

LICKING COUNTY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #127, INC.



SERVING OUR MEMBERS SINCE FEBRUARY 1977

December 2008 Newsletter

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"It was character that got us out of bed, commitment that moved us into action, and discipline that enabled us to follow through." Zig Ziglar

President Darrin D. Logan Newark PD	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Holiday Shopping Expo</u></p> <p>A big thank you to the following people; Mike Massaro (FOP), Mark Phillips (FOP), Mel Angle (FOP), Jay Gowans (FOP), Darrin Logan (FOP), Heidi Ballengee (FOPA), Fran Heimerl, Cheri Caudell, Coleena Knerr. Those people volunteered their time to help set up and sell raffle tickets at the Holiday Shopping Expo and they raised \$357.00 for their efforts. Licking County FOP #127 has donated \$143.00 to put with the \$357.00 for a total of \$500.00 to be donated to Jobs and Family Services to benefit the "Families Helping Families" Program. Licking County FOP Lodge #127 would also like to thank Theresa Hageman and Cindy Johnston for their time and assistance in gathering many of the raffle prizes. Without the prizes the raffle would not have been a success. Cindy and Theresa volunteered a lot of time in making phone calls to get prizes as well as following up and actually going to pick up the prizes. Their unselfish efforts as well as the members and others that helped on the day of the event made it a success that we can all be proud of.</p>
Vice President Mark Emde Heath PD	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>National Fraternal Order of the Eagles (FREE) Membership Offer</u></p> <p>The National Fraternal Order of the Eagles is conducting a membership drive of all Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters. The organization is offering to pay the first years dues and initiation fee, approximately \$30.00 - \$40.00. Each year after that you would be responsible to pay your yearly dues, approximately \$20.00 - \$30.00. There are many benefits to being an Eagle Member. If you would loose your life while on duty they would pay for your children's college education and provide many other kinds of assistance. Membership forms will be at the FOP Lodge and on line at our website. There are two F.O.E. Lodges in Newark and I am sure there are other F.O.E. Lodges in Licking County. Look at it as an inexpensive insurance policy on your children's education.</p>
Secretary Erik McKee Newark PD	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Big Brothers Big Sisters, making a BIG IMPACT!</u></p> <p>Without our generous volunteers, Big Brothers and Big Sisters would be unable to reach out to the many children in need. One hour a day, one day a week is all it takes to put a smile on a child's face. Come and take part in something special. Within Licking County, Big Brothers Big Sisters have nine school-based programs up and running. These programs only go until May and will pick back up in October of the following school year. Unfortunately we do not have enough volunteers for all of our children. If you have an hour a week, please contact Kristina Nixon at (740) 349-9645. She will provide you will additional information and any questions that you may have.</p>
Treasurer Paul Davis Newark PD	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>A Special Thank You to Roger Lynn</u></p> <p>On behalf of the members of the Licking County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #127 we would like to thank Roger Lynn for the many things that he has done for the Licking County FOP Lodge #127. In the beginning of 2008, Roger moved the outside refrigerator from Annie's Place on E. Main Street in Newark to its current place behind our Lodge Hall. He fabricated a metal cover for the top of the refrigeration unit so that it would not be exposed to the elements. He built legs on the unit to extend it closer to the top of the cooler. Roger also removed a tree stump outside of the patio area off the Lounge. He has plowed snow several times in the driveway and parking lot. He has also graded the driveway for us. Roger has done all this through his own generosity and volunteering his time, resources, and equipment on these projects. Roger's wife, Rosella Lynn, is a FOPA member. Roger would be a welcome addition to our FOPA membership and we could certainly use more members like him to help out at our Lodge.</p>
Past President John Mason Heath PD	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekly and Monthly Drawings</u></p> <p>The weekly drawing is conducted every Tuesday at 8:00 PM, unless it is a meeting night, then the drawing takes place at the end of the FOP meeting. Get into the Beasley Lounge each week to pay your \$2.00 and sign up for the weekly drawing. The next end of month drawing will be on Friday December 26th @ 9:00 PM, so get to the Beasley Lounge to pay your \$5.00 to get signed up for the December monthly drawing.</p>
Sgt. At Arms Jay Gowans Retired LCSO	
Chaplain Cliff Biggers Newark PD	
Trustee Retired Jim Landis Retired LCSO	
Trustee Small Agencies Shawn Wilson Granville PD	
Trustee Heath PD Mark Phillips	
Trustee Newark PD Chuck Wilhelm	
Trustee LCSO Marc Brill	
Trustee Pataskala PD Mike Massaro	

House Bill 46 Affidavits

In response to the House Bill 46 becoming law, two Affidavits are now available.

Address Redact Request:

www.fopohio.org/files/Fixed/Request_to_Redact_Address.pdf

Auditor Affidavit:

www.fopohio.org/files/Fixed/Affidavit%20HB%2046.pdf

The Address Redact Request form is also available on the Ohio Attorney General's website under the citizens action section of the forms page.

www.ag.state.oh.us/legal/pubs/Request_to_Redact_Address.pdf

The Attorney General's Affidavit is designed for removal of your personal residence information from public records that are made available to the public on the internet. The Auditor's Affidavit can be used to change the described property on the general tax list of real and public utility property and the general duplicate of real and public utility property. (Forms also available on our Lodge website)

UPDATE - IRS Regulation to change "Normal Retirement Age"

The National Legislative Office has received several calls and emails regarding recent news media coverage of a new regulation issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) amending the definition of "normal retirement age". Per these new regulations, the IRS would deem age 50 as the "normal retirement age" for public safety employees. The FOP has been aware of this issue for some time and, working in tandem with other stakeholder organizations, has sought both further clarity on how this regulation would effect public pension plans, the ability of public safety officers to retire at any age if they reach a given level of service (20, 25 or 30 years), existing bargaining contracts which address pension benefits and other issues. In conference calls with IRS and officials with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, they indicated they did not know the answers to these questions. In short, the IRS is not certain how its regulations will impact these plans. Anyone or any report that alleges certain knowledge about how this will effect the ability of an individual to collect his pension or to retire prior to the age of fifty is misinformed. The FOP will continue its dialogue with Treasury, the IRS, and other Administration officials. In addition, we have asked for assistance from Congress to retract or delay the implementation of this new regulation until such time that its impact is more clearly understood. Feel free to contact the National Legislative Office for additional information.

More information regarding this issue is available on the Grand Lodge FOP website.

Constitution and By Laws

There were several Constitution and By Law proposed changes that received their first reading. The second reading will be next month (Jan) at the meeting. The proposed changes deal with dues, % distribution of dues money to accounts, trustee position, general clean up of language referencing old address and such. These proposed changes will be posted outside the office at the FOP Hall.

The Executive Board recommended a 3% increase in dues to keep pace with the dues increases from the State Lodge and the National Lodge. \$176.80 to 182.00 an increase of \$5.20, or \$.20 more a pay for payroll deduct members.

E-Mail Addresses

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES!!!

You can e-mail dlogan@fop127.com or mstare@fop127.com and we can add your e-mail to our growing list.

Christmas Parties - Kids and Adult

The children's Christmas Party will be Sunday December 14th @ 1:00 PM in the Blue Line Banquet Hall, 255 S. 6th Street in Newark. Food and drinks provided, Santa will visit at approximately 2:00 PM with presents for FOP/FOPA relatives 12 and under.

The FOP/FOPA Members and guests Christmas Party will be Saturday December 20th @ 8:00 PM in The Beasley Lounge, 255 S. 6th Street in Newark.

Weekly Drawings

11-18 (#302) Marian Skeen (FOP) \$208.00, Not Signed Up
11-25 (#068) Dawn Cochran (FOPA) \$240, Not Signed Up
12-02 (#318) Aarin Stemin (FOPA) \$306.00, Not Signed Up

Monthly Drawing

11-28 (#143) Todd Green (FOP) \$195.00, Not Signed Up

Upcoming Events

December 14 - Kids Christmas Party @ 1:00 PM

[December 16 - Weekly drawing @ 8 PM](#)

December 20 - FOP/FOPA Christmas Party in The Beasley Lounge

December 21 - Winter begins

[December 23 - Weekly drawing @ 8 PM](#)

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 26 - End of month drawing @ 9 PM

[December 30 - Weekly drawing @ 8 PM](#)

[January 1 - New Year's Day](#)

[January 6 - FOP #127 Executive Board Meeting @ 6 PM](#)

[January 6 - FOPA #10 Monthly Meeting @ 6:30 PM](#)

[January 6 - FOP #127 Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 PM](#)

[January 6 - Weekly drawing after conclusion of FOP meet.](#)

[January 13 - Weekly drawing @ 8 PM](#)

[January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#)

[January 20 - Weekly Drawing @ 8 PM](#)

[January 27 - Weekly Drawing @ 8 PM](#)

January 30 - End of month drawing @ 9 PM

[January 30-31 - Winter FOP Board Meeting in Mansfield](#)

Attend a Monthly FOP/FOPA Meeting and get a FREE meal at the Meeting

New FOPA Members

Jamie Kornokovich, Lenny Stowers, Kyle Nease, and Brian Nease

PAL Basketball

The membership present at the meeting voted to give PAL \$300 to sponsor two (2) basketball teams this Winter. PAL is also looking for Law Enforcement involvement with coaching, if interested please contact Dale Queen (NPD).



Office Hours

Wednesday
8 AM until 4 PM
Mary Stare,
Admin. Assistant

Beasley Lounge Hours

Tue - Fri 4 PM - 1 AM
Saturday 6 PM - 1 AM

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