

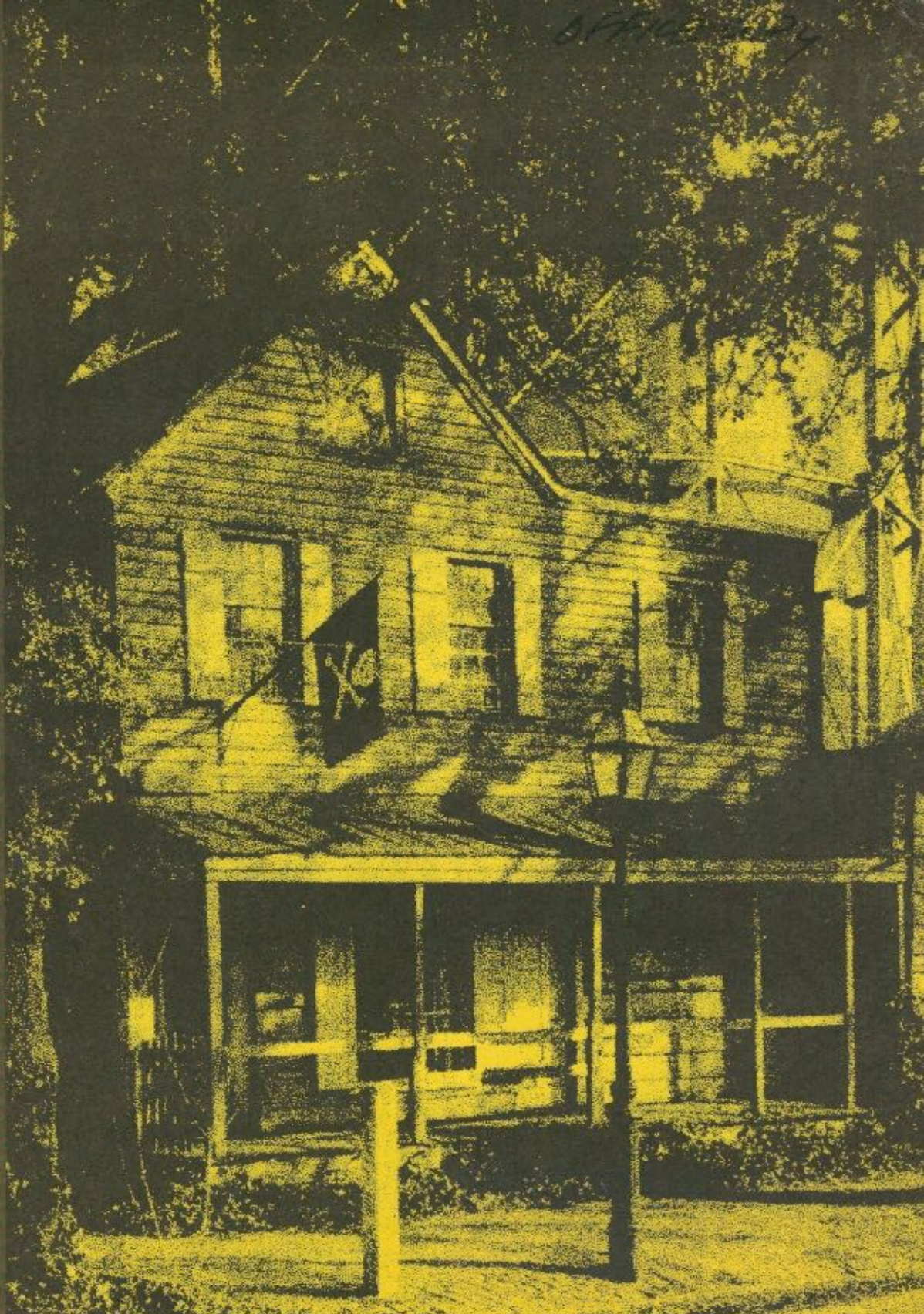
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All editorial copy for the next issue of the "Georgia FOP News" must be received not later than **JULY 25** by magazine chairman D.M. Stafford, 233 Chatham, Savannah, Ga. 31406.



In Memoriam

Forest E. Taff, Jr.

Georgia State Lodge extends its sympathy to the wife and family of Forest E. Taff. Printed below is the funeral service given at Mr. Taff's funeral on Feb. 20, 1976, by his pastor, Rev. Cecil Hazen, Edgewood United Methodist Church of Columbus. Forest, a 23-year veteran of the Columbus Police Dept., had been faithful to the Georgia FOP for years as has his wife, Florence, current President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

We pause today to thank God for the life of Forest E. Taff. He was born Aug. 12, 1923, in Upatoi, Georgia, and was a veteran of World War II. He married Florence Kind, and had he lived until April, they would have shared 30 wonderful years together.

Into the hearts and home of Florence and Forest came two lovely daughters, Diane and Patricia. Diane is married to David Mac Drake, an officer with the Muscogee County Sheriff's Dept., and they are the proud parents of a daughter, Jennifer, who brought much joy and happiness to Forest in the past two years.

Forest served in the Columbus Police Dept. for 23 years. He was an officer who felt called to his profession and made a career out of it. A career officer is one who has a commitment to sacrifice—a sacrifice of time, money and self, because the hours are long, the pay is short, and the risks are great.

Tennyson once wrote "Though much is taken yet much abides." Certainly you feel the loss. You have loved much, you have lost much, and you suffer much. Harry Emerson Fosdick, comforting a friend who had lost his 8-year-old daughter and three years later a 16-year-old son said, "I'm sure you and your wife will turn your minuses into pluses." That is what God did with the death of His Son. The Cross is a plus sign. He raised him up and is with you today to raise you up and to turn your minus into a plus.

I am sure that you will not let the memories of Forest drag you hopelessly into the past but rather project you out into the future, confident in yourselves and your Savior. Though much is taken yet much abides.

There abides a deeper relationship
with one another
with your friends
with God. These relationships will help to heal the wounds of your grief.

There also abides a comfort that comes from knowing that Forest had taken steps to make his peace with God. One day on a visit in the home, sitting at the kitchen table, I shared with him a tract entitled "Steps to Peace With God." At the end of the tract there is the question "Is there any good reason why you cannot accept Jesus Christ right now?" I asked Forest that question. He said that there was no reason why he could not accept Christ. We bowed our heads and he made a personal commitment to Him. His faith had now become more real and personal. It was his first step to a closer relationship with God.

This last week he took his last step on earth and entered eternity to be with his Father. What is beyond for him and for us is best illustrated in the following story: "A physician tells of visiting one of his patients who was very ill. As he was leaving, the sick man said: 'Doctor, am I going to get well?' The Christian doctor hesitated a moment, and said: 'Well, you're a very sick man.' The dying man took him by the hand and whispered: 'I don't want to die; tell me what lies on the other side.' The doctor quietly answered: 'My dear sir, I wish I could tell you, but I do not know.'

They talked a little while about the mystery of it all and then bade each other good-by. As the doctor opened the door to depart, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with delight. Turning to the sick man, the doctor said: 'Did you see that? This is my dog. He has never been in this house before. He did not know what was inside here. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and so he jumped in without fear. I cannot tell you what's on the other side, but I know the Master is there—and that's enough. When he opens the door, I expect to pass without fear into his presence.' "

This past week God opened the door and Forest stepped through without fear. Though much is taken yet much abides.



FOREST E. TAFF
Deceased

"MY BROTHER—OUR BROTHER"

In Memory of BROTHER FOREST TAFF, JR.

To-day seems like only yesterday,
When my brother Forest would telephone me and say:

Come on over to my house in your spare time,
He had a lonesome feeling, same as mine.

We had both retired as a policeman,
Being together brought back old memories again.

We had worked on a hazardous job together,
Despite the rain, cold and all kind of weather.

Our family's future was our main concern,
For being a policeman there was more to learn.

Then came the time that we had to retire,
To give up our job we loved, was like a time to die.

Many and many days afterwards we could reminisce,
All our fellow officers and brothers that we missed.

Thank God, we both knew that younger people would take our place,
For our generation brought them into this world with many problems to face.

We both loved our fellow man to a big degree,
So much that each was like part of our family tree.

There wasn't anything that Forest wouldn't do to render aid,
All this he did from his heart, not expecting to be paid.

Like all men and women serving to help mankind,
He knew that someday his reward he would find.

It was shocking to me at first to hear
That my brother Forest, would no longer be near.

He has gone to meet our MASTER, LORD OF ALL
Let us all be ready when our Savior should call.

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from the president



by J. J. Polak

As our conference approaches I find myself reviewing the past accomplishments of the Georgia State Lodge FOP. Let me review them for you.

INSURANCE PROGRAM

As the last edition of the "Georgia FOP News" highlighted, all FOP members are now provided with a no-cost accidental death and dismemberment program. In my travels and discussions with other officers of FOP State Lodges, I find that Georgia ranks as one of the few state lodges in the country providing this very excellent member benefit.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

As you will find in reviewing our legislative activities during the past session, the State FOP has had an excellent track record on Capitol Hill. This is due to the very hard work of Legislative Chairman Frank Roberts

of the Atlanta Lodge, along with committeemen J. E. Dyer and I. H. Beavers.

I also worked very closely with the committee and am proud of the many accomplishments that we can point to. Although we were not successful in getting the "Police Bill of Rights" due to the Governor's veto, we will work hard during the next session to achieve it.

MEMBERSHIP GROWING

It is very pleasing to see the large membership growth that the State FOP has been attaining. Rather than add a lot of new Lodges, we are instead showing internal growth by increasing membership in our Lodges across the State.

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

For the first time in my memory, the State Lodge has achieved a very sound financial base, which is being used to provide more and more membership benefits. As already mentioned, insurance is provided for all members. In addition, the expenses for individual Lodge trustees is paid for by the State Lodge.

It is this ability by the State Lodge to pay the expenses of our state officers that at least allows them to work hard in their travels across the state without having to pay personally from their own pockets the expenses incurred.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL

The State FOP, in its short existence, has become a recognized leader among the other Police groups. As many of you know, the FOP led the way in the formation of the Georgia Law Enforcement Council. I am proud to say that we share equal status with the other groups, despite our youth in years of existence.

WAGE SURVEY

I am most proud that the State FOP has published its first state-wide Wage Survey of law enforcement units. We feel this will be a most valuable tool for FOP lodges and the law enforcement profession in general, and further establish us as a real leader in Police professionalism in Georgia.

YOUR SUPPORT DESIRED

I am looking forward to continue serving as President of this fine organization. As I indicated in the previous edition of our magazine, I am definitely seeking re-election as your President. I look forward to achieving greater unity of the State Board and to working for a growing Georgia FOP. I seek your support for this position. Thank you.

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from the secretary-treasurer



by D.M. "Pete" Stafford

By the time this issue is received by our members the plans for the 7th Annual Conference will be formulated. Brother J.J. Brown, Conference Chairman, has been working very hard making plans for the best conference yet.

We are looking forward to being with those members who arrive on Saturday and who will be eating with us at the FOP Lodge in Savannah.

On Sunday we will register and have a fine meal that evening with special guests in attendance. Later during the conference we will have a pistol match and golf match where trophies will be awarded. Our banquet is set for Tuesday night with a fine meal and many other activities.

We are planning an exciting time in Old Savannah in June. Y'all come and join in for a great time.

PER CAPITA

Let me remind those Lodges who have not sent their per capita tax in to the secretary, please do so before conference time. Make sure that the per capita is paid up for the first and second half of 1976, or you may find that some delegates will not be able to vote at the conference.

STATE INSURANCE PLAN

Bro. David Wynne has now received full information on the \$2,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Plan paid for by the State Lodge. In the future all cards and inquiries concerning the insurance should be sent to Brother Wynne.

He will be getting some information out to the Lodges and will try to have information out in the near future. All inquiries should be sent to:

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MERCHANDISE

All members are reminded that the National Lodge has a very fine selection of FOP merchandise for sale in the catalog. The items range from decals, rings and wallets to jackets and shirts with Lodge name and emblem.

The national secretary has taken pride in securing some of the finest merchandise on the market. If your Lodge secretary does not have an up-to-date catalog, have him order one from the national officer.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Dayton, Ohio Police Dept. will host the Fifth National FOP and/or Police Softball Tournament (slow pitch-12" regular size softball). It will be held at the Kettering and Vic Lyons Fields in Dayton on July 30-Aug. 1. Entry fee for sanctioned ASA teams is \$100 and for non-sanctioned teams is \$108.

To enter the tournament, forward the entry fee applicable for your team on or before July 15. Checks or money orders are to be made payable to the Fifth National Police Softball Tournament and forwarded to: Patr. R.D. Osborn; Fifth District; 335 West Third Street; Dayton, Ohio 45402.

SEEKING RE-ELECTION

I would like to announce that I am seeking re-election as State Sec.-Treas. Please be thinking about those members who you would like to have in office for the coming year.

We are on the move in Georgia and must not slow down. Support the FOP and it will support you.

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Tree-lined Madison Square is named for President James Madison. The monument is to Sgt. William Jasper, a Revolutionary War hero who was mortally wounded at the siege of Savannah. Two old cannons commemorate the first two roads in Georgia—to Augusta and Darien.

**7th Annual
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"A tranquil old city, wide streeted, tree planted . . ." That's what the English novelist Thackeray wrote of Savannah in 1856 while visiting a wealthy cotton merchant. Surprisingly, this once-busy cotton port has not changed much. It has, if anything, successfully melded the past with the present. This is why, in this bicentennial year, it is probably one of the most authentic Colonial cities in the country.

America's first planned-city is pretty much as its founder, General James Oglethorpe, intended it to be when he laid it out back in 1733. It is a city of restorations with 2-1/2 square miles of 18th and 19th century homes—some of the finest examples of Regency, Greek Revival, Victorian Gothic, and Georgian Colonial architecture still standing.

These homes are enhanced by broad tree-shaded avenues and promenades, dozens of shady parks with monuments and breath-taking flower gardens. The best way to enjoy Savannah's charm is on foot. In addition to the homes and parks, strollers will find avenues along the waterfront worthy of exploring.

CHARMING WATERFRONT

The waterfront is not only the site of Oglethorpe's landing, but also Georgia's oldest street. Between multistoried red brick and stucco warehouses and the Savannah River is Factor's Walk, a sunken street paved with cobblestones once used as ballast in old English trading ships.

Georgia's oldest street is Savannah's newest attraction and one of its most fascinating. The old, brick and stone bays along River Street that stored cotton bales and naval stores in ages past today are a string of boutique and craft shops, restaurants, and night spots reminiscent of Paris' Left Bank.

In front of the shops along River Street, the Savannah River still bustles with ship traffic from all over the world. Those inter-

ested in Savannah's seagoing past should stroll along the waterfront to the Ships of the Sea Museum.

WAVING GIRL

While on the waterfront, amble east along the dock to a small park and the statue of Savannah's waving girl. According to local legend, Florence Martus, who lived on nearby Elba Island, fell in love with a sailor who shipped out with a promise to return. Although her lover never came in, she spent her life at the island lighthouse greeting passing ships.

Other monuments, statues, and plaques in the historic district's 24 squares honor Revolutionary War hero Nathanael Green; William Washington Gordon, founder of the Central of Georgia Railroad; Sergeant William Jasper, Revolutionary War Hero; Tomochichi, chief of the Yamacraw Indians and friend of the colonist; and Count Casimir Pulaski, a hero of America's War of Independence.

GENERALS SLEPT HERE

A monument should be raised to those who have worked to restore the homes of old Savannah. Among these homes are the Isaiah Davenport House, which is opened daily as a museum and houses the Historic Savannah Foundation. Two other homes open to the public once housed famous generals.

At the Owens-Thomas house, visitors can view the bedroom in which the Marquis de Lafayette slept during his stay in 1826. A half-dozen blocks away is a mansion Civil War buffs won't want to miss. The Green-Meldrim home served as General Sherman's headquarters during his siege of the city.

The sights, beautiful azaleas and hanging moss; the smells, red rice, okra gumbo and hot grits; and the sounds, friendly voices, will all make your visit to Savannah a memorable one.

Window-shopping, Beachstrolling, Golfing, Dining . . .

Be assured that there is plenty to see and do in Savannah. Listed below are many of the sites you'll want to visit.

DAVENPORT HOUSE—Located at Habersham and State Streets, this home was built in 1820 by Isaiah Davenport, master builder from Rhode Island. Now a house museum and headquarters for Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc., this handsome residence is a fine example of Georgian architecture. A public garden of 18th century design is being created. Open Mon.-Sat. 10-5. Admission charged.

SCARBROUGH HOUSE—Located at 41 West Broad St. A fine William Jay Regency house built in 1818 for William Scarbrough, a Savannah merchant and one of the promoters of the first steamship to cross the Atlantic. Its restoration is Historic Savannah Foundation's major bicentennial project and will open this summer.

JULIETTE GORDON LOW BIRTHPLACE—Located at Oglethorpe and Bull Streets. Savannah's first Registered National Historic Landmark, built in 1818-21, attributed to William Jay, architect. Home of Gordon family. Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts of the U.S. in 1912 in Savannah. Owned and operated as a National Program Center by the Girl Scouts. Open weekdays, except Wed., 10-4, Sun. 2-4:30. Admission charged.

OWENS-THOMAS HOUSE—Located at Abercorn and State Streets, on Oglethorpe Square. Built in 1816-1819 and known as America's finest example of English Regency architecture. Designed by William Jay. Marquis de Lafayette, French nobleman and military leader during the American Revolution, visited it in 1825. Contains many architectural innovations as well as original and fine period furnishings. Open Sun. and Mon. 2-5, other days 10-5. Admission charged.

COLONIAL DAMES HOUSE—Located at Abercorn and Macon Streets. Built in 1849 for cotton merchant Andrew Low; later became the home of his son, William, and daughter-in-law Juliette Gordon Low. Guests included poet William Makepeace Thackeray and Gen. Robert E. Lee. It is headquarters of the State Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Open Mon.-Sat. 10:30-5:00, closed Sun. Admission charged.

SHIPS OF THE SEA MUSEUM—Located on River Street. Contains one of the most outstanding and comprehensive collections of ship models in the country, as well as collections of figureheads, scrimshaw work, and other artifacts relating to the sea. Also, be sure to take a ride up the historical Savannah River on the Harbor Queen excursion boat. Open daily 10-5. Admission charged.

FACTOR'S ROW—On Savannah's historic waterfront, which is once again becoming a center of trade and commerce, as bays in Factor's Row are restored, reconstructed and used for unique specialty shops,



Fort Pulaski, built between 1829 to 1849, was Robert E. Lee's first engineering assignment after graduation from West Point. It was captured by Union forces in April, 1862, in the first use of rifled cannon in warfare. It houses a museum of artifacts and relics.



The Juliette Gordon Low birthplace, a fine example of English Regency architecture, was blended with the Victorian additions in 1886. This property, first occupied in 1733, is now a National Program Center owned and operated by the Girl Scouts of America. It is also a museum of historical memorabilia of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouting.

restaurants and night spots. Just a few of the many shops are the Basket Place, wicker and rattan products; Kid Stuff, quality imported toys, games and books; Aladdin's Cave, gems and minerals; River Street Pottery, ceramics and pottery; and the Naked Cow, custom made leather goods.

PIRATES' HOUSE—Located at 20 E. Broad St., just a block from the river. A rendezvous for buccaneers in the late 18th century, this restaurant is Savannah's most popular and famous. Specialties include seafood bisque, okra gumbo, oysters Savannah and the house crêpes. Open every day 11:30-9:45, open till 10:45 on Sat.

PINK HOUSE AND PLANTERS TAVERN—Located at 23 Abercorn St. Built in 1771 by James Habersham, Jr., this 18th century home is named for the pink-shaded stucco which covers the brick walls. Here, favorites such as Black Turtle Soup and Riverfront Gumbo are served.

FORT JACKSON—North of E. President St. Recently restored as a maritime museum complete with a submarine periscope, Fort Jackson was built in 1808. It saw service in the War of 1812 and Civil War. Visitors will find the moat and exhibits interesting. Open Mon.-Sat., 9-5, Sun., 1-5. No admission charge.

FORT PULASKI—Located on U.S. 80 E. of Savannah. Now operated by the U.S. Parks Service. Named for Gen. Casimir Pulaski, it was built in 1829-1847 with Robert E. Lee, young West Point graduate, as one of its engineers. Museum of artifacts and relics. Picnic ground. Open every day, 8:30-5:30. Admission charged.

FORT SCREVEN AND TYBEE MUSEUM—Located on Tybee Island, U.S. 80 E. Built in 1875, Fort Screven was manned during the Spanish American War and World Wars I and II. Contains displays depicting Colonial and Pre-Colonial days on Tybee. Open daily 10-6. Admission charged.

FORT McALLISTER—Located ten miles east of Richmond Hill. Beautifully restored earthen fort, including Civil War Museum, on the Ogeechee River. Open daily 9-5. No admission charged.

SPORTS—Savannah Beach awaits the "sun and sand" lover. Boating and fishing are also year-round activities in the area. Some of the finest golf courses, both public and private, are in Savannah.

HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION TOURS—Three tours board daily from the Ramada Inn at 9:25 a.m., 10:55 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. The first tour is not available on Sunday. This two-hour tour includes stately mansions, picturesque River St., Factors Walk, and the Cotton Exchange. You will see the remains of colonial Savannah in Trustees' Garden and Washington Square, and tour the squares and parks that ornament Savannah's unique 18th Century city plan. Historical churches and hundreds of 19th Century homes now restored to their original charm will be on the tour.

Amendments To State By-Laws

Official Notice

In accordance with Article XIV: Sec. 1 of the State By-laws, alterations and amendments to the By-laws shall be submitted in writing to the State Sec. at least 90 days prior to the date of the Annual State Conference.

Below are two proposed By-law changes submitted by Bro. Aubrey Bassett, By-laws Chairman. They will be voted on at the conference.

Amendment No. 1

Article X — Subordinate Lodges

Section 7. Each Subordinate Lodge in the State of Georgia shall pay to the Georgia State Lodge a per capita tax of two dollars (\$2.00) a year per each member.

(a) Fifty Cents (50¢) per member, per year, to be placed into a Legislative Fund to be used only by the Legislative Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

(b) Fifty Cents (50¢) per member, per year, to be placed into a Legal Fund to be used for legal assistance to the Georgia State Lodge and each Subordinate Lodge and its members, with the approval of the Board

of Directors.

(c) One Dollar (\$1.00) per member, per year, to be placed in the General Funds.

(d) Each shall be deposited in a bank separately by the Secretary of the Georgia State Lodge.

Amendment No. 2

Article XII — Delegates to Grand Conference

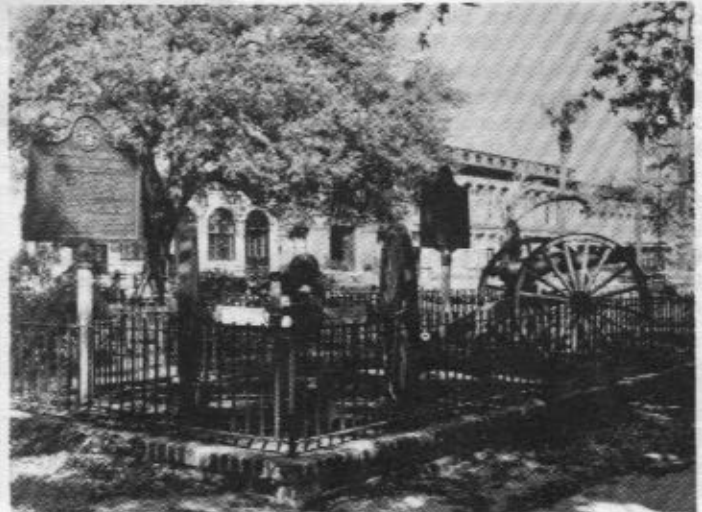
Section 1. The President, Immediate Past President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Georgia State Lodge shall represent the Georgia State Lodge as delegates to the Grand Conference

When there is no Immediate Past President either living or qualified, this office will be filled by the last qualified living Immediate Past President.

In the event any of these are unable to attend, they shall be replaced in the following sequence until five delegates shall have been selected: (1) State Conductor; (2) State Guard; (3) State Chaplain; (4) State Trustees, to be selected in alphabetical order.



An optional excursion to Savannah Beach is planned for the "beachbums." Plenty of sand, sea and sun await you at one of the country's nicest beaches. Watersports are favorites where residents enjoy swimming, fishing and boating year around.



THESE BRONZE CANNONS were presented to the Chatham Artillery by George Washington, who visited Savannah in May 1781. The cannons were captured when Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown in the Revolutionary War.



The Pirates' House, Savannah's most popular and famous restaurant, was a rendezvous for buccaneers in the late 18th century. The original inn is mentioned in *Treasure Island* and pages from a rare edition of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic decorate one wall. The restaurant's 17 dining rooms are actually a maze of old buildings that have been joined together. One of these, the Herb House, dating from 1734, is said to be Georgia's oldest building.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration in lobby, Ramada Inn
 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Hospitality Room
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Conference Assembly
 Call to Order - Pres. J.J. Polak
 Invocation - Chaplain E.S. Goff, Jr.
 Welcoming Address - Mayor John Rousakis
 Response - Pres. J.J. Polak
 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Dinner
 Guest Speaker, Wyn Samuel, Nat. Pres. FOPA

MONDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration in lobby, Ramada Inn
 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting
 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting
 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Beach Party (Savannah Beach) or River Street Tour
 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Executive Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Free Time
 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting
 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting
 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pistol Match (Police Range) or
 Golf Match (Municipal Golf Course)
 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Banquet and Awards
 Guest Speaker, Robert H. (Pat) Stark,
 FOP National Pres.
 10:00 p.m. - Music and Dancing

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Free Time (Checkout)
 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting
 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting
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 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Final Business Meeting



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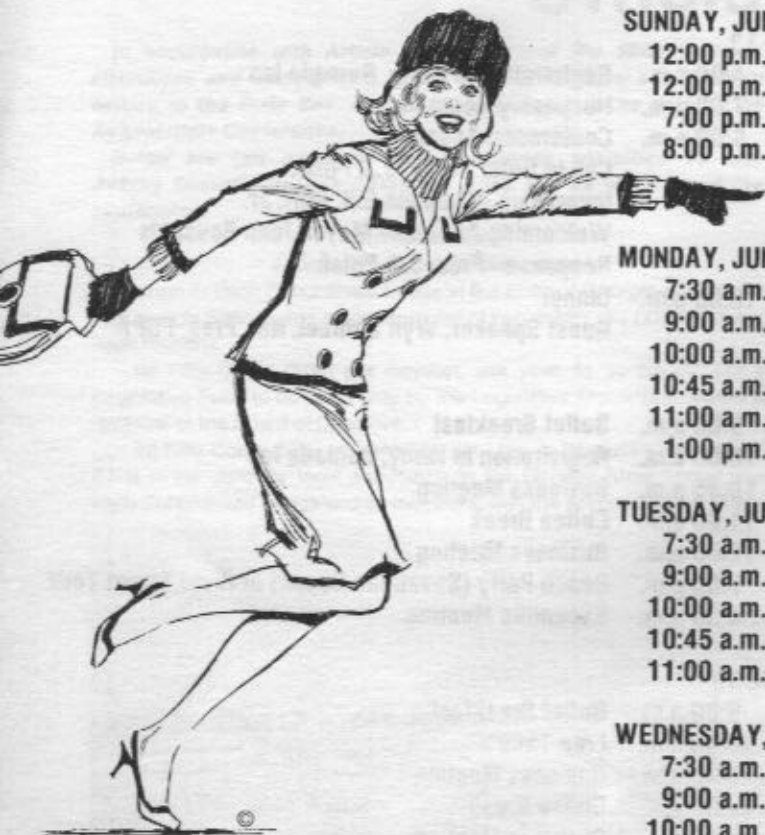
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12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration in lobby, Ramada Inn
 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Hospitality Room
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Conference Assembly
 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Dinner

MONDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration
 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting
 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting
 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Beach Party (Savannah Beach) or River Street Tour

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

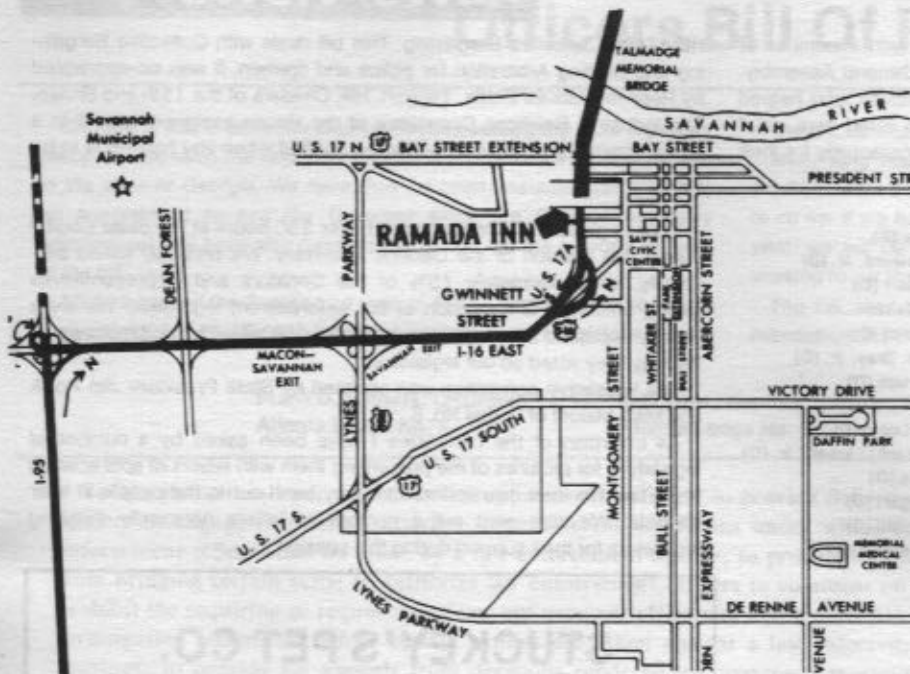
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Free Time
 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting
 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Buffet Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Free Time (Checkout)
 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting
 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting
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 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Final Business Meeting

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Legislative Session In Review

legislative news/views

The State Legislative Committee was concerned with a number of bills during the Bicentennial Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

There were a number of Senators and Representatives who helped us in getting our legislation passed. Their names are listed here, so if you know or see any of these legislators, thank them personally for their help and support for law enforcement in Georgia.

Dist. 5 Robert H. "Bob" Bell (R)	Dist. 40 Dick Lane (R)
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Dist. 26 Sidney J. Marcus (D)	Dist. 119 W.W. (Wash) Larsen, Jr. (D)
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Dist. 36 Jack L. Stephens (D)	Dist. 125 Tom Taggart (D)
Dist. 36 G.D. Adams (D)	Dist. 127 Bobby L. Hill (D)
Dist. 37 Ed Garrard (D)	Dist. 140 Mobley Howell (D)

The following is a list of bills and what they do for us:

HB 293—Deals with the Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund. It increases the disability payment from \$100 to \$125 per month. Signed by the Governor 3-24-76.

HB 1250—Increases the penalty for commission of a felony in possession of a firearm or knife with a blade over "3" inches long. Five (5) years to run consecutively to any other sentence which the person received. Signed by the Governor 4-8-76.

HB 1694—Deals with the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (POST). It provides for Governor appointment of two additional police officers to the Council and provides for a pre-employment examination for police officers to be administered by POST. Signed by the Governor on 4-8-76.

HB 1526 and SB 696—Also deals with POST and are just clarifications in the Act. HB 1526 signed by the Governor on 3-5-76 and SB 696 signed by the Governor on 4-7-76.

HB 1763—Deals with scholarships to children of law enforcement officers, firemen and prison guards permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty. Signed by the Governor on 3-19-76.

HB 1784—Increases the penalty for aggravated assault on a police officer from (1-20) to (5-20) and aggravated battery on a police officer from (1-20) to (10-20). Signed by the Governor on 3-18-76.

SB 673—Deals with carrying a concealed weapon. It allows the carrying of a concealed weapon (pistol) after a background check of the applicant when no criminal record is found. The license will be issued by the probate judge of the county where the applicant resides. It also increases the penalty for carrying a pistol without a license and carrying a concealed weapon. Signed by the Governor on 4-1-76.

SB 389—Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights. This bill passed both Houses and was vetoed by the Governor on 4-1-76. See another story about this bill elsewhere in the magazine.

HR 464-1247—Constitutional Amendment to exempt Bingo from Lottery provisions of the gambling laws. To be voted on by the public this coming general election.

HB 1749—Collective Bargaining. This bill deals with Collective Bargaining and Binding Arbitration for police and firemen. It was co-sponsored by Representatives Battle, Taggart, Hill, Childers of the 15th and Brown. The Industrial Relations Committee of the House assigned this bill to a study committee, and we asked to be notified when any hearing is to be held on the bill.

Your Legislative Committee spent over 250 hours at the State Capitol during this session of the General Assembly. We probably talked personally to approximately 75% of the Senators and Representatives asking their help and support of law enforcement legislation. We were warmly accepted by most of the legislators we talked to, and it shows by the way they voted on our legislation.

The legislative committee was assisted by State President Jim Polak and Mike Maloof of Lodge No. 8.

As chairman of the committee I have been asked by a number of legislators for pictures of me presenting them with letters of appreciation to be used in their newsletters that they send out to the people in their districts. We also sent out a number of letters personally thanking legislators for their support during this session.

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SB 389—Law Enforcement Officers Bill Of Rights

On April 1, 1976 Governor George Busbee vetoed the most important piece of legislation the rank and file Police officer has ever had passed in the state of Georgia. We have thus far been unsuccessful in getting an appointment to see the Governor since the General Assembly adjournment. We have also been unable to find out the reasons for veto of the bill.

SB 389 passed the Senate by a vote of 48-to-0 and passed the House by a vote of 134-to-19. With this large majority of the legislators in favor

of the bill, we see no reason for the Governor vetoing the bill.

Many long hours were spent by your Legislative Committee to get SB 389 passed and signed into law. We are sorry that we were unable to do so. If we have anything to do with the Legislative Committee next year, we will be back at the state capitol the first day of the session working to get the same type of bill passed again.

The bill, as it passed both houses, is printed in its entirety for the information of all members.

Frank D. Roberts, Chairman
Atlanta Lodge No. 8

J. E. Dyer, Member
Atlanta Lodge No. 8

I. H. Beavers, Member
Atlanta Lodge No. 8

To specify certain basic rights for law enforcement officers; to provide definitions; to provide for the right of law enforcement officers to engage in political activity; to provide the conditions under which certain investigations or interrogations of a law enforcement officer shall be made by a law enforcement agency; to provide that law enforcement officers shall not be prohibited from bringing certain suits; to authorize law enforcement officers to comment on adverse materials to be placed in their files; to prohibit the requiring or requesting of law enforcement officers to disclose certain information; to provide for a hearing before an investigating committee before certain actions are taken against a law enforcement officer; to provide for the conduct of such hearings; to provide for appeals from decisions rendered by investigating committees; to prohibit certain actions against law enforcement officers; to provide for the enforcement of the rights provided under this Act by the superior courts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Law enforcement officer" means any person who, in his official capacity, is authorized by law to make arrests and who is a member of one of the following law enforcement agencies; the Police Department, bureau or force of any incorporated city or town or the Police Department, bureau or force of any county or consolidated governmental body, and the Georgia State Patrol. Such term does not include an officer serving in a probationary status except when allegations of brutality in the execution of his duties are made involving an officer who is in a probationary status.

The provisions of this Act do not apply to the sheriffs of the State of Georgia or to persons serving at their pleasure.

"Hearing Board" means a Board which is authorized by the chief to hold a hearing on a complaint against a law enforcement officer and which consists of not less than three (3) members, all to be appointed by the chief and selected from law enforcement officers within that agency, or law enforcement officers of another agency with the approval of the chief of the other agency, and who have had no part in the investigation or interrogation of the law enforcement officer. At least one member of the Hearing Board shall be of the same rank as the law enforcement officer against whom the complaint has been filed.

"Hearing" means any meeting in the course of an investigatory proceeding, other than an interrogation, at which no testimony is taken under oath, conducted by a Hearing Board for the purpose of taking or adducing testimony or receiving other evidence.

"Summary punishment" is punishment imposed by the highest ranking officer of a unit or member acting in that capacity, which may be imposed when the facts constituting the offense are not in dispute. Summary punishment may not exceed three days' suspension without pay or a fine of \$150.

"Chief" means the superintendent, commissioner, chief of police, or sheriff of a law enforcement agency, or the officer designated by the official.

Section 2. Right to engage in political activity. A law enforcement officer has the same right to engage in political activity as is afforded to any State employee. This right to engage in political activity shall not apply to any law enforcement officer when he is on duty or when he is acting in his official capacity.

Section 3. Procedure to be followed at interrogation or investigation. Whenever a law enforcement officer is under investigation or subjected to interrogation for a purpose other than enforcement of the criminal laws of this State by a law enforcement agency, for any reason which could lead to suspension from active duty without pay in excess of 5 days, demotion or dismissal, the investigation or interrogation shall be conducted under the following conditions:

(a) The interrogation shall be conducted at a reasonable hour, preferably at a time when the law enforcement officer is on duty, unless the seriousness of the investigation is of such a degree that an immediate interrogation is required.

(b) The interrogation shall take place either at the office of the command of the investigating officer or at the office of the local precinct or police unit in which the incident allegedly occurred, as designated by the investigating officer, unless otherwise waived by the law enforcement officer.

(c) The law enforcement officer under investigation shall be informed of the name, rank and command of the officer in charge of the investigation, the interrogating officer, and all persons present during the interrogation. All questions directed to the officer under interrogation shall be asked by and through one interrogator.

(d) No complaint against a law enforcement officer, alleging brutality in the execution of his duties, shall be investigated unless the complaint shall be duly sworn to before an official authorized to administer oaths.

(e) The law enforcement officer under investigation shall be informed in writing of the nature of the investigation prior to any interrogation, and of the names of all witnesses.

(f) Interrogating sessions shall be for reasonable periods and shall be timed to allow for such personal necessities and rest periods as are reasonably necessary.

(g) The law enforcement officer under interrogation shall not be threatened with transfer, dismissal, or disciplinary action.

(h) A complete record, either written, taped or transcribed, shall be kept of the complete interrogation of a law enforcement officer, including all recess periods. A copy of the record shall be available to the officer or his counsel upon request.

(i) At the request of any law enforcement officer under interrogation, he shall have the right to be represented by counsel or any other responsible representative of his choice who shall be present at all times during the interrogation, unless such right is waived by the law enforcement officer. The interrogation shall be suspended for a reasonable time until representation can be obtained.

(j) No law shall abridge nor shall any law enforcement agency adopt any regulation which prohibits the right of a law enforcement officer to bring suit arising out of his duties as a law enforcement officer.

(k) No law enforcement agency shall insert any adverse material into any file of the officer, except the file of the internal investigation or the intelligence division, unless the officer has an opportunity to review, sign, receive a copy of and comment in writing upon the adverse material, unless the officer waives these rights.

Any law enforcement officer who shall be under investigation or interrogation and who is subject to the provisions of this Section may waive any and all rights and provisions of this Section.

Section 4. Disclosure by officer of property, income. No law enforcement officer shall be required or requested to disclose any item of his property, income, assets, source of income, debts, or personal or domestic expenditures (including those of any member of his family or household) unless such information is necessary in investigating a possible conflict of interest with respect to the performance of his official duties, or unless such disclosure is otherwise required by law.

Section 5. Hearing before demotion, dismissal, transfer. (a) If the investigation or interrogation of a law enforcement officer results in the recommendation of demotion, dismissal, transfer, loss of pay or reassignment, then, before taking such action, the law enforcement agency shall give notice to the law enforcement officer that he is entitled to a hearing on the issues by a Hearing Board. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and the issues involved. An official record, including testimony and exhibits, shall be kept of the hearing.

(b) The hearing shall be conducted by the Hearing Board of the law enforcement agency by which the law enforcement officer is employed. Both the law enforcement agency and the law enforcement officer shall be given ample opportunity to present evidence and argument with respect to the issues involved. Both such parties may be represented by counsel.

(c) Evidence which possesses probative value commonly accepted by reasonable and prudent men in the conduct of their affairs shall be admissible and shall be given probative effect. The Hearing Board conducting the hearing shall give effect to the rules of privilege recognized by law, and may exclude incompetent, irrelevant, immaterial and unduly repetitious evidence. All records and documents which any party desires to use shall be offered and made a part of the record. Documentary evidence may be received in the form of copies or excerpts, or by incorporation by reference.

(d) Every party shall have the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses who testify, and may submit rebuttal evidence.

(e) The Hearing Board conducting the hearing may take notice of judicially cognizable facts and, in addition, may take notice of general, technical or scientific facts within its specialized knowledge. Parties shall be notified beforehand of the material so noticed.

(f) With respect to the subject of any investigation or hearing conducted pursuant to this Act, the chief may administer oaths or affirmation and examine any individual under oath.

(g) Witness fees and mileage, if claimed, shall be allowed the same as for testimony in the superior court. Witness fees, mileage, and the actual expenses necessarily incurred in securing attendance of witnesses and their testimony shall be itemized, and shall be paid by the law enforcement agency.

Section 6. Decision or order; findings of fact; recommendations for action. Any decision, order or action taken as a result of the hearing shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by findings of fact. The findings shall consist of a concise statement upon each issue in the case. A copy of the decision or order and accompanying findings and conclusions, along with written recommendations for action, shall be delivered or mailed promptly to the law enforcement officer or to his attorney or representative of record.

Section 7. Appeals. Appeal from decisions rendered in accordance with Sections 5 and 6 shall be taken pursuant to Georgia State laws.

Section 8. Retaliation for exercising rights. No law enforcement officer shall be discharged, disciplined, demoted or denied promotion, transfer, or reassignment, or otherwise discriminated against in regard to his employment or be threatened with any such treatment, by reason of his exercise of or demand for the rights granted in this Act, or by reason of the lawful exercise of his constitutional rights.

Section 9. Application to superior court for show cause order. Any law enforcement officer who is denied any right afforded by this Act may apply, either individually or through his certified or recognized employee organization, to the superior court of the county where he resides or is regularly employed for any order directing the law enforcement agency to show cause why the right should not be afforded.

Section 10. Crimes and punishments. (a) The provisions of this Act are not intended to prohibit summary punishment or emergency suspension by higher ranking law enforcement officers as may be designated by the head of a law enforcement agency.

(b) Summary punishment may be imposed for minor violations of departmental rules and regulations when:

(1) The facts which constitute the minor violation are not in dispute;

(2) The officer waives the hearing provided by this Act; and

(3) The officer accepts the punishment imposed by the highest ranking officer or the unit to which the officer is attached.

(c) Emergency suspension may be imposed by the chief when it appears that the action is in the best interest of the public and the law enforcement agency. Any person so suspended shall be entitled to a prompt hearing.

Section 11. The provisions of this Act are not intended to restrict, limit or affect in any way criminal investigations conducted with a view toward enforcement of the criminal laws of the State of Georgia, and each and all of the provisions hereof shall be construed accordingly.

Section 12. In the event any Section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Act shall be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall in no manner affect the other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Act, which shall remain of full force and effect, as if the Section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part hereof. The General Assembly hereby declares that it would have passed the remaining parts of this Act if it had known that such part or parts hereof would be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 13. Repealer. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Editors Note—

This essay was submitted by Capt. R.C. Acree of the Morrow Police Dept. It is presented for your interest since it so ably depicts the violation of the human and civil rights of a Police Officer.

The Rights of a Police Officer

The man in blue is a dedicated officer. He eats, lives and breathes his work. He has taken an oath before God and man to uphold and enforce law and order; laws that are handed down by the legislation for the benefit of the people.

The man in blue is expected to be clean cut, neatly dressed and an all round, upright citizen. He is expected to be somewhat of a superman, to have eyes in the back of his head, to foresee problems before they occur. He is expected to work eight to twelve hours a day—without overtime pay. It is expected of him to spend long hours away from his family, his off days in State Court - Superior Court - City Court - Grand Juries - Committal Hearings, and on occasion, courts in other towns and states.

He is a man that is expected by the citizens to be on 24 hour call. He is deemed by the state to have a high school education of GED equivalent, to meet certain physical qualifications and to have a required number of hours of training through the Police Academy, in which he becomes a certified professional Police Officer.

Upon fulfilling the requirements set down before him and placing a badge upon his chest, his rights as a human being decrease. He no longer has a right to campaign for a candidate of his choice, or to belong to a union, or to strike for higher wages, or to fight for what he believes is right. He now works for, and is told what to do, by Mayors, Commissioners, Councilmen, Administrators and more and more by the citizens.

At the time he receives his badge, mentally a set of handcuffs are placed upon his wrists and day by day through citizens complaints the wrists are being bound tighter by cords.

He is criticized publicly and verbally by the citizens and sometimes by higher officials. His family suffers from harassing remarks and phone calls, and from worry about hardships through possible law suits being placed upon them with very little support from the citizens and the administration.

He is underpaid for a professional person and in some departments Social Security is not withheld - nor does he have a retirement plan. The future does not look bright for the man in blue.

No, the phrase "The Rights of a Policeman" cannot be found or defined in the dictionary because he has no rights. He accepts all of his criticism and all of his problems though the going may be rough. He will shield the citizens, their families - and his - through the brightness of day and the darkness of night.

Yea though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil - for my Lord is with me.

by Capt. R. C. Acree
Morrow Police Dept.



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A Savannah couple, homeward-bound from vacation were cruising along an interstate highway. The wife had been dozing. When she awakened, she saw this sign:

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"What country are we in?" she asked her husband.

They were in "Metric Country," as we all shall be soon . . . soon meaning within ten years. Even now, Congress is preparing to act on a metrication bill which calls for a national switch in the way we size up the world by 1983.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that the automotive industry will lead the nation into the system already in use by most of the world. The automobile, because of its impact on the everyday life of nearly everyone, will be the principle instrument in converting the U.S. to the metric system.

Those signs on the roadside aren't there for birds to roost upon; they are for people in cars. Some U.S. autos already have a kilometer scale on the speedometer along with miles-per-hour.

Like it or not, you'll buy gas, oil and anti-freeze in liters, and discuss wheel-bases in meters. Police will write tickets in kilometers per hour. Inevitably, parts and tools for U.S. cars will be calibrated in metrics. It's already happening.

General Motors has committed itself to metrication. It is the world's largest manufacturing corporation, and therefore, influential, to say the least.

Thus, when a typically low-keyed press release came out of GM headquarters recently, it caused at least 40,000 suppliers to hop up and run to their metric conversion tables.

Said one GM representative: "In keeping with the long-term movement toward more general use of the metric system, the rate of implementation . . .

will be governed by the release of new parts, metrically dimensioned, and by the normal phasing-out of in-production parts."

At Ford, there were similar straws in the wind.

Ford put America's first mass-produced, metrically-measured engine on display and reported that the manufacturing problems encountered in orienting its workers and engineers to the new measurements went "very smoothly." The engine was described as 2.3-liter engine which, under the old British-based, non-metric system of measurement, would have been rated at 140-cubic inch displacement. It came from Ford's new plant at Lima, Ohio, the first plant in the U.S. to be built for production of metrically-measured products.

If this was not enough to convince the doubters, the influential Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association (MVMA) took a positive stand on metrics, but added:

"If metric conversion legislation is enacted, the nation should become predominantly, but not exclusively metric."

In testimony before the House Subcommittee on Science Research & Development, the MVMA said a national metric conversion program should be voluntary, not mandatory, and the "target date" for conversion should be at least ten years after enactment of such legislation.

The reference was to increased pressures in Congress to get the U.S. moving into the metric era.

The reasons go beyond the obviously inherent advantages of the metric system compared with our pounds, quarts and inches system. At stake are perhaps multi-billion dollar advantages in world trade, most of which, except the U.S.'s share, is based on the metric system.

Since 90 per cent of the world's population already lives, works and plays under the metric system without visible distress, a logical benefit of a change here would be to make the U.S. more competitive overseas. An international world, populated by multi-national corporations, makes a common technological language necessary. Sixty-five per cent of all world production, trade and shipping is in the metric system. That percentage is rising each year as more of the remaining small, non-metric nations decide it is better to switch than fight.

Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island has estimated that the U.S. loses \$10 billion to \$25 million a year because our measurements aren't compatible with world standards. We are the only industrial nation not on the metric system or in the process of an official turnover.

Some Metric Units and Their Customary Equivalents

- 1 meter = 39.37 inches
- 1 centimeter = .397 inches
- 1 millimeter = .039 inches
- 1 kilometer = .62 mile
- 1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds
- 1 liter = 1.05 quarts

The relationship between Fahrenheit temperatures and Celsius is 9 to 5 plus or minus 32°.

Celsius has 100 degrees between freezing and boiling. Fahrenheit had 180 degrees between these two points. That's where the 9-to-5 ratio comes in; 9 Fahrenheit degrees equal 5 Celsius degrees. This would allow a simple conversion except for the fact that Fahrenheit raises its numbers by 32 degrees.

So, to convert 20°C, the steps are:
 $20^{\circ}\text{C} \times \frac{9}{5} = 36^{\circ}\text{F}$ degrees.

Now add Fahrenheit's extra 32. Result 68°F.

From Fahrenheit to Celsius, the conversion is:

$$68^{\circ}\text{F} - 32 = 36^{\circ}\text{F} \times \frac{5}{9} = 20^{\circ}\text{C}$$

If given final approval, legislation in Congress would set a ten-year goal for metrication. As with all basic changes, there will be strong resistance, but the federal government could, at a single stroke, preclude much of it.

Government agencies making a mass changeover to metrics in their relationships with business and industry, would set the snowball in motion, hastening general changeover. Federal procurement agencies, for example, would order in the metric system and naturally expect to be billed in the metric system.

Yet, it is not that simple. The costs as yet have not been accurately calculated. Estimates for complete conversion range from \$40 billion to \$200 billion for changes ranging all the way from conversion of highway signs to the labeling of canned goods.

Garage mechanics will have to learn to order parts and figure gear ratios in metric language. Housewives will have to match dollars and cents with kilos and grams on foodstuffs. This, incidentally, would be simpler, since the metric system is based on divisions and multiples of ten, a system we already use in our money.

Metric measurements have already entered our lives more than most Americans may realize.

When, for example, your doctor scribbles his hieroglyphics on a prescription blank, he's telling the pharmacist how many milligrams of medicine it will take to make you feel better. The

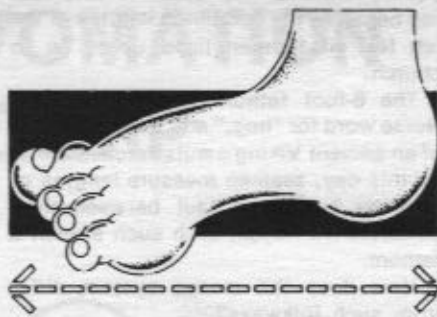
pharmaceutical industry converted to metrics 18 years ago in a transition that was apparently effortless, both for the industry and for the doctors who, incidentally, deal with metrics in their training years. The general public was largely unaffected directly, since all they were concerned with was how many spoonfuls of this or how many tablets of that to take to cure their aches and pains.

Swimming pools are being built to metric dimensions so that the Mark Spitz's of the future can practice for Olympic and other international competitions. The height of diving boards and diving platforms are measured in meters.

U.S. runners run the 100-yard dash. Bob Hayes, wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys, did it in 9.1 seconds, a speed that excited U.S. track buffs, but which caused non-U.S. trackmen to yawn. He didn't set an international record (officially) until he ran 100 meters in ten seconds flat. The switch to metrics would not, it should be noted, affect our precious common language for hours, minutes and seconds or milliseconds for that matter.

U.S. familiarity with such things as camera film, weapons and ammunition, skis and the language of our astronauts, is but a small beachhead in the invasion by the metric world.

Acceptance of the international metric system can be determined only when it begins to affect factory workers, industrial engineers, carpenters, surveyors,



bricklayers, building inspectors, butchers, school teachers and all Americans in a day-to-day way.

To get some idea of the impact, think of your own occupation, no matter what it is, and consider how much measurements come into play in everyday activity.

Changing our thinking in terms of temperature will be interesting. We now figure Fahrenheit, a scale devised by a German physicist, with a freezing point of 32 degrees and a boiling point of 212 degrees. The metric system uses the Celsius scale with a freezing point of zero and a boiling point of 100.

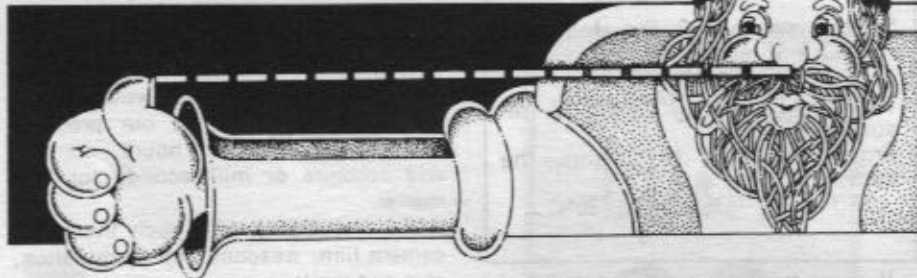
How long acceptance of the metric system may take is open to speculation. We have been living under the "custom-

ary system," passed to us by the British, since this country was founded.

It is something of a potpourri of folkways without logical pattern; a hand-me-down hodgepodge of Anglo-Saxon, Roman and Norman-French weights and measures that suited a simpler age not concerned with engine displacements, computers or trips to the moon.

Early English records show that the inch was defined as the length of "three barleycorns, round and dry" when laid end to end. A mile was a Roman soldier's 2,000 paces. Was this soldier the size of Mickey Rooney or Wilt Chamberlain?

The U.S. gallon is the Queen Anne wine gallon, about 20 per cent smaller than the Imperial gallon the British adopted in 1824.



Our yard is the distance from Henry the First's nose to the tip of his thumb.

The foot was, not surprisingly, the length of somebody's human foot, not to be confused with the lumberman's board foot, which was a piece of wood one foot square and one inch thick. A 16½-foot rod began as the combined lengths of the left feet of 16 men lined up to go to church.

The 6-foot fathom derived from the Norse word for "hug," and was the length of an ancient Viking's outstretched arms. To this day, seamen measure lengths of rope by holding it taut between their outstretched hands, each such stretch a fathom.

How does the metric system differ from such folkways?

Its main advantage is that it neatly coordinates the measurements of length, area, volume and mass into one decimalized whole. The three main units—meter, liter and gram—are changed to more convenient units for a specific purpose by adding prefixes.

"Milli" means one one-thousandth, "centi" means one one-hundredth, and "kilo" means simply a thousand. A milli of what? A thousandth of what? Why, a thousandth of a meter, of course, or perhaps a thousand watts. We have, after all, lived with kilowatts for generations.

It has been estimated that one can learn the whole system in an hour.

All one does is move decimal points. Some educators see metrics as a boon to equator. It has been more precisely

teaching. There are no fractions, simply multiples or divisions of tens. The magic number is ten, the handiest of all numbers.

The metric system appeared when a French scientist worked it out and France approved it in 1799, making it compulsory in 1840. Use of the system has been legal in the U.S. since 1866, but we haven't embraced it warmly in practice.

The system is based on its basic measure of length—the meter, which has been scientifically defined, not by the distance from nose to thumb or hand to hand, but as one ten-millionth of the distance between the North Pole and the

defined for more sophisticated jobs by a given number of wavelengths of light from the element Krypton.

The system has six basic units—the meter, the kilogram, the degree Kelvin (or Celsius), the second, the ampere (unit of electric current), the candela (unit of light intensity).

With these six units, it is possible to derive all other measurements.

For example, area is measured in square meters (or square kilometers), volume in cubic meters and density in kilograms per cubic meter or perhaps, grams per cubic centimeter.

The weight and volume of water are cousins in the metric system. One cubic centimeter of water weighs a gram. One liter of water (a thousand cubic centimeters) weighs one kilogram (1,000 grams). Get the idea?

In the U.S., a country that caught on amazingly fast to such basic changes as zip codes and telephone area codes, a change to metrics is not expected to cause nearly the confusion such a change would cause if a metric country switched to our system.

But some things may never change.

We aren't, for example, going to tear up thousands of miles of railroad tracks just because their width doesn't jibe with those of metric countries. Football fans will still exult at 50-yard field goals and the distance between baseball bases will remain 90 feet.

"The Lions have the ball—first down and 9.144 meters to go" would be just too

much to expect any fan to take.

And Bert Parks is not likely to describe Miss America's physique as 91-61-91 centimeters. John Wayne will still wear ten-gallon hats.

For the time being, at least, song writers will still cling to tradition. No one is likely to translate the lyrics of such ballads as "I love you a bushel and a peck."

Nor are we likely to abandon such time-honored cliches for their metric equivalents:

"A miss is as good as a kilometer."

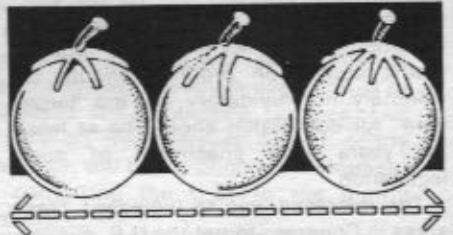
"There is not a gram of truth in it."

"He felt 3.05 meters tall."

The Metric Association, Inc., headquartered in Waukegan, Ill. supports metrication and is already offering educational aids for sale.

The Association also distributes bumper stickers (for every cause, a bumper sticker). The "GO METRIC" stickers are beginning to appear across the country.

Then, there is the joke about the American scientist comparing notes with a foreign colleague and saying, "Take me to your liter."



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NEW LODGE OFFICERS were recently installed by State President, Jim Polak. Officers include, left to right, Frank D. Roberts, Pres.; Ricky Roland, 1st Vice-Pres.; James A. Chaffin, 2nd Vice-Pres.; James E. Dyer, Sec.; Charlie E. Hix, Treas.; Ed Attaway, Inner Guard; Mike Maloof, Sr., Outer Guard; Richard Harper, Trustee, and James Anderson, Chaplain. Conductor Bobby Williams was absent.

At a recent meeting, the labor situation involving the city and all city employees was discussed and we issued the following statement:

We support all other city employees in their request for pay increases due to the fact we have not had an increase since January, 1974. Since that time, the cost of living has gone up approximately 20%. We, along with all city employees, need at least a 17% pay increase to bring us back up to the same living standards that we enjoyed in January, 1974.

In November, 1974, at a joint meeting between Police and fire personnel, both groups voted not to perform the other duties in any dispute with the city involving either group. We still agree with this policy and will support the firemen in any way that we are able to do.

We also feel Commissioner Reginald Eaves acted hastily in stating that he would fire any Policeman who went on strike. The FOP is not a labor organization and is not affiliated with any labor organization, and a POLICE STRIKE supported by the FOP is ridiculous.

We have in the past supported a slow-down on minor (revenue producing) cases and could possibly support the same in the future if we feel the need to do so.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our May 1 Spaghetti Supper was a great success with many members and their families and friends in attendance. The event, which was held at the American Legion Post No. 1, ran from 7

to 10 p.m. In addition to spaghetti, drink and desserts were served. We extend a big "thank you" to those who worked so hard to make it a success.

SUMMER DANCE

If you missed the Spaghetti Supper, here's a second chance for a fun-filled evening. Our Summer Dance will be held at the American Legion Post No. 1 on July 10. We'll be dancing from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. to the music of "Nibble", one of the best bands we've heard.

Speaking of nibble, we'll have plenty of snacks on hand, but you'll want to eat before coming. The charge for this evening will be \$3 per couple for members and member's dates. The charge for non-members (police or not) is \$10 per couple. Hope to see you there!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Lodge recently made several contributions to Brothers and their families. We made a \$300 contribution to Bro. Mac Hicks, Pres. of J.K. Shipp Lodge No. 29. He lost one of his young daughters and everything that he and his family owned in a fire.

Another contribution of \$300 was made to Bro. Raymond M. Young who is a member of Lodge No. 14 in Rome. He is suffering from terminal cancer and his insurance has been exhausted. We also made a \$300 contribution to the widow of Bro. Tony Garrett, a member of Lodge No. 35 in Carrollton. He was killed in the line of duty and left a young wife and son born after his death.

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karl f. eidam lodge

We are deeply touched with sorrow by the death of our Brother, Robert Gray Vining. He had joined the Police Force six years ago after serving 20 years in the

army. He served our Lodge as Treasurer.

Patr. Vining, 45, was gunned down when he stopped a car matching the description of one driven by a suspect in a

grocery store robbery. The man, who police said shot Patr. Vining, was shot and killed after pulling a gun on another Police Officer chasing him. Patr. Vining later died on Apr. 21.

Multitudes gathered at his funeral and gravesite for a final farewell to a beloved Officer, friend and family member. Those attending the service, estimated at more than 700, included about 250 uniformed officers. Most were from Columbus, but Police paying respect also came from Phenix City, Muscogee County Sheriff's Dept., Russell County Sheriff's Dept., Meriwether County, Atlanta, Fulton County, Macon, Rome, West Point, Hurtsboro and other districts.

Patr. Vining was buried at Fort Benning, where Columbus Mayor Mickle, nine members of the Columbus Council and throngs of uniformed officers stood in silent formation near the graveside. There, Rev. James F. Jackson, pastor of the Wesley Heights Methodist Church, prayed for a commitment to the values for which Patr. Vining gave his life, and a new beginning for our nation and community.

After the prayer, Army squad members carefully folded the flag, presenting it to their squad leader, who gave the banner a slow, precise salute. The squad leader passed it to Chief of Police Curtis McClung, who then presented the flag and Patr. Vining's shield to his widow. The Chief gave one final salute.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family.



AN HONOR GUARD of Columbus Police Officers carries the flag-draped casket of Patrolman Robert Gray Vining.



COLUMBUS MAYOR Mickle, members of the Columbus Council and hundreds of Police Officers stand in silent formation near the graveside.



COLUMBUS POLICE Chief Curtis McClung salutes Patrolman Vining's widow.

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NEW LODGE OFFICERS are, from left to right: Curtis Moore, Chaplain; Herbert Black, Vice-Pres.; Haven Wagner, Pres.; Geraldine Dennis, Sec.-Treas.; Donald Miller, Trustee; Randy Pless, Inner Guard; and Diane Ethridge, Trustee.



SWAT TEAM MEMBERS are, from left to right: Curtis Moore, Jerry Wolfe, Randy Pless, Ralph Starley, Randy Padgett and Donald Miller.

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ladies auxiliary news

by Florence Taff
State Auxiliary President

I would like to express for myself and my family our deep appreciation for all the love and sympathy extended us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, Forest Taff, by our Sisters and Brothers of the FOP.

Through this sad experience, I have

found to be true what I have always felt in my heart; Police officers and their families are bound by one common bond. They are one great family!

I would like to invite those who have an FOP and do not have a Ladies Auxiliary to please contact me and let us help you organize your ladies. It is so important that the wives and other members of the

family know one another and understand the needs and problems of our Police officers. Peace and harmony will build strength among our officers along with the help and encouragement from the members of the Auxiliary. There is a growing need for a stronger bond between families during these much troubled times.

Our convention will be held in Savannah in June this year, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you. If this will be your first convention, please look me up and let me know who you are and where you are from. We always look forward to meeting the wives of the members attending, and I hope as many wives as possible will attend. A family convention is a "good convention"

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