



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

January 2007 Newsletter

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"NEW" FOP Lodge Hall and Lounge

We are getting closer to completion the of our "New" FOP Lodge Hall and Lounge. The drywall has been hung and is being finished as this is written. With that being said we can start painting this weekend, January 13th and 14th. Mark Emde (Heath PD) and John Mason (Heath PD) are organizing the painting crew, if you are interested in helping out please get in contact with one of them. Mark's number is 740-403-0259 and John's number is 740-404-0823.

The Beasley Lounge/Last Big Bash in the "Old" FOP Lounge

There will be one last party in the Beasley Lounge on January 13th. We are trying to reduce the stock on hand so there is less to take to the new building. So everyone come down and enjoy one last party. The Beasley Lounge will be closing after business on Saturday January 13th. The Beasley Lounge will reopen after we have completed our move to the "New" FOP Building. We anticipate being up and running again by the beginning to middle of February. We are also waiting on the transfer of the liquor license. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but this is necessary to transition in to the new building.

Raffle for a 30th Anniversary S&W 1911 Commemorative Pistol Honoring OPOTA

The pistol is a Smith & Wesson SW1911 Tactical Rail Series (#108303), .45 caliber, stainless steel, five inch barrel. Additional features include a picatinny accessory rail, rubber stocks, ambidextrous safety, and Novak Lo Mount carry sights with OPOTA 30th Anniversary logo laser engraved on the slide and a hardwood presentation box.

See an FOP #127 Executive Board Member for tickets or purchase them at the Beasley Lounge during business hours. **We are requesting a donation of \$10.00 for each ticket.**

We have only sold approximately 200 of the 500 tickets we need to sell. Any FOP or FOPA member that would like to sell tickets please contact the office. We need help from the membership to make this a successful fundraiser. The guns will be raffled when all 500 tickets have been sold.

We have received the two handguns and they are available to be viewed by contacting Darrin Logan (Newark Division of Police) or Doug Wells (Newark Division of Police).

Active Member Dues Increase

At the December 2006 monthly meeting the members present voted to accept the Executive Board's recommendation for a 10% increase in the yearly dues. This new rate will go into effect January 1, 2007. Yearly dues will now be \$176.80, an increase of \$16.12 a year or \$.62 a pay for payroll deduct. The costs of the new building is the main reason for the increase as well as the overall cost of doing business.

Law Enforcement Ball 2007

The 2007 Law Enforcement Ball will be at the Elk's Lodge on Saturday April 7th. Dawn Cochran is the committee chairperson. (740-973-0596) More details will follow as they become available.

Law Enforcement Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics

This event will be held in Ashtabula County at Geneva-on-the-Lake on February 24, 2007. All monies raised will be donated to the Special Olympics of Ohio. President Darrin Logan will be participating in the "Plunge" for the 2nd year. He is accepting donations in person or thru the website, www.firstgiving.com/darrinlogan2007. Last year he raised \$1,500 and this year his goal is \$5,000. All donations are tax deductible. Special Olympics Ohio is a 501(c)3 Charity. For more information on the event go to; www.polarbearplunge.org.

FOPA Lodge #10 News

FOPA Lodge #10 will be conducting a membership drive from December 6, 2006 - February 28, 2007. FOP Lodge #127 has suspended the rule for pre-approval of a potential member. However, you should let any potential member know that they still have to be sponsored by a member and will have to have a background check, and be accepted by both Lodges to become a member.

FOP Golf Outing 2007

Steve Baum (Newark Division of Police) is the Chairperson for the golf outing committee for this year. Steve is already getting organized for the outing and if you are interested in helping please contact him at 740-670-7218. A date has not been finalized yet, but we are shooting for the middle of July. This event sold out last year, so don't waste any time getting your spots secured once we announce the date and costs. More information to follow...

New FOPA Members

None

HELPS Retirees Act of 2006

In August of 2006, President Bush signed the Pension Protection Act into law. This legislation includes several benefits for law enforcement retirees. One of the biggest benefits is that up to \$3,000.00 per year can be used on a pre-tax basis out of OP&F and PERS for premiums for health care and long term care insurance.

This law uses the same definition as the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act to define who is eligible for this benefit.

The IRS will have the final say in how this law is administered and it is doubtful that they will weigh in before January 1, 2007 when the law is supposed to go into effect. Until they do so, please consult with your pension fund to find out who they are going to administer this benefit.

Another benefit in this law is the 10% penalty for DROP before the age of 55 is removed. This is important because law enforcement officers retire at an earlier age than most people due to the grueling nature of the profession and we were previously punished for that benefit. However, with the passage of this legislation, it has been removed.

Retirees Dues For 2007

We are asking that all retirees please pay your 2007 dues by January 31, 2007. This will be a tremendous help with record keeping and per capita. If you are behind in your dues (you didn't pay for 2006) you need to catch up and get current. If you hadn't paid by October 2006, when we sent in per capita, you are currently suspended.

If you are unsure please call the office on Wednesday's from 0800-1600 and speak with Mary.



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

Lounge Hours
Closed after business
on January 13th.
Sorry!!

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Upcoming Events

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| January 13 - | Last Big Bash at the "OLD" FOP Lounge |
| January 15 - | Martin Luther King Day |
| January 19, 20 - | Winter FOP State Board Meeting in Delaware |
| February 6 - | FOP #127 Executive Board Meeting @ 6 PM |
| February 6 - | FOPA #10 Monthly meeting @6:30 PM |
| February 6 - | FOP #127 monthly meeting @ 7:30 PM |
| February 24 - | LE Polar Bear Plunge at Geneva-on-the-Lake |
| March 6 - | FOP #127 Executive Board Meeting @ 6 PM |
| March 6 - | FOPA #10 Monthly meeting @6:30 PM |
| March 6 - | FOP #127 monthly meeting @ 7:30 PM |
| March 11 - | Daylight savings time begins |
| March 17 - | St. Patrick's Day |
| April 3 - | FOP #127 Executive Board Meeting @ 6 PM |
| April 3 - | FOPA #10 Monthly meeting @6:30 PM |
| April 3 - | FOP #127 monthly meeting @ 7:30 PM |
| April 7 - | Law Enforcement Officer's Ball |