



THE EPITAPH



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

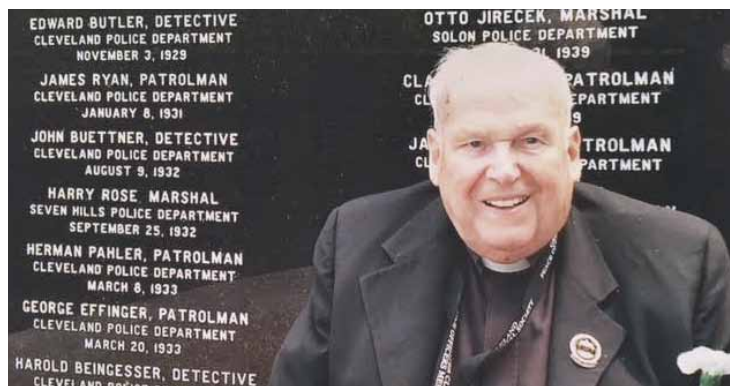
Joe Mannion

I would like to welcome all of you to our new, newsletter, *The Epitaph*. We are keeping "The Promise" to never forget. Our Memorial Walls remind us of this.

The Memorial site was recently expanded with two new walls being erected, and new updated lighting. I would like to thank Independence Construction and its sub-contractors; Ullman Electric, Zavarella Brothers, Gabor Enterprises, Down to Earth Landscaping, Great Lakes Fence & Milano Monuments for their work on the expansion project. I also want to thank our donors and sponsors who were generous to make the expansion happen. To help offset some of the cost for the expansion, The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Society is having a Paver Campaign. "Each Paver Remembers," honors or recognizes the life of someone special. Please consider purchasing a personalized paver to ensure a legacy of love. To purchase please visit; eachpaverremembers.com or visit www.policememorialsociety.org. Money raised during this campaign goes directly towards the cost of the expansion of the Memorial and site in Police Memorial Park. Please remember that we are a 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization.

We rededicated the Memorial during this year's Memorial Service on May 18th. This year's service was special for Survivor, Father Robert Pahler, son of Cleveland Patrolman Herman Pahler, E.O.W. March 8, 1933. Father Pahler was 3 years old when his father was killed. This was Father Pahler's first time visiting the Memorial and was honored to lead the Survivors' Prayer.

I want to thank board members, staff and volunteers for making our week a success. We had great weather until Saturday night. I had a lot of positive comments on all aspects. We had Survivors at the memorial services who thanked us for what we do. We had a few Survivors in attendance this year for the first time and were very grateful for the Memorial Service.



Reverend Father Robert Pahler was 3 years old when his father, Cleveland Police Patrolman Herman Pahler, was killed in the line of duty in 1933.

It is always nice to hear how much the Survivors appreciate the Memorial Service in honor of our Fallen Officers.

We had 2 new groups at the Tattoo, The United States Coast Guard Honor Drill team and Durham Canada Pipe & Drums. It was a first time for both groups. They were honored to have been asked to participate this year, and we were honored to have them. I and not alone as I look forward to their participation at next year's show.

On the early morning of June 24, 2018, Mentor Police Officer Mathew Mazany, was struck and killed by a hit-skip driver while he was assisting another officer on a traffic stop. We will be honoring Officer Mazany at our Memorial service on May 17, 2019. This is another senseless death of police officers in the performance of their duties. Please keep Officer Mazany's family and the Mentor Police department personnel in your thoughts and prayers. Now, they are all Survivors.

I want to thank "The 10th Annual Cops Ride" a motorcycle ride held on June 24th. Half of the proceeds of the ride will be donated to The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society. John "Kiks" Kikol, President of Cops Ride, is an avid supporter of GCPOMS and police organizations.

GCPOMS is promoting a trip to Ottawa, Canada September 28 - October 1 for the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial, as we remember the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. GCPOMS has reserved a bus, and rooms are held in reserve. Hopefully we will be able to send a group to honor our Fallen brothers and sisters from the Canadian region. Our fellow officers from the North are great supporters of GCPOMS. For more information please contact; Jule Hall @ 216-513-8101.

I am happy to announce that again this year The Really Big Show, Tony Rizzo, WKNR and Goodkarma Brand is having its RBS open at Shale Creek Golf Club, Medina, Ohio. Again, this year all proceeds will be donated to GCPOMS. This is the 10th year that Tony Rizzo and crew have done this for GCPOMS. Tony is a great supporter form GCPOMS and is always promoting us on the air. GCPOMS is ever grateful.

In closing, I hope all of you find *The Epitaph* informative Remembering to "Keeping The Promise"... to never forget our fallen heroes and always honoring the service of fallen peace officers, ensuring that they are never forgotten and providing emotional support to their families. We serve Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Geauga, Medina and Northern Summit counties.

Remember when you see the flashing light on the side of the road to move over or slow down. Continued wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Shelley Allerton, a long-time volunteer and supporter of GCPOMS.

Stay safe,
Joe Mannion, President



The Terminal Tower as seen from the GCPOMS Memorial. Light Northern Ohio Blue for Police Week May 12-20, 2018



Motorcycles lining up for Cops Ride Motorcycle Rally starting at the memorial and ending at Lake Erie Harley Davidson, Avon, Ohio held on June 24, 2018 proceeds benefitting GCPOMS.



Volunteers and survivors working the GCPOMS Merchandise tent at Cops ride. Left to right: Mary Lentz (Survivor), Bev Miko (Volunteer), Joe Mannion, and Tracy Johnson (Survivor).



Young folks enjoy the GCPOMS Merchandise Sales Tent at the WestPark Hooley in May 2018.

SURVIVORS' CORNER Tracy Johnson, Survivor/Trustee/Liaison

Welcome to our Corner that's all about us. Please send news that you would like to share to my email for publication in **Survivors' Corner** for each month's edition. I would like to welcome Mary A. Lentz (Daughter of CPD Lieut. Edward G. Lentz (EOW December 9, 1957) to the GCPOMS Board of Directors as a Trustee. Congratulations Mary. Glad to have you aboard.

It was so good to see so many Survivors who participated in this year's Memorial Service: Kevin Meany (Grandson of CPD Ptl. Edward Meany (EOW November 29, 1916). Frank DeAngelo (Brother-in-law of CPD PO Desmond Sherry (EOW July 3, 1980), Tracy Johnson (Wife of CPD PO Anthony Johnson, Sr., (EOW October 21, 1981), Michael Cudnik (Son of CPD PO Hilary S. Cudnik (EOW December 30, 1996), Denis Nowacki (Father of L. Cpl. Andrew Nowacki (EOW February 26, 2005), Wayne Owens (Father of CPD PO Derek W. Owens (EOW March 1, 2008), Kathy Kerstetter (Sister of EPD Ptl James A. Kerstetter (EOW March 15, 2010) Officer Roll Call Readers; Julia and John Ruane (Sister and Brother-in-law of CPD PO Desmond Sherry (EOW July 3, 1980), Mary, Kelly and Kellen (Daughter, Granddaughter-in-law and Great Grandson of CPD Lieut. Edward G. Lentz (EOW December 9, 1957) Registration Table; Barbara Owens (Mother of CPD PO Derek Owens (EOW March 1, 2008) Survivor Speaker; Rev. Father Robert Pahler (Son of CPD Ptl. Herman Pahler (EOW March 8, 1933) Survivor Prayer Reader; Helen Glivar and Cheryl Janoviak (Mother and Sister of GHPD Sgt. Dennis N. Glivar (EOW August 14, 1994) Memorial Service Wreath Presenters.

Congratulations!!! Sydney Owens (Daughter of CPD PO Derek W. Owens (EOW March 1, 2008) on your high school graduation and to all of our 2018 graduates. Good luck in your future endeavors.

Survivors, have a safe and fun summer.

Send news you would like to share to survivors@policememorialsociety.org. Subject: **Survivors' Corner**.

THE TONY RIZZO RBS (REALLY BIG SHOW)

GCPOMS is grateful to Tony Rizzo for his staunch and loyal support of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society. The Tony Rizzo RBS (Really Big Show) Golf Outing was held on June 28th at Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial. This was the tenth year in which the RBS sponsored GCPOMS. The proceeds went to help with the expenses for the Expansion of the Memorial Site at West 3rd and Lakeside in downtown Cleveland.

Tony Rizzo, Good Karma Brands, and ESPN Radio Cleveland are all staunch supports of GCPOMS. Tony advised that he is already looking forward to next year's RBS golf outing and again supporting GCPOMS.

It was a wonderful day at the course with the sun shining and teams competing against each other in good spirit. Also big supports of GCPOMS at the event were ACME Markets, Universal Windows Direct and Joebees. All have been and continue to be supporters of the event for many years.

A great time was had by all, and GCPOMS once again thanks everyone for their support.

APB (ALL POINTS BULLETIN)

- **Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial. September 28 - October 1, 2018.** Remember to reserve your place and to bring your passport. For information, contact Julie Hall at **216-513-8101** or jhall9200@gmail.com. GCPOMS has reserved a bus, but will need a minimum of 35 people to make the trip. **Let us remember our fallen heroes from the North.**
- GCPOMS 2d Annual **Night at the Races** will take place on **November 30, 2018**. Doors open at **6:00 pm**. Location: Eastside Irish American Club, 22770 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio 44123.

BADGES OF COURAGE

Mary A. Lentz, Survivor/Editor/Trustee

Welcome to Volume 1, No. 1 of the first edition of *The Epitaph*, the official newsletter of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society. The newsletter will be published bi-monthly with three regular columns by the GCPOMS President, the GCPOMS Survivors' Liaison, and the Editor of *The Epitaph*. Guest authors are encouraged to submit proposed articles to the Editor at mlentz@policememorialsociety.org. Each issue will focus on GCPOMS and its continual mission to remember our fallen police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting others.

Each issue will also include *In Memoriam*, a column listing the names of fallen officers whose names are etched on the granite walls of the Memorial located in Huntington Park at Police Memorial Square, West 3rd & Lakeside Avenue NE, in downtown Cleveland. All 188 names of fallen Officers will be listed in chronological order of each Officer's EOW. By the third edition of *The Epitaph* for 2018, all names will have been remembered.



The title of the newsletter, *The Epitaph*, was chosen because it means an inscription or statement on a mortuary monument commemorating the life of a loved one. Each of the granite walls of the Police Memorial erected and maintained by GCPOMS is in loving memory of each Officer whose name is etched on each wall. The symbolism of the granite panels denotes strength, love and commitment.

The chief mission of the GCPOMS is to Honor Our Fallen and to Never Forget. Through the monument walls in Police Memorial Park, *The Epitaph* newsletter along with the numerous events sponsored by GCPOMS throughout the year and especially during Police Week each May, the memories of each fallen officer will live on with their legacy and service to the communities they served. GCPOMS represents the counties of Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Medina and northern Summit.

On the top right side of the front page of the newsletter is the logo of the Greater Peace Officers Memorial Society, and on the left side at the top of that page is a new logo for *The Epitaph* depicting a badge of blue mosaic background representing all the law enforcement agencies who are represented on the granite walls by fallen heroes. The black band of mourning, sympathy and sorrow is in the center of the badge, and one blue and one white rose appear on each side of the badge. A blue rose symbolizes trust, sympathy, loyalty, love, remembrance and commitment. A white rose symbolizes honor, respect, sympathy, remembrance and love stronger than death.

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial has become a place where the Survivors in particular can express their love and respect for a fallen loved one. The Memorial is a place where Survivors and the public can mediate on the lives of our fallen heroes and in time experience peace and comfort knowing that we are keeping the Promise Never to Forget.

HONOR OUR FALLEN

Patrolman Mathew Mazany was killed in the line of duty at one o'clock a.m. on June 24, 2018 by a hit-and-run driver while Patrolman Mazany was assisting a fellow officer during a traffic stop. He was a fourteen year veteran with the Mentor Police Department. A memorial and funeral service was held to remember and honor Patrolman Mazany on July 2, 2018 at the Mentor Fine Arts Center with police officers from the Mentor Police Department and Police Officers from across Ohio and the United States in attendance. The Memorial route was lined with neighbors, friends, and members of the community honoring Patrolman Mazany. Patrolman Mazany is survived by his loving family, fellow officers of the Mentor Police Department, and many friends.



Patrolman Mathew Mazany, Mentor Police Department, EOW June 24, 2018

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Keeping Our Promise to "Never Forget our Fallen Heroes"



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IN MEMORIAM December 1, 1853 – October 17, 1920

John Osborne, Watchman
Cleveland City Marshal's Office
EOW December 1, 1853

Michael Kick, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 15, 1875

George Brenner, Marshal
Wellington Village Marshal's Office
EOW July 18, 1883

William Hulligan, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 8, 1887

Nicholas Sheehan, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 5, 1894

John Shipp, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 6, 1900

William L. Foulks, Det. Lt
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 29, 1900

Louis D. Weick, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 10, 1903

James H. Stedman, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 25, 1905

Spooner C. Crapo, Marshal
Rochester Village Marshal's Office
EOW November 11, 1905

Herman Reimer, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 28, 1911

Walter C. Chapman, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 22, 1911

Edward Parker, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 19, 1912

Leroy E. Bouker, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 28, 1912

Albert Miller, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 3, 1913

Robert Becker, Night Watchman
Amherst Village Constable's Office
EOW April 10, 1916

John H. Gates, Watchman
Medina Village Marshal's Office
EOW April 18, 1916

Charles H. Goetz, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 6, 1916

Henry Froelich, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 25, 1916

Edward M. Meany, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 29, 1916

Elmer P. Glaefke, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 13, 1917

William Brown, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 29, 1917

Alfred Ressler, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 6, 1918

Patrick Gaffney, Detective
East Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 19, 1918

William P. Armstrong, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 9, 1919

Ernest C. Gray, Deputy
Willoughby Township Marshal's Office
EOW July 16, 1919

Frank M. Moranz, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 26, 1919

William Isaac, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 1, 1919

Robert Shelton, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
December 7, 1919

Thomas Cook, Detective
New York Central Railroad Police
Department | July 12, 1920

David H. Barnes, Det. Sgt.
New York Central Railroad Police
Department | July 28, 1920

John Vapenik, Marshal
Maple Heights Village
EOW August 28, 1920

Edward Connolly, Captain
Cleveland Hts. Police Department
EOW September 8, 1920

Walter Preuhs, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
October 17, 1920

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