

A Lodge UPDATE



Issue 1

Quarterly Newsletter from The FOPA of Ohio

August 2017

Greetings Brothers & Sisters!

I would like to welcome you to our First Edition of the State FOPA Newsletter! I hope you find this information useful. Please use this as another tool that the State FOPA is providing to help your Local Lodges get your message out to the masses. Also, our Facebook page is a great way to promote your fundraisers, stories, and photos to other members who may not otherwise know what you are doing. Information on how to submit your articles, photos, & fundraisers can be found in this newsletter.



#MOVEOVER This hashtag should be familiar to all FOPA members in the State of Ohio. You might be asking "WHAT IS A HASHTAG"? Frankly, I had to ask my daughters to explain. They broke it down to simply mean a number sign followed by a group of words that is link to a message about a topic on the internet, social media, or at times in real life. **#MOVEOVER** is the hashtag for the Ohio FOP Move Over Campaign. This campaign is to 1) raise awareness of Ohio's current move over law and 2) to stiffen the penalties of that law. Despite the fact that the **#MOVEOVER** law has been in effect for over 10 years, numerous injuries and fatalities continue to occur. Under this law the penalty is a possible fine and possible suspension of driving privileges. Under the new proposal changes would include upgrading the charge to a misdemeanor, drivers could be jailed up to 180 days, and fined up to \$1,000 if someone is hurt or killed.

There are 2 components to the #MOVEOVER campaign. First, is education of the current law which requires a motorist to move over on a road or highway that has 2 or more lanes. If that is not possible, the driver must SLOW DOWN to a safe speed while passing the emergency vehicle. Secondly, is to move legislation so that when the law is broken proper punishment will be able to be handed down. This will reduce the number of crashes that are injuring, dismembering, and killing first responders in Ohio. What can you do as an FOPA Members? Tell your family and friends, share the #MOVEOVER on your social media, write a letter to your State Representative & State Senator, and most importantly #MOVEOVER!

The 2018 State Conference will be held on June 21 – 24 in Independence, Ohio. John Chesar and I met with 2 hotels in Independence in regards to our Conference. In years past, we stayed at the Crown Plaza across the street and had to shuttle, drive, or walk across the street to the activities. This was a major inconvenience and a safety concern. I am happy to announce that next year our lodging will be at the Spring Hill Suites by Marriott next to the Holiday Inn and our meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn with the FOP. This should further build the FOP/FOPA relationship that is growing. The rate will be \$125 per night. You cannot book a room until NEXT SPRING! I am putting the rate info out there so that you can start planning for your conference budget now. Also, I hope to see you there!

Thank you for reading this newsletter. I want to thank everyone who contributed to it. I especially would like to thank Vice President Theresa Drennen for reaching out to all of the Trustees for content for this issue. Once again if you want to share something that you are doing or have something coming up please send it in. This is your newsletter.

Fraternally,

Andrew McKenna, President

Fraternal Order of Police Associates of Ohio, Inc.

Member of the Year

Our featured member this issue is 2017 FOPA Member of the Year Rick Grane. Rick is a 25-year member of Western Cuyahoga Lodge #28 located in Westlake. He has served his lodge for two of those years as their vice president and the past 16 years as their sergeant at arms. Lodge #28 is a very active lodge and Rick said he enjoys many of their events including their annual reverse raffle, a yearly cook out, and shop with cops for which he really gets into the Christmas spirit and dresses as an elf! According to Lodge 28 secretary Becky Woodward, 'You haven't lived until you see Rick in an elf costume!' He bartends their annual Murder Mystery Dinner and orders all of the food for their cook out and Christmas party. He doesn't just pick up the food, cook, and clean up. He also makes sure leftovers get delivered to area police departments.

Rick is a widower with one daughter and like many FOPA members, he became involved with our organization to help police and to better serve his city. Rick lost his wife Susan to cancer in 2003 after a 16 year battle. He uses her as his strength and inspiration to give back to the community. His service to his community doesn't stop with the FOPA. He is active with The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Historical Society, and he is the vice president elect of the Westlake Town Criers. He has served with the Westlake Police Auxiliary since 2005, volunteering around eighty hours a month, and has twice been Auxiliary Officer of the Year. Rick was named 'Mr. Westlake' in 2014, which is the citizen of

the year award for the city of Westlake.

He is also very active with the Kiwanis and has served three terms as their president. Currently Rick is working on a project with the Kiwanis raising funds for new canines for the Westlake Police Department. Thus far the project has raised almost \$25,000 within the Westlake community.

Thank you, Rick, for your service to the FOPA and congratulations on receiving the much deserved 2017 FOPA Member of the Year award.



Member Honored



Armentrout receiving his plaque from FOP 94 Pres. Chellis

On July 5th, Ron Armentrout was honored by Wayne County FOP Lodge 94 and FOPA 53 for his years of service to both lodges. Ron is a 23 year member of FOPA 53 and has served the past 17 of those years as their secretary/treasurer. He was drawn to the FOPA because of a deep respect for law enforcement and many personal friends working in the profession. He spent nine years as a part time officer himself for Mount Eaton and Dalton police departments. This was in addition to retiring as a banker and working as a storm chaser!

In recognition of Ron's service to the FOP and FOPA, the pavilion at FOP Lodge 94 will be named the Armentrout Pavilion. As it states on their Facebook page, 'Members like Ron are what make us successful.' Congratulations to Ron for this honor, and we thank you for your service to the FOPA.



The FOPA State Lodge has Tervis tumblers for sale. The cost is \$20 each. Please contact your district trustee or VP Drennen at fopaohiov@gmail.com for more information. Tumblers may be shipped. A calculated shipping charge would apply.



Lodge of the Year

Our first featured lodge is the winner of the 2017 FOPA Lodge of the Year award, Erie County Lodge 35. Located in Sandusky, they are the associate lodge to FOP Lake Erie Lodge 17. They currently have fifty-seven members. Although, they may not be one of the biggest lodges in the state they are one of the most active.

Lodge 35 not only hosts their own events and fundraisers, but they assist their 'P Lodge' with whatever they have going on. FOP 17 and FOPA 35 are an outstanding example of how an FOP lodge and their associate lodge should assist and support one another. They help their P lodge with their annual reverse raffle and the homemade desserts the FOPA provides for that evening are always a hit. Together they have hosted two formal galas and always help each other with fundraisers as well as raffle sales. When FOP 17 was chosen to host the 2017 FOP/FOPA summer conference, FOPA 35 was on board to help!

Their charity committee collects items at their monthly meetings for various organizations in Erie County. These items include: Easter basket items for less fortunate children, items for use by Safe Harbor to help local victims of domestic violence, supplies and food for the Erie County Dog Pound, toys during the holidays for Toys for Tots, school supplies each school year, and food donations for a local soup kitchen. Along with FOP 17, they brave the elements to raise money for Special Olympics at their annual Polar Plunge. Some of FOPA 35's male members strut their stuff in red high heels to support Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. Several of their members have, for the past few years, donated their time to help the Salvation Army with community feeds.

Lodge 35 has a vest fund to help local part time and reserve police officers pay for their vests. They also have a scholarship program for their members, their

children and grandchildren. Some members travel to Washington DC each year along with members from FOP 17 for National Police Week to honor those officers that made the ultimate sacrifice. The members that didn't make the trip this year, started a Blue Ribbon campaign. Blue ribbons were placed all around the community and at local businesses for Police Week, raising community awareness and showing support to their local law enforcement.

The funds they raise never sit idle for long. Each month they receive requests for donations from other organizations throughout Erie County. They do their best to accommodate each request with either their time, providing a basket to raffle, or a monetary donation. Just this month you will find them giving away a pair of bicycles at National Night out, Participating in Walk a Mile, and helping their FOP with a fundraiser on Put-in Bay.

Thank you FOPA 35 for all you do and congratulations on being named 2017 FOPA Lodge of the Year.



Free College



FOP members and their families can complete an Associate Degree with \$ZERO out-of-pocket.

www.FOPFreeCollege.org
or call 1-888-590-9009

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The free college program is also a wonderful tool when recruiting new members. Let any potential members know about this great program! For the cost of their yearly dues, they could earn a degree.

If any lodges need flyers to help spread the word, you can request them from fopaohiov@gmail.com

In Remembrance

Trustee Gregory

August 11, 1955 – July 14, 2017

Colonel Reverend Doctor Everett Lloyd Gregory was born on July 14, 1955 in Middletown, Ohio to Mrs. Evernolia & Mr. Emmett L. Gregory and passed away from lung cancer at Hospice of Cincinnati, Blue Ash on July 14, 2017.

Dr. Gregory graduated from Middletown High School in 1979 had a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Central State University, Bachelor's Degree in Communication Engineering from A&T University, Masters in Business from Xavier University, and Doctorate degree in ethics/ divinity from Kentucky College of Contemporary Religion. Dr. Gregory was a Colonel in the Ohio Military Reserves where he was a Chaplain. He was very active in the Cincinnati area as he was involved in many organizations. Dr. Gregory was a Small Business Development Advisor of Veterans with the Ohio Small Business Development Center. Dr. Gregory also was the Chaplain of Queen City Lodge #4 and the State Trustee for the 9th District.

Dr. Gregory was respectfully a friend, brother, counselor, and parent. Everett devoted his life and energies to education, citizenship in the finest tradition with a love for this great Nation, a dedication and passion for excellence in all that he did. We are one great and diverse Nation under God and Dr. Gregory lived these beliefs with all his heart, soul, efforts, and energy.

Dr. Gregory leaves to cherish his memory two daughters Kara Gregory and Dymond Small, three sisters: Elaine L. Garrison, Eleanor L. Gregory, and Eugenia L. Jordan; three brothers Dr. Louis L. Gregory, Eric L. Gregory (LiSu), and Elliott L. Gregory, a special beloved friend, Teisha Smalls, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. He received the FOPA Burial Ceremony at his funeral. Which was held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 in Middletown, Ohio.

Dr. Gregory lived a life full of giving to his family, community, friends, and Nation. Although his life was cut short he touched each and every person he came into contact with in some way. His career choice was to assist Veterans develop, start, and grow their own businesses. He was their Chaplain in their times of need. He will be truly missed.

We give our support to his family during their loss. I will leave you with this as inspiration in Dr. Gregory's memory.

President McKenna



THE DASH

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth
and spoke the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,
the cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
and more often wear a smile,
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read,
with your life's actions to rehash...
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent YOUR dash?

- Linda Ellis

Fundraising Tips

There are a couple of common questions I frequently hear about fundraising: 'We've never held a fundraiser; how do we even begin?' & 'We're a very small group, what can we do that doesn't take too many helpers?'

There are numerous restaurants that offer fundraising options. The most popular option is having an evening in which your organization receives a percentage of sales from anyone who presents a flyer when they come in to dine. With that type of fundraiser, the only thing your group really must do is promote the event.

These links can get you started:

<https://soapboxie.com/activism/restaurant-fundraising> Great general information & list of restaurants the host fundraising events

<https://www.groupraise.com> Good resource for quickly finding restaurants in your area and what they offer in terms of fundraisers

<http://www.fazolis.com/fundraising> Fazolis offers a few different fundraising options

<https://ewrf.buffalowildwings.com> BW3 submit your group info for more details

<http://www.flapjackfunds.com> Applebee's fundraising opportunities

<http://www.qdi.com/chilis/Chilis.htm> Chili's Give Back Events

<http://www.krispykreme.com/Fundraising/Home> Krispy Kreme offers a few fundraising options

Here's a few links with general fundraising information:

<https://www.fundraising.com> An abundance of fundraising tips and ideas

<http://www.fundraising-ideas.org/DIY> Tons of unique ideas

<http://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas> 150 different fundraisers

Many lodges have annual events that have become very successful fundraisers. Let us know what fundraisers have worked for your lodge. If you have an event or raffle that is always a money maker, we want to hear about it. Email your suggestions to fopaohiovp@gmail.com



Welcome Readers

I would like to welcome you all to the inaugural edition of A Lodge Update, The Fraternal Order of Police Associates of Ohio's quarterly newsletter. Currently, there are over fifty local FOPA lodges throughout Ohio and each has their own unique memberships, stories, events, fundraisers, and local causes which they support. It's time we share those stories. It is a goal of our State Board to build a better, stronger, well respected organization. One way we can accomplish that goal is by sharing our stories and our successes.

In each of our quarterly issues we would like to feature a local lodge and highlight some of our dedicated members. We will profile our board members and give you updates on issues concerning the State FOP and the FOPA. There will be a tips section which will feature ideas on working with your FOP lodge, successful fundraisers, and suggestions on how to recruit and retain members. We would also like to help you promote your events! There will be a calendar of upcoming events and fundraisers in each issue.

But what we really want to focus on is you, the members that make up this great organization! That's why we need your help. Does your lodge have successful fundraisers? Has your lodge hosted or helped with a popular community event? Does your lodge work hand in hand with your FOP lodge? Fundraising and recruiting new members are two of the toughest jobs we tackle in our local lodges. If you have tried and true ways to recruit members, or if your lodge has a flair for fundraising, share your stories with us. We all have stories to share and we can all learn from each other.

Please send any feature ideas, stories, members or lodges that you would like to see in an upcoming issue, and your upcoming events and fundraisers to

fopaohiovp@gmail.com. The deadline for potential submissions for the November issue is October 15th.

I look forward to hearing from all of you and I hope you enjoy our newsletter.

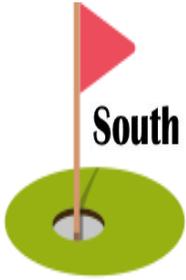
Fraternally,

Theresa Drennen

FOPA State Vice President & A Lodge Update Editor



Fundraisers & Events



South Euclid FOP #80 and FOPA #50

Golf Outing and Raffle

August 9, 2017 at Pleasant Hill Golf Course

50/50 raffle with \$1000 Guaranteed Prize

Raffle \$5.00 per ticket (only 500 sold)

Contact Gerry Parrino [216-347-5982](tel:216-347-5982) for tickets

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E.O.P.A LODGE #46

2ND ANNUAL WINE & DINE FUNDRAISER

To Benefit: LORAIN POLICE OFFICERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



DATE: Saturday September 23, 2017 TIME: 6:00 TO 11:00

PLACE: MATUS WINERY 15674 GORE ORPHANGE RD. WAKEMAN, OHIO 44889

ENJOY DELICIOUS HORS D' OEUVRES AND DESSERTS ALL EVENING

CHINESE RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES, 50\50 RAFFLES

TICKETS - \$25 A PERSON INCLUDES ONE BOTTLE OF WINE NIGHT OF EVENT

FOR TICKET INFORMATION CONTACT TRUSTEE KAREN CRITELLI (440)244-2354

OR PRESIDENT BORIS LAZOFF (440)960-1162

FOPA LODGE 5

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TAILGATE

**THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYES
VS RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS**

GAME TIME TBA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

FOP LODGE HALL

6800 SCHROCK HILL CT.

MENU

BURGERS

BRATS-HOTDOGS

PASTA SALAD

BAKED BEANS

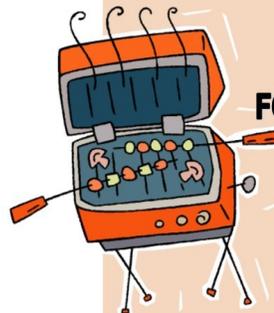
CHIPS

COOKIES

Soda-Water-Coffee included

\$15 FOR ADULTS. \$10 FOR CHILDREN 5 TO 10 YEARS OF AGE.

CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE.



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FOR INFORMATION & TICKETS CONTACT**

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Janice Ritchey at 614-214-0555

Nancy Mihalek at 614-465-7450

Edith Weger at 614-284-4201

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<http://www.fopohio.org>

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Fundraisers & Events

Please support the FOP of Ohio Foundation and purchase a 52 Week Gun Raffle ticket. The money raised benefits the Critical Incident Response Service (CIRS) program.

Contact Rob Hawley at [614-224-5700](tel:614-224-5700) or

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JANUARY	JULY
3 Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 380	4 Glock 17 Gen 4 9mm
10 Ruger 10/22 Rifle Wood Stock	11 T/C Compass Rifle Combo 223
17 Kimber K6 Revolver 357 Mag	18 Ruger AR-556/AR15 Carbine FDE
24 Remington 870 12 Gauge Pump	25 Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 380
31 Ruger MK IV Pistol	AUGUST
FEBRUARY	1 Ruger SR22 Pistol
7 Glock 22 Gen 4 40 S&W	8 Savage 93 Rifle Combo 17HMR wood
14 ATI 1911 22LR	15 Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9mm
21 Ruger AR-556/AR15 Carbine	22 Ruger 10/22 Rifle Wood Stock
28 Savage Axis II Rifle Combo wood 308	29 Smith & Wesson Victory 22LR Target Pistol
MARCH	SEPTEMBER
7 Smith & Wesson Governor Revolver 410/45cl/45acp	5 Kimber K6 Revolver 357 Mag
14 Ruger 10/22 Rifle Synthetic	12 Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 380
21 Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 380 w/ Laser	19 Glock 27 Gen 4 40 S&W
28 Remington 870 12ga Pump Deer Combo	26 Axis II Rifle Combo Synthetic 6.5 CM
APRIL	OCTOBER
4 Kimber Micro 9 w/ Crimson Trace Laser 9mm	3 Beretta A300 Camo 12ga
11 Savage 93 Rifle Combo 17HMR Synthetic	10 Ruger 10/22 Rifle Synthetic
18 Taurus PT111 Pistol 9mm	17 Remington 870 12ga Pump
25 Remington V3 Synthetic Semi-Auto 12ga	24 Ruger LCP Pistol 380 acp
MAY	31 T/C Compass Rifle Combo 308
2 Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 380	NOVEMBER
9 Ruger 10/22 Rifle Wood Stock	7 Remington 870 12ga Pump Deer Combo
16 Remington 870 12ga Pump	14 Ruger 10/22 Rifle Synthetic
23 Smith & Wesson M&P 15 Sport AR15	21 Smith & Wesson Governor Revolver 410/45cl/45acp
30 Ruger SR22 Pistol	28 Taurus 709 Pistol 9mm
JUNE	DECEMBER
6 Smith & Wesson I Frame Revolver 38 Special	5 Glock 19 Gen 4 9mm
13 Remington V3 Walnut Semi-Auto 12ga	12 Ruger LCP Pistol 380 acp
20 Taurus 709 Pistol 9mm	19 Sig P226 Navy
27 Ruger 10/22 Rifle Synthetic	26 Kimber Micro 9 w/ Crimson Trace Laser 9mm

***Winners are responsible for tax.**

Tickets are compliments of FOPA member Dieter Thellmann and Patio Printing.

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Wayne County Lodge 94
 FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717, Wooster, OH 44691
 Lodge Address: 10035 Akron Rd., Rittman, OH 44270

President
Adam Chellis
 Wayne County S.O.

July 5, 2017

Vice President
Karen Long
 Wayne County S.O.

Greetings,

Secretary
Gary Lee
 Wayne County S.O. Retired

This year, instead of "Back to School with the FOP", Our lodges have opted to participate in "Cops and Kids". This event will take place on Sunday August 13, 2017, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Putt 'n Stuff (located at 134 S. Kansas Rd., Orrville).

Treasurer
Roger McGinnis
 Wayne County S.O.

Wayne County Children Services will again partner with us and we expect them to bring approximately 60 "at risk" children to the event. Officers, FOP and FOPA members will interact with the children at different activities (mini golf, go-karts, bumper boats, laser tag, batting cages, climbing wall, etc).

Chaplain
John Conlon
 Wayne County S.O.

The lodges will be providing hot dogs, snacks and drinks. Each child in attendance will receive a back pack filled with basic school supplies and be entered for a chance to win other prizes.

Sergeant at Arms
Bryon Meshew
 Ceston P.D.

Trustee
Thomas Rutledge
 Wayne County S.O. Retired

Please understand, this is NOT a law enforcement family event. This is an opportunity for officers and law enforcement supporters to interact with these children and to promote a positive image of law enforcement. If a family member wishes to assist with this event, it is acceptable for them to accompany you.

Trustee
Jason Crawford
 Rittman P.D.

We will need you to arrive by 5:30 p.m. Uniforms aren't necessary and we will provide a t-shirt for you to wear during this event.

Trustee
Rob Ecker
 Wayne County S.O.

FOP Associate Lodge 53
 President
Bill Frederick

We can use all of the help we can get. If you wish to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Adam Chellis (adam@fop94.org) or Roger McGinnis (roger@fop94.org) or myself (karen@fop94.org) by July 31, 2017. Also, let us know your shirt size so we can get a rough estimate of how many of each size we will need.

Vice President
Lenny Broome

We are looking forward to seeing you there. It promises to be a fun and satisfying event!

Secretary - Treasurer
Ron Armentrout

Thank you and stay safe!

Trustees
Jeff Prebish
Tim Manning
Bill Carlton
 FOPA Ohio District 2 Trustee

Karen Long
 Vice President

Up Next . . .

In our next issue we will be profiling a couple of your State Board members, offering some ideas on fostering a strong relationship with your P lodge, and more of your events.

If any lodges participated in Touch-a-Truck or National Night Out, we want to hear from you! We'd like to feature a collection of pictures as well as some suggestions on how you can get involved with this event locally.

As President McKenna said, this is your newsletter. Please send me any input, suggestions, or story ideas. What would you like us to write about?

I would like to thank Cari Ritzenthaler from Lodge 35 for volunteering her time to edit this publication. I would like to thank those lodges and board members who submitted the content for this issue. Keep it coming!