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From the Director's Desk

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DSP Chaplain Oscar Frundt - a man of faith

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Knowing that God is merciful and forgiving, I am hoping not to be condemned for committing heresy. With that said, there is a new meaning to "Our Father, who art in Heaven." On April 13th, Reverend Colonel Oscar Frundt was called home. He was reunited with his loving mother Julie, his father Harold and his twin sister Mary Kate. He has been assigned to a new ministry that, I am sure, still entails watching over his flock of Delaware State Troopers, their families and our DSP civilian support staff.

Over a half century ago, on April 19th, 1962, Troopers Harold Rupert and Ray Querey were involved in a high speed pursuit that went into Pennsylvania. The driver of the vehicle they were pursuing forced the patrol car into a head-on collision with a tractor trailer. Trooper First Class Rupert was killed in the collision. Trooper Querey survived the crash and continued his 20 year career with the State Police. Other Troopers reached out to an associate pastor at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Claymont to administer Last Rites to their injured comrades. The associate pastor at Holy Rosary was Father Oscar Frundt. That was the beginning of Father O's 53 years of loyal and dedicated service to the men and women of the Delaware State Police.

After his mother passed, Father Frundt told everyone that the Delaware State Police was now his family. He proudly wore the uniform of a Trooper for more years than any past, present or future member of the DSP. The policy of the division has changed. No longer will chaplains be issued the uniform that meant so much to Father Frundt. Understandably, no one ever asked Father O to surrender his prized uniform.

Only God knows how many police funerals (line-of-duty combined with active and retired members' services) Father presided over. There is no telling how many infants and adults were welcomed into the Catholic Church at a Christening presided over by our DSP Chaplain. He was always there for us in both good times and bad.

Everyone will always remember Father O's humorous quips. One of those wisecracks resonates with me. Father Frundt said the he was approached by someone who was preparing to give a speech. The person asked Father what he should talk about. Father replied, "talk about a minute then sit down." With that said, I could go on and on writing about a person who meant so much to so many. I will simply type these few paragraphs and hit the save button.

Father Frundt did have a serious side. He often said, "You never lose what you love, if you love what you lose." Father Oscar Frundt was loved by thousands. His memory will live on as long as the Delaware State Police continues to protect and serve.

On a personal note - **thank you** Father for all that you have done for the McDerby family.

Respectfully, **Kevin**



From the Archives



Another Marine in Cleanup

2/5/1924

Corporal Who Served Under Butler
Polices Sussex County, Del.

(From Philadelphia Evening Bulletin)

Georgetown, Del., Feb. 5 - Sussex county, Del., following the fashion of the times, now has a "clean-up" man at the head of its Police Department.

The new chief is Ray Ingram, corporal in the State Highway Police, and former gunnery sergeant in the Marines. He served eight years with the "Devil Dogs". In Hayti he served under General Butler.

Corporal Ingram is a great admirer of General Butler. He has only five men under him, but as the county is rather small he keeps the roads clear of bootleggers and reckless automobile drivers.

He was one of the first three State policemen brought to Delaware as an experiment. The work of the three men was so satisfactory that a well-working police force now patrols the State road.



STATE POLICE ARE NEARLY SELF SUSTAINING

2/8/1924

According to the State Highway Police Department, \$1,960.00 has been taken in in fines during the month of January. The expenses of the department were \$2520.27; total number of arrests made, 80; reprimands, 367. The arrests were for the following offenses: Reckless driving, 13; no operator's license, 13; improper tag, 11; improper driver's license, 9; no mirror on truck, 7; overloaded truck, 5; transporting liquor, 5; improper lights, 4; driving while under the influence of liquor, 3; unregistered car, 2; assault and battery, 2; assault, 1; throwing glass on the highway, 1; operating car when license had been revoked, 1.

Bad Hootch Makes Two Recover in Hospital

3/23/1924

State Highway Policeman Charles Knox, early last night, found two unconscious men lying beside the road near Farnhurst, and beside them a quart bottle nearly empty, containing denatured alcohol purchased at a local paint store.

Fearing that the men might die from the effects of the poisonous drink he notified the police station and the ambulance was sent and took th men to the Delaware Hospital. After remaining at the hospital until their condition seemed much improved, the men were taken to the police station and locked up as drunks, so that they could be watched during the night.

The names given by the men were Caleb Nahn, aged 56 years, and Charles Harkins, aged 34 years.



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In Memoriam

*Our Fallen Heroes
Lest we Forget*

**Sandra Marie Wagner
1968-1996**



April 5, 1996



**Harold B. Rupert
1928-1962**



April 19, 1962



**William I. Jearman
1937-1979**



May 12, 1979

**Raymond B. Wilhelm
1920-1951**



May 30, 1951





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In Memorium

*Our Fallen Heroes
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**George W. Emory
1946-1972**



June 2, 1972



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events



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“The Thin Blue Line”

May 6th - DSP Memorial service at HQ and FOP Memorial Service at Legislative Hall



In the Oven:

Watch for the launch of the new Online Store.



We've revitalized our Facebook page.



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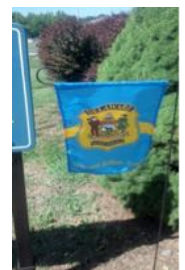
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Building a Legacy



**Delaware State Police
Chaplain Oscar Frundt**



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