

# Fraternal Order of Police Illinois Dept. of Corrections Lodge #263

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Dear Prospective Member,

We want to take this opportunity to welcome you into our lodge. Please read the following, it is required in accordance with our by-laws.

A new member who signs up for the payroll deduction program will not require an application fee but only the completion of a payroll deduction card for a deduction of \$4.00 per pay period. If you chose not to take the payroll deduction program the application fee will be \$108.00 per year. We encourage you to enroll in the payroll deduction program as once you enroll your membership is automatically renewed every year until you cancel. Associate membership applications are \$30.00 per year and must be renewed every year if you wish to continue the membership. Mail the application along with the application fee to the address above.

Renewals begin each October 1<sup>st</sup> and end on November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. There is a grace period from December 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Anyone renewing after January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year is subject to a \$10.00 late renewal fee.

The FOP Death Benefit Program is also included with your membership. The benefits include: \$3,000 Felonious Assault, \$3,000 Accidental Death, \$5,000 Line of Duty, \$3,000 Common Carrier, and 15 more expanded accident benefits. More information is available upon request.

Each new member will receive a membership ID card (renewed yearly), one vehicle medallion, one yearly window decal, and a secret works book after completing the Initiation of Obligation. In addition, you will receive from the National Lodge a Quarterly Newspaper.

Fraternally,

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## THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE ILLINOIS STATE LODGE

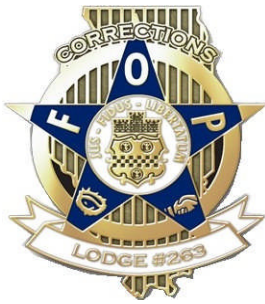
The organizational objectives of the Illinois F.O.P. are to promote and foster the enforcement of law and order, to improve the individual and collective proficiency of members in the performance of their duties: to advocate and strive for uniform application of the civil service merit system for appointment and promotion: to support the improvement of the standard of living and working conditions of the Law Enforcement professional: to create and maintain a tradition of *esprit de corps*, ensuring fidelity to duty under all conditions and circumstances: to cultivate spirit of fraternalism and mutual helpfulness among its members; to increase the efficiency of the law enforcement professional, and thus more firmly to establish the confidence of the public in the service dedicated to the protection of life and property.

The Illinois State Lodge offers technical and support services to its subordinate Lodges through its various Elected Officers, Trustees, and committees and staff personnel. The State Lodge maintains an office in Springfield, Illinois and works in close conjunction with the Illinois F.O.P. Labor council. Illinois F.O.P. members receive a \$1,000 life insurance policy along with other member benefits. A Legal Defense program is coordinated through the State Lodge to protect members from unwarranted disciplinary action. Additional insurance coverage is available to members who lack coverage through their employers.

Legislatively the Illinois F.O.P. maintains vigil on pro law enforcement issues in Springfield and continually strives to enact legislation on behalf of its members. Additionally, the Illinois F.O.P. works closely with other F.O.P. Lodges to affect federal legislation as well. Current legislation that proves the F.O.P. federal initiative to ensure the protection of brothers and sisters is **HB0098 and SB1639** which will enable correctional officers the right to carry-conceal weapons off duty. This legislation provides exemption to all qualified "law enforcement" officers who have full or even limited arrest powers. The legislation already gives parole agents the right to carry. Every two years the State Lodge conducts a Biannual conference where they establish, the future direction of the organization, and where they hold representation elections. An elected State Trustee represents each lodge in a geographical are or political subdivision. Additionally, Statewide Officers are elected at this time. In years not impacted by the biannual conference the Illinois State Lodge participation in the National Conference to ensure the Illinois members impact the direction of the F.O.P on a National level.

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In January of 1993, a group of Officers, Sergeants, and Lieutenants from Joliet, Stateville, and Dwight Correctional Centers united for the first time to form a Lodge with the Fraternal Order of Police. The intention of this lodge is to include Correctional Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, and Parole Agents from every institution, who wished to join. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> 1997 our Lodge has expanded to include Youth Supervisor's II & III, K-9 Specialists, Parole Supervisors, Commanders, Chiefs of Security, Majors, Superintendents and Wardens.

The intentions of Corrections Lodge #263 is to develop the respect and recognition that every officer in the department deserves for the vital work that they do by promoting the interests of Correctional Officers in all their job titles. Encourage a harmonious relationship amongst all badge carrying members throughout the state, and a closer relationship with our brothers and sisters in all other law enforcement communities. We, as a lodge, distribute information devoted exclusively to matters concerning ALL correctional employees' best interests and promoting high professional standards. To propose and promote legislation beneficial to correctional officers rights. And in addition, to take a legal action on those deemed detrimental. We are not your union but a fraternal organization willing to work together with our union and accomplish the goals.

As a member of this Lodge, the following benefits are available to you.

1. Civil, Criminal and Administrative Legal Insurance
2. Comprehensive Legal services
3. Line of Duty/ benefits
4. Informative publications
5. FOP merchandise
6. Low rate credit card
7. Training and education
8. Lodge liability insurance
9. Personal support program

Some of the above benefits are at a cost to you, but could come in handy in the future. If you have any questions on these benefits please contact a FOP representative.

Fraternally,

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY



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**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LODGE #263**

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**President James Simmons Secretary José M. Prado**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

To the Officers of the Fraternal Order of Police:

I, the undersigned, a full-time, regularly employed Law Enforcement Officer, do hereby make this application for Active Membership in:

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
 LODGE #263**

If my Membership should be revoked or discontinued for any cause, other than retirement while in good standing, I, do hereby agree to return to said Lodge #263 my Membership Card and any other material bearing the F.O.P. Insignia, such as my Auto Emblem, Lapel pin, Etc.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 SSN Last 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Shift \_\_\_\_\_ Days Off \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Insurance Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last 4 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Auto License Plate No. \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Medallion No \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Lodge Use Only) (Lodge Use Only) (Lodge Use Only)

Check or money order \_\_\_\_\_  Application  3X5 card  Payroll deduction card

Lodge President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Member \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_



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**APPLICATION FOR RETIRED MEMBERSHIP**

To the Officers of the Fraternal Order of Police:

I the undersigned, a retired, Law Enforcement Officer, do hereby make this application for Retired Active Membership in:

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**LODGE #263**

If my Membership should be revoked or discontinued for any cause, other then retirement while in good standing, I do hereby agree to return to said Lodge #263 my Membership Card and any other material bearing the F.O.P. Insignia, such as my Auto Emblem, Lapel pin, Etc. Please enclose a check or money order for \$36.00 payable to FOP Lodge #263, payment is for year membership.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 SSN Last 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Auto License Plate No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Medallion No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

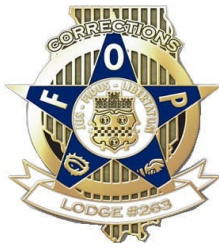
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Check or money order \_\_\_\_\_  Application  3X5 card

Lodge President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Member \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_



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**APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE / BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP**

To the Officers of the Fraternal Order of Police:

I the undersigned do hereby make application for an Associate or Business Sponsor Membership in the:

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**LODGE #263**

If my Associate Membership should be revoked or discontinued for any cause, I do hereby agree to return to said Lodge #263 my Membership Card and any other material bearing the F.O.P. Insignia, such as my Auto Emblem, Lapel pin, Etc.

An Associate Membership new member fee is \$36.00 with a \$30.00 yearly renewal fee, a Business Sponsor Membership new member fee is \$65.00 with a \$55.00 yearly renewal fee. Your membership includes an Associate Member medallion, a yearly window decal, and a yearly ID card.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Auto License Plate No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Medallion No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Lodge Use Only) (Lodge Use Only) (Lodge Use Only)

Check or money order       Application

Lodge President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Member \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_