

Jerrard F. Young DC Lodge #1



UPDATED: President's "State of the Lodge" Message





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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Andy Maybo | amaybo@dc-fop.org

#### "State of the Lodge" Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The state of our Lodge is STRONG and continues to grow stronger as the days go by. When I took over as President in January 2016, my Board of Directors and I were tasked with many difficulties, both socially and financially. Over the past year, we made some difficult decisions. However, I am pleased to report that we are taking the Lodge in the right direction and overcoming some of the shortfalls we faced.

Throughout the past few years the Lodge has been faced with many unexpected financial burdens. We had to replace the elevator, replace the heating and air conditioning, fix the roof, and had numerous unforeseen expenditures occur, from broken pipes to fixing the front door. This left the Lodge in financial disarray.

In addition, I was faced with handling many situations that were creating, in large part, the financial strains the Lodge was experiencing. For example, Labor Committees were not paying on time or not paying the correct amount. And the largest financial strain I faced was that our Club continued to fail financially. I am proud to say that many of these issues have been addressed and corrected, strengthening the Lodge's financial position. All Labor Committees are paying the correct amounts, most Labor Committees are paid in full for their membership, and the ones who are not paid in full are working with us.

Finally, some difficult decisions were made about the Club. Over the past year, I, along with the Board of Directors, realized that the Club was financially burdening the Lodge to the point that we could no longer



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sustain the subsidy we had been providing for many years. Just as an example: the Club made \$85,000 in 2016 and paid out over \$115,000 in salaries. This doesn't even include Club expenses, daily operating costs, and fees/taxes. The Lodge subsidized this difference year after year. Unfortunately, our Club has faced many hurdles over the past years, which has resulted in these losses. With fewer officers going to court in the morning, our breakfast hours took a major hit. Then, all of the nearby construction has further limited parking around the Lodge and lunch and dinner began to suffer more. Although the bar was still doing a decent business on Thursday and Friday nights, the restaurant portion of the Club was failing. Realizing that we had to subsidize the Club over \$100,000 a year with money from dues, the decision was made in 2017 to close the restaurant and just keep the bar open only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

I have always vowed as President to have the best interest of the membership at heart. I couldn't continue knowing that so much money was going into the restaurant when so much of our membership never utilizes it. The decision to close the restaurant came with some devastating and heartbreaking result. We had to terminate two of our long-term employees here at the Lodge. Amparo and Rosario –who had been with us for over 25 years each – had their job positions within the Lodge eliminated, unfortunately. This was difficult for us all, but they still return on occasion to work banquets and special events.

With the changes to the restaurant and bar, the Lodge is saving an enormous amount of money and I'm proud to say we are starting to show a profit from the Club for the first time in years. We are now exploring the possibility of serving a very basic menu while the bar is open.

I do want to publicly apologize to our members who have been directly affected by the decision to close the restaurant. Every day we had some extremely loyal members who visited the lodge to eat breakfast, lunch and/or dinner. The fact that we had to close the restaurant directly affected you, and you have my deepest apology.

I find it necessary to report to the membership that because we had to make such drastic decisions, one decision that I personally made



#### FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont.)

was to sell the FOP Lodge #1 president's car. I could not morally or ethically drive around in a Lodge vehicle knowing I had to terminate employees that had over 25 years each with the Lodge. I sold our 2008 Dodge Charger for \$9,000, which was put right into the operating budget. I will utilize my own vehicle and continue to cut every cost I can to be fiscally responsible to the membership. This is a promise I made in the beginning of my presidency and one that I will continue to follow. Before answering any question, I always ask myself, "How does this benefit the membership?" The only vehicle the lodge currently has is our extremely old Dodge 15 passenger van.

Another issue I would like to report on is our current relationships with Labor Committees. In the past, the Lodge was burdened with some hostile relationships between the Lodge and certain Labor Committees. I am pleased to announce that through enhanced communications and meetings, we now enjoy outstanding working relationships with ALL Labor Committees associated with the Lodge. This speaks volumes to the type of leadership that is portrayed both at our Lodge and with the Labor Committees. This further illustrates how the state of our Lodge is strong and continuing to grow stronger.

One issue, which has always been difficult to conquer, is communications both within the Lodge and with our membership. If you are not signed up for email, then chances are you can't even read this very message I'm sending. With close to 10,000 email addresses, we currently show a 20% read rate. We can only do so much to make the membership aware of what we are doing and how we are doing it. Each member bears a responsibility to keep their information updated within the Lodge and to read the information that is disseminated.

The Lodge has been involved with numerous fundraisers and community events throughout the past year. We have raised over \$8,000 for Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic, and we gave well over 1,500 toys to Washington DC Central Mission Operation Christmas Miracle that were donated to the Lodge, valued well over \$30,000. We have raised tens of thousands of dollars for members in need through Go Fund Me pages, and we had an extremely successful year with our National Night Out involvement. These are just a few examples of the countless ways we have given back to our membership and the community we serve.



#### FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont.)

I am also proud to announce that we will be starting a scholarship fund for members' children attending their first year of college. Although we do not yet know the dollar amount or number of scholarships, I plan to advertise them within the next two months. The process will be competitive, with a scholarship committee in place to do the selection. This is just another way for us at the Lodge to give back to its membership.

With the tough stuff behind us, I now want to move forward with unity and vision for the Lodge. It's time this Board takes the Lodge into the future with financial stability, a strong reputation and an overall authoritative stance when supporting our own. My goal is to have Labor Committee Chairs, Agency Trustees, and all Board of Directors to join us in making 2017 our best year so far. The Fraternal Order of Police has a rich history in Washington, DC and I will not let this organization diminish or become extinct.

On another note, there is an article of interest that I think you should read at PoliceOne.com entitled 6 Changes Cops Think Will Improve Policing in 2017. It's thought-provoking and a good read.

In closing, I ask support from each and every one of you. Not only for me but for each other. There are too many external forces and agencies for us to be against each other. Now is the time we all must unite and stand up against those who are bringing us, our agencies and the FOP down. We are FOP Strong!!!

God Bless you and please be safe!

Fraternally,

Andy Maybo President



## **FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

**by Mike Murphy** | mmurphy@dc-fop.org

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Lodge #1, 2017 has arrived and it came in with a bang for the Presidential Inauguration. No matter what your political views might be, I believe that things are looking up for the Law Enforcement community as a whole. Truly, time will tell, but the talk sounds at least encouraging.

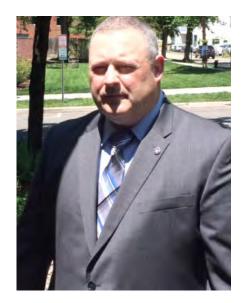
The Lodge and members of your Elected Board of Directors passed a 2017 budget toward the end of the 2016 year, which seemed like doom and gloom. This brought about several key decisions to include the closing of the restaurant portion of the club for at least a temporary period of time. After several meetings, discussions, and ultimately the closure of the restaurant, it was decided that we needed to start over and create something sensible for our members. No matter how we looked at things we did not want to waste money.

To start we are incorporating new hours and a limited menu, which looks to be a work in progress. (Please see the DC Lodge #1 web site.) However, with that said we all intend to have something for the members. The result is that the bar portion will remain open three nights a week (Wednesday through Friday) with a proposed limited menu. These were not easy decisions – especially when they involved three dedicated employees and two long-time veteran employees.

Coupled with repairs, salaries, limited member participation, and the everyday costs to run the restaurant during the 0700-1600 work days, it became the only reasonable solution to avoid wasting our members' money. Moving forward in 2017, we will still host special events and scheduled parties at the Lodge with several menu options available upon request and with proper notice.

Club hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5:30pm until 12am (or later, based on patrons in the bar). If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me.

Please all be safe, fraternally, Mike Murphy, Vice President





## **FROM THE TREASURER**

by Pablo Figueroa | pfigueroa@dc-fop.org

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and I pray that everyone will have a happy, healthy and very prosperous New Year. I want to thank you for your continued support to the Lodge during the tough decision-making that is currently taking place. We look forward to continuing to serve our members and to provide everyone with great service and dedication.

From a financial point, I am pleased to announce that the Lodge has successfully completed the 2015 audit and are continuing to improve the management of our finances. The 2017 budget was passed and we are preparing to commence the 2016 audit.

I am delighted to inform you that members are taking advantage of the F.O.P. Legal Defense Plan. Many are familiar with, and enjoy the benefits of, this plan. As a reminder, this plan is owned and operated by the National F.O.P. and provides the member protection from any criminal, administrative and civil matters arising from their performance of duties. This plan also covers members while working overtime and off-duty employment. The individual cost is \$286.00 a year for full coverage but when purchased through the Lodge, we are able to offer it to you at the group rate of \$264.00 with a savings of \$22.00 per year. For more detailed information please contact Nila or Sandy at the Lodge.

We are all working very hard to improve our services and representation. Please remember that regardless of how many years you've worked or what agency you represent, your thoughts and help are always welcome. Police Week is fast approaching and we could use your help. Please consider volunteering at the Lodge to prepare and





#### FROM THE TREASURER (cont.)

organize this very special event that we host and provide support to the survivors of our Fallen Officers.

I encourage all members to start visiting our web page to stay updated on benefits and events offered by the Lodge. Be on the lookout for some new benefits to include Estate Planning, F.O.P. Travel and the Delta Dental Plans that will soon be available at reduced rates and savings. Again, check the web page as we will update as these become available.

I look forward to seeing you at our next general membership meeting which is the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at 711 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. ♥

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On behalf of Arlington Law Group, thank you for allowing us to become one of Lodge #1's community partners. We hope to meet and get to know many of you in the months and years ahead. Please do not hesitate to <u>contact us</u> with any questions, or to schedule a consultation.

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## FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

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

Brothers and Sisters, I wish you all a Happy Belated New Year and hope the Holiday season treated you and your families well. A new year brings new hope, that our profession won't be vilified as it was last year by the media and social media. It brings new hope that society will treat us with the respect we have earned and so deeply deserve. A new year where all of Law Enforcement and Police can hopefully look forward to NO loss of life in the line of duty, but you know as well as I do unfortunately that won't happen. Our profession is a very dangerous one and loss of life is a reality that no family should have to deal with, but some families unfortunately have to face.

During my career, I have lost two academy classmates in line-of-duty deaths and a third to domestic violence. It was especially hard for me when my remaining classmates and I became eligible to retire in April of 2015 – knowing three of them should have been there to celebrate with the ones that lasted 25 years on the department, but were taken away from us by violence. They did their job and in so doing, paid the ultimate sacrifice. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of them and what they gave to this profession. This only strengthens my resolve when times are bad and the weight of the world seems to be on my shoulders and everyone seems to be against me and my profession.

We here in the nation's capital just got finished with the 58<sup>th</sup> Inauguration of the president of the United States and all the demonstrations that came with it. I was out there for my seventh inauguration and it got busy a couple of those days with citizens of this great country exercising their first amendment rights protesting the new president. During that week we experienced citizens throwing rocks and other debris at police lines and, as Police and





#### FROM OUR CHAPLAIN (cont.)

Law Enforcement, we fought some of them and arrested others to bring back law and order. Later, a crowd of almost 500,000 women came to the nation's capital to peacefully protest and state their views without a single incident. I would have to say it was probably one of the top three crowds I have had to work in my career and I can't remember any other that was so peaceful. I had to go through that crowd with my scooter to meet up with my CDU (Civil Disturbance) platoon, which was deployed at the White House. I was thanked and welcomed by almost everyone I came in contact with, and – trust me – going through a crowd of 500,000 people took a while. Brothers and Sisters, it was refreshing and relieving to see so many people from all walks of life so thankful, respectful and appreciative of what we do and the profession we have chosen – because every one of you is worthy of the nation's respect, a respect we earn everyday by going to work and performing our duties and responsibilities as police officers and law enforcement. A respect we earn for the blood we spill and the lives we give keeping our nation's streets, communities and cities safe and secure. Remember as always, be safe out there, watch your six, and never forget Rule Number #1.

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 –

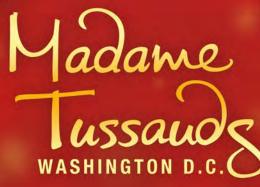
Strength of body to protect others, and strength of spirit to lead others.

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. 😒



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## FROM THE DC POLICE UNION

by Matthew Mahl | mmahl@dcpoliceunion.com

#### **MPD Senior Police Officer Program**

On October 27, 2016, members of the D.C. City Council voted unanimously to approve the Senior Law Enforcement Officer Temporary Amendment Act of 2016, which was introduced by Chairman Mendelson. In short, this legislation expands the department's Senior Police Officer (SPO) program to include the rehire of retired members at the ranks of Detective Grade 1 and Sergeant for a period not to exceed three years. The purpose of this legislation, as stated by Chairman Mendelson, is to "provide the chief with incentives to retain veteran, experienced MPD officers due to the challenges resulting from the retirement bubble."

Leaders of the Union lobbied against this legislation at every turn, including attending private meetings with several council members, and attending public forums to speak out against it. In the end the Council passed the legislation, believing it to be a viable solution to the department's worsening retention problem. In our estimation, however, this view could not be more shortsighted. The Union's argument is simple: rehiring retiring members does nothing to address the roots of the department's retention issues. By brushing off deficiencies such as low morale, poor working conditions, and inadequate pay in favor of an easy fix, we see this as yet another missed opportunity by the Council to invest in what has become a police department with a staff increasingly composed of younger members. Moreover, the rehiring of retired members will hobble career growth opportunities for these younger members. We know that members work hard towards career goals such as promotion to detective or sergeant, or assignment





#### FROM THE DC POLICE UNION (cont.)

to specialized units. However, if the department rehires retired detectives and sergeants, this will further stall advancement for members seeking these opportunities, especially when those rehired members return to their positions within various specialized units.

Worse yet, despite our good working relationship with Chief Newsham, while acknowledging these concerns and citing them as legitimate, he has unfortunately moved forward in advocating for this program. His only public response thus far to these concerns is to ask members to "be patient."

The Union has, however, succeeded in blocking the expansion of this program from three to five years, as proposed by some members of the Council. Extending the Senior Officers' employment contracts to five years would only exacerbate the negative aspects of the law, prolonging delays in promotion and further putting off REAL solutions to MPD's retention problems. Additionally, the Union is also keeping a watchful eye on where the Senior Officers are being assigned once they are rehired. The Union recognizes the knowledge and experience that the Senior Officers bring with them, but believe that they could be best utilized in training and mentorship roles at the academy or in certain roles at headquarters. It is our hope that the Chief will work with us on seeing that Senior Officers are utilized in this fashion.  $\heartsuit$ 

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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.

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Detective Thomas Webb, a 27-year veteran of MPD and currently in DC Homicide for over 12 years, would like to extend a warm welcome to all our brave men and women in blue. His wife, Lisa Nardelli, third generation owner of the second oldest bar in the district, and all the staff of the Tune Inn greatly appreciate your service and dedication to the community. Please come help us celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> year in business!

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## **UPDATE: LODGE #1 AUXILIARY**

by Bonnie Cannon | bcannon@dc-fop.org

Let me start off by saying that our Auxiliary hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Since our fall report the DC FOP, together with our Auxiliary, raised over \$7,200 from our Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> Mid-Atlantic fundraiser. We are very proud that we took part in this fundraiser in order to help children in need in the DC Metropolitan area. We look forward to participating in this great cause again later this year. *A special 'thank you' goes to Gerald 'GG' Neill for tirelessly dedicating his time and energy to this effort!* 

We hosted a *Paint It Forward* night on November 12, 2016 at DC FOP Lodge 1. We had a wonderful time. It was great spending time with everyone who attended and getting to better know some of our Auxiliary members. We plan on having another *Paint It Forward* again in the near future. If anyone is interested in sharing ideas for our next "Paint Nite" please feel free to contact me.

Our *GoFundMe* page that was set up for Capitol Hill Officer Eric Luders and his son (mentioned in the fall report) went very well. At this point we have raised over \$14,000 for him and his son, who continue to recover. Please keep this family in your prayers.

We did a holiday collection for food and toys. It was a great success again this year. The FOP collected and delivered over 750 toys around the area and our Auxiliary collected and delivered a great quantity of non-perishable food to the local food banks. We hope to do just as well next year.

Our Auxiliary donated to the ALS Association in memory of our MPD Labor Committee Chairman's mother who recently passed. It is always our goal to continue to donate to charities that deeply and directly affect those that we serve.

## 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.

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#### UPDATE: LODGE #1 AUXILIARY (cont.)

We were very honored to present a beautiful cake for the final Gibson family holiday meal tradition this year. Mrs. Gibson's son Brian was killed in the line of duty on February 5, 1997. Mrs. Gibson and her husband Harrison have been serving a turkey dinner at their Christmas Open House for 20 years in tribute to their son Brian. Everyone will definitely miss this tradition but we will never forget the Gibson family for all they have done for law enforcement.

We are so excited to announce that our Auxiliary is now taking orders for a challenge coin we have designed which has a local sentiment to our area. The image is of the 1957 Pulitzer Prize winning photo of former DC Police Chief Maurice Cullinane who was a Corporal at the time, speaking to a child (Andy Weaver) who had wandered too far into the street during a Chinese New Year's Parade. When you purchase this coin you are purchasing a piece of history and supporting the DC FOP Auxiliary. The price is \$10 per coin plus shipping and handling, which is \$5 for 1-5 coins, \$10 for 6-10 coins, and \$15 for 11-20. If you are interested please provide a check to DC FOP Auxiliary and mail it to Bonnie Cannon, 3712 7th Street, North Beach, MD 20714. As soon as I receive payment I will forward the coins. However, if you are local we can arrange for pick up. If you are interested, please contact me at bcannon@dc-fop.org or you can call me at 410-610-8613. A picture of the coin can be seen after this article.

Finally, members of our Auxiliary and Associate members partnered with DC MPD and the FOP at our Lodge on Inauguration Day to help assist in providing a resting stop when officers would like to stop by and take a break as well as provide food. It was great to be part of something which provides relief to our officers during such a challenging time.

*Future Auxiliary event dates to mark your calendar:* 

March 12, 2017 – St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef And Cabbage Dinner

May 8, 2017 (not confirmed yet) – Local Law Enforcement Memorial. 😒





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## THANK YOU: MAKE-A-WISH

Major thanks go out to everyone who supported the 2016 FOP Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> Mid-Atlantic fund raiser. Through your generous contribution(s) of time, money and efforts we were able to help make wishes comes true for children with life-threatening medical conditions. No greater joy comes to these children's lives than fulfillment of their wishes in times when it seems all of life is against them.

One hundred percent of the money collected went to Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> Mid-Atlantic; together we raised \$7,228.83. While 2016 was our first year partnering with Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> Mid-Atlantic for our fund raiser, we look forward to a long-term relationship.

The Fraternal Order of Police is committed to making positive impacts on the lives of the citizens we serve. We will be at this again later this year. Until then may you and yours be blessed with good health and good fortune.

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FOP Make-A-Wish Committee members: Sherrie Forster & Shelia Ford.

To all – again – many thanks.

- Co-Chairs Gerald G. Neill Jr. & Bonnie Cannon 🕴



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# Thank you!

October 3, 2016 was officially declared Make-A-Wish Day at FOP Lodge 1.

Many of our members put in tremendous effort on their own time to collect donations that brought us to a total of over \$7200 for Make-A-Wish® Mid-Atlantic!

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## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

by Steve Franchak | psfm15@verizon.net

Just a reminder: a new Administration has taken over the operation of the Federal government and the new Congress has been sworn in. Since we will be starting over with our agenda for our legislative issues we must increase our efforts.

Now is a good time to drop by your Senator's or Congressman's office on the Hill or his/her local office (whichever is easier for you) and meet the staff. After a few days, follow up with either an e-mail or phone call.

As usual, to keep abreast of our legislative agenda, you can enroll on the National FOP website (www.fop.net) and they will send weekly updates on Congressional activities of our interests. 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 make a donation to the FOP PAC. These donations are used to support our legislative agenda.

#### **DAY ON THE HILL, FEBRUARY 2017**

The FOP Day on the Hill 2017 will begin on Monday, February 13. The National Legislative Office and the National Legislative Committee will host a short briefing on our legislative agenda. The briefing will take place at 3pm on that Monday afternoon at D.C. Lodge #1 and last approximately one hour.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 14-15 February, will be devoted to your meetings with Members from your home States and districts. These appointments should be made in advance. Event participants should make every effort to have their Representative or Senator attend the meeting along with the appropriate staff person.

Once National puts out our legislative agenda, and you could not participate in Day on the Hill, copies of our agenda can be obtained on line at National website, from the National Legislative Office or from a the Lodge Legislative Committee. Drop a copy off to your Senator or Congressman key staff and ask for their support. Most representatives feel that people who drop by and visit are more interested in their agenda, followed by people who hand write letters or who send e-mail, followed by people who call.

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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).

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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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## **POLICE FATALITIES IN 2016**

64 officers shot and killed—21 were ambushed

On July 27, 2016, the National Law Enforcement Law enforcement fatalities nationwide rose to their highest level in five years in 2016, with 135 officers killed in the line of duty, according to preliminary data compiled and released today by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) in their 2016 Law Enforcement Fatalities Report.

The 135 officer fatalities in 2016 are a 10 percent increase over the 123 who died in the line of duty last year and is the highest total since 2011 when 177 officers made the ultimate sacrifice.

Firearms-related incidents were the number one cause of death in 2016, with 64 officers shot and killed across the country. This represents a significant spike—56 percent—over the 41 officers killed by gunfire in 2015. Of the 64 shooting deaths of officers this year, 21 were the result of ambush-style attacks—the highest total in more than two decades. Eight multiple-shooting death incidents claimed the lives of 20 officers in 2016, tied with 1971 for the highest total of any year since 1932. Those incidents included five officers killed in ambush attacks in Dallas (TX) and three in Baton Rouge (LA) spanning 10 days in July.

Fifty-three officers were killed in traffic-related incidents in 2016, which was 10 percent more than the 48 killed on roadways in 2015. Of the 53 traffic-related deaths, 28 died in automobile crashes, 15 were struck and killed while outside of their vehicle and 10 were killed in motorcycle crashes. Prior to 2016, traffic-related incidents have been the number one cause of officer fatalities in 15 of the last 20 years.

"Each day some 900,000 men and women work to keep our communities safe, and we owe each of them a debt of gratitude. All American citizens should be outraged at the number of officers who have been targeted, shot and killed this year. The brutal assassinations of law enforcement officers in Texas and Louisiana shocked our nation and we saw similar ambush attacks on officers in other parts of the country earlier this year. Public safety is a partnership. Thankfully, the vast majority of Americans clearly support and appreciate the vital role law enforcement plays in our society. So, now is the time for all law-abiding citizens to partner with law enforcement in support of safe communities."

- Craig W. Floyd NLEOMF Chairman and CEO

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#### POLICE FATALITIES IN 2016 (cont.)

Eighteen officers died from other causes in 2016, including 11 who died from job-related illnesses—mostly heart attacks— while performing their duties. Other causes included beatings (3), a drowning, a fall, an aircraft crash and a stabbing.

Among the states, Texas had the highest number of officer fatalities, with 17, followed by California with 10, Louisiana with nine, Georgia with eight, and Michigan with six. Six Federal law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2016, along with four from the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico and one tribal officer.

Six of the fallen officers in 2016 were female. Among the officers who died this year, the average age was 40, and the average length of service was 13 years.

"Public safety is a partnership and, too often, the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement professionals is taken for granted," observed NLEOMF President and CEO Craig W. Floyd. "We must never forget that 900,000 law enforcement officers nationwide risk their lives every day for our safety and protection. And, this year, 135 of those men and women did not make it home to their families at the end of their shift. As we begin the new year, let us all resolve to respect, honor, and remember those who have served us so well and sacrificed so much in the name of public safety."

There are currently 20,789 names of officers killed in the line of duty inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, dating back to the first known death in 1791. Over the past decade (2006-2015) the average annual number of officer fatalities has been 151. The deadliest year on record for law enforcement was 1930 when 307 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. The last time officer fatalities dipped below 100 for a single year was 1944.



#### POLICE FATALITIES IN 2016 (cont.)

The statistics released are based on preliminary data compiled by the NLEOMF and do not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2016. For a complete copy of the preliminary 2016 Law Enforcement Fatalities Report, go to: www.LawMemorial.org/FatalitiesReport.

For more information, contact Steve Groeninger, Senior Director of Communications & Marketing for the NLEOMF, at (202) 737-7135, or via email at steve@nleomf.org.

#### ABOUT THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is a private 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 20,789 officers who have died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history. The Memorial Fund is now 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.LawMemorial.org. ©

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## LODGE CLUB UPDATE

Speak to any officer in any police department in the city about the FOP DC Lodge 1 and they automatically think about our club. DC Lodge 1 is larger than just our club. We are an organization of men and women who have chosen to become police officers in one of the most important cities in the world. DC Lodge 1 and its units serve our membership, just as the membership serves our community.

Recently, DC Lodge 1 found itself in a tight financial position. This was brought on us by ever-growing losses in the restaurant portion of our club. The bar, in its current operation, does not lose money.

Our projected budget for 2017 requires us to either change how we operate our restaurant or close our club entirely. After working with our accountants and after considerable deliberation, we came to the only viable solution to save our lodge – to close our restaurant operations and keep the bar side open.

Therefore, beginning in January 2017 the restaurant will no longer be open for breakfast and lunch unless there is a planned event. Each event will be set up to pay its entire costs or it will not be able to proceed.

A long term goal of ours is to keep our restaurant for our members and find ways to operate it so as not lose money. While we are looking at several different potential operating options for our restaurant, at this time our losses are substantial and forced this position.

As a result of our closing the restaurant, we had to let go longtime employees who have always been there for us. If you should see them, please say hello and know that they will be missed.

I realize that saying this "ain't good" is not enough, but you have a right to know what is going on.

Regretfully the bearer of bad news,

*Gerald G. Neill Jr.* Trustee at Large



## **BANQUETS & CATERING**

Our Lodge features a beautiful and spacious banquet facility that is perfect for any event or occasion. Our staff is ready to cater to your specific needs and can assist you in planning a great event for your family, friends, or work group.

We can design plentiful buffets and provide an extensive beverage service from our fully stocked bar. Our Banquet Coordinator is experienced in developing menu packages specifically designed to meet your tastes, needs, and budget.

In addition to social events, the Banquet Facility makes an excellent location to hold training classes. It is easily accessible (located only one block from the Judiciary Square Metro station), offers on-site catering, and is equipped with high speed wireless Internet access. Special arrangements can be made to provide hardwired Internet access as well. Depending upon seating and table configurations, the room will comfortably seat approximately 125 people.

Any member of our Lodge may reserve the facility based on availability. Events are normally scheduled for 4 hours; however, we can accommodate longer events subject to approval and additional fee. Our facility is fully ADA compliant to accommodate the needs of all guests.

Members interested in having an event at the Lodge may pick up a Banquet Packet at the FOP Office or download a PDF version of the Banquet Packet with the Terms & Conditions from the Lodge web site. Find more information, visit dc-fop.org/ food.php, call us at 202-408-7767, ext. 700 or 720, or e-mail us at banquet@dc-fop.org. 



by Robert Berretta | rberretta@dc-fop.org

The 37th Annual U.S. Park Police Ski Trip was another rousing success! We not only had attendees from the Washington, DC Metropolitan area, but also from Pennsylvania, Michigan and as far away as Georgia! We had a total of 50 participants with the best conditions that I can recall ever in my 19 years of traveling up to Seven Springs. Besides my regulars, we had some newcomers as well – both active and retired members representing the FBI, MPD, NIH, USCP and of course USPP.

This year, much like previous years, you could see how the owners of the resort had reinvested in the property, which was clearly evidenced by the complete redesign of the Matterhorn Lounge. That being said, there is so much more to do than just ski or snowboard. The Trillium Spa is one of my favorites!

We truly had a great time this year and I sincerely wish that more people would get on board. Go once and you'll be hooked! It really is a phenomenal deal if you take into consideration what you're getting for your money. Now it's time for anyone that has been sitting on the fence to break out their calendars because the one thing I've learned in my short time on this Earth is if it doesn't go on the calendar it doesn't happen. Our next trip will be in from Sunday, January 28 through Wednesday, January 31 in 2018. Hope to see you out on the slopes!







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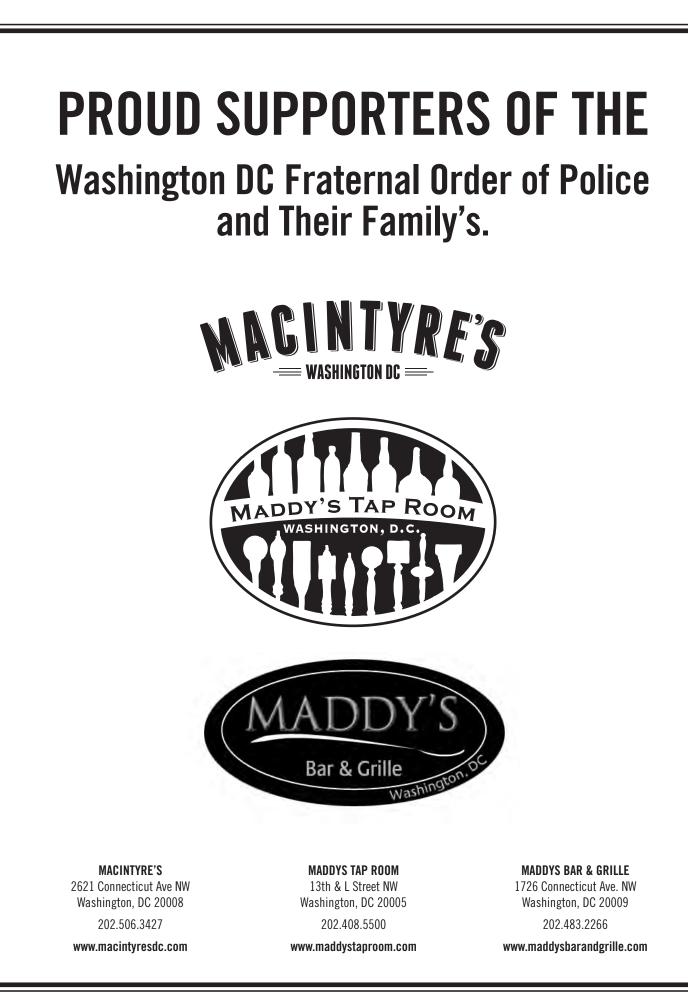


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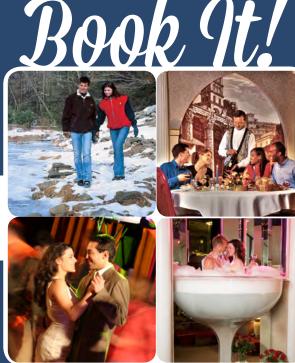
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#### **LODGE WEB SITE**

Please visit your Lodge website at www.dc-fop.org there is a lot of information that is of use to you.

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## LODGE INFO

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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.

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



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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.

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