



From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt... September 2019

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the folks at **The Old Crow Smokehouse** (149 W. Kinzie), who last month hosted an enormous fundraiser party for Police Chaplains Ministry. Attendees enjoyed great food, top-shelf drinks, terrific entertainment (including the Emerald Society and famous comedian Tom Dreesen (who opened up for 15 years for Frank Sinatra!), and the good company of several hundred other PCM supporters.

The owner of the Old Crow didn't charge us a dime. **All proceeds went to our mission: ministering 24/7 to our active and retired sworn and civilian members, and supporting our beloved Gold Star Families.** When looking for a restaurant/bar to patronize downtown, please keep The Old Crow Smokehouse in mind.

Special thanks to all who put this event together, led by chairpersons **Det. Gia DiVito (A/N) and Lt. Tom Cronin (018).**



At a Star Ceremony at the academy last month, I had the pleasure of blessing the brand new stars of many of Lodge 7's newest members. Here, **PPO's Anthony Colucci, Eric Wojciechowski and Brendan Shine** gather for a photo.

Congratulations to these three and their classmates as they embark on the most noble profession this world knows.

The **Brotherhood For the Fallen** is again hosting their *Blue Tie Gala* later this month: Saturday, 28 SEP, at the Rosemont Hyatt. I have the honor of again emceeding this event. In previous years, we've sold out...so get your tickets soon if they're still available!

Our next **Upper Room Club** will be held at Pizano's in the south loop (21st and Indiana) on Wednesday, 25 SEP. All are welcome to attend this Bible study/faith-sharing session from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Come hungry and thirsty, as Pizano's takes very good care of us.

Our next **Blue Mass** will be held at St. Thecla Parish (6725 W. Devon) on Sunday, 20 OCT at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

On our "Links" page, you'll find a program offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago for couples who need to strengthen their marriage. The program is called **Retrouvaille**, and it has saved countless marriages. I have heard from officers who have participated in it, and they can't say enough about this wonderful ministry. Visit our website or find it directly at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Finally, do you use Amazon.com? Please designate "Police Chaplains Ministry Fund" as your **Amazon Smile** charity, and our vital ministry will receive .5% of your purchases at NO COST TO YOU. It's a great (and painless) way to support Police Chaplains Ministry.

Thank you for supporting our vital work as we support yours!

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