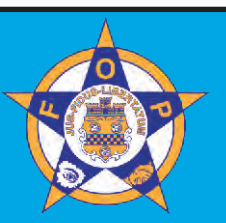




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The 1st Annual SLPOA Golf Tournament Presented by Quik Trip

This past September, the SLPOA held our first annual golf tournament. The tournament was established to benefit our newly created Member Relief, Community Outreach and Donation Fund. SLPOA makes many donations to various community organizations throughout the year to engage with the community and to demonstrate a positive image within the profession. We also make considerable contributions to support our members in need and other officers in need throughout the St. Louis area. This money has been typically taken directly out of our general revenue coffers. The steady loss of officers over the last few years has led to a sharp reduction in our dues revenue, a problem compounded with each year of dues. Unfortunately, the first things to get cut when tightening the fiscal belt are the extracurricular items that aren't a necessity for operating the organization. The SLPOA Executive Board did not want to see our ability to assist officers or participate in charitable activities diminish, so this year SLPOA established an annual golf tournament to help sustain those efforts.



Chris and Ericka Richards, who are city residents and friends of the police, helped to facilitate a relationship with both businesses. Lou Realty Group provided attendance gifts and giveaway bags for every golfer and sponsored a hole. US Foods provided burgers, dogs, buns, chips, and water to the tournament which SLPOA used to provide a lunch for all participants. SLPOA is grateful for the generous donations and support from these businesses. Their contributions helped to make this event a huge success.

SLPOA was fortunate to have many generous donations of gifts and raffle prizes to help raise additional funds for the tournament. The Gendarme's own,

The golf event was a tremendous success, exceeding our fundraising goals. A big part of the success was due to the involvement of our tournament supporters. Leading the way to success was QuikTrip as our Title Sponsor. We were fortunate that QuikTrip reached out to the SLPOA, through the Police Foundation, months before the tournament. QuikTrip was looking for ways to advocate for and show support for the St. Louis Police Department and its officers. QuikTrip made a \$5,000 donation to our event which helped reduce a large portion of our out-of-pocket expenses and allowed our fundraising efforts to go directly to the Member Relief, Community Outreach and Donation Fund. We couldn't be more grateful for the support from our friends at QuikTrip. We hope everyone remembers their generosity and chooses to patronize this excellent company who is not afraid to show support for Law Enforcement in a time when so many other companies have backed away from public support of police.

Ron and Kim Clark, were responsible for a slew of prizes and donations. We were overwhelmed by the support from local businesses, organizations and individuals who donated to our cause by sponsoring a hole in the tournament. The outpouring of support through this gesture was very much appreciated and we encourage everyone to support these businesses who support the Police. We also want to thank all our golfers for taking time out of their week to support our efforts. SLPOA hopes to continue to grow this event and to make this a staple of our organization's fundraising efforts for years to come.

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to all the SLPOA members and the ladies from the FOP Auxiliary group who pitched in to help get things done on the day of the tournament and during the weeks leading up to the event. These members are Jay Schroeder, Dave Rudolph, Marcus Alston, Karl Laschober, Tim Bockskopf, Weylin Harris, Matt Fichtl, Brandon Wyms, Rosie Busso, Laurie Erson, Jessica Alston, and Jessica Harris. A lot of work went into making this tournament a success and SLPOA couldn't have done it without the backing of our members and supporters.

Thank you!

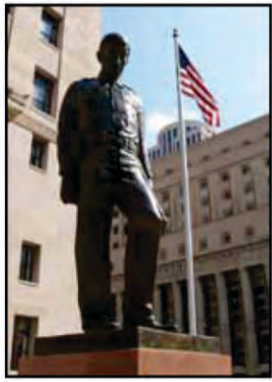
In addition to QuikTrip, US Foods and the Lou Realty Group jumped in early on and volunteered to be big sponsors of the tournament as well.

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December 29
6 p.m.

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December 29
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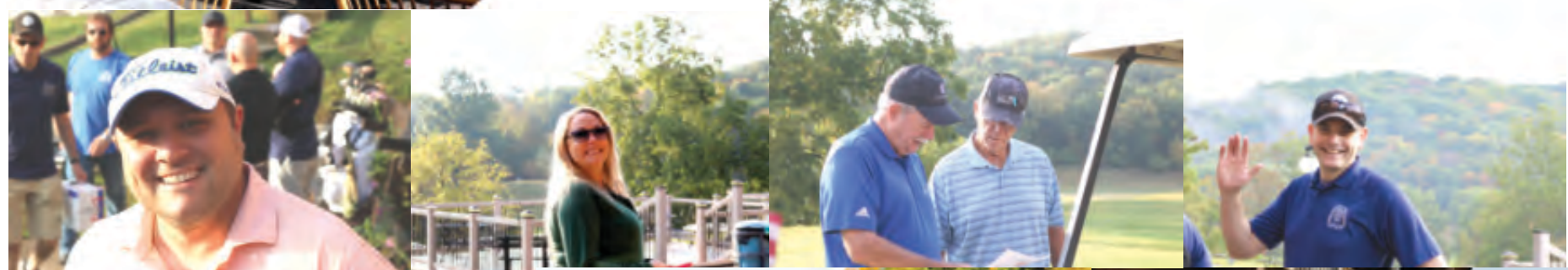
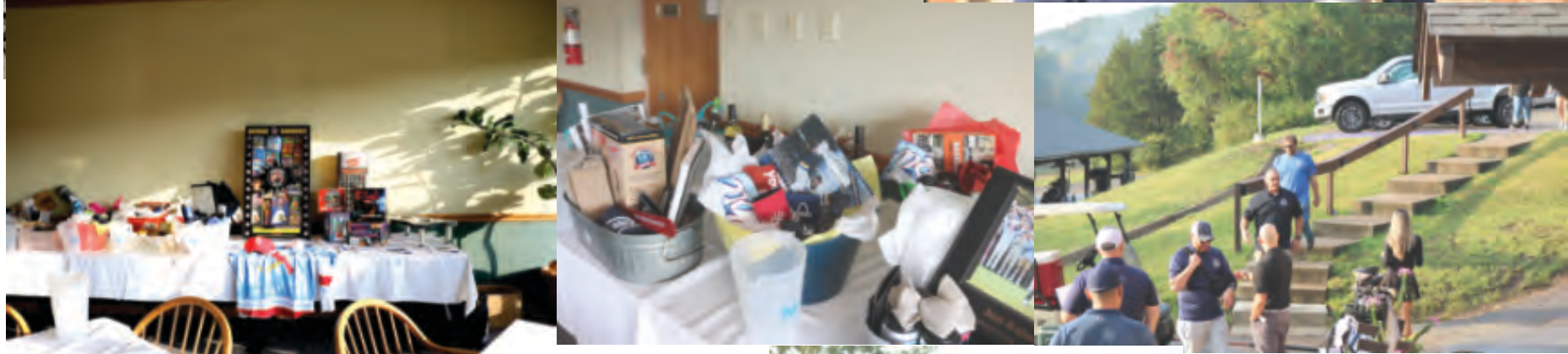
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November 8
December 13
11:30 a.m.

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November 8
December 13
7 p.m.

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For a minimal fee of \$75 a year, you can be a retired member of the SLPOA/FOP Lodge 68. You will be classified as a member in good standing, which grants you benefits like the ability to rent the SLPOA hall, full access to the SLPOA website, an open invitation to attend general membership meetings and to participate in SLPOA sponsored events and each membership includes a monthly subscription to the Association's official newspaper, The Gendarme. In addition, you will qualify to be selected to attend the FOP National and State conferences; delegates are selected annually by the SLPOA Executive Board. There is also an accidental death insurance benefit. As a member of the FOP, you are eligible for a litany of discounts and special rates from goods and services such as education, financial, health, information protection, insurance, legacy planning, products, travel, and senior living. Your membership also provides access to

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One of the best and least known benefits of your SLPOA/FOP Lodge 68 membership is that you also qualify for the National FOP Legal Defense Plan at an additional fee of \$75 a year. The FOP Legal Defense Plan offers retired police officers with concealed carry coverage. The concealed carry coverage offers an unlimited legal defense for both criminal and civil claims that may arise from the legal carrying of a concealed weapon. The FOP Legal Defense Plan will cover all reasonable and necessary costs using an FOP Legal Defense Plan attorney. This is only available for purchase if you are a retired member of SLPOA/FOP Lodge 68. The total annual cost of SLPOA/FOP Lodge 68 coverage including the Legal Defense Plan is \$150 per year. That's not a bad deal for membership in the largest police organization in the world, which also includes the peace of mind that you are protected against criminal and civil liability for issues arising from the legal carrying of a concealed weapon. For more information about the retiree's

concealed carry coverage, please visit the National FOP website at www.foplegal.com.

Finally, SLPOA would like to invite all retirees to register on the SLPOA website. If you already have an account, make sure your account is up to date with a current personal email address so you can stay in tune with all SLPOA business and include your cell phone number if you would like to receive text alerts. The Gendarme is sent second-class mail and is only sent out once every other month, so the information is not always up to date. Most updates and information are shared, in real time, through the SLPOA website by both email and text message. You do not have to be a full member to be eligible for email and text message updates, but you must be a member in good standing for full access to the website. SLPOA allows limited "Guest" access to accommodate officers who left the department before reaching retirement eligibility or for any retired member of the SLMPD who doesn't wish to join SLPOA/FOP Lodge 68 as a full retired member. For more information visit our website.

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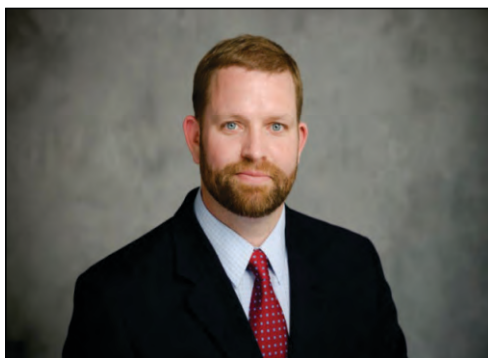
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It has been just over a year since I have been back here with the St. Louis Police Officers' Association. I am happy to be back with the organization and proud to work on your behalf as an advocate for SLPOA members. The past year has been an exciting time filled with many ups and downs. I wanted to take a few minutes to give everyone an update on what SLPOA has been able to accomplish over the past year and to highlight some of the positive achievements for our organization. Too often we tend to concentrate on all the bad things that are happening around this department. I know it is easier to get distracted by the negatives like the low manpower, less than ideal working conditions, unmanageable workloads etc. However, through the strong leadership of your elected Executive Board Members, led by President Schroeder and through the tireless efforts of our attorneys, lobbyists, and both state and local legislative supporters, we have made quite a bit of progress over the past year.

First and foremost, the resignation of Kim Gardener has made a huge impact on policing in this City. This was made possible through a collaborative effort involving many people but was spearheaded by the gumption of Attorney General Andrew Bailey. The strong relationships SLPOA has developed with the Governor's Office led to this relationship with AG Bailey. He is a staunch supporter of police and supporter of SLPOA in general. Ms. Gardner would still be in office without his leadership and relentless pursuit of the rule of law. SLPOA is grateful for AG Bailey's efforts and all of those who kept the pressure on that finally led to her departure. The city is better with her no longer in the office.

Although our attempts failed to return to a Governor-appointed Police Board, we were able to get our change of control bill further than any year prior. The bill cleared the house rather effortlessly but died in the Senate during the last week of session due to no fault of our own. We have built some strong relationships with local businesspeople who have like interests, and we hope to use them as fierce allies as we continue to push forward with a new bill in the upcoming session.

After a long hiatus we were able to get back to the bargaining table and negotiate a new three-year contract for the rank of Police Officer, Probationary Police Officer and Police Officer Trainees as well as a new contract for Police Sergeants. It is true that many of the operational provisions were stripped from the agreements to bring the police contracts more in line with other city employee contracts and more in line with the City's Rules, Regulations and Civil Service Rules. Despite this, we still maintain our ability to appeal disputes through the circuit courts, which has been a fair and positive path for us in the recent past. In addition, we were able to secure a meaningful pay raise for our officer and sergeant members. This was the single most important piece to both contracts and gives us an opportunity to better recruit and retain officers going forward. Our work is not done as we prepare to start wage re-opener negotiations, but this raise was the largest raise our organization has seen in decades, possibly ever.

SLPOA was able to successfully negotiate new contracts for the Airport Police Officers and Sergeants as well. These contracts represented another large pay increase that has resulted in the hiring of more airport police officers and will hopefully lead to many more additions to their ranks. We have already seen the impact of these pay increases as the Airport Police have added eleven officers in recent weeks. Although they are still well below their authorized strength of seventy-five, those eleven new officers will certainly help ease the burden on the current officers. We anticipate more additions in the near future.

We were also able to get a new collective bargaining agreement for our

Civilian employees. This included a significant raise for our understaffed and underpaid dispatchers. This pay increase has also led to the department's ability to hire more dispatchers and deal with the staffing crisis in that office. It will take months to get these new employees trained and fully integrated into the dispatchers' ranks, but once again, this is progress.

SLPOA brought our four-year battle with St. Louis County to an end after the Missouri Supreme Court ruled in our favor, paving the way for our exclusive representation of the County Prosecuting Attorneys and Investigators. Negotiations have already begun, and we are optimistic that we will get an agreement done there as well.

SLPOA contributed to a key piece of legislation passing in Jefferson City eliminating the residency requirement, not just for police officers, but for all city employees. We have been trying to eliminate this hiring and retention obstacle for decades, but we were finally able to accomplish it this session.

Here at the SLPOA Hall, we have implemented changes to reduce costs and cut spending, increased membership in the civilian personnel ranks and are currently working on a plan to revamp our practices for hall rentals and donations so rentals result in a net gain for our organization instead of consistent losses.

We started an annual golf tournament which was a huge success, raising a large sum of money to be used to assist our members in need and to better engage the community for a more harmonious relationship. Unfortunately, these funds will immediately be put to use to help raise money for the children of our fallen brother, Detective Stewart. We have also already committed to assisting the Crimes Against Person Division with their annual holiday family adoption.

We have worked diligently to repair relationships throughout the city and at city hall so SLPOA can be a better advocate on your behalf. We have extended an olive branch to our adversaries and have improved our working relationships with our allies. We have built a strong alliance with the Ethical Society of Police and have been using this combined strength to push our shared agenda in Jefferson City.

We are still facing many challenges as an organization. Manpower is dangerously low, our officers are overworked and still underpaid despite raises, and the recruiting efforts need a lot of attention. The Police Department is in desperate need to return to the days of a Governor-appointed Police Board made up of local St. Louis City residents, to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Police Department. Achieving this goal will remain a priority for our organization as we move forward. We believe this is necessary to stabilize the policing profession in St. Louis City. It will immediately improve morale, help retain officers, and lead to better overall management of the Department. It will remove the politics and bureaucracy from policing and will give the people, visitors, residents, and businesses owners in St. Louis more control over how the St. Louis Police Department serves the community.



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2023 Veto Session Update

Lawmakers returned to Jefferson City the week of September 11, 2023, to gather for the constitutionally mandated veto session. The session gives members of the General Assembly the opportunity to override any vetoes issued by the Governor on legislation from the previous legislative session.

The week began with a flurry of fundraisers throughout the city, with nearly 50 events being held over a three-day period. Lawmakers used the opportunity to raise campaign funds from the lobby corps to build up their war chests before the end of the quarter.

President Jay Schroeder traveled to Jefferson City this week and accompanied SLPOA State Lobbyist Mark Bruns to several of the fundraisers to support legislators who are SLPOA friendly. They also had meetings with House and Senate leadership and several key committee chairmen to outline our priorities for the next legislative session.

On Wednesday, the House and Senate both gavelled in at noon as required by the constitution. House members were quick to make several motions seeking to override some of the vetoes made by Governor Mike Parson in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. The Governor had issued over 200 line-item vetoes in the budget, totaling over \$500 million. Parson stated the budget is stable now, but without his vetoes, he felt the current budget surplus would be used up in short order leading to budget withholds down the road. Even with the vetoes issued by Parson, the spending plan remains at a record \$51 billion, which is nearly \$3 billion more than what lawmakers authorized for the previous year's budget. The Governor had also taken the veto pen to HB189, a high-profile crime related bill which contained several of our



priorities, but there was no override attempted on that legislation.

Many of the budget related vetoes were related to various infrastructure projects around the state, with the majority being in St. Charles County. Additionally, Parson put the axe to a \$28 million earmark for improvements along Interstate 44, as well as an additional pay increase for members of the Highway Patrol and Capitol Police.

In total, there were 21 items put to a vote to by House members to override the Governor, with 14 of the motions garnering the necessary votes to pass. The

House wrapped up their work in about two hours, and from there, the veto overrides advanced to the Senate where Appropriations Chairman Lincoln Hough wasted little time telling members that he would not make a motion to consider the House approved motions, thus ending any chance to override any of the Governor's vetoes.

With that, both the House and senate adjourned, officially ending the 2023 veto session.

Next on the legislative calendar is the Senate Republican Caucus to be held November 1st and 2nd, where majority members of the upper chamber will meet to sort out their legislative priorities for the 2024 legislative session. President Schroeder has been invited to speak to the Republican leadership about our legislative priorities. Prefiling of legislation is set to begin on December 1, with the session scheduled to start on Wednesday, January 3 at noon. It promises to be an interesting session, as numerous members of both chambers are seeking higher office and will undoubtedly use the session to gain leverage on several divisive issues for their campaigns.



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Retired P.O. Raymond Prinzen

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Assignment code at time of retirement: 322



Raymond Robert Prinzen, 84, passed away on August 29, 2023, at his home in Fenton, MO.

Raymond Prinzen was born on March 30, 1939 in St. Louis, MO, to Raymond Robert Prinzen and Marguerite Jeanette (nee Mann) Prinzen. After high school Raymond entered his career as a Police Officer with the Saint Louis City Police Department where he committed himself to serve and protect for 30 years. Upon retirement he worked an additional 20 years for AG Edwards as a security guard.

Raymond married Margaret Marie Sitton. They had one daughter, Denise Renee Prinzen. Raymond is survived by his beloved wife Margaret Prinzen and his sister Marguerite-Ann (Brian) Mayer. He was a dear friend to many. Raymond is preceded in death by his father Raymond Prinzen, his mother Marguerite Prinzen, and his daughter Denise Prinzen.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 3:00-7:00pm, at Jay B. Smith Funeral Home in Fenton.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, September 6, 10:00am at Jay B. Smith Funeral Chapel with Reverend Dennis Kastens presiding. Interment will be at Saint Trinity Cemetery at 11:30am.

Retired Sergeant Dennis C. Stolte

Birth: 12/07/1939
Death: 08/29/2023

Date of Employment: 08/02/1965
Date of Retirement: 08/26/1986

Assignment code at time of retirement: 4TH

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.



Retired Sergeant David L. Hall DSN 05562

Birth: 12/04/1943
Death: 08/19/2023

Date of Employment: 04/05/1965
Date of Retirement: 04/23/1998

Special Assignments Division



Lieutenant John J (Jack) Billings Elder Member SLPVA

Birth: 9/8/1930
Death: 9/20/2023 (age 93)

Date of Employment: 06/11/1956
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Officer Lawrence Keating, SLMPD Retired



Birth: October 16, 1947
 Death: September 13, 2023

Date of Employment: 10/05/1970
 Date of Retirement: 10/26/1992

Assignment code at time of retirement: 1ST

Lawrence (Larry) M. Keating, 75, of St. Louis, MO, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Sept. 13, 2023.

He was born in Saint Louis, MO in 1947 to James Patrick and Delores T. Keating, and grew up with his three brothers and two sisters in North Saint Louis County. Larry was a 1966 graduate of Riverview Gardens High School and Northeast Missouri State (cum laude).

He is a Vietnam War combat veteran and served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1970 in the 23rd Infantry (Americal Division), 11th Brigade as a staff sergeant where he was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Air Medal. After returning home, Larry began a distinguished 22-year career with the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department where he served in the 6th District, Canine Division, DEA, and the 1st District. He maintained a perfect pistol shooting record of "300" during the length of his career. Larry went on to serve as a sergeant with the Saint George Police Department, and then as Chief of Police of Linn Creek, Missouri.

Larry was a lifelong outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, and tending to their ponds and grounds at their home in DeSoto, Missouri.

Larry is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carolyn Kay Keating; his children. J.P. (Erica), and John (Mary); his beloved grandchildren Jimmy, Alex, Bobby, Madison, and Marlo.

The Keating Family would like all the friends of Retired Police Officer Larry Keating to join them in a Celebration of Life.

Celebration of Life for Larry Keating:
When: Friday November 10, 2023
Time: 3pm-7pm
Place: Tapawingo National Golf Club
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In lieu of flowers, donations to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated.

Retired P.O. Jimmy L. Donaldson

Surviving Spouse: Anna Donaldson

Birth: 07/14/1953
 Death: 09/19/2023

Date of Employment: 03/31/1975
 Date of Retirement: 12/10/2007

Assignment code at time of retirement: 305



Retired P.O. Kenneth Whittler

Birth: 07/18/1943
 Death: 09/30/2023

Date of Employment: 02/01/1965
 Date of Retirement: 01/03/1987

Assignment code at time of retirement: 3rd
 Surviving Spouse: Marilyn Whittler



The Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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Detective Milton L. Reed SLMPD Retired

Birth: 02/03/1944
Death: 09/21/2023

Date of Employment: 12/19/1966
Date of Retirement: 01/18/1997

Assignment code at time of retirement:
Warrant & Fugitive

Surviving Spouse: Shirley Reed

The Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.



Lt. Colonel Michael (Mike) Caruso SLPVA Member

Birth 6/30/1954
Death: 10/26/2023

Date of Employment: 2/28/1977
Date of Retirement: 6/30/2019

Assignment code at time of retirement: 500

Wife: Eva



The Caruso family appreciates the outpouring of support during this time. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society are greatly appreciated.

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Officer Robert Steele SLMPD Retired

Steele, Robert E. Sr., passed away, Sunday, September 24, 2023 at the age of 83.

Loving husband for almost 58 years of Jane Steele (nee Montgomery); dear father of Cynthia Steele and Robert Jr. (Nancy) Steele; brother of Karen (Keith) Scott and the late Richard Steele; loving uncle and friend to many.

Interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Parkinson's Foundation or Backstoppers.



Detective Samuel Stewart DSN 11028

It is with immense sorrow we share the heartbreaking news of the sudden and unexpected passing of our dedicated colleague and friend, Detective Samuel Stewart, assigned to the Fifth District Detective Bureau. Detective Stewart was not just a colleague, an excellent detective, and a dedicated father, but a pillar of strength and a trustworthy source of inspiration. He exhibited unwavering dedication, selflessness, loyalty, and integrity. His legacy will continue to inspire us and forever remain in our hearts.

During these difficult times, please keep Detective Stewart's family and three sons in your thoughts and prayers. Further details will be shared as they become available.

Some of his coworkers are hosting a fundraiser for him at the SLPOA hall on Friday December 1, 2023 starting at 6:30pm. It is a Mouse Race fundraiser with the proceeds to benefit his three boys.



Retired SGT Charles Kirkwood

Birth: 03/07/1940
Death: 09/23/2023

dsn 6077
Date of Employment: 05/23/1966
Date of Retirement: 05/27/1986

Assignment code at time of retirement: 5th
Surviving Spouse: Estelle Kirkwood

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Friendships

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, there are many instances in our lives that we can be thankful for. Simply go back over the past year and remember all the good things that happened to you: got engaged, got married, a baby was born, bought a new house or a new car, went on a fun vacation, got a different job, retired, and the list goes on and on.

There is one more thing to be thankful for and that is friendships.

Obviously, you have many different types of friendships. Some friends you see every day or almost every day. Some you see weekly, monthly, or only once or twice a year. You see your neighbors, people from church, or you "bump into" someone at the store, a movie, or a concert. Perhaps you renewed an old acquaintance, someone you had not seen or spoken with for several years. You met up again and began to reminisce about the good times you had together. Whoever these friends are, they are an important part of your life, and you are grateful for the times that you spent together.

The day you walked into the Police Academy, you met several new people and you bonded because you had a common goal of wanting to be police officers. When you graduated from the Academy, you were split up and assigned to different districts. You did not see each other as

frequently as you would have liked, but at the same time you met other police officers and developed new friendships.

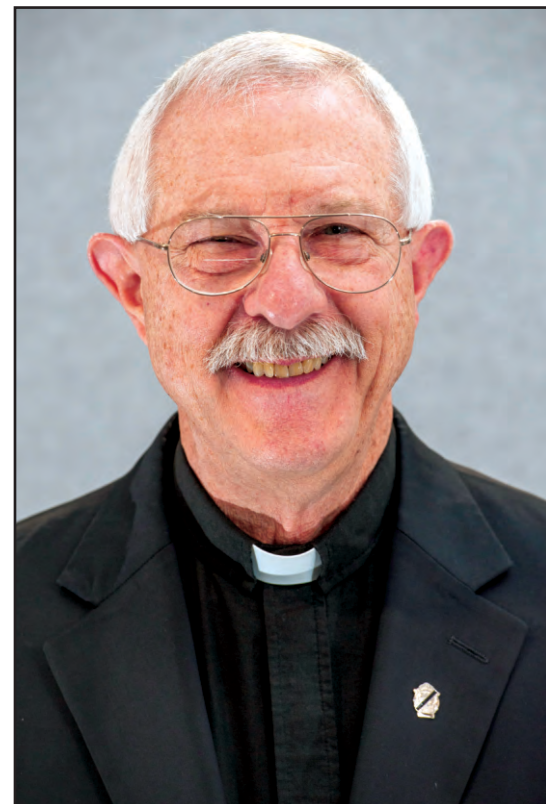
And then one day, you got a partner that you clicked with. You began to anticipate each other's moves, and you knew how

you partner was going to react in almost every situation. You handled your calls in a more efficient manner because you worked well together. You never had to worry because your partner was there for you and always had your back. A steady and confident partner was very satisfying, and you were forever grateful for that relationship. This partner friendship was reciprocal because your partner relied on you in the same manner. You most definitely are very thankful for this partnership.

So, on this Thanksgiving holiday, after all the cheering, noise, and celebrations from Guns 'N Hoses on Thanksgiving Eve have died down, take a minute or two and quietly reflect on all the friendships that you have and that you are thankful for. It will be a heartwarming and satisfying experience that will be a wonderful addition to your Thanksgiving celebrations.

Please know that you are in my prayers, and I will say a special prayer for all of you when I go to Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

God bless you and HAPPY THANKSGIVING.



By Chaplain John Fava



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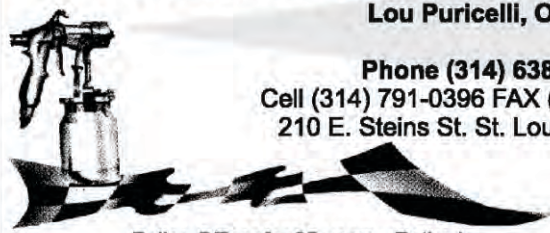
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Results of 2023 Pension Board Election

After tabulation of ballots returned by 4 p.m. on September 15, 2023, the System's auditor, Sikich LLP, reported that the returns are as follows:

Active Trustee:

There was no contested election for Active Trustee, as Det. Leo Rice was the only candidate to file for the office.

Retiree Trustee:

Samuel Zouglas	421
Michael Anderson	350

Congratulations to Retired Det. Sam Zouglas who was elected to serve as a Retiree Trustee on the Pension Board. Congratulations also to Det. Leo Rice, who ran unopposed for the Active Trustee on the Pension Board.



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