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LONGEVITY PAY **Motorcycle Bonus**

In Memoriam

We respectfully dedicate this issue of *The Policeman* to the memory of Sergeant Joseph E. Lacey who was fatally shot by a holdup man on the morning of December 30, 1956.

Sgt. Lacey entered the Department on September 21, 1942. He went into the Navy on April 9, 1943 and came back to the Police Department on November 26, 1945.

He was very active in Police Post 456 of the American Legion and in all police affairs.

Joe Lacey was a very fine police officer. His sense of humor helped many a fellow officer out of a slump. This sense of humor made him extremely well liked by the men who worked closely with him.



—S.F. NEWS

**SERGEANT JOSEPH
EMMETT LACEY**

His death was a great loss to the Police Service.

As of January 15th the Los Angeles Police Department will have longevity pay and an increased solo motorcycle bonus.

The longevity pay in Los Angeles is for patrolmen only and is worked out by the following formula: from ten to fifteen years of satisfactory service \$13.50 per month, from fifteen to twenty years \$27.00, and after twenty years \$41.50. The motorcycle bonus or hazard pay was increased from \$25.00 to \$47.00. (Our solo motorcycle officers receive \$15.00 per month at this time.)

The longevity pay is only for patrolmen but the motorcycle pay goes to all men assigned to riding solo motorcycles up to and including the rank of Lieutenant.

Your Association wrote a letter to the Chief of Police requesting that he contact the Civil Service Commission and ask that they include these two points in their annual survey of cities of 100,000 or more population.

The Chief complied with our request
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Payroll Deductions

Arrangements have been made with the Controller of the City and County of San Francisco for the use of payroll deductions for the collection of dues of the following organizations:

- 1) The San Francisco Police Officers' Association
- 2) San Francisco Police Department Welfare Fund
- 3) S.F.P.D. Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association
- 4) American Legion, Police Post #456
- 5) Police and Firemen's Ins. Assn.

The above organizations will be combined—FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS ONLY—into one unit to be known as the "POLICEMEN'S FUND." A Fund Committee has been set up with one Officer from each organization participating. This committee will supervise the collection and disbursement of these funds to the various organizations. These men shall be bonded.

The total cost to each member to avail himself of payroll deductions will be three cents (\$0.03) per payday. This assessment is made in order to cover the charge for bookkeeping costs made by the Controller of the City and County of San Francisco.

No salaries or gratuities will be paid any member of the Board handling the "POLICEMEN'S FUND".

Members wishing to avail themselves of the payroll deductions may request these cards from the station representative of The San Francisco Police Officers' Assn. There are two cards with the following information necessary:

1) Card with the heading—"CONTROLLER'S OFFICE DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION": Fill in spaces marked "Department" (Police), "Division or Bureau" (Co.), and "Date" (the date you sign the card). The effective date leave blank. The amount to be withheld each payday can be determined by using the schedule in this bulletin. Total the amounts on the schedule and add three cents (\$0.03) to that total. Then fill in your employee number (the six digit number on your pay warrant), sign your name and your civil service classification (John Doe Q-2). Classifications are Patrolmen Q-2; Sergeants Q-50; Lieut. Q-60; etc. Please sign legibly.

2) Card with the participating organizations listed: Print SURNAME first; then first name and middle initial; Star number; Company or Bureau assigned; and the Date that you fill in the card. The authorized sum on this card is the monthly amount, as distinguished from the semi-monthly amount asked for in the first card. This amount may also be determined from the schedule.

THIS FUND IS STRICTLY FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. Payroll Deduction is not mandatory. Payment of dues may still be made directly to the organization of which you are a member. Help make the payroll deductions work successfully by signing up for one or more of the organizations listed.

1. POLICE ASSN.	\$0.17	\$0.34	\$ 4.08
2. POLICE WELFARE			
*2a.	0.34	0.68	8.16
*2b.	0.38	0.76	9.12
*2c.	0.42	0.84	10.08
*2d.	0.46	0.92	11.04
*2e.	0.55	1.10	13.20
*2f.	0.59	1.18	14.26
*2g.	0.63	1.26	15.12
*h.	0.67	1.34	16.08
3. WIDOWS & ORPHANS	1.50	3.00	36.00
4. POST #456	0.21	0.42	5.04
5. POL. & FIRE INS. ASSN.			
**5a.	1.50	3.00	36.00
**5b.	1.95	3.90	46.80

TO ANY ONE OR COMBINATION OF ABOVE:

Add 0.03 0.06 0.72

- *2 a. includes Patrolmen, Ass't. Inspectors, Women Protective Off. & Patrol Drivers.
b. includes Sergeants, Inspectors, Inspector Junior Traffic Patrol, Sec't. Police Comm. & Photographer.
c. includes Lieutenants, Inspector Motor Vehicles, Range Master & Director Spec. Services.
d. includes Captains, Criminologists, Property Cler., Director Criminal Information and Director Personnel.
e. includes Captain of Inspectors.
f. includes Department Secretary & Supervising Capt.
g. includes Director of Traffic, Chief of Inspectors, & Deputy Chief.
h. includes Chief of Police.
**5a and 5b are different types of insurance.

Editorial

Recently, after the death of Brother Joe Lacey, one of the morning newspapers carried an editorial which castigated the Police Department because, as the editorial stated, a cop killer gets more attention than the killer of an average citizen.

The speedy arrest of any criminal, whether "cop killer" or not, is the dedicated purpose of every man in this department.

Surely, the murder of a brother officer is more personal to us, but what the press sometimes loses sight of is that many other crimes have brought greater dragnets and manhunts in the past.

Recent robberies, kidnappings and numerous other crimes not connected with the death of a policeman have seen more than half of the department on full time duty.

These cases were handled with the same amount of dedication and efficiency as the attempt to solve the Lacey case.

It is a shame that we must work under such thankless circumstances, but we will go on criticized and berated, giving the people of San Francisco the finest law enforcement in the world.

Nomination of Association Officers And Directors for the Year 1957

Nominations of officers and directors for the year 1957 will be held at the January 15th meeting of this Association.

Each activity is requested to have at least two members nominated for the office of Director. The one receiving the highest number of votes will become the Director and the member receiving the next highest will become the Alternate Director.

It is requested that only those members who are desirous of running for the directorship be nominated so that your activity will be the best representation possible.

The election will be held commencing Wednesday, February 13th and concluding Friday, February 15th, 1957, and will be by secret ballot.

Any active member of the Association

in good standing is eligible to election to any office, provided, however, that no member may be nominated for the office of Director except by a member of his own unit.

NOMINATIONS OF DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND DIRECTORS

At the January Association meeting nominations will also be made to fill following vacancies caused by expiration of term.

1) 1—Captain of Police; 1—Sergeant of Police; and 2—Patrolmen.

This election will be conducted along with that of the Association.

New Men Welcomed

The officers and members of the Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members of the Department, who are now in the Academy, to the business.

These men have already been informed of the benefits derived from membership in the Association and their membership in it is earnestly solicited.

Congratulations on your appointment.

Their membership will be one of the items on the agenda at Tuesday's meeting.

Credit Union Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the San Francisco Police Department Federal Credit Union held January 4, 1957 a full report of the activities of the Credit Union was made to the membership.

A dividend of 4% was declared on all shares and new committees were elected to serve for the next year.

Carlton Vogelsang was elected President for 1957 and retiring President Louis Lang was presented with a token of appreciation for his efforts in the last year. James McGovern who was the first president was also given a token of appreciation.

In addition to the 4% dividend it was unanimously decided to carry on the Life Insurance and Loan Insurance benefits as a dividend in kind.

Your Association was instrumental in getting the SFPD Federal Credit Union started and the membership of the Association can take great pride in the growth of this fine organization.

Vital Statistics

Retirements:

Off. Wally Young 12-12
Capt. James English 1-1
Off. Fred De Lucchi 1-12
Off. Joe Bravot 1-1
Pat. Dr. Charles Powell 1-11

Promotions:

Lt. Arthur Williams to Capt. 1-1
Sgt. Hugh Elbert to Lieut. 1-1
Harold Schwartz to Sgt. 1-1
Harold Reynolds to Temp. Sgt. 12-18
William Betger to Temp. Sgt. 1-1

Appointments:

12-16
James Wertz
Nick Eterovich
Wm. Grosward
Robert Cook
Ralph Donohue
Homer Coreris
John Lopez
Greg Cruz
Peter Mayer
Marvin Green
Peter Buckley
John Warren
Richard Craib
Tom Dixon
Hike Kazarian
Angelo Mecchi

Deaths:

Sgt. Joe Lacey 12-30

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 15
8 P.M.

Dovre Hall

3548 - 18th Street

Minutes, Tues., Dec. 18, 1956, Membership Meeting

President Gardner called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

MINUTES. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the December edition of this newspaper.

BILLS. A motion was made and passed directing the payment of all current bills.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer John Burke (Bureau of Inspectors) reported a paid-up membership of 1549 members.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. Chairman Ted Dolan (Police Academy) reported that it would cost approximately \$300 for the Retirement Board to conduct an actuarial survey covering the three points gained by the firemen in the last election plus the point covering a reduction in the age of a retired member wherein he would not be limited in the amount of money he could earn.

Discussion was held on whether the latter point should be fixed at 55 years of age (providing a member has served 25 years as a member of the Department) or at an earlier age as would apply to a member who has served 30 years but has not reached age 55. The committee was directed to go further into this matter.

A report will be made on the Las Vegas meeting of the National Conference of Police Associations' Board of Directors' meeting as soon as the minutes are received from the national secretary.

FORCED RETIREMENTS AND SEPARATION. A motion was made and passed directing the Legislative Committee to seek a meeting with the Police Commission for the purpose of determining the reason for the proposed forced retirements and separation of the thirty men.

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE. Chairman Ted Dolan reported that another member who had been hurt on the solo bike will receive his disability pension the first of the year. The appeal on an-

other case goes before the Retirement Board for a vote tomorrow.

HEALTH SERVICE COMMITTEE. Health Service System Director Ted Dolan reported that Plan No. 1 is operating in the red and it is expected that some changes will be made in the near future to remove it from that status. The annual meeting of the Health Service System will be held on January 8th, 101 Grove Street.

BLOOD BANK COMMITTEE. Co-chairmen Nick Galousin (Richmond Station) and Carl Vogelsang (Traffic Engineering) reported that there are 13 units on hand. They further reported that the responses to the periodic blood drives have been extremely poor.

DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND. Director Alan Rosenbaum (Taraval Station) reported there were no new requests for contributions.

AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS. The recommendation of the November meeting providing for the change in the due date of the Association dues from July 1st each year to July 25th to coincide with the collections by payroll deductions was concurred in. The matter will now be put to a vote of the en-

A Policeman's Prayer

Dear Saint Michael, Heaven's glorious Commissioner of Police who once so neatly and successfully cleared God's premises of all its undesirables, look with kindly and professional eye on your earthly force.

Give us cool heads, stout hearts, hard punches, an uncanny flair for investigation and wise judgment.

Make us the terror of burglars, the friend of children and law-abiding citizens, kind to strangers, polite to bores, strict with lawbreakers and impervious to temptations.

In troubles and riots give us sheer muscle without temper, at the police court give us love for the truth and evidence without any thought of self.

You know, dear Saint Michael, from your experience with the Devil, that the policeman's lot on earth, is not always a happy one; but your sense of duty that so pleased God, your hard knocks that so surprised the Devil and your angelic self-control give us an inspiration. Make us loyal to the law of God as we are particular about the law of the land.

And when we lay down our night sticks, enroll us in your Heavenly Force, where we will be as proud to guard the throne of God as we have been to guard the city of men. Amen.

(by Rev. P. Gallagher, S.J.)

tire Association membership in the annual election to be held in January for their pleasure.

FALSE ARREST INSURANCE SURVEY. Secretary Hegarty reported that a copy of the Illinois state law and Chicago ordinance covering the protection of the members of the Chicago Police Department had been mailed to the Los Angeles Fire and Police Protective League for consideration in connection with their proposed legislation to be submitted to the State legislature this year.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS. The whole program will be explained in the January issue of this newspaper.

JUDGMENT FUND. Secretary Hegarty reported that the matter will be cleared up before next meeting at which time a report on the contributions will be made.

CREDIT UNION. Membership now approximates 1460.

PENALTIES INFLICTED ON MEMBERS GUILTY OF VIOLATING POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS. Discussion was entered into on the recent discipline cases. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. after a moment's silence in honor of our departed brothers.

REFRESHMENTS. Holiday refreshments were served following the meeting.

James J. Hegarty
Secretary

Longevity Pay

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and the matter is now in the hands of the Civil Service Commission.

At this writing the matter is still unresolved. There has been no definite word as to whether or not we will receive these benefits, and there has been no ruling by the City Attorney.

As this matter progresses we will keep the membership fully advised.

**HARRY D.
GRANT CO.**

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FOR CLEAN,
WHOLESOME RECREATION
BRING THE CHILDREN
TO
**WHITNEY'S
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FUN GALORE FOR EVERYONE!