we could do.

We continue to provide cakes for the MPDC Academy graduations; however, it is our intention to start planning on doing family night at our FOP Lodge so that these young graduates can become familiar with the Lodge and the FOP Board, the Auxiliary and the members.

This Auxiliary is also in the preliminary stages of setting up a committee to help assist our Lodge in handling any critical instances that happen within the 38 agencies the FOP currently represents.

Our Local Memorial this year will be held on May 9th at 11:00 am in front of MPDC Headquarters, which is located at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW. Please save

ABOUT THE AUXILIARY

The FOP Auxiliary is an ancillary organization of law enforcement officers.

The Auxiliary is the only national support organization of its kind.

It was organized to unite families of members of the Fraternal Order of Police; to promote their welfare socially, morally and intellectually; and to encourage them in all things pertaining to their good.

Anyone related to an active law enforcement officer is eligible to join. We ask that each of you sign up your spouses and family members. Dues are only \$15.00 per year.

Application:

www.dc-fop.org/auxiliary.php



UPDATE: LODGE #1 AUXILIARY (cont.)

the date. This year we will be honoring three officers from Maryland – Officer Noah Leotta (Montgomery County), Brennan Rabain (Prince Georges County) and Craig Chandler (Baltimore City). If you would like further information about this memorial please contact Patty Sucato (VP/Chairman of Local Law Enforcement Memorial) at psucato@dc-fop.org.

We are going to be doing an Auxiliary Jewelry Fundraiser at our Lodge on Friday, April 22, 2016 from 5pm-9pm. Our consultants will be Stella and Dot – Jenny Arroyo – www.stalladot.com/jenarroyo, Color by Amber, Terrica Gibson – www.copsister.mycolorbyamber.com and Mirella Arroyo – www.touchstonecrystal.com/Mirella.

Proceeds will go toward helping our law enforcement members in times of need. If you are interested and would like to purchase any items please feel free to go to their websites and place an order. We are very grateful to them for helping our Auxiliary so that we can help those in need.

If you are at tent city this year during Police Week (May 13, 14 and 15th), please feel free to stop by and see what we have to offer this year. •



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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

by Steve Franchak | psfm15@verizon.net

This year's Day on the Hill was as successful as previous ones. The briefing was held on February 29th at the Lodge and was attended by National President Chuck Canterbury as well as other National Officers. The briefing was presented by the National Legislative Office and was attended by over 100 police officers from around the Nation.

With the campaign season upon us, the House members and a third of the Senate will be spending numerous hours working on their re-election campaigns. Let us not let them forget the job they still have left to do. Come next January when the new Congress is elected and sworn in, our legislative agenda will have to be re-introduced and we will have to start from square one. During these campaign events, take the opportunity to reinforce upon your members of the Senate and House our legislative agenda now pending in Congress, bills like HR973/S1651, "The Social Security Fairness Act" that will affect all of us upon reaching the age for Social Security. We are penalized for paying into our departments' retirement plans (state, county, DC, etc.) in lieu of paying the full amount for Social Security deductions.

There are three other bills that are considered top legislative priorities for the 114th Congress; the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act", the "State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability and Due Process Act", and the Law Enforcement Officers' Equity Act".

Members may keep abreast of the status and progress of these issues in three ways:

First, and the easiest way, is to join the National's Grassroots effort where they will receive weekly updates of activities on the Hill.





LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (cont.)

Second is to write down the bill numbers, Senate or House, and go to www.washingtonwatch.com, where you can type in the bill number and see the status. On the web site you have the option of either voting for, or against, the bill, as well as inserting your comments about the legislation.

The third way of tracking legislation is by visiting the web site thomas.loc.gov. Here site is where you can type in the bill number and receive the status and progress only.

Members who feel they don't have the time for the visits to the Congressional offices to assist in lobbying for support may find it easier to do a one-time donation to the FOP PAC. These donations are used to support our legislative agenda.

As usual, I want to thank Rosario and her staff for setting up for the briefing. ©

NATIONAL FOP: Steve Young Law Enforcement Legislative Advocacy Center

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest organization of law enforcement professionals in the United States. The FOP maintains an office in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill, where a fulltime professional staff actively lobbies Congress and the Administration on the issues most important to rank-and-file law enforcement officers. The National Legislative Program is the most active and comprehensive of any law enforcement organization in Washington.

For More:

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POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY





The Police Emerald Society of the Washington D.C. Area (PES) was founded in 1986. PES is registered as a non-profit organization with the Internal Revenue Service and is Incorporated in the State of Maryland.

There are a number of goals and objectives of the Society:

- To develop a spirit of fraternalism and fellowship amongst our members.
- To promote police professionalism and to recognize the accomplishments of Gaelic/American law enforcement officers.
- To assist needy members and aid their families in the event of a line of duty death.

We have quarterly meetings and various social functions. Some of those include; St. Patrick's Day Parade & NLEOM Wreath laying Ceremony (March), Memorial March & Hospitality Night (May during Police Week), Picnic (June), Camden Yard Baseball Night (Sept), Family Fall Fling in Ocean City (Oct) and a Christmas Party (December).

All members receive the Police Piper News, the official publication of the PES, tag frame, vehicle window decal, membership card and gift. Scholarship Funds and Death Benefits are afforded to Active members. We also have MD vehicle tags, organizational badge and merchandise.

The majority of our membership comes from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. There are five types of membership in the Society; Active, Associate, Honorary, Complimentary and Auxiliary. Gaelic/American law enforcement (or retired) officers may join as Active members of the Society. Civilians may join as Associate members. An Honorary member is a special recognition bestowed upon an individual by the Brehon Council. Complimentary membership is given to the President and Vice President of other Emerald Societies. Auxiliary membership (non-Gaelic) is open to the public.

If you are interested in promoting your Celtic heritage and pride in your profession please consider joining the PES today. You can go to **pesdc.org** and print out an application. Please contact gardavp@aol.com if you have any questions.



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

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is 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 (C.O.P.S.)

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other.



POLICE WEEK 2016 SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Annual Blue Mass

The Annual Blue Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 10th & G Streets, NW in Washington, DC. For additional information please call 202-347-2713 or visit www.saintpatrickdc.org.

Monday, May 9, 2016

Washington Area Law Enforcement Memorial Service

The FOP Auxiliary in hosting the 37th Annual Washington Area Law Enforcement Memorial Service. If you are interested in volunteering at the service, helping with set up or take down please send an email to Patty Sucato at psucato@dc-fop.org.

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

Arrival Ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. . Begun in 1997, the Police Unity Tour has raised nearly 16 million dollars for the NLEOMF. Visit www.policeunitytour.com, call 973-443-0030, or E-mail info@unitytour.com for more information. (Location to be determined due to construction for the National Law Enforcement Museum.)

Friday, May 13, 2016

28th Annual Candlelight Vigil

The Candlelight Vigil will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the 400 block of E Street, NW. The event is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and this year will be held at the National Mall between 4th and 7th streets. No tickets are required and everyone is welcome. For additional information please call 202-737-3400.

FOP DC Lodge #1 Events

MapThe FOP DC Lodge will be hosting the local daily events at 1880 2nd Street SW Washington DC (just a few blocks from the Washington Nationals Stadium) The event starts at 11:00 a.m. for three days and goes until 2 a.m. Vendors will be set up during this time and will be there for all three days. Our bar and food service will also be open along with music and entertainment. Pipe bands will be required to check in with security before starting to play. No pipe bands will be allowed to play on the May 15 at the site.

There will be complimentary shuttle service to and from the site with stops at the Lodge, the Memorial, Navy Yard Metro and other stops along with route. The van drivers are all volunteers and are working off of tips. Please take care of them.

Saturday, May 14, 2016

22nd Annual Emerald Society & Pipe Band March and Service

4:30 p.m.: Assemble at New Jersey Avenue and F Street, NW – Step-off promptly at 6:00 p.m. Joseph J. Keenan at (732) 754-7051.

National Police Survivors Conference and C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens

Sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel. Family and co-worker survivors have opportunities to receive support to understanding grief, prepare for trial, learn new coping skills, and build connections with others. School aged children of fallen officers spend the day at Quantico taking part in activities specially tailored for their age. Visit www.nationalcops.org or call 573-346-4911 for more information.



POLICE WEEK 2016 SCHEDULE (cont.)

Saturday, May 14, 2016 (cont.)

15th Annual Steve Young National Honor Guard Competition and Pipe Band Competition

This event is hosted by the Fraternal Order of Police and takes place at the Grant Statue (west front of the United States Capitol.) During the day you will see honor guard teams and pipe bands all performing for the public as they pay their heart felt tributes to law enforcement and the nation's surviving families. Time: 8:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Ken Roske at policeweekhg@aol.com www.policeweekhonorguard.com

FOP DC Lodge #1 Events

See Friday, May 13 for information.

Sunday, May 15, 2016

35th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary. The Memorial Service will be held on the West Front of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. The Service begins at 11:00 a.m. and is expected to run approximately 2 hours. Contact: Andy Maybo (amaybo@dc-fop. org) or Linda Hennie (Ishennie@aol.com). The Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held immediately following the Memorial Service. *Please note: Service begins promptly at 11 a.m.*

FOP DC Lodge #1 Events

See Friday, May 13 for information.

Monday, May 16, 2015

National Police Survivors Conference and C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens

Day two of conference will allow surviving family and co-workers more opportunities to learn about coping, grief, and build connections. Kids and Teens of fallen officers spend the day with activities. In the evening, family and co-worker survivors can relax and enjoy the "Picnic on the Patio" at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel. Visit www.nationalcops.org or call 573-346-4911 for more information.





FALLEN HEROES 2015

NAME	EOW	STATE	DEPARTMENT
David Colley	4/4/15	AL	Montgomery Police Department
Charles Mitchum	1/26/15	AL	Loxley Police Department
Roger Odell	1/28/15	AL	Town Creek Police Department
Richard Woods	3/17/15	AL	Pell City Police Department
Sonny Smith	5/15/15	AR	Johnson County Sheriff's Office
Carlos Francies	8/13/15	CA	Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office
Ricardo Galvez	11/18/15	CA	Downey Police Department
Bryce Hanes	11/5/15	CA	San Bernardino Police Department
John Herring, Jr. *	7/7/14	CA	Fresno Police Department
Michael Johnson	3/24/15	CA	San Jose Police Department
Scott Lunger	7/22/15	CA	Hayward Police Department
David Nelson	6/26/15	CA	Bakersfield Police Department
Jaimie Jursevics	11/15/15	CO	Colorado State Patrol
Sean Renfro	1/3/15	CO	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
Garrett Swasey	11/27/15	CO	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Police Department
Taylor Thyfault	5/23/15	CO	Colorado State Patrol
Warren Watts	6/16/12	CO	Pueblo County Sheriff's Office
Andrew Faggio *	1/11/12	CT	New Haven Police Department
Carolyn Cross*	9/7/14	DC	District of Columbia Department of Corrections
Jared Forsyth	4/6/15	FL	Ocala Police Department
William Myers	9/22/15	FL	Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Terence Green	3/4/15	GA	Fulton County Police Department
Richard Hall	9/16/15	GA	Chatham County Sheriff's Office
James McCrystal	7/14/15	GA	Georgia Department of Corrections
Gregory Mitchell	7/7/15	GA	Georgia Department of Corrections
Ladson O'Connor	6/16/15	GA	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
William Solomon	11/19/15	GA	Georgia Ports Authority Police Department
Kevin Toatley	9/19/15	GA	DeKalb County Police Department
Darryl Wallace	3/15/15	GA	Clayton County Police Department
Neville Colburn	2/23/15	HI	Honolulu Police Department
Gregory Moore	5/5/15	ID	Coeur d'Alene Police Department
Dwight Maness	9/14/15	IL	McHenry County Sheriff's Office
Craig Whisenand	8/10/16	IL	Tazewell County Sheriff's Office
Kent Newport*	10/27/14	KS	Kansas Highway Patrol
Eric Chrisman	6/23/15	KY	Kentucky State Police
Daniel Ellis	11/6/15	KY	Richmond Police Department

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FALLEN HEROES 2015 (cont.)

NAME	EOW	STATE	DEPARTMENT
Joseph Ponder	9/13/15	KY	Kentucky State Police
Burke Rhoads	3/11/15	KY	Nicholasville Police Department
Clifford Travis	3/5/15	KY	Bullitt County Detention Center
Anson Tribby *	1/22/13	KY	Kentucky State Police
James Bennett, Jr.	5/24/15	LA	Housing Authority of New Orleans Police Department
Vernell Brown, Jr.	7/17/15	LA	New Orleans Police Department
Rodney Condall	1/28/15	LA	Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office
Juandre Gilliam, Sr.	4/8/15	LA	Jeanerette Police Department
Daryle Holloway	6/20/15	LA	New Orleans Police Department
Thomas LaValley	8/5/15	LA	Shreveport Police Department
Henry Nelson	8/26/15	LA	Sunset Police Department
Steven Vincent	8/24/15	LA	Louisiana State Police
Craig Chandler	1/9/15	MD	Baltimore City Police Department
Noah Leotta	12/10/15	MD	Montgomery County Police Department
Brennan Rabain	3/7/15	MD	Prince George's County Police Department
Joseph Abdella	8/14/15	MI	Detroit Police Department
Arthur Green III	8/9/15	MI	Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Chad Wolf	8/28/15	MI	Michigan State Police
Steven Sandberg	10/18/15	MN	Aitkin County Sheriff's Office
Benjamin Deen	5/9/15	MS	Hattiesburg Police Department
Johnny Gatson	3/10/15	MS	Warren County Sheriff's Office
John Gorman	1/21/15	MS	Mississippi Gaming Commission
Iris Smith	5/25/15	MS	Mississippi Department of Corrections
Liquori Tate	5/9/15	MS	Hattiesburg Police Department
James Bava	8/28/15	MO	Missouri State Highway Patrol
Steven Hawkins	9/13/15	MO	Harrison County Sheriff's Office
Peggy Vassallo	8/24/15	MO	Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department
Kerrie Orozco	5/20/15	NE	Omaha Police Department
Carl Howell	8/15/15	NV	Carson City Sheriff's Office
Eli McCarson	12/17/15	NJ	New Jersey State Police
Anthony Raspa	5/30/15	NJ	New Jersey State Police
John Stevens	1/21/15	NJ	Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
Scott Thompson	4/10/15	NJ	Manchester Township Police Department
Gregg Benner	5/25/15	NM	New Rio Rancho Police Department
Daniel Webster	10/29/15	NM	Albuquerque Police Department

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FALLEN HEROES 2015 (cont.)

NAME	EOW	STATE	DEPARTMENT
Diane Digiacomo	11/20/15	NY	American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Humane Law Enforcement
Donald Fredenburg, Jr.	3/13/15	NY	New York State Police
Randolph Holder	10/20/15	NY	New York City Police Department
John McKee	9/12/15	NY	City University of New York Department of Public Safety
Roy McLaughlin	9/10/15	NY	Yonkers Police Department
Eric Meier	9/17/15	NY	Crawford Police Department
Tommy Merriweather *	1/21/13	NY	New York City Police Department
Brian Moore	5/4/15	NY	New York City Police Department
Thomas Moran*	7/22/12	NY	New York State Police
Edward Thompson*	3/9/08	NY	New York City Police Department
Robert Bowling	5/21/15	NC	North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles License and Theft Bureau
Keith Smith*	12/1/12	NC	North Carolina Department of Public Safety - Division of Adult Correction
Michael Brandle	5/21/15	ОН	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
Sonny Kim	6/19/15	ОН	Cincinnati Police Department
Nathan Van Oort, Sr.	11/7/15	ОН	Ohio University Police Department
Nicholas Dees	1/31/15	OK	Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Gil Datan	4/20/15	OR	Coos County Sheriff's Office
Eric Eslary	5/5/15	PA	Ligonier Township Police Department
Paul Koropal	5/5/15	PA	Allegheny County District Attorney's Office - Investigative Division
Scott Moyer *	9/23/09	PA	Lehigh County Sheriff's Office - Warrant Division
Lloyd Reed, Jr.	11/28/15	PA	St. Clair Township Police Department
John Wilding	7/12/15	PA	Scranton Police Department
Robert Wilson III	3/5/15	PA	Philadelphia Police Department
Gregory Alia	9/30/15	SC	Forest Acres Police Department
Stacy Case	11/7/15	SC	Columbia Police Department
Sean Bolton	8/1/15	TN	Memphis Police Department
Eddie Hamer *	1/27/14	TN	Hardeman County Sheriff's Office
Michael Starrett	1/30/15	TN	Jacksboro Police Department
Rosemary Vela	9/28/15	TN	Madison County Sheriff's Office
James Wallen, Jr.	10/25/15	TN	Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Dept.
Darrell Allen	11/10/15	TX	Marlin Police Department
Adrian Arellano	3/18/15	TX	El Paso Police Department
Christopher Davis	1/14/15	TX	Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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NAME	EOW	STATE	DEPARTMENT
Timothy Davison	7/15/15	TX	Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Eligio Garcia, Jr.	1/14/15	TX	Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Darren Goforth	8/28/15	TX	Harris County Sheriff's Office
Tronoski Jones	8/20/15	TX	Harris County Sheriff's Office
William Keesee	10/29/15	TX	Texas Department of Public Safety - Texas Highway Patrol
Korby Kennedy	6/25/15	TX	San Angelo Police Department
Richard Martin	5/18/15	TX	Houston Police Department
Jeffrey Radford	10/28/15	TX	Bell County Constable's Office - Precinct 3
Christopher Kelley	6/24/15	TX	Hutto Police Department
Kyle Young	9/17/15	VT	Vermont State Police
Nathan-Michael Smith	9/21/15	VA	Virginia State Police
W Kevin Snow*	12/19/12	VA	Bristol Police Department
Brent Hanger	8/6/15	WA	Washington State Patrol
Rick Silva	6/18/15	WA	Chehalis Police Department
Trevor Casper	3/24/15	WI	Wisconsin State Patrol
Ryan Copeland	11/23/15	WI	McFarland Police Department
Louis Bonacasa	12/21/15	Federal	U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Michael Cinco	12/21/15	Federal	U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Joseph Lemm	12/21/15	Federal	U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Anthony Lossiah	10/6/15	Federal	Cherokee Indian Police Department, Tribal Police
Chester McBride III	12/21/15	Federal	U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations
William Sheldon	3/2/15	Federal	U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Peter Taub	12/21/15	Federal	U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Zacarias Toro, Jr.	6/14/15	Federal	U.S. Department of Justice - U.S. Marshals Service
Adrianna Vorderbruggen	12/21/15	Federal	U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Josie Wells	3/10/15	Federal	U.S. Department of Justice - U.S. Marshals Service
Alex Yazzie	3/19/15	Federal	Navajo Division of Public Safety
Rosario Hernandez			
de Hoyos	12/28/15	PR	Puerto Rico Police Department
Miguel Perez-Rios	9/7/15	PR	Puerto Rico Police Department
Edwin Roman-Acevedo *	11/26/14	PR	San Juan Police Department
Frank Roman-Rodriguez	12/28/15	PR	Puerto Rico Police Department
Elsa Rosa-Ortiz	8/17/15	PR	Puerto Rico Police Department
Luz Soto-Segarra	12/28/15	PR	Puerto Rico Police Department

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28th ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

252 FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO BE HONORED

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund has released the roll call of names of 252 U.S. law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. These names are being engraved and will be formally dedicated at the 28th annual Candlelight Vigil held on the National Mall (between 3rd and 7th streets) on Friday, May 13th at 8:00 pm.

Included in this list are the names of 123 officers who were killed in the line of duty in 2015 and 129 officers who were killed in prior years but had been forgotten by time until the Memorial Fund's research staff and a team of dedicated volunteers found record of their law enforcement service. When the addition of these 252 names is completed in late April, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial will bear the names of 20,789 officers representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, federal law enforcement, and military police agencies—all who have made the ultimate sacrifice in our nation's history.

The engraving process begins with a lengthy stencil and proofing procedure conducted before the line of names is cut into the stone on each panel. Next, the first application of Silin stain is applied to the freshly-cut stone to give each letter the necessary color uniformity. Next, the panel is covered and will cure for 24-36 hours, weather dependent. The concluding step includes application of a final coat of Silin stain that is applied to the names. The panel is again covered and cured for 24-36 hours before final inspection by engravers. Once the inspection is finished, the covers are removed, and the panel is completed. Names will be engraved on 48 of the Memorial's 128 panels encompassing the east and west walls.





28th ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL (cont.)

Each May 13, an estimated 20,000 people assemble for the annual Candlelight Vigil, a signature event of National Police Week when the names of these fallen officers are formally dedicated. Thanks to a partnership with Officer.com, the Vigil is streamed live over the Internet so that people across the country can witness this annual tribute to America's law enforcement officers. Individuals interested in the free webcast can register online at www.UnitedByLight.org.

"The process of meticulously engraving names—252 this year—on the Memorial each spring is big undertaking," said Craig W. Floyd, CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. "These officers gave their all protecting our communities and we owe them and their surviving family and friends a huge debt of gratitude."

The names of the 252 officers added to the National Memorial this year can be found at:

www.LawMemorial.org/2016RollCall.

For a complete schedule of National Police Week events in Washington, DC, visit:

www.LawMemorial.org/policeweek.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to telling the story of American law enforcement and making it safer for those who serve. The Memorial Fund maintains the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, which contains the names of 20,538 officers who have died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history. The Memorial Fund is also working to create the National Law Enforcement Museum, which will tell the story of American law enforcement through high-tech, interactive exhibitions, historical artifacts and extensive educational programming. For more information, visit www.nleomf.org. •

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The DC Lodge #1 restaurant features a state-of-the-art kitchen, a dining area that seats up to 75, a fully equipped bar, and amenities such as ATM, cable TV, lottery sales. We also offer complimentary high speed WiFi access to our members and invited guests.

The Club and its unique atmosphere makes it the perfect place to stop by for a quick bite on your way to court, a great getaway for lunch, and an ideal place to meet your friends and swap war stories after your shift. The Club opens every weekday at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast.

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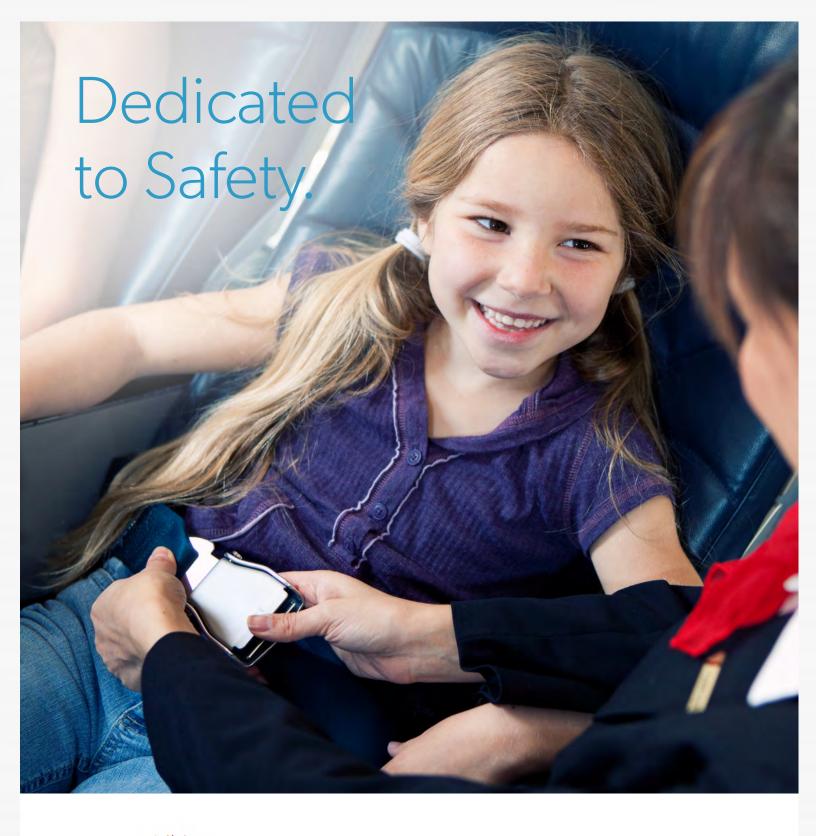
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Make sure to check the FOP Grand Lodge web site for update on legislative issues along with calendar of events. For our members that live outside the Metropolitan area you may find that there is an FOP event in your area. Just a reminder, the "members only" calendar has more information than just the regular one. You can visit that site at www.grandlodgefop.org.

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LODGE INFO

Our Lodge is located at 711 4th Street, NW in downtown Washington, DC. The closest metro stop is Judiciary Square (Red line), which is conveniently located only one block from our building. Other landmarks close to us are the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (located one block away at the Judiciary Square Metro Stop), the Verizon Center, which is two blocks away, and Chinatown/Penn Quarter, which is also only two blocks away.

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Our conference room is capable of seating approximately 200 persons. It is equipped with a television, speakerphone and full Internet access (both wireless and hardwired). Any member wishing to reserve the room for a meeting must schedule it in advance.

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The F.O.P. Lodge D.C. #1 Gift Shop offers quality apparel, keepsakes and collectibles designed for active and retired members of Lodge, affiliate agencies, and their families. As a corporate partner of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. the Gift Shop proudly offers quality Memorial collectibles. They also carry practical items for daily law enforcement use.

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DC LODGE #1 HISTORY

In the Spring of 1915, most police officers in the United States were underpaid and overworked. Officers were prohibited from participating in labor organizations or strikes.

During those days, two police officers from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania met and decided there was a need for an organization to improve working conditions and represent the thin blue line between crime and society. From that simple beginning, the Fraternal Order of Police was born and has grown to an organization with 275,000 members. The FOP is the largest law enforcement organization in the United States. Along with civilian associate members from all walks of life; the FOP of today continues to represent the interest of working police officers.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge DC #1 was chartered in 1966. The Lodge was later named after the first member killed in the line of duty, Officer Jerrard F. Young.

In November of 1977, the FOP Auxiliary to DC Lodge 1 was formed, to promote fellowship between police families. Their objective is to increase understanding between individual officers and their families. The Lodge offers a place to voice ideas and concerns. The Lodge promotes fraternalism and the opportunity to interact with fellow police officers.

The Lodge is composed of members from over 100 different law enforcement agencies and civilian associate members from all walks of life. The Lodge is involved in many community projects, charities and social functions as well as their efforts to improve law enforcement. •



Officer Jerrard F. Young *End of Watch: 5/21/71*



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A Brief History

In the Spring of 1915, most police officers in the United States were underpaid and overworked. Officers were prohibited from participating in labor organizations or strikes.

During those days, two police officers from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania met and decided there was a need for an organization to improve working conditions and represent the thin blue line between crime and society. From that simple beginning, the Fraternal Order of Police was born and has grown to an organization with 275,000 members. The FOP is the largest law enforcement organization in the United States. Along with civilian associate members from all walks of life; the FOP of today continues to represent the interest of working police officers.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge DC #1 was chartered in 1966. The Lodge was later named after the first member killed in the line of duty, Officer Jerrard F. Young.

In November of 1977, the FOP Auxiliary to DC Lodge 1 was formed, to promote fellowship between police families. Their objective is to increase understanding between individual officers and their families. The Lodge offers a place to voice ideas and concerns. The Lodge promotes fraternalism and the opportunity to interact with fellow police officers.

The Lodge is composed of members from over 100 different law enforcement agencies and civilian associate members from all walks of life. The Lodge is involved in many community projects, charities and social functions as well as their efforts to improve law enforcement. •





ABOUT THE FOP STAR

The emblem adopted by the National Fraternal Order of Police is designed to remind the membership of the duties that are expected of them as a citizen, a police officer and a member of the Lodge. The five-cornered star tends to remind us of the allegiance we owe to our Flag and is a symbol of the authority with which we are entrusted. It is an honor the people we serve bestow upon us. They place their confidence and trust in us; serve them proudly.

Midway between the points and center of the star is a blue field representative of the thin blue line protecting those we serve.

The points are of gold, which indicates the position under which we are now serving. The background is white, the unstained color representing the purity with which we should serve. We shall not let anything corrupt be injected into our order. Therefore, our colors are blue, gold and white.

The open eye is the eye of vigilance ever looking for danger and protecting all those under its care while they sleep or while awake. The clasped hands denote friendship. The hand of friendship is always extended to those in need of our comfort.

The circle surrounding the star midway indicates our never-ending efforts to promote the welfare and advancement of this order. Within the half circle over the centerpiece is our motto, "Jus, Fidus, Libertatum" which translated means "Law Is a Safeguard of Freedom." •



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