As most of you might garner from my earlier writings, bits and pieces, and snippets here and there, I tend to support the use of the death penalty in our land of Lincoln and throughout the US of A. It is personally kind of unusual as I’ve been a strict vegetarian for 35 years. No meat, fish, or fowl have crossed my lips. And while I hunted as a teen, I ceased that bad habit, too many years ago. (But I have no objections to it, as I’ve learned to love the hunter if not the hunting.) Like the Motor City Madman! How can you not love a guy who sings a song titled Wang Dang Sweet Poontang. Oh, sorry, is that not politically correct? Same with fishing. But I, at one time or another, have fished. Caught and dragged the little fella to the boat, torturing him all the way, then removing the hook, putting a Band-Aid on his owowie, and releasing the scaly fellow before my campmates fileted him for din-din. So despite what my fellow board members may think I am a relatively peaceful person. Live and let live, I’d say.

The reasons for the above are not important, but how did I get into this conundrum where I won’t kill animals, am kind to puppies and pick up stray reptiles, while seeking the ultimate punishment on our two-legged brethren?

Well, I was a cop for a very long time, and like many of you, saw some pretty rotten stuff committed by some of our fellow humans. Little in the way of random acts of kindness in this job, unless it’s us doing it. Rapes, beatings, assaults, and murder with fists, knives, axes, bats, and other blunt instruments, guns, as well as vehicles and other objects that can produce mayhem. Stabblings, brains blown out, bodies dumped in fields, rivers, parking lots, and left dead or dying in residences. People decapitated, drowned in bathtubs, run over, or strangled.

And then there is the grief. You could cut through it like butter. Parents who wait and watch as their 16-year old child lingers on life support after being shot in the head by some punk.

The dying eyes of a man as they fade away on a street in frigid temperatures. The fear experienced by an injured party who know they’re not
Chaplain’s Column

By: Thomas Ross

L
ike most who work as hospi-
tal chaplains, I spend my time
visiting room-to-room and
introducing myself to patients who have
been admitted with a wide variety of
ailments. My introductions feel a lot like
I am doing “speed assessments” designed
to determine a patient’s spiritual needs.
A story about life in the hospital, mak-
ing rounds in ICU, I heard moans com-
ing from the room directly across from
the nurse’s station. At the door’s thresh-
old, I saw a man holding his chest and
rocking back and forth on his bed.
Inside the room, I introduced myself
to someone who shared an uncanny
resemblance with me. While we weren’t
exactly lost twins, he was a tall, white
male, who was reasonably slim. His
gray hair argued for more than the
70 years stated on his chart. “Hello,”
I said. “Sounds like you’re in quite a bit
of pain. Should I call a nurse?” “She’s
already working on it.” He grimaced,
as if hoping to raise his bid. The nurse
wound up in search of a doctor, and the
man leaned forward, squinting to read
my name badge.

“I’m Tom,” I said. “I’m one of the hospi-
tal chaplains.”

In the acute ICU environment, I’m
usually trying to assure the frightened
patient that I am only making a routine
visit. The answer tends to bely the fear
that I’m the Grim Reaper in a black shirt.
This assurance must have worked with
him because when he heard me stick
around. “I may need you later.” So
I stood my ground, and in between waves
of moaning, he explained
that “years of rough living” had severely
limited his time on earth.

The man’s condition once again con-
ﬁrmed for me a truth I see in the
hospital. Namely, no doctor can predict
when life will begin or when it will
end. Therefore, the only choice we have
about our lives is what we choose to do
between our ﬁrst breath and our last.

Linda Ellis’ 1996 poem, “The Dash,”
illustrates this point beautifully.
The poem describes the simple mark
carved on every tombstone. It’s the dash
between the year of our birth and the
year of our death. We have absolutely
no impact on either of those dates, but
the dash represents the far-reaching impact
we all have on the time between those
dates. Ellis closes her poem with these
lines:

“So, when your eulogy is being read,
With your life’s actions to rehash…
Dash between our dates?
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Chief’s Follies

By: Joseph Andalina

And they thought this was a good idea

Well, what do you expect after the
politicians, press, and municipal ofﬁ-
cials beat up on the image of policing.
We have said it before that sooner or
later good, decent, qualiﬁed men
and women will stop wanting to be police
ofﬁcers. When they take away our
reputation, salary, wages, and retire-
ment and you can possibly face jail
time for political correctness, they
won’t want to be cops anymore.

Example: The Village of Mount
Prospect, faced with a shrinking pool
of applicants and wanting to increase
diversity proposed to ease citizen re-
quirements for being a cop there. The
village board faced “spirited remarks”
which is political and newspaper
speaks for “pissed off people.”

So as long as you are a resident with
a “green card” you could be eligible to
be a cop if this proposal went through.

Fast forward a week or so and the
new headline reports: Mount Pros-
pect halts plan to hire non-citizens as
police officers.

The article states that Mount Prospect
abruptly shelved the idea to hire new
cops who are not US citizens. Why?
Well, the residents were vocal and ac-
tually demonstrated their displeasure
at a village hall meeting. Or should I
say they were really “pissed off.”

One citizen proclaimed that she would
be hysterical with a non-citizen pulling
a gun and arresting her. Seems to me a
bit over the top, but that’s the reaction
we could expect with such a stupid
proposal.

The police chief, Tim Janowick, said
the new ordinance would have modi-
fied the department’s policy to allow
non-citizens to apply for a cop job.
(This was apparently banned in 1991.
However, the article did not report
how many non-US citizens Mount
Prospect had prior to 1991 serving as
cops.)

The chief adds that the village’s rap-
idly changing demographic and the
inﬂux of Latinos prompted this idea.

He went on to state that it was very
evident that many folks didn’t un-
derstand that this type of policy isn’t
anything new and many other towns
do this — but he didn’t state which
towns. Personally I don’t know of any.
Chicago, maybe? If anyone knows, let
me know.

But as usual, politicians like Tim here
(although technically he is not a poli-
tician, just hired by one) apparently
don’t think that we stupid citizens
know what’s best for our communi-
ties. And while the demographics may
have changed in Mount Prospect over
the years, the simple solution would
be to attract Latinos who are citizens,
or advise the holder of green cards
how to become a citizen, assimilate,
and then apply. What would Donald
Trump say about this idiocy?

Maybe if you treated cops with re-
spect, they would stay, or want to enter
this most noble of professions. And
I’m not implying Mount Prospect is
to blame here. I don’t work there but
in general this can be a harbinger of
the future where young men and
women will not look to police work as
a career. The constant attempts of
the politicians and press to demean, reduce pay and beneﬁts, and destroy
our retirement while blaming those of
us in blue for all of society’s wrongs
may just have something to do with
citizens not wanting to be cops or why
it’s hard to ﬁnd citizens to join the
ranks. Mount Prospect is not a tiny
town and I believe it is surrounded
by other villages that have people in
them.

If this kind of thinking prevails, soon
the press would be reporting that
American citizens no longer want to
do this job and that’s why we need
third-worlders to come in and do this
demeaning work.

But maybe the politicians are looking
for them to work on the cheap, just
like migrant workers do in the lettuce
fields.

Tolerating absurdities

The mayor (here we go again) of
Mundelein appears this month. Steve
Lents is under ﬁre, front page news
in the Daily Herald for comments he
made in a 4ths of July speech. Ap-
parently he made some controversial
comments on gay marriage, women
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It appears now that the door has been added in his quip that the court of being burned alive. Justice Breyer saying yes to the chemical equivalent dions are now scathing, doesn’t it?)

For the majority, Justice Samuel Alito

I believe it is of some interest.

I would have preferred the firing squad or a slower death by boiling in bacon grease? Everyone loves bacon. How bad can that be, folks?
They just won’t stop as I wrote until you’re retired and eating dog food on the banks of the Chicago River in a tin hut.

More legislative tidbits
Bobcat hunting. Governor Rauner signed new legislation allowing the hunting of bobcats in Illinois after a 40-year moratorium. He listened to the claims of support-
to pets and children.
Okay. How many of you have ever even seen one? Anyone? Anyone? Or had your poodle been attacked by Syl-

where is the in-person inter-
views at a news conference from one chief, any chief, or as a group? Where is the IACP editorials de-
manding that our pensions not be eroded?
Where is their support of our union and collective bargaining rights?
Where are they defending us from bitter attacks of brutality by the press, some minorities, some activists?
Where are the rebuttals from chiefs who can speak with the public on the nobility of police work? (Sheriff David Clark of Milwaukee is one notable exception. A stand-up leader.)

It is almost non-existent. I haven’t seen anything. Don’t expect it from the egotistical mayors who only care about votes and would throw cops under the bus to divert attention from their all-encompassing desire to get elected again and again.

But I do expect some kind of sup-
port from our chiefs. If you know of any, send me a story, an article, or the information.

I’d like to do a Jolly Folly on a good man/woman chief who has come to the forefront to support their finest on a local level within the MAPI arena.

Until then, the whole bunch of em’ are here today in the Chief’s Follies.

Love is not a many splendored thing
The ex-Elgin deputy chief, who is also the ex-police chief in Stockton,
at the thought of walking through the woods because a crazed bobcat might attack you?
I guarantee that more people are injured by the "bobcats" in construction projects than the ones that roam the woods.
I think he believes that bobcats are government workers favorite pets and he wants them eliminated, too.
And finally:
Here is how I feel about our governor and his efforts to destroy your retirement.
Mr. Rauner is out there! He can't be reaquainted with. He cannot be reassociated, He cannot be consoled with. He doesn't feel pity, or remorse, or fear. And he and his cabal bargained with. He cannot be realigned with. The best new laws from our great thinkers passed for 2015:
• Concealed carry: clarifies issues on application, review of personnel records, how to appeal a denial. (Among other subjects politicians continue to make up.)
• Speed limits (we go fast now)
• Cyberbullying (we need a law now because we can't stay off the stupid machines and cry over anonymous tweets that somebody doesn't like us no more. What happened to a punch in the chops?)
• Beer taxes (because that's important to help Illinois from going broke)
• Universities can now study hemp (Well, who else would you think? Lots of test subjects available.)
• Trapping. If you want a trapping license you must show competence. (Grow a beard, wear red and black plaid flannel, smell like fox urine, and you're in.)
• Increase maximum size for casting nets (can catch really big fish now)
• Reptiles: Fourteen new laws containing references to reptiles. But in one you cannot possess poisonous or dangerous snakes, nor can you possess an oxelot, margay, lynx, jaguarundi (four legs, not four tires), hyena, wolf, or coyote, or get this — a bobcat! (They shoot bobcats, don't they?)
• And my favorite: You can now use the terms "Urgent Care" in the name of your "Urgent Care center." (Really! Only in Illinois.)

To live or die on Death Row

And then really vile people or suspects are described as a "person of interest," Mr. or Ms., or the gentleman, or the youth, even if he is a 6'4" 300 pound 17-year old. What follows is his tender age, his alleged abuse as a child. His IQ, he never had a chance. A poor minority; a kid from the city who never even got a chocolate bar or went to the Olive Garden for dinner. Undereducated or went to Harvard. Drinks, drunk or drunk on dope. Or mentally ill — wasn't all there. There is always an excuse for murder, isn't there?
No, evil is what evil does.
Nowadays, due to the immigration debate, the press tries to hide a suspect's ethnic origin. "Man rapes woman." "Men kill store owner." "Oh, that's helpful; we are looking for a man? Duh! Dig a little deeper into multiple sources and you will find the truth.
Tell it like it is — puke is puke no matter it's color, race, gender, or religion. Race and ethnicity are not mitigating excuses. They are rationalizers trying to absolve uncaring, narcissistic, greedy, or psychopathic behavior. Usually for political or special agendas. Victims are lost in the gore.
It seems there is a lot of that now. Save the killer. Have compassion. Throw doubt on the police and prosecution. Forget the torture involved, maybe he was framed. He was just a youth and had a bad childhood.
Sorry, I'm not buying into this compassion baloney. Those who kill and maim are not normal, everyday folks, no matter what drives them to murder. And we should all get that. They are not like you or me. Otherwise, you and I could be murderers, too. Stop projecting our reasonable behavior and sense of responsibility on the evil among us. Once you start to think they are like us — evil wins. That's how we get misled by these monsters among us. They show a different side when they are not butchering or killing.
The ultra-liberal, like cop haters, some of the press, and well-meaning people like the "Dead Man Walking" sister who speaks for the condemned and lobbyists to prevent the ultimate penalty for the worst among us get the press. The victims are short-shifted. For instance, ex-governor criminal George Ryan, even after meeting with the family of the victims of those on death row, examining the undeniable guilt of all 150 plus killers, he still commuted the sentences of all on death row. He wanted to do good because the system was broken." We all know that was an illusion as he was only trying to save his own ass from going to prison. Looking for compassion for himself. Sorry, if you can't do the job yourself, get out. Will of the people and all, Mr. Governor.
Then our more recent ex-Governor "I want to kill your pension" puts a complete end to the death penalty. He cited a few years ago, among other reasons, some law students and a law professor with the help of a private investigator were able to prove that a minority convicted killer, who was
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What should matter is how we are filling the DASH in our lives in our jobs, our family and community. You see, we have no idea how long that DASH is in our lives so it’s best we pay attention on how and when we fill it.

I think FAITH needs to be a part of everyone’s DASH. I am not advocating for one faith over another or one denomination over another but I am advocating that each of us feed our spiritual side on a regular basis. We all need support in our everyday lives and that is just one aspect we gain from regular participation. Maybe you haven’t found that which feeds your spiritual side. Well, maybe it’s time to search out and renew your faith!

Stay safe and be good to one another.

Peace Chaplain Tom Ross

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Contract Corner

Richard Reimer
Hanover Park Civilians
2% wage increases across the board retro to 5/1/2013, 2% wage increases across the board to 5/1/2014. Placement into wage schedule on 5/1/2015 which provides for a minimum increase of 2%.

Schaumburg Command Officers
Three year term. Wages: 5/1/2015, 2%; 5/1/2016, 2%; and 5/1/2017, 2% Acting Watch Commander pay included.

Clariﬁed Holiday for those assigned to a 5-2 and 6-3 work schedule.

 Provision which increases wages to 2.25% each fiscal year if Illinois shared

Richard Reimer

Four-year contract. Increases: 5/1/14, 2.5%; 2015, 6.5%; 2016, 2.5%, 2017, 2.75% Health insurance changed to the following plans:

Plan (1): 20% of total premium for traditional deductible PPO and Dental. Plan (2): 15% of total premium for $100 deductible PPO and Dental. Plan (3): 15% of total premium for HMO and Dental. Plan (4): 10% of total premium for HSA and Dental.

Shift supervisor compensation increased to $2.50/hr. Range Officer and FTO compensation increased to $2.50/hr.

River Valley (2 agreements)
2009-2012, retroactive to 12/1/09.
2009-2010 2.5% increase, 2010-2011 2.5% increase, 2011-2012 2.5% increase
2012-2016 CBA

Recognition. Changes to provision regarding excluded groups. Holidays. Addition of July 4 for additional compensation.

Work Related Sick Leave; adds me-too language that can increase workers comp benefits. Adds additional personal day for non-use of sick time. Adds additional relative groups for funeral leave.

Changes insurance to Chief Judge’s group health insurance plan (internal comparability). Wages retroactive to 12/1/12

2012-2013 2.5% plus lump sum payment of $350, elimination of merit bonus and longevity; 2013-2014, 3.5%; 2014-2015, 1.5% plus 5.0% on 6/3/15, plus 1% for implementation of new insurance policy effective 12/1/14, 2015-2016, 1% plus 2.5% on 06/01/15. Salary range increased to $58,125-$87,187.

Minooka
Office U/C pay added for $2/hr increase.

Sick Leave Accrual and Usage changed to increments of 2 hours, funeral leave changed to add additional family members.

Wage scale modified to add two new steps and increase top wage for officers and sergeants. Overall increase varies depending upon step and grade.

North Aurora
This is a three year contract, expires 2018. Wages: 2%, 1%, 1%

12 holidays. Vacation Time: 0-6 years, 80 hrs; 6-14 year, 120 hrs; 14-19 years, 160 hrs; 19 years+ 200 hrs

* Unique to this speciﬁc contract: North Aurora will be using a 2184 hour work year as opposed to a 2080 hour. This will increase the annual base salary of each employee by thousands of dollars since each affected employee will be paid straight time for the extra 104 hours worked.

All full time Sworn Police Officers shall be provided with life insurance in an amount equal to twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) at no cost to the Ofﬁcer.

Accumulate sick leave at a rate of 8 hours per calendar month to a maximum of 480 hours, 16 hours paid personal leave time per year.

Unused compensatory time, up to the maximum of forty (40) hours, shall be rolled over from one calendar year to the next. Upon retirement, individual Ofﬁcers may choose to take their accumulated compensatory time in the form of a lump-sum payment or paid time off or a combination of both.

Seneca
This is a three year contract. Wages: 2%, 2%, 2.5%

10 holidays. Vacation Time: After 1 yr, 80 hrs; after 5 yrs, 120 hrs; after 10 yrs, 160 hrs; after 20 yrs, 200 hrs

All wages, overtime compensation and other paid beneﬁts, shall be retroactive to April 1, 2015.

Shift Differential: 3 pm-11 pm: $6.65 per hour worked. 11 pm-7 am: $1.00 per hour worked

Uniform and Expense Reimbursement: Each part time ofﬁcer shall receive an allotment equal to .50 cents per hour worked, up to a max of $500, to be used for uniform or equipment needs.

Minimum Staffing: Chief (or designee) shall call out any and all open shifts that become available in a 24 hour period.

Traffic time worked for purposes of overtime. Officers now receive overtime for hours actually worked on Holidays in addition to eight hours of straight time whether the Holiday is worked or not. Insurance status quo.

Johnsburg Patrol and Sergeant:
Four-year contract. Wages: 3.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%

9 holidays. Vacation Time: 1 yr; 1 week; 2-4 yrs, 2 wks; 5-9 yrs, 3 wks; 10-19 yrs, 4 wks, 20 yrs plus, 5 wks

Health Insurance:
Effective to and including April 30, 2016: Village will pay 90% of each employee’s premium costs.

Effective May 1, 2016 and thereafter: The Village may increase the employee premium share from ten percent (10%) to fifteen percent (15%) effective May 1, 2016. In such event, the wage increases for 2016-17 and 2017-18 shall be increased from 2.5% to 3%. In the event the Village does not increase the employee premium share to 15% for 2016-17, the Village may increase the employee premium share to 15% effective May 1, 2017. In such event, wages for 2017-18 shall increase from 2.5% to 3%.

5 days sick time, Comp Time: max $150 hours

Jerry Marzullo
Fox River Grove:
Four-year contract. Increases: 5/1/14, 2%; 5/15/15, 2.25%; 5/1/16, 2.75%; 5/1/17.

Vacation time now counts as time worked for purposes of overtime. Officers now receive overtime for hours actually worked on Holidays in addition to eight hours of straight time whether the Holiday is worked or not. Insurance status quo.

Northwest Central Dispatch:
Wage increases: 05/01/15, 2.5% (full retro); 05/01/15, 1.25%; 01/01/16, 1.75%; 01/01/17, 2.25%; 01/01/18, 2.5%

Added verbal and 6 month written warnings (before instant 12 month written)

Increased amount of vacation days. Increased open slots to take vacation.

Insurance premiums as follows: 2016 -11%, 2017 - 13%, 2018 - 15% Comp increase in hours from 56 to 72.

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Golf Outing

MAP’s golf outing was a great success. We would like to thank Keith, Carol, and Sonia, along with the following sponsors who helped to make it a memorable experience.

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Illinois, recently pled guilty for hacking into an email account of a fellow police officer whose wife was romantically linked to the ex-chief.

He admitted to one felony count of identity theft. He was later sentenced to two-years’ probation, community service, fines and costs.

As is usually the case, everyone involved is warned to stay away from each other, or else. Love is blind but computers aren’t.

Who is throwing whom under the bus?

Among the devastating tragedy which is the killing of Kate Steinle in San Francisco by an illegal immigrant is the CYA by the mayor and sheriff.

It is amazing to watch their individual press conferences and see all the finger pointing. Especially the sheriff, who really gave it to everyone and the mayor big time for being at fault for letting the immigrant from Mexico off the hook, allowing him the freedom to wiggle through the system, later killing a young lady. First time a law enforcement chief or sheriff refused to fall on the sword for a mayor.

But they may be both louses for having this young lady. First time a law enforcement chief or sheriff refused to fall on the sword for a mayor big time for being at fault for letting the immigrant from Mexico off the hook.

Mike Bartholomew is in line (at the time of this writing) for a $22,000 pay increase. He hopes his salary will go from $157,412 to $179,412 in order to get close to the average city manager’s salary of $157,000 from 34 cities surveyed. (Do you think they surveyed the wealthiest cities or the poorest?)

The increase would be retroactive to April 14, 2014, which is essentially a two year raise in one year. Yes, we know how retro raises work; no problem but a $22,000 pay raise? In these tough economic times when cops and workers have to tighten their belts? I guess you only have to tighten your belt if you are a grunt and not a boss

While Tier II employees are being treated like second class citizens, Mr. Smith is getting a stipend every year expected to be worth thousands of dollars annually in addition to his $225,000 salary to make up for his reduced pension under the Tier II program. So now he may turn into a Tier I employee.

WTF? He’s Rauner the Bruce’s choice for his new cabinet? Hell no…he upstaged his predecessor, who was a member in good standing. We wish him well with all his perks that other employees aren’t getting.

Thoughts and Prayers

For Lisle officer Jeff Simeral and his family. Jeff retired after 28 years as a patrolman. During his career, he was a firearms instructor, Field Training Officer, Officer in Charge, and a School Resource Officer. Jeff also served on the local union board. In mid-February of 2015, Jeff was diagnosed with a rare form of kidney cancer. He lost his battle with cancer in June.

To the family of our good friend, John Sullivan, (retired Bolingbrook PD sergeant), whose mother recently lost her long battle with pancreatic cancer. Prayers for Mary Ann.

A Legend passes

Billy Pierce, star lefty for the Chicago White Sox passed away in July at the great old age of 88. He was a star pitcher and deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. Like Ronnie Santo, maybe they will enshrine him now.

Billy was probably the nicest, most humble sports figure I have ever met. Chicago lost a great one. We shall miss him.

California who tried to take a selfie with a rattlesnake. The snake did not appreciate this and bit the guy on the arm.

For his inner stupidity and saving his life, he got slapped with a $153,000 hospital bill.

If any of you are thinking of this, just one vial is $2,000. He needed a lot. While I hunted for Timber Rattlers in southwest Wisconsin in my youth, the thought of taking a selfie with one never came to mind. Maybe perhaps because we didn’t have cell phones cameras back then. That, and I knew that rattlers are a nasty bunch.

Moral of the story: Be nice to creepy crawlies, and selfie-sticks won’t work either!

MAP’s new web site

The new site is up and running! Great pages, information, links, and color. We hope you like it. Let us know if you have any chapter news you would like posted.

www.mapunion.org

Disability payments

Recently MAP approved a one-time $500 disability payment to Michael Donahue from Streamwood, who was a member in good standing. We wish him well with all his future endeavors.

Quote:

True terror is to wake up one morning and realize that your high school class is running the country.

-Kurt Vonnegut

Bits n Pieces

Reptile News

As you may know from reading my stuff, I have a soft spot in my genetic makeup for things that slither and crawl through swamps.

So this issue, I couldn’t avoid writing about the sap in...
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