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President's Message

By James Calvino President

As I sit and start to write this article I ask myself where do I start. Since the last edition we have gone through the protests and riots after the senseless killing of George Floyd by someone who may have worn the same uniform as us but definitely is and was not one of us. Many of you had to unjustly pay the price for this man's actions. I would like to at this time thank each and every one of you for proudly responding to the call when needed and not standing down, but instead rising to new levels. Our Mayor and Governor like to spread the hate for the Police far and wide. Constantly magnifying the few times when an Officer slips, but never taking into account the long hours, countless days off canceled, and the never ending taunting and assaulting Officers were forced to deal with hour after hour, day after day. Casting judgement after a few seconds of a video clip without seeing the full story or waiting for a full investigation. But then that would not make sensational headlines. I am astonished by the hate they have for my fellow Officers. We are not robots or machines; we are human beings with human emotions, feelings, and needs. Countless studies have shown lack of sleep and rest has an extremely detrimental effect on a human. Was this taken into account? I would say not. But the very few slips made for some great press conferences and news highlights for our politicians who never miss a beat to bash the Police to push their personal agenda. They should be ashamed. Where are all the press conferences and never ending news reels of Officers getting pelted with rocks, bottles, bags of feces, or anything and everything that could be picked up and thrown? The constant never ending vilification of the Police needs to end and end now. Instead of



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putting out press conferences that better the situation between the Police and the citizens we serve, our politicians add fuel to an ever growing fire. This will eventually lead to a great number of Officers getting hurt as well as an increase of violent crime as we are seeing. Let's see how they try and blame the Police for that. If your own employer has nothing but ill will for you, what will that mean to the general public? We now see daily what the constant pandering to offenders has cost us, children, yes children, being shot and killed. The deterrent to not commit criminal acts is gone. If you are caught, just fight the Police and you will be vindicated, get in a vehicle and flee and if you crash and kill another innocent it'll be the evil Police who are at fault. Our politicians need to step up and be a voice to the people to inform them it is NOT a right to fight the Police when they are arresting you. We do not hold court on the street. Nope, not here, not in this Bizzaro World. Please fellow Sergeants ensure your safety and the safety of the Officers is the highest priority each and every day.

Now onto the Contract Arbitration Award. All of you should have had a chance to review both the highlights and the actual full award that I emailed out. The biggest issue most will see is the Arbitrator allowed the City / Department to accept anonymous complaints. We are of the opinion that he over stepped his authority in making that decision. All three PBPA Unions (Sgt's, Lt's, & Capt's) are looking at all avenues at having this corrected. Most items stayed the same. The 29 and a day retiree insurance was something we had hoped we would achieve, unfortunately the Arbitrator did not award us it. The City presented many arguments against it, the most compelling was the funding rate of our pension. They argued the added drain on allowing those under 55 years of age would only further erode the pension fund and bring it to insolvency. We did gain an additional \$150 a year for uniform allowance and now can sell back 300 hours. We successfully argued for a change in the "Retiring Under Investigation". As it is written in the 2012-2016 contract the Superintendent was the sole decision maker if you received your "credentials". We demanded that the case be brought before a neutral third party / Arbitrator and allow them the authority to overturn the Superintendent's decision. Due to space limitations I cannot go over every change in the Award so I ask for all of you to read the entire Award and also attempt to come to an upcoming meeting.

So where do we go from here? Well the most important thing for all of us should be our physical, emotional, and financial wellbeing. In today's time unfortunately, those that want to do us harm in one fashion or another are the ones who are yelling the loudest. Our friends need to raise their collective voices and demand that this "War on the Police" comes to a quick end with us on the winning side. The silent majority, police supporting citizens, need to become the deafening roar majority before they lose their voices forever. As we are seeing night after violent night the criminal element is not afraid to cast their ills on all of society. If our elected continue down their current path I truly hate to see what our City and State will become.

Please stay safe and look out for one another. In these times we all need to keep watch over each other.

Vice President's Report *By Vice President Danielle Barnes*

This has been a very tumultuous year for the Department, City and nation as a whole. We have experienced countless protests, riots, and looting all in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of our membership worked nearly a month without a day off. I would like to commend everyone for remaining steadfast in the wake of so much turmoil. Despite all that we have been through and will continue to experience I am still proud to serve alongside the men and women of CPD.

Unfortunately as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable to move forward with the annual golf outing which is the main fundraiser for the Death Benefit Fund. This fund is used to give a \$7500 benefit to the beneficiaries of active Sergeants that pass away each year. As a result of this cancellation, the raffle tickets that were mailed to both active and retired members have become increasingly more important. I humbly ask that each Sergeant return the tickets with the listed donation amount. If we receive the majority of the raffle tickets, we will be able to contribute a sizable amount to the fund this year despite the circumstances. We presented this benefit to the widow of Sgt. Clifford Martin earlier this year and I pray we do not have to present it to anyone else. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all those that contributed thus far. We will gladly accept additional donations for those that feel so inclined.

As a result of the scheduling changes that affected the membership, I want to highlight 3 important sections of our Collective Bargaining Agreement: Section 20.12 Change of Schedule, 23.6 Cancelled Days Off and 23.8 Details. Section 20.12 stipulates that the Employer may adjust start times plus or minus 2 hours from the designated start time. Please refer to the contract for the 7 listed exceptions and when additional compensation is required. Section 23.6 states that the Employer can designate the rank, watch, units, and day groups for day off cancellations, however for those units that are selected, seniority is a factor. Please refer to the contract for more details. Section 23.8 lists the parameters that should be adhered to when detailing Sergeants. We believe the Department violated this section of the CBA with the surge missions that took place earlier in the year. As a result a class action grievance was filed. I strongly encourage the membership to take a closer look at the above mentioned sections of the contract.

If there are additional questions about the contract, the grievance process, or any union related matter please feel free to contact me. Please take care and stay safe.

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These members serve as Representatives of the PB&PA Sergeants' Association.	
Antonio Valentin	001
John McCarthy	610
Charles Artz	003
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Matt McNicholas	007
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Aquarius Leonard	010
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Assata Olugbala	015
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Tom Linnane	017
Tim Flisk	018
Tom Surma	019
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	024
	025
Janine Hermann	121
Homan Sq	

Chaplain's Corner**Fr. Dan Brandt Chaplain****From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...**

On 17 JUL 1970, **Sgt. James L. Severin and Officer Anthony N. Rizzato** were killed by sniper fire outside Cabrini Green. On Saturday, 18 JUL 2020, 11:00 a.m., a 50th anniversary memorial tribute will be held at the 018th District to honor these two heroes. As of now, the ceremony is set to go on--practicing social distancing and following all appropriate directives.



In response to all the lawlessness and anarchy that has taken place on our streets in recent months, a friend shared with me a short essay written by the wife of a police officer/daughter of a retired CPD sergeant. I am afraid I don't know her name, so I can't give her the credit she richly deserves for this meaningful piece:

As a wife of a police officer and mother to three young daughters I find myself asking the question: What will I tell my kids in 20 years? It is important to have my answer ready for them as the unjust killing of George Floyd, the protests, the rioting, the looting, the shots fired, the bricks thrown, the destruction of businesses and the killing of police officers will surely leave its mark on history. My girls will ask questions and want to know how their dad, a police officer, played a role. My answer simply put, "Your dad carried out the GOOD."

He, along with so many police officers, answered the call to duty. These officers kissed their loved ones goodbye, hugged their children and went out to face the demons in the street. I will remind them that while others watched in horror from the comfort of their homes, police officers were met with words of hate, cars and buildings set ablaze, bullets, bottles, rocks and even Molotov cocktails thrown at them. I will tell my girls how our youngest kept asking for her Da-Da, as she hadn't seen him in days. And how my oldest stayed awake to make sure her dad made it through the door each night. I will tell them how I felt a mixture of anger and sadness as I once again had to defend my husband before others for holding the line.

I will tell them how I wept when I woke up to the headline that read, "Rioters target police across US; Four shot in St. Louis, One in Vegas, Bronx hit-and-run caught on video." With a heavy heart I will tell them how our country was divided when it needed to be united.

They will wonder how we got here and for now I do not have those answers. I do not understand how you take a legitimate crime and hijack it to create havoc in our streets. I do not know why the media chooses to highlight some deaths over others. I do not know why people are not more outraged by the death totals every weekend in Chicago. I do not know why when you share data on crime, no one seems to listen or care. These are things I do not know.

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What I do know is that my girls are being raised in a home where they follow the golden rule, to treat others as you would want to be treated. They are colorblind but not character blind. They are learning that ALL Life Matters and to look for the good even when things are bad. I know that the majority of the police are good and that they risk their lives every day to protect our world. They run into danger as the rest of us flee it. I know my husband and so many officers are out there today and they are carrying out the GOOD.

Thank you for holding the line.

Wow! Beautifully worded. If anyone knows the author of this piece, would you please let me know?

Finally, Chaplain Joe Jackson is organizing a regular BIKING WITH THE CHAPLAINS trip to different locations throughout the city and surrounding area. Let's explore God's beautiful creation while getting some fresh air and enjoying each other's company. For scheduling information, or if you have a suggested bike path, please email Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org.

In the meantime, may God bless you and keep you safe!

Fr. Dan Brandt, *Directing CPD Chaplain*

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**Membership Report***By Danielle Barnes Vice President*

As of this writing and with the new retirees listed in this edition of Chevrons there are 1293 active members of the Association. The budgeted strength for our rank is 1347 which leaves us 54 Sergeants short. Currently, we have over 1400 retired members.

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Food for Thought

By Rabbi Moshe Wolf - Chaplain

What shall I Fear?Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

We are living in unprecedented times. We wake up each morning, and ask ourselves, "Do I want to read the news, or am I better off not reading the news"? COVID, protest, violence, loss of life, loss of property, and the list goes on. And just when you think your mind and soul is full, now starts all the politics about the presidential elections, and the ads are non-stop. A huge thanks and debt of gratitude to each and every one of you, our First Responders, for going out EVERY DAY, doing your Holy and noble work, of serving and protecting all of G-d's children, regardless of the circumstances. We could not survive without you! But there is one thing that no one can take from us, and that is Hope and Prayer. NEVER give up your faith, remember, daylight comes right after the darkest moments of night. It reminds me of a poem.

"What Shall I Fear"....

I used to live in perpetual fear of losing things I had, or never having the things I hoped to acquire in my life. What if I lose my hair? What if I never get the big house I want? What if I become overweight, out of shape, or unattractive? What if I lose my job? What if I am disabled and cannot play ball with my child? What if I get old and frail and have nothing to offer those around me?

But life has lessons for those who listen, and now I know: If I lose my hair, I will be the best darn bald guy I can be, and I will be grateful that my head can still stimulate ideas, if not follicles.

A house does not make a person happy. The unhappy heart will not find contentment in a bigger house, while the heart that is merry will make any home a happy one. If I spend more time developing my emotional, mental, and spiritual dimensions, rather than over-focusing on my physical self, I will be more beautiful with each passing day. If I cannot work for wages, I will work for the Lord -- and His benefits package is unmatched. If I am physically unable to teach my child to throw a curve ball, I will have more time to teach him to handle the curves thrown by life, and this shall serve him better. And if aging robs me of my strength, mental alertness, and physical stamina, I will offer those around me the strength of my convictions, the wisdom of experience seasoned with adversity, and the spiritual stamina of a soul that has been carefully shaped by the hard edges of a long life. No matter what losses or broken dreams may lie in my destiny, whatever burdens shall be my fate, I will meet each challenge with dignity and resolve. For G-d has given me many gifts and talents, and for each one that I may lose, I will find ten more that I never would have cultivated were the course of my life to always run smoothly. And so, when I can no longer dance, I will sing joyfully; when I haven't the strength to sing, I will whistle with contentment; when my breath is shallow and weak, I will listen intently and shout love with my heart; and when the bright light approaches, I will pray silently until I cannot pray; alas, it will then be time for me to go to the Lord. And what then should I fear????

And here is another short story to warm the soul,

"The Burden We Carry"...

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of the rock.

Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather and as she was

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hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Here she was on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet of cliff below her. She looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. As she hung on a sheer rock cliff, her sight now blurry, she prayed to the Lord to help her to find the lens. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with some of the climbers, waiting for the rest of the group to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, you can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and you know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me." Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" That alone would be startling enough, but she was astonished to learn how the other climber found it? It seems an ant was moving slowly cross the face of the rock, carrying the lens! Brenda told her father (a cartoonist) the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens. He drew her a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why you want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what you want me to do, I'll carry it for you." It would probably do most of us good to occasionally say, "G-d, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no earthly good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will." Remember, "G-d doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called."

And last but not least a bit of humor from the "Moshe Files" to keep you smiling. Little Johnny asked his dad for a dollar to give to a little old lady at the park. His father impressed by his son's kindness, gave him the dollar. The next day, Little Johnny asked his dad for another dollar, again for the little old lady at the park. Proud of his son's generosity, the father gave him another dollar and patted him on the back. The following day, before heading out to the park, Little Johnny asked for yet another dollar. "There you are my son," said the father. "But, tell me, isn't the little old lady able to work anymore?" "Oh yes, she is, daddy," said Little Johnny with a wide smile, "She sells candy at the park." .LOL

On behalf of All your Chaplains, we wish you a healthy and safe summer. Should you need a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, or perhaps have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call. All our numbers are listed in your FOP handbook under Chaplains.

For the Curious, the name of G-d, Please note: I do not spell out the name of G-d out of respect. Spelling out THE NAME and then throwing it in the trash, would be a desecration of THE NAME, so I put in the dash. This is a religious custom I follow, and please don't be offended. Thanks for understanding. If you would like to discuss it further, please don't hesitate to drop me a line or give me a call.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain

Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail: moshewolf@hotmail.com

2020 Retiree Dinner



Pension Report*By Brian Wright Pension Board Representative***Thanks**

I was recently promoted to Lieutenant and will be replaced as your Sergeant Pension Fund Representative. I appreciate and am honored that you entrusted me for nine years with your pension representation and advocacy of CPSA's interests. I enjoyed my time as your representative and was always treated with respect and dignity at all union meetings. The pension is a very important issue for all of us and it can illicit passionate positions. I always felt the membership treated me as a partner and a competent, qualified advocate in their fight for the pension we were all promised.

New Sergeant Trustee

The election for your new Sergeant Pension Fund Representative will take place in early August. I know of a few candidates that are running that will make great Trustees. I suggest you choose someone who is intelligent, holds an advanced degree in finance, law or business and can hold their own when debating and supporting their position. The City trustees have their own agenda that may not be in line with ours and your trustee needs to be able to hold their own in those discussions. But on that same note, they should not alienate other trustees so the best results can be reached for our membership. Your trustee should also be available to the membership and attend every Fund and CPSA meeting that they can. The pension is one of the most important issues to all of us and your representative should treat it as such.

Future

I will be running for the Lieutenant (and ranks above) trustee position that was vacated by the retirement of Ed Wodnicki. The election is at the same time as the Sergeant election. I hope to win and continue the fight for all of us to keep the benefits we were all promised. Either way, I am always available to any fund member that needs my help or advice.

Stay safe and please never hesitate to contact me at the Fund – 312-726-1704 or email me at brian.wright@chipabf.org or brian.wright@chicagopolice.org.

Lt. Brian Wright #725

Pension Board Trustee and Recording Secretary

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In an effort to keep you, the members, updated and to share information we have created a facebook page. This page is updated frequently by the Association and by the PB&PA of Illinois. If you do not follow facebook, simply visit our website at chicagosergeants.org and follow the live feed. We are asking that you "Like" the site and refer to it often. You can locate us on facebook at

Chicago Police Sergeants' PB&PA

Recent Retirements

The following have retired since our last Chevrons. These Sergeants have provided Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retirement Date
Sgt. David M DeMato	1202	192	42	20	06 Apr 2020
Sgt. Joseph C Ozog	2089	016	55	33	01 May 2020
Sgt. Scott F Slavin	807	145	55	28	01 May 2020
Sgt. John F Healy	1659	017	55	33	01 May 2020
Sgt. Sandra Soria	2275	125	55	29	01 May 2020
Sgt. Timothy E Kusinski	2282	016	57	29	01 May 2020
Sgt. Henry P Mc Nichols	2576	018	56	32	01 May 2020
Sgt. Robert W Larson	1119	022	57	27	01 May 2020
Sgt. Matthew J Lipman	2288	124	55	25	01 May 2020
Sgt. Timothy M Moriarty	2150	143	50	23	04 May 2020
Sgt. John M Gargul	825	050	55	33	15 May 2020
Sgt. John R Mosquera	1959	620	55	29	15 May 2020
Sgt. William G Riesche	2194	196	55	29	15 May 2020
Sgt. Thomas M Costello	838	261	55	30	15 May 2020
Sgt. Yvonne M Terry	1386	123	56	30	15 May 2020
Sgt. John P Lucid	2361	701	55	28	15 May 2020
Sgt. Lisa Thompson	1281	018	56	29	15 May 2020
Sgt. Thomas A Chester	1282	192	55	30	15 May 2020
Sgt. Jesse Terrazas	804	376	55	30	15 May 2020
Sgt. John M Delgado	2228	024	56	24	15 May 2020
Sgt. Phillip Collins Jr.	1111	171	55	29	15 May 2020
Sgt. Chau Ngo	1476	017	53	23	15 May 2020
Sgt. Neal A Schultz	2652	313	56	29	01 Jun 2020
Sgt. James J Raffae	849	015	55	30	15 Jun 2020
Sgt. Jacalyn M Doyle	1018	050	55	33	15 Jun 2020
Sgt. Joseph D Keeter	2647	059	56	29	15 Jun 2020
Sgt. Alonzo D Harris	1672	189	58	28	15 Jun 2020
Sgt. Sherrell D Sparks	1262	006	56	24	15 Jun 2020
Sgt. Cheri A Adrian	2689	016	62	29	01 Jul 2020
Sgt. Nathan E Silvas Jr.	912	261	55	34	14 Jul 2020
Sgt. Bryan J Holy	2525	630	62	32	15 Jul 2020
Sgt. Herbert S Brown Jr.	2404	005	58	30	15 Jul 2020
Sgt. Baudilio Lopez Jr.	2360	055	55	29	15 Jul 2020
Sgt. Rosavelia Moreno	951	276	62	27	15 Jul 2020

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Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retirement Date
Sgt. Maureen Vincent	1166	701	61	28	15 Jul 2020
Sgt. Michael Kolasa	2221	009	52	29	15 Jul 2020
Sgt. Bridget Cambell-Sadler	816	121	55	29	15 Jul 2020
Sgt. Antonio J Valenzuela	1419	003	47	20	17 Jul 2020
Sgt. Michael P Cooney	2227	008	57	25	30 Jul 2020
Sgt. Melissa M Agnew	2062	015	44	14	31 Jul 2020

In Memoriam

The following Sergeants have passed away and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Name (Age)	Status	Passed Away
Sgt. Richard J. Morales (73)	Retired (FL)	20 Aug 2019
Sgt. John A. Cagney Jr. (91)	Retired (AZ)	14 Feb 2020
Sgt. Richard E. Jones (76)	Retired	01 May 2020
Sgt. Stanley Salabura (67)	Retired	07 May 2020
Sgt. Esau D. Wilkins	Retired	00 June 2020
Sgt. James W. Drewganis (79)	Retired	10 June 2020
Sgt. H.A. (Mac) McCarthy (67)	Retired (MA)	17 June 2020

Retiree Gatherings:

1st District Retiree Brunch is on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m., at the Southern Belles Restaurant, 6737 S. Archer Avenue (just East of Roberts Road), in Bridgeview.

8th District Retiree Luncheon (8 Balls) is generally on the last Wednesday of the month at Noon, at the Les Brothers Restaurant, 8705 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. Contact Dorothy Piscitelli at 733-972-0139 for any last minute changes.

Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization (OPLEO) meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia, Orland Park. Contact Don Ade at 708-408-9308 for any last minute changes.

South Side Retirees meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Jedi Garden Restaurant 9266 S. Cicero Avenue

North Side Retirees meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Blossom Café 8349 W. Lawrence For Info Call: Ken Houser at 312-485-8388



Next General Meetings: 16 July Noon & 20 August Noon CPSA Building 1616 W. Pershing Road

Have you moved, changed units, or changed your star number? Make sure we know!

Name _____ Star # _____ Unit _____

I have moved. My current address information is as follows

Old Address _____ Zip Code _____

New Address _____ Apt./Unit _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (new) _____

E-mail _____

I have changed Units. My current unit is as follows

Old Unit _____ New Unit _____ Day Off Group _____

I have a new star number. My current star number is as follows

Old Star Number _____ New Star Number _____

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may mail this form via Police Mail to: Unit 545 or U.S. Mail to:

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