



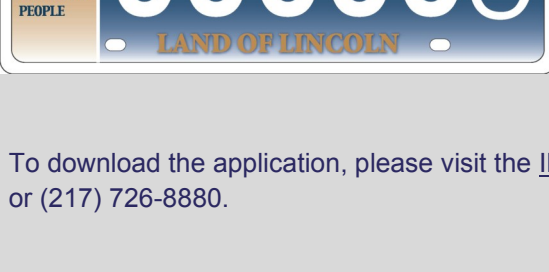
Specialty License Plates Now Available for Members

The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (ILFOP) is excited to announce the availability of specialty license plates for active and retired members statewide.

Nearly a year ago, Governor Pat Quinn signed into law the legislation that provides for the issuance of specialty license plates for members of the ILFOP. Since then, board members and FOP staff have worked diligently with the Secretary of State on design, production and operational fluidity.

"On behalf of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Board of Trustees, we are excited that our members will be able to display the State Lodge logo on their personal vehicles," said Ted Street, president, Illinois Fraternal Order of Police. "Our membership is very excited to have their own license plate that shows their fraternalism and dedication to their profession. The board of directors and members extend their heartfelt thanks to Secretary of State Jesse White, members of the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Quinn for this opportunity."

The Illinois FOP license plate will be exclusive to FOP members in Illinois. Revenue from the license plates will aid in education and scholarship opportunities for members and their children,



financial relief in times of need for members and their families, and community outreach.

The ILFOP closed the doors on telemarketing over 18 months ago and has continued its efforts towards becoming completely self sufficient," said Jeff Newberg, chair of the license plate committee. "These plates will not only help accomplish that goal, but will also provide an additional benefit to members. We feel that this newest step toward fiscal solvency will have positive effects for the state FOP for years to come."

To download the application, please visit the [Illinois FOP website](#). For additional information, contact Katie Davis at kdavis@ilfop or (217) 726-8880.

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National FOP Hosts 60th Biennial Conference

Nearly 300 Attend from Illinois

The National Fraternal Order of Police held its 60th Biennial Conference from August 14-18, 2011, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The national conference serves as a forum to set the goals and agenda for the organization, review and amend the constitution and bylaws, and elect the executive board and national trustees. Nearly 3,000 law enforcement officials across the country attended, including 300 from Illinois.

The conference began on Monday morning with a beautiful presentation by the color guard and the FOP Auxiliary. Impassioned members of the Utah legislature and highly esteemed public servicemen welcomed participants from 43 states from across the nation, as well as Canada and Ireland. The newly elected (or re-elected) national trustees were announced on Tuesday morning, and nominations for national officers were taken directly before close of business on Tuesday. Voting for the 2011-2013 national officers occurred on Thursday, directly before the swearing in of new officers and conference adjournment.

This year's conference showcased many interesting classes after the close of the General Session each day, including topics around street survival, economic and political issues impacting the FOP, critical incident support management, pension reform and social media. Additionally, the Utah State Lodge put together an events package for FOP members that included a picnic, baseball game and MMA fighting match. One of the most popular events of the week was a presentation sponsored by Beacon Financial Group and given by decorated Navy Seal and author, Marcus Luttrell.

Establish Goals & Legislative Agenda

Delegates voted to affirm the earlier decision of the National Trustees in the designation of two new legislative priorities, both of which were introduced on January 19, 2011, by Representative Bob Filner (D-CA):

- **Support H.R. 327/S. 985**—Federal Law Enforcement Retirement Equity Act that amends the definition of "law enforcement officer" (LEO) and extends LEO retirement, also known as 6c benefits, to approximately 30,000 federal LEOs who currently do not receive these benefits.
- **Support H.R. 324**—An amendment to Title 10, United States Code, to provide police officers, criminal investigators, and game law enforcement officers of the Department of Defense with authority to execute warrants, make arrests and carry firearms.

Additional [national FOP "Top Legislative Priorities for the 112 Congress"](#) are available online.

Review & Amend Constitution & Bylaws

- As part of the voting process, delegates waged their support for or against three amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws.
- Amendment 1 (passed) modifies Article 17, Section 2 to change the date in which per capita taxes must be fully paid from May 1 to July 1 in the year of the biennial conference. The amendment also adds a section that sets forth a process in which local lodges can appeal the denial of national conference credentials.
- Amendment 2 (passed) modifies Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph D, Subsection 1 to state that the Grand Lodge shall bear the expense of voting machines/ election equipment used at the national conference. Previously, the expense was borne by the host lodge.
- Amendment 3 called for additional duties and responsibilities of the National Secretary, as specified under Article 12, Section 15; Article 2, Section 6; and Article 3, Section 1. The amendment failed 1801 - 1112.

Elect Executive Board & Trustees

On August 18, 2011, delegates in attendance at the national conference voted in the 2011 Executive Board Election. The following are the elected officers for the 2011-2013 term:

- President**
Chuck Canterbury, South Carolina
- Vice President**
Ed Brannigan, New Jersey
- Secretary**
Patrick Yoes, Louisiana
- Treasurer**
Tom Penozo, Delaware
- Sergeant-of-Arms**
Roger Mayberry, California

In addition, the Illinois delegation voted to keep Robert "Rocky" Nowaczyk from Park Ridge, Illinois as its National Trustee. Rocky has served in this role since 1993.

Illinois FOP Announces 2011 Scholarship Winners

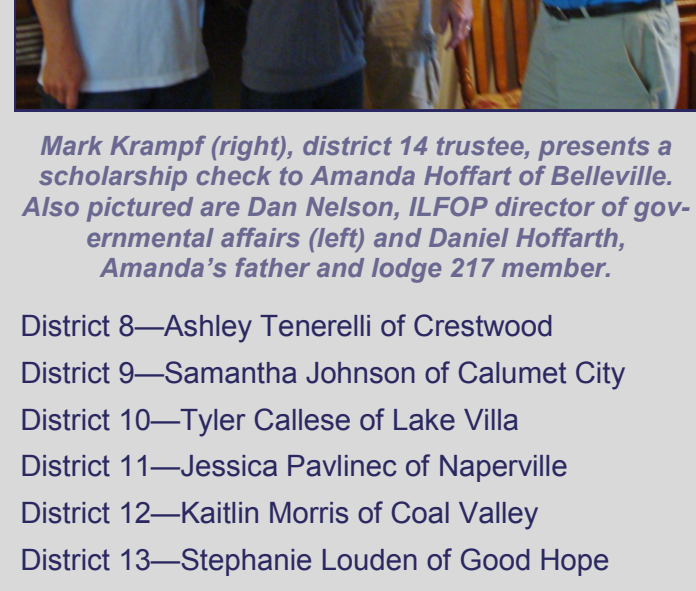
Each year, the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police awards \$9,000 in scholarships to college students whose parents are FOP members in good standing. Chosen at random, one applicant from each of the 18 representative FOP districts in Illinois receives a \$500 check towards college expenses. An eligible applicant is a full-time, undergraduate student at an accredited junior college or four-year institution.

The random drawing was conducted at the summer meeting of the State Lodge board of directors, and the winners are as follows:

- District 1—Paolo Natividad of Chicago
- District 2—Lindsey Sanders of Lincoln
- District 3—Domenique Travis of Matteson
- District 4—Whitney Weatherspoon of Harvey
- District 5—Michael Nikischer of Riverside
- District 6—Colin Hamrick of Arlington Heights
- District 7—Patrick Zaruba of Wheaton



Greg Johnson (left), district 3 trustee, delivers a \$500 check to Dominique Travis of Matteson. Kevin Wilbur (right), Dominique's father, is an Illinois Department of Corrections parole officer.



Mark Krampf (right), district 14 trustee, presents a scholarship check to Amanda Hoffarth of Belleville. Also pictured are Dan Nelson, ILFOP director of governmental affairs (left) and Daniel Hoffarth, Amanda's father and lodge 217 member.

- District 8—Ashley Tenerelli of Crestwood
- District 9—Samantha Johnson of Calumet City
- District 10—Tyler Callese of Lake Villa
- District 11—Jessica Pavlinec of Naperville
- District 12—Kaitlin Morris of Coal Valley
- District 13—Stephanie Loudon of Good Hope
- District 14—Amanda Hoffarth of Belleville
- District 15—Zachary Bullard of Woodlawn
- District 16—Jade Chapman of Markham
- District 17—Alex Mehrtens of Carbondale
- District 18—Melissa Flisk of Evergreen Park

The Illinois FOP is honored to be able to assist these students in their scholastic achievements and wish them the very best in the 2011-2012 school year.

Per Capita Membership Dues Are Due By November 1

Per capita is due November 1, 2011, for either full or half year. In accordance with the bylaws changes adopted at the 2010 state conference, per capita dues are \$25 per member for the State Lodge and \$9.50 per member for the Grand Lodge.

All local lodge paperwork, including gains forms, losses forms, and officer rosters, will be sent in the annual per capita mailing on or about September 26. These documents are also available in the Members' Only section of the State Lodge website, www.ilfop.org.

In an effort to increase communications with local lodges and general membership, please provide current officer rosters and include all officer e-mail addresses.

For additional information, please contact Katie Davis at kdavis@ilfop.org or (217) 726-8880.

2011 State Legislative Round-Up

During the course of the spring legislative session, the Illinois FOP State Lodge was at the center of struggle for public employee rights, including: workers compensation, disability, collective bargaining and pension reform. The battle lines shifted several times, as bills were introduced and then amended. Municipal leaders, who led the attack on public service employees, found themselves on the run as legislators sought to redirect the local government share of income taxes.

Attempts by Republican Minority Leader, Tom Cross (R-Oswego), to strip public employees of pension benefits failed to garner enough support in the General Assembly and no legislation affecting current employee benefits was ever called for a vote. The 97th General Assembly adjourned on May 31, 2011, and will reconvene for veto session on October 25, 2011.

Coalition Building and Member Involvement

During the 96th General Assembly, the ILFOP formed a coalition with other police and fire political action groups and the Illinois Public Pension Association. This unified effort proved successful in holding the line against the first wave of attacks on public safety employee pensions. The growth of the coalition during the first year of the 97th General Assembly resulted in the WE ARE ONE campaign that utilized bought and earned media to combat the negative stigma being unfairly associated with public employees and their retirement benefits.

Press releases and notices posted to the ILFOP web and social media sites alerted members to legislation that would drastically affect the benefits of most public employees. Website links and phone numbers helped members identify their legislators and key committee rosters. The FOP membership answered the call to action with gusto. In fact, Representative Cross called the telephone initiative of the WE ARE ONE campaign the best organized effort he had ever experienced in his time at the General Assembly.

Key Legislation Opposed by the Illinois FOP

- **SB 1679:** Schoenberg (D-Evanston)—Senate Bill 1679 would have required the board of each downstate police and firefighter fund to transfer all investments to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for all management and administration. This bill broke a negotiated agreement—to study such investment pooling—that was contained in the pension reform bill [PA 96-1495] passed just one month earlier. This legislation was held in the rules committee, however, an amendment to SB 1831 by

Representative May (D-Highwood) in last weeks of the spring session revived the initiative. Dan Nelson, ILFOP governmental affairs director, testified in the House executive committee against the measure and an amendment followed to strike the language involving police and fire pensions.

- **SB 512:** Cross (R-Oswego)—Senate Bill 512 was amended late in the session to make it the latest version of public employee pension reform, requiring workers to pay more to get less. The clear goal of SB 512 is to push all employees into 401k pensions. To do so would cause a complete collapse of the system, as employee contributions have been the only consistent revenue to the funds. Several employee groups were exempt from the bill, but Illinois Department of Corrections FOP members and other article 14 state law enforcement officers would be affected by the bill. Tens of thousands of legislative contacts were made and the bill was not called for a vote. However, legislative leaders published a statement acknowledging the need to meet with labor leaders and promised to return in the fall veto session to address pension reform. The final action deadline has been extended to November 10, 2011.

Illinois FOP Key Legislative Agenda Items

- **SR 052:** Munoz (D-Chicago)—Senate Resolution 052 designates the first Wednesday in May as "Disabled Peace Officers Recognition Day" in the state of Illinois. The ILFOP drafted formal resolutions from the Illinois General Assembly to the families of fallen officers. Working with FOP member Senator John Milner (R-West Chicago), 17 presentation grade resolutions were dedicated to the officers honored at this year's Police Officers Memorial
- **HB 1985:** D'Amico (D-Chicago)—House Bill 1985 mandates that municipal police agencies (cities and counties) that receive false complaints filed against law enforcement officers forward those cases to the appropriate state's attorney for review and prosecution. The legislation has passed both the House and Senate, and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature.

Illinois FOP Expands Member Benefits

The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police has partnered with Beacon Financial Group to offer customized series of programs and services to meet the unique needs of law enforcement professional and their families. With hand-picked, "best in class" initiatives, each program and service has the full support of the Illinois FOP.

The Illinois FOP guaranteed issue group term life insurance plan, underwritten by Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, was the first step under this new line of benefits, and many FOP members took advantage of this program during open enrollment last spring.

Prescription Discounts

In addition, Illinois FOP members can take advantage of the prescription discount program—an absolutely free card that allows users to save 10-85 percent on the cost of medications. Last month, FOP members in Illinois saved an average of \$215 per prescription.

Start saving now!

Cash for Accidents

Accidents happen - on and off the job. With group accident insurance from Allstate, it doesn't matter where or how your injury occurs. Accident insurance pays **in addition** to your other benefits—cash for covered claims are **paid directly to you**.

Do you need assistance with co-pays and meeting deductibles? Travel and lodging associated with specialty care? Living expenses as a result of missed work? Accessibility solutions for your home? Other out-of-pocket expenses? Affordable plans are available for you and your whole family, beginning at only \$17.99 per month. [Find out more!](#)

Prepare for Critical Illness

It's Your Personal Fundraising Plan

The majority of expenses associated with the treatment of a critical illness—cancer, heart attack, stroke or renal failure—are NOT covered by insurance. Expenses that come as a result of a parent taking leave from work to care for a sick child, travel and living expenses to be near the hospital that can provide the best care, co-payments and deductibles, and a multitude of other out-of-pocket expenses, can quickly devastate a family's financial situation.

Critical illness insurance from AFLAC is your personal fundraising plan. This supplemental insurance is in addition to your medical insurance coverage and provides a **lump-sum payment that can be spent at your discretion to meet your specific needs**.

Ensure that you will be able to take care of your spouse or child, and they are able to take care of you, without having to worry about the financial strain on your family. **Get prepared!**

In addition, Beacon Financial Company actively provides financial planning services for Illinois FOP members, including college, retirement and term life insurance.

For additional information about these or any other services, please contact Beacon Financial Group at (888) 769-4333, ext. 116; or visit our website at www.beacon-financial.net.

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