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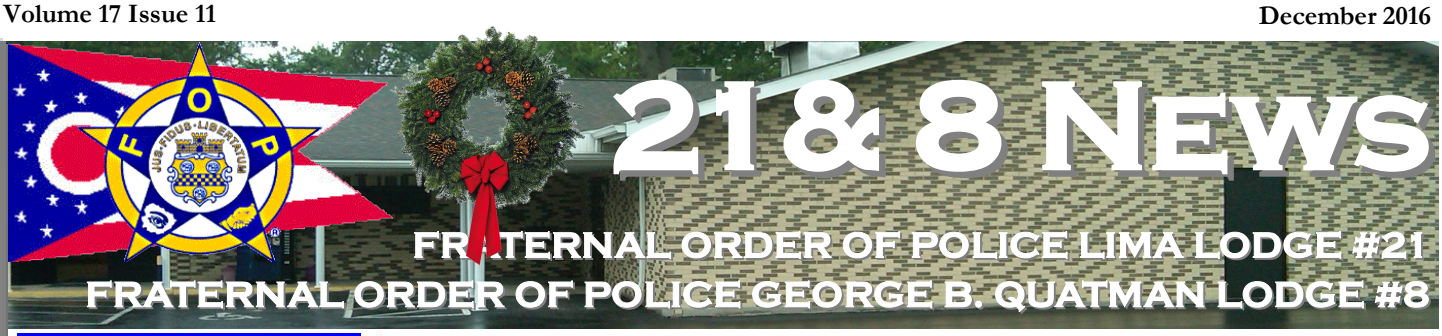

21 & 8 News

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LIMA LODGE #21
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE GEORGE B. QUATMAN LODGE #8

"Getting shot is NOT in our job description" - Chuck Canterbury, Ohio State FOP Conference - 2016

Lodge Officers 2016

FOP

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Trustee-P. Wogerman
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6th District Trustee-Mike Watkins

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Chaplain-L. Ball
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

'Tis the season, so they say...the season to reflect on the past year and see what went right, what went wrong and how to turn the "wrongs" into "rights". 'Tis the season to also look outside of our comfort zones and see what we can do to improve the plight of those less fortunate than us. We took that first step on December 3rd when we were able to brighten the Christmas outlook for 41 families that we took Christmas shopping.. What a wonderful day that was!

Let us also reflect back on how we treated each encounter with the public in our daily duties and actions. Did we give the best measure of ourselves in each interaction, or do we have some room to improve? Have we found that magic spot where we can devote the required care to our community without sacrificing our familial duties? Do we bring our work frustrations home with us? Do we carry any family problems to work?

How about we all pledge to make a concerted effort to treat our community as we wish to be treated and to not let the trials of our profession affect the love and time we need to devote to our families? Familial love and strength are very important for us to be able to competently do our job of serving and protecting our communities.

Christmastime is a time of peace and love. It is also a time to reflect on the message of Christmas and to make a concerted effort to improve ourselves and how we treat the people that we deal with... as well as those we love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE, AND PEACE TO ALL!!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- End of Watch
- Officer Elections
- TV Raffle
- Cops and Kids
- 2017 Dues Info
- Gun Winners
- Officer Fatalities
- Calendar of Events

MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Next Gathering – Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Officer Elections
Somerville / Armentrout Dinner

"A mistake repeated more than once, is a decision." - Paul Coehlo

John "JD" Parker, LPD (Ret)
E.O.W. 12-11-16

END OF WATCH

Brother John David "JD" Parker, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, ended his watch on December 11, 2016. He retired from LPD in 1993 after 26 years, but never got out of law enforcement.

JD was a current Trustee of the Lodge and had always been an active member.

An FOP Memorial Service will be held at Chiles-Laman Shawnee Chapel on Thursday, December 15 at 8:00pm. His funeral will be Friday December 11 at 11:00.

Rest in Peace, Brother. Your tour of duty is over.

http://www.chiles-lamanfh.com/obituaries/john-david-parker/3043/

2017-2018 OFFICER ELECTIONS

December is the month that we elect the next biennial corps of officers that were nominated in November. There are no contested seats in the "P" Lodge and in the "A" Lodge there will be an election for President between Dave McDaniel and Laura Ball. The Secretaries of both lodges will cast a single vote for the uncontested officers at this meeting. All of the officers will be sworn in at the January 2017 meeting for their respective 2-year terms.

TV RAFFLE

COPS and Kids

We still have raffle tickets available for the Cops and Kids TV Raffle and we still have a number of tickets outstanding that have not been turned in. The drawing is this coming Tuesday, December 20 at the meeting. You can't win if you don't turn in your tickets and neither can those to whom you sold them.

This year is the newest in TV technology. We have a 55" Element 4K ULTRA HDTV with 3840 x 2160 pixel resolution and is assembled in America. 4K means that there is 4 times the number of pixels in the picture for much sharper pictures than normal 1080p sets.

The second prize, once again, is a $500 Meijer gift card. The first name drawn will get choice of the two prizes and the second ticket drawn will get the other.

Remember, all of the proceeds go to the COPS and KIDS Christmas Shopping Event, so please sell, sell, sell.

The drawing won't be until the December meeting which is 5 days before Christmas. Nice present, huh?

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FOP COPS AND KIDS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

Many thanks to all who helped in making the **9th Annual FOP Cops and Kids Christmas Shopping Event** a rousing success. 91 children from 46 families from 18 schools will now have a Christmas that they will never forget. This day wasn't about us, although I think we benefitted from it as much as the children, but it was about giving of ourselves to better someone less fortunate than us. As you can see from these pictures...a good time was had by all.

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2017 DUES

Per **Article IX—Dues and Initiation Fees Section 1,** of the "P" Lodge Constitution and Bylaws, all dues for the upcoming year are to be paid no later than November 1 prior to that year unless the member is on a payroll deduct payment method.

Therefore, if you are a self-pay member of the "P" Lodge, please forward your dues as soon as you can as our first half per-capita payment is due by November 1 per the schedule below.

The only increase this year was in the per-capita amount which increased 68 cents. So the dues for 2017 are:

Active Duty Membership	**$114.00**
Retired-Full Membership	**$ 84.44**
Retired-Per Capita Only	**$ 41.28**
Retired-Insurance Only (Until age 70 only)	**$ 43.20**

There are still many unpaid dues.

Please remit your payment as soon as possible as we have already paid the first half of the 2017 per capita on your behalf.

Reminder notices will be mailed shortly.

Please help the lodge save a few bucks by sending in your payment now to:

Alan Mefferd, Financial Secretary
FOP Lima Lodge #21
750 West Robb Ave.
Lima, OH 45801-2758

For every member who pays timely, we won't have to send a reminder in the mail and that will save us time and postage. You can also pay your dues at the next meeting and save the cost of the stamp yourself, too.

For the "A" Lodge dues, the amount has not changed. It is still only $35 per year. Please bring your dues to the next meeting, or remit your payment to:

John Corken, Treasurer
FOPA Lodge #8
P.O. Box 1681
Lima, OH 45802-1681

Please don't forget to pay your dues as we count on this money for operating expenses also. The sooner you take care of it, the less you'll have to worry about whether you've paid it, or not.

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LAST SIX GUN RAFFLE WINNERS

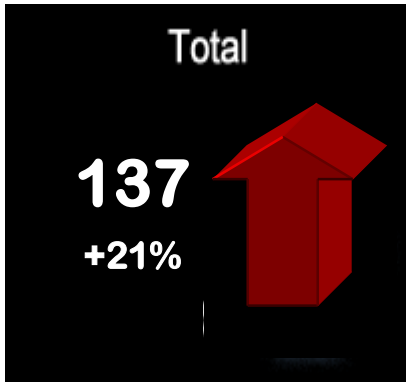
WK	DATE	NO.	WINNER	CITY	SELLER
32	11/9/2016	988	John Sreenan	Lima	Mike Diglia
33	11/16/2016	127	John Bishop	Lima	John Bishop
34	11/23/2016	820	Ashlee Elchert	Wapak	Randy Kohli
35	11/30/2016	838	Jeff Stall	Columbus Grove	Ottawa Ordnance
36	12/7/2016	926	Bruce Gates	Bellefontaine	Mike Watkins
37	12/14/2016	180	Greg Ditto	Lima	Mike Diglia

Winners are posted each week to: http://www.fopohio21.org/?page_id=2312

OFFICER FATALITY UPDATE

Preliminary 2016 Report

Through December 15, 2016



	2016	2015	Change
Firearms	64	38	+68%
Traffic	53	47	+13%
Other	20	28	-29%
Total	137	113	+21%

The Memorial Fund partners with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) VALOR program, designed to reduce felonious officer deaths. **Check out more officer safety-related content.**

Part of the fun of Christmas is watching the more creative TV commercials. This one takes the prize. Click on the picture above to watch the UK's John Lewis Dept Store commercial.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday December 20	* MEETING * 2017-2018 OFFICER ELECTIONS * SOMERVILLE AND ARMENTROUT CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION MEAL
Tuesday December 20	COPS AND KIDS TV RAFFLE DRAWING **WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT** NEED ALL OUTSTANDING TICKETS
Sunday December 25	CHRISTMAS DAY REMEMBER THE BIRTH OF OUR PROTECTOR AND ALL OF THE LESS FORTUNATE
Saturday December 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY SMART AND SAFELY
Sunday January 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY A GOOD DAY TO START ALL GOOD THINGS
Monday January 16	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Tuesday January 17	MEETING OFFICER INTALLATION

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016

Somerville/Armentrout Appreciation Dinner

Be sure to let them know that you are extremely grateful for their continued support

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