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The next meeting of the Georgia State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police will be held in Fitzgerald, Ga. on October 29, 1972. Fitzgerald Lodge No. 16 will be hosting the meeting. Details on the meeting will be sent to all Lodges before meeting time. We will be looking for a good turnout for the meeting.

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FRONT COVER

President R. P. Jackson, Karl F. Eidam Lodge # 9, Columbus, Ga., Presents Mrs. Verna Johnson, widow of Brother Tyrus O. Johnson, with the first Death Benefit check. Standing L. to R.: W. E. Kinsman Jr., State President; Mrs. Florence Taff, State President, Ladies Auxiliary; Mrs. Verna Johnson, Widow of T. O. Johnson, first Recipient; Mrs. Phoebe Jackson, State Treasurer, Ladies Auxiliary; R. P. Jackson, President "Karl E. Eidam" Lodge # 9. (See Page 7 for a Memorial to Brother T. O. Johnson.)

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Message From The President:

In beginning my term, being re-elected by you as State President, I wish to thank each and everyone of you that supported me. I also want to thank those who did not support me as you have the right to your opinion and choice of leadership and this proves to me the democratic system where a majority shall rule. I will try hard to serve you whenever needed with my goal, "that policemen receive that what is due them and their families." Furthermore, there are many inequities that must be straightened out for fairness to the ones that do not click. Your enlargement of membership is the only way to begin this hard task.

I wish to thank the members of the "Frank W. Mobley" Lodge #7 of Savannah, Georgia for putting on an outstanding Annual Conference that we just held in June. Also, I believe I can speak for the entire Georgia F.O.P. when I say it was well planned and the support from their City Officials is commendable. My sincere thanks go to Mr. H. C. Morrison, Alderman of Savannah, that presented me the key to the City of Savannah. Unfortunately, the Honorable Mayor could not attend due to another commitment. This golden key I will cherish for a life-time.

The atmosphere was great with the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary taking a big part in this convention. They did a magnificent job and are to be congratulated for without them a convention is just not enjoyable. I am proud to see the Savannah ladies get organized and are now chartered. I believe they are going to really work hard to be one of the best in the nation. So ladies please don't let your local men's lodge down. I believe that we have a good

slate of dedicated Officers in the State Lodge and Subordinate Lodges. Let us each do something good and outstanding for our local lodge then report these facts through the F.O.P. News magazine and also report it at the next Annual Conference to be hosted by DeKalb County Lodge. I think but I am not sure yet, that the chosen site will be Stone Mountain. All of us will certainly enjoy such a desirable place so start making plans for it next June. The National Bi-Annual Conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada next August and I am working toward getting us a 200 passenger chartered plane for Georgia F.O.P. Members and families if they wish to go.

As we are nearing the November elections there are many candidates that should bear watching. Some have already proven and have provided legislation that is beneficial to law enforcement. These men deserve our support. There are others that talk in two different directions and these men that uphold criminals and are constantly crying out "brutality" against law officers then it is our duty along with our families to work hard against them so that we may someday soon receive the support that was once behind law enforcement. We might as well forget the party obligations and let's vote for the man best suited for law enforcement and someone that will acknowledge the Fraternal Order of Police, not only in Georgia but throughout the United States.

As you read the last magazine issue, the delegates at the convention have voted a Delta Benefit of \$100.00 for natural death and \$200.00 for death in line-of-duty. These benefits are payable to his spouse or nearest of kin provided that the member is in good standing and not more than 90 days past due on his dues card. His card with a Death Certificate must be surrendered to the State Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Pete Stafford. If no Death Certificate is available then a clipping from the newspapers will suffice along with a letter from your local secretary.

On August 30th, we lost a brother from our lodge who was only 55 years of age. T. O. Johnson was one of my best friends as I knew him before he went on the Columbus Police Department. I grew up in the same neighborhood with him and he was well liked by all. I don't believe that T. O. ever had an enemy in this world and was one of the most beloved officers on

our force. Brother T. O. Johnson's widow will be the first recipient of the now in force Death Benefit that each member in good standing with his dues is eligible for. On August 2 he and I were talking and he stated that he wanted to retire next February 1973. He was also a member of the P.O.A.G. Annuity and Benefit Fund which now all that will be returned to his home is the Insurance amount. This is one reason that we, I am speaking of all law enforcement officers including the P.O.A.G., should work very hard to have legislation passed whereas any policeman or law officer sworn may retire at age 50 from the P.O.A.G. Annuity and Benefit Fund. I believe it is actuarially sound enough to do this beginning January or February 1973. Even if each member must increase his dues from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per month, I don't think they would object since the benefits given early would give the law officer and his family a chance to live and enjoy a few years of the retirement so faithfully earned. Let's all pull together and have the Peace Officers Association of Georgia and the Georgia Fraternal Order of Police unite in our improvements so vitally needed that it won't be hard to attract good applicants for police work, which will be going down-grade without political support. May God help us in our struggle to keep the bad in their places and he (God) will deliver to us leaders of wisdom and loyalty to our profession.

Fraternally,
W. E. Kinsman, Jr.
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Columbus, Ga.

From The Secretary's Notebook



It seems such a short time since our last issue of the F.O.P. News. The deadline for sending articles almost slipped past me.

The State magazine committee recently met in Atlanta with our publisher and discussed improvements on the magazine. One need that was discussed is getting more lodges to participate by sending articles to the magazine. I recently sent reminders to all lodge secretaries to send items of interest to be printed in the state magazine. If you have something happen in your department that is news worthy, send it to the publisher. If you have interesting news about yourself, send it in. Also when sending articles to the magazine send pictures if available.

Another concern of the State Lodge

is that out-of-state publishers who have no connection with Georgia Law Enforcement officers are soliciting for police publications of which none of our officers benefit. Please warn the business people in your area against these people. They hurt our state publications every time they sell an ad. The success of the Georgia F.O.P. depends upon the advertisement sold to our business friends in Georgia. The State Lodge operates largely from money earned from advertisement in the magazine.

The Georgia State Lodge recently paid its first death benefit payment to the widow of one of our brothers in Columbus. As we continue to grow we are better able to provide more benefits to our members.

The officers of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Georgia State Lodge is always waiting to hear from you at any time that you may need assistance. Let me hear from you if I can be of help.

Fraternally,
D. M. Stafford
Secretary-Treasurer

Savannah Area Police Officers Help Muscular Dystrophy

A number of officers from the Savannah Police Department and the Chatham County Police Department recently gave their free time to furnish security for the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. State Secretary D. M. Stafford was asked to try and secure officers to help with the security for the Telethon in Savannah on September 3rd and 4th. The Telethon lasted for 20 hours.

With the help of another Savannah F.O.P. member, Lt. W. R. Freeman of the Chatham County Police, enough off duty officers were contacted to cover the Telethon. Officers were furnished for the Telethon headquarters and the T.V. station. This is one of many ways that F.O.P. members can help needy fund raising programs. The Frank W. Mobley Lodge in Savannah believes that helping others with these programs and projects is the best way to get the public support that is so much needed. There is always someone who needs help, but so often very few who are willing to help.

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Arizona Congressman Morris K. Udall informs us of the status in Congress of bills in which we are interested:

- HR 12120 Provides FOR THE EXEMPTION OF A POLICE OFFICERS FIRST \$6,000.00 ANNUAL EARNINGS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX; pending before the Ways and Means Committee; nothing scheduled.
- HR 12278 Provides FOR POLICE OFFICERS TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS ACROSS STATE LINES; pending before the Judiciary Committee; nothing scheduled.
- HR 714 Provides BENEFITS FOR POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; before Judiciary Subcommittee #1, have held 2 days of hearings.
- S 2994 Provides AN INSURANCE PROGRAM AND DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS, among other things; subcommittee on Law and Procedure has completed hearings and are readying a report for a markup after the Democratic Convention.

Write to your Congressman for the "HR" bills and to your Senator for the "S" bill. Ask them to support these measures.



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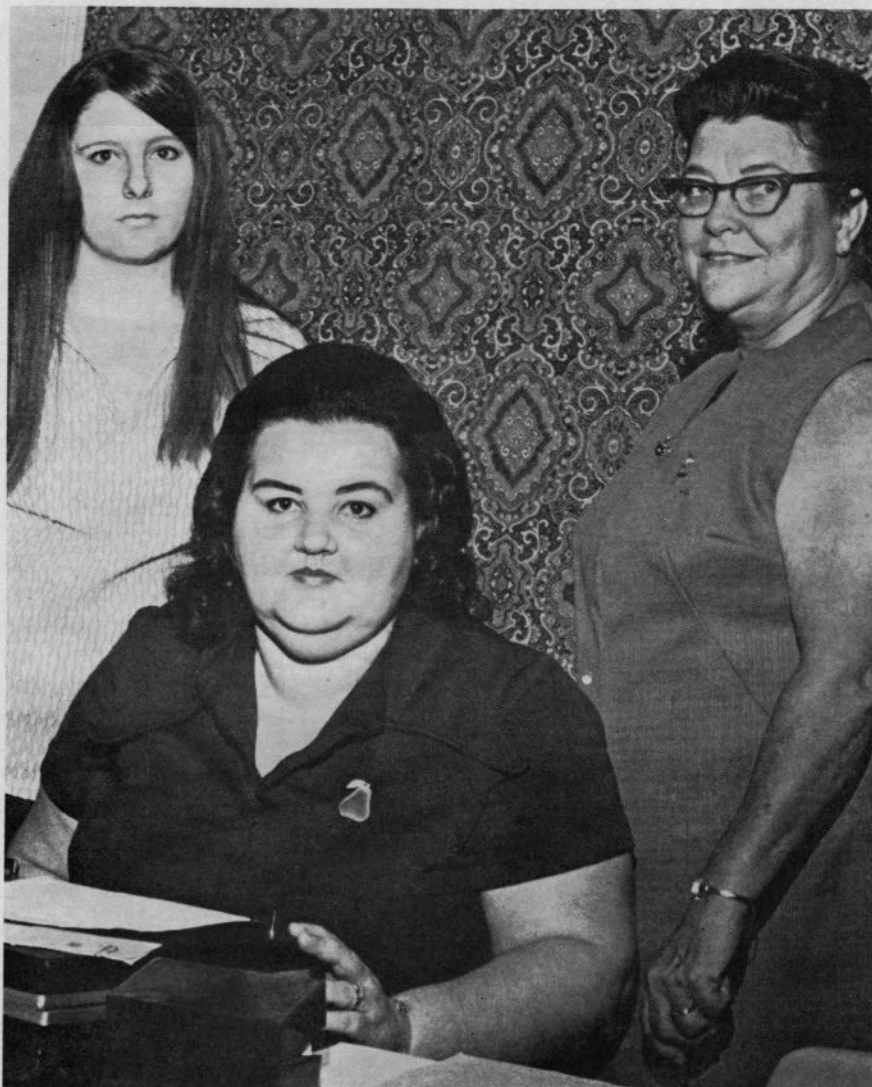
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DeKalb County Lodge Photos

Top Photo:
H. E. Faulkner (right), former
Second Vice President of State
Lodge, presents gavel to new De-
Kalb Co. President J. J. Polak.
Mr. Polak will fill the unexpired
term of Gene Whitney, who re-
signed from the Police Dept.



Bottom Photo:
Three officials of DeKalb Co.
Auxiliary: L. to R., Mrs. Wanda
Young, Guard; Mrs. Bobby
Davis, Secretary-Treasurer, and
Mrs. H. E. Faulkner, President.



Message from the President State Ladies Auxiliary

As your new State President of the Georgia State Ladies Auxiliary, F.O.P., I wish to greet each of you.

As we embark on this new year, It is our desire and wish to make Georgia one of the finest and most outstanding Auxiliaries in our nation. I am certain this can be a desire fulfilled with the fine officers that have been elected to serve with me for the coming year. Not only are good officers needed but each member of every existing auxiliary is essential to our State Auxiliary.

It is our aim to unite the wives of the policemen into one body and share with each other the problems that face our husbands, brothers or fathers in today's world. they need our support and our help. United we can aid them in a manner which we hope will be a credit to them and our state.

In the short time we have assumed office this year, it has been our privilege to organize an auxiliary in Rome, Georgia, where we found friendship and devotion to their husband's work. It was our great pleasure to see the reorganization of the DeKalb Auxiliary and were greatly honored by having Macon join us in the state body of the auxiliary.

It is with humbleness that I thank you for the honor bestowed upon me as your State President and I will endeavor to do my best with the aid of my officers to serve you in this capacity.

Fraternally,
Mrs. Forest (Florence) Taff
State President
Ladies Auxiliary, Ga. F.O.P.



Message from State Organizing Chairman Ladies Auxiliary

As organizing chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary for the State of Georgia, I would like to say that the past year has been a most rewarding one with the installation of two new Auxiliaries, i.e., Albany and Savannah and since the convention in Savannah in June of '72, an Auxiliary was organized in Rome, Georgia bringing the total Auxiliaries in Georgia to nine.

I am looking forward to an even more eventful year with hopes that we can institute Auxiliaries for every F.O.P. organized. I ask for the support of the F.O.P.'s in helping accomplish this and I would, also, appreciate any suggestions. Further, if an Auxiliary needs help at any time, please contact me.

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Volunteers Increase For Local Telethon

Local volunteers are pouring in as Columbus prepares to participate in the national Muscular Dystrophy Telethon for the first time Labor Day weekend.

Among the latest volunteers are members of the Columbus Fraternal Order of Police, under the leadership of Walter E. Kinsman, president. The policemen will provide security throughout the telethon at the Airport Holiday Inn, site of the main pledge center, and at WYEA-TV, an operations center.

Mrs. June Tomblin, president of the Port City Chapter, National Secretaries Association, has announced the group will provide 18 volunteers to man telephones and provide other services during the 20-hour event sponsored by actor and comedian Jerry Lewis.

C. E. Beard, president of the Columbus Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America, will be in charge of the main pledge center, and will provide 52 volunteers for numerous services.

Dan Thompson, telethon coordinator, said the task would be "insurmountable" if it were not for the "tremendous response" of qualified organizations and individuals.

The telethon will be broadcast live on channel 38, with area officials breaking in from time to time to seek donations from Valley citizens

Donations, which last year totalled \$8.3 million during the nationwide event, will be used to seek a cure for the disease which afflicts thousands of Americans annually.

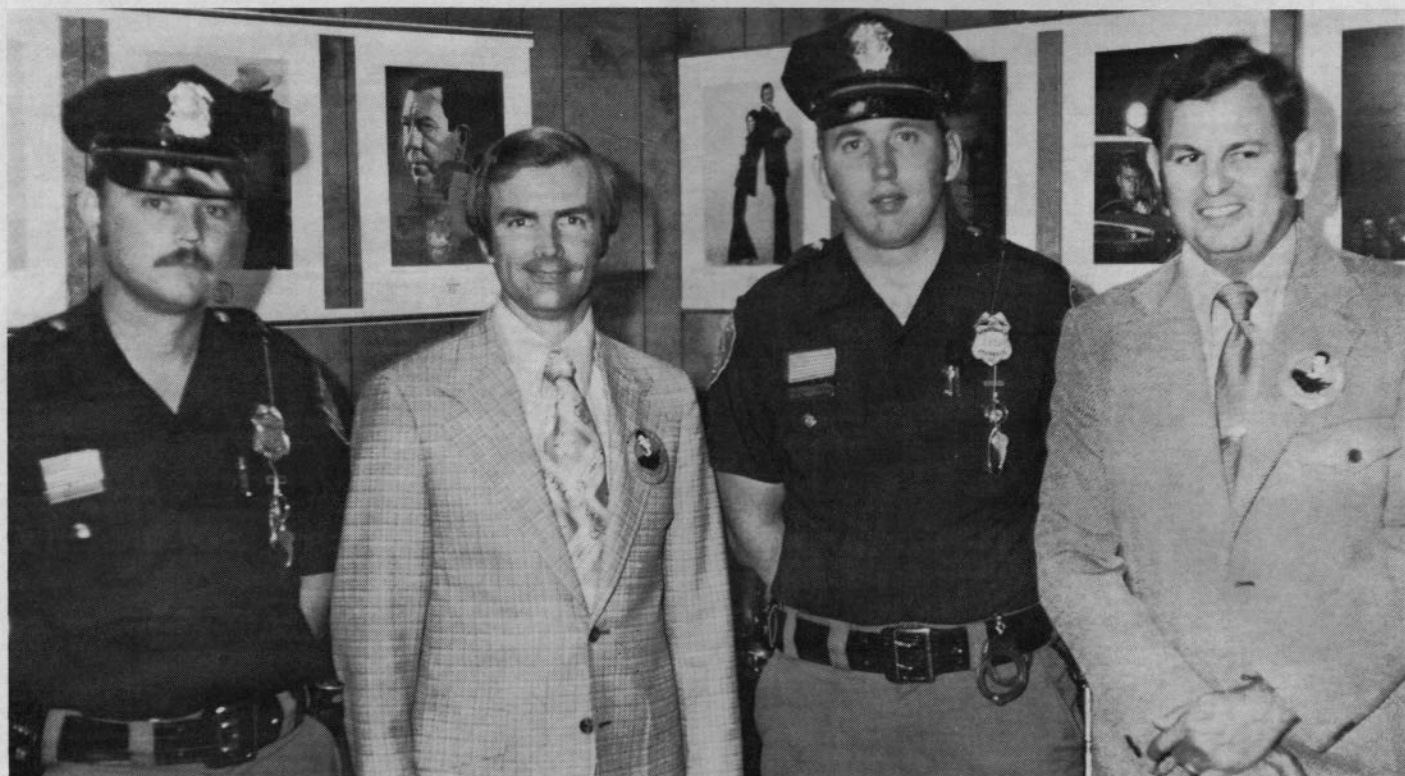
The amount of pledges from the citizens in the surrounding areas of Columbus was \$30,158.00 and nationally it is reported to have exceeded the sum of \$10,000,000.00. This was a worthwhile cause that the F.O.P. was more than happy to donate their time and money.

Other F.O.P. lodges also took part in this 20 hour Telethon. Let us always work to help the less fortunate.

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**Columbus, Ga. Co-ordinators of the Jerry Lewis National Telethon Held Labor Day for the National Muscular Dystrophy Assn.
Volunteers that worked at Holiday Inn during 20 Hour Telethon**



Left to right: Mr. C. E. Beard—Supervising Service Foreman, Southern Bell Telephone Co., also President of the Columbus Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America. (center): Mr. Daniel S. Thompson—Vice-President of the First National Bank of Columbus, also President of the local "Bruce Wilder" Chapter, Muscular Dystrophy Association. (Right of sign): Mrs. June Tomblin—President of the Port City Chapter, National Secretaries Association.

Reading left to right: 1. Officer David B. Schofield, Jr. 2. Daniel S. Thompson—Pres. "Bruce Wilder" Chapter, Muscular Dystrophy Association. 3. Officer Robert Coddington. 4. Detective Sgt. Robert P. Jackson, President, "Karl F. Eidam" Lodge # 9 Ga. F.O.P.

Columbus Telethon (continued)



Reading left to right in line across: 1. Officer George A. Potter. 2. Officer Robert Coddington. 3. Mrs. Phoebe Jackson, Treasurer—First Georgia State Lodge, F.O.P. Ladies Auxiliary. 4. Mrs. Florence Taff, President—Ladies Auxiliary—Ga. State Lodge—F.O.P. 5. Mr. C. E. Beard, President of the Columbus Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America. 6. Detective Sgt. Robert P. Jackson, President, "Karl F. Eidam" Lodge #9 Ga. F.O.P. 7. Officer David B. Schofield, Jr.

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Columbus Telethon (continued)



TWO LADIES IN BACKGROUND—Reading Left to right: 8. Mrs. June Tomblin—President of the Port City Chapter, National Secretaries Association. 9. Miss Elsie Baugh—Group Chief Operator of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. of Columbus, Ga. 10. Lady sitting at desk in foreground with back to camera is unidentified—but was one of the hard working volunteers. Group of Volunteers that worked at Airport Holiday Inn—Receiving telephone pledges throughout Jerry Lewis National Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

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Savannah Lodge Sponsors Civic Bag Sale

The Frank W. Mobley Lodge No. 7 recently went into the bag business. The Lodge is sponsoring a trash bag sale which started the last part of July. The sale will last for about two months.

The sale was kicked off by an endorsement from Mayor John P. Roussakis of Savannah. Good coverage was given by local news media to start the sale. The city recently started a new program designed to speed up garbage pick up. One way to help speed up the collection of trash is to use bags. The Lodge felt that it could do its part by conducting the bag sale in an effort to keep Savannah clean. The bags are heavy duty 30 gallon size and sell for \$8.50 for a box of 100 bags.

The funds raised by the bag sale will be used for Lodge projects and for improvements on the Lodge building. A very good response has been given by the citizens of Savannah.



Columbus Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Karl F. Eidam Lodge #9 in Columbus, Georgia held a carnival on July 15, 1972, at Edgewood Presbyterian Church. The carnival featured games, prizes, talent, a "white elephant" table, and plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Proceeds from the carnival went to the Listening Eyes School for the Deaf.

A cake sale was held on August 19, 1972, at the Big Star Food Store. Members contributed various home made items to be sold.


The Ladies Auxiliary voted to establish a blood bank at a local hospital for the benefit of all policemen and their families. All members were urged to participate. This project has received the support of Police Chief Curtis E. McClung who has asked for the support and participation of the entire Police Department.

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The suspects who shot him will stand up in court with counsel demanding his rights.

While a young widow mother must work for her kids, and spend long, lonely nights.

Yes, somebody killed a policeman today . . . Maybe in your town or mine.

While we slept in comfort behind our locked doors, a cop put his life on the line.

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