

# FRATERNAL NEWS

Annual Newsletter of FOP Lodge 66 – Lake County Sheriff's Police

2008 Edition



From left to right: Trustee Delbert Krawczyk, Sheriff Mark Curran, Undersheriff Charles Fagan, Shaken Baby Co-founder Wendi Schreiter, Secretary George Kinsley, President Dennis Kehrer

## 2007 Golf Outing a Great Success

Thanks to help from lodge officers, members and the community, this years charity golf outing was once again a huge success.

The Shaken Baby Association, Inc was the selected charity for the outing for the second year in a row. For those that are unfamiliar with this organization, the Shaken Baby Association, Inc is dedicated to stopping Shaken Baby Syndrome, which is the medical term describing the brain trauma that results from the violent shaking of an infant or child.

Wendi Schreiter, a co-founder of the organization, has been at the lodge golf outings since 2005 helping with tee box sponsors and collecting small amounts of donations for her group. This year, with a lot of hard work, Lodge 66 was able to write the not-for-profit organization a check for \$5,000 (an additional \$400 was collected following the presentation of the check in the above photo).

The annual golf outing, which is located at the Antioch Country Club each September, has grown to well over 120 golfers and approximately 36 hole sponsorships from area businesses. Golfers enjoyed 18 holes of golf followed by a banquet and awards ceremony located on the golf course property. Area businesses also donate hundreds of items ranging from gift certificates to televisions and gas grills.

The tentative date for the 2008 golf outing is Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. ■

### Important Contact Information

Lodge website: [www.fop66.org](http://www.fop66.org)

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Illinois State FOP Telephone Number: 800-522-2677

Grand Lodge website: [www.fop.net](http://www.fop.net)

Grand Lodge Telephone Number: 615-399-0900

## Membership Information for Retirees

In 2006, the Illinois State FOP Lodge dropped a very popular benefit from membership. The Accidental Death Benefit, which was previous available to all members at no charge to them, was voted off the benefits list by the State lodge. Members on a local level previously received this benefit and several members' families were very happy to have it in their time of need.

Unfortunately this option is no longer available to us.

As a result, it has been discussed as to whether members, when they retire from active membership with the lodge, would still be interested in being active with Lodge 66.

As it stands now, the benefits of the Fraternal Order of Police are fraternal (i.e. participation in local lodge events, training opportunities, and other functions). Each year, Lodge 66 pays out over \$4,000 in membership fee, much of which go towards retiree dues for members that are out of state and do not wish to participate locally.

The goal is to have all retirees active with the lodge, however we understand that is not always possible.

What has been proposed by the committee, and passed at the September general meeting, is to have retired members pay half of the necessary dues for themselves, while the lodge pays the other half. Active members currently pay \$30.00 per year; therefore a retired member would pay \$15.00. This will help ensure that each retired member of the lodge is still currently a member by their own choice, rather than automatically re-submitting their dues each year. Dues are collected every October and all retiree dues have been paid for 2008. This new arrangement will begin for the 2009 dues, which are paid in October of 2008.

Any retired members that are visiting from out of state would always be more then welcome at any of the lodge functions.

If you have any questions regarding the new membership policies, please contact Eileen O'Connell. Eileen is currently a trustee with the lodge and is in charge of retiree communications. ■

## Telephone System Update

Last year, we discussed getting a lodge telephone system installed for the lodge. The telephone will be used for members to call and gather more information about upcoming events or to contact a board member directly through a voice mail system.

We are still in the process of getting that system set up. There have been some delays with the service provider and we are hoping to have them corrected soon. We will update the lodge website with the new number when it is completed. ■

## Annual Formal Dinner and Dance

In 2007, the FOP membership voted to try something new for their annual adult Christmas Party. With past problems that were out of our control (i.e. locations for bowling, catering, etc) the lodge looked to a more formal event.

Last year, members of the lodge met for a formal dinner and dance at the Port O'Call Banquet Hall within the Great Lakes Naval Base. Everyone enjoyed an open bar, dinner and live performance by the APB (the All Police Band).

Following the 2007 event, a committee met to discuss the outcome of the dinner and to look into the feasibility of doing it again. Discussion with the membership was overwhelming to have the event again in 2008.

Therefore, the lodge will look to the Port O'Call for their annual dinner and dance. As with last year, the event will be \$20.00 for a member and one guest, and \$20.00 each for non-members. Due to the security concerns of the Naval Base, a list of member and guest names must be compiled, and each guest must have a ticket. Tickets will be available in early 2008.

The 2008 Formal Dinner and Dance is scheduled for Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> ■

## Upcoming Event dates for 2008

Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Lodge general meeting at the Lake Villa VFW. Meeting begins at 6:30pm.

Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – FOP Illinois State Lodge trip to the Chicago Wolves game. Contact the State Lodge for further information

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Lodge 66 Formal Dinner and Dance at the Port O'Call Banquet Hall within Great Lakes Naval training Center.

Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tentative date for the annual charity golf outing.

For more information and other dates, visit the lodge's website at [www.fop66.org/events.htm](http://www.fop66.org/events.htm). ■


## Children's Christmas Party

Thank you to all the members and lodge officers that helped out prior to, and the day of the 2007 Children's Christmas Party which was held on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>. There were about 15 people that showed up the night before to help individually wrap gifts for 150 children. ■

*There is a hope to make this newsletter quarterly rather than just once a year.*

*If you have an interesting story, article, or anything else that you feel would benefit the newsletter, please send them to the lodge directly or via the website.*





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*Illinois Lodge 66*

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**2007 Children's Christmas Party**  
This years Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 1st at the Lake Villa VFW. All children and grandchildren of members in good standing are welcome. View more information about the event [here](#), or download the flyer [here](#).

**2008 Adult Formal Dinner/Dance Date Set**  
Once again the lodge will be having a formal dinner & dance in 2008. The date has been set for Saturday, May 17th and will be held at the Port O'Call Banquet Hall within the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Tickets must be purchased for this event and will be available in early 2008. For more information click [here](#).

**2007 Charity Golf Outing Completed**  
The 2007 Charity Golf Outing has been completed. Thanks to your donations and participation, it was once again a great success. This year, thanks to support from county-wide residents and businesses, the lodge was able to raise \$5,000 for the Shaken Baby Association, Inc. View this years brochure [here](#) or the events press release [here](#).

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**Newly designed website with email access link in the bottom left corner.**

## New FOP Lodge 66 Website Updates

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 66 website will be getting a face lift and a new look. Above is the image of the new home page, however most of the links will be redesigned and will offer a lot more information soon.

The website is kept up to date with events and donation information so that citizens that donate to the lodge can see how their money helps.

The lodge recently switched web-hosting companies (from Yahoo to InMotion Hosting). With these changes came some new and additional benefits. One of the benefits is the addition of more lodge email addresses (yourname@fop66.org).

With this new benefit, the lodge has the ability to give every member a free email account. Members can simply go to the lodge website at [www.fop66.org](http://www.fop66.org) and click the link on the left that says "Lodge Email Access", to access your email, once the email address has been created.

If anyone is interested in having an "@fop66.org" email address, please contact George Kinsley. ■

### Interesting Facts

**The FOP Lodge 66 website averages well over 1,000 hits each month. Persons accessing the site mainly comprise of citizens that are looking for information about the lodge and to find out telemarketing information.**

## Telemarketing Update

The lodge is currently in the process of changing telemarketing companies. The contract for our telemarketer is currently being reviewed by the lodge attorney and telemarketing should resume as normal in January. ■