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Oakland P.D. - Retired

- Greetings from a very dry Northern Nevada. Here we are, the end of the 1st quarter of the year. We certainly can't say it's "business as usual" as we settle in after a more than entertaining end of 2024 election season. Whether you lean left, right, or even center, I am sure you will see things done, good & bad, that might leave you scratching your head!
- As is usually the case, this 1st qtr. issue is usually lacking any recap of our past events. New and fresh content is hard to come by. I have requested members to submit articles in the past but those requests have mostly fallen on deaf ears, as has the request for members to step up and take more ownership of your organization.
- As far as participation in your organization, that also seems to be lacking. To date, there is little interest in both the upcoming annual ride in July, as well as the convention in September. As a result, the convention's Tuesday wine tour has been put on hold. It would be imprudent to pay the winery's high non-refundable deposit not knowing if we will have enough members to hold a convention.
- We have been asking for years, why are most fraternal organizations failing. The "AI" generated article, on page 2, points out many valid reasons.

Future MMOC Events

32nd Annual Motorcycle Ride—July 2025

We are headed to Hells Canyon, bordering on Oregon & Idaho. We will make Baker City, Oregon as our base camp and take day rides from there. See more info. in this issue.

95th Annual Convention, 15-18 September 2025

The 2025 convention will be held in Temecula, CA. We have reserved rooms at the beautiful Temecula Creek Inn. Come join us as we go wine tasting (maybe) at beautiful Temecula wineries.

See more information on page 3.

Words of Wisdom

- **One of life's mysteries – How can a two-pound box of candy make a person gain five pounds?**
- **Politicians and diapers have one thing in common; they should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.**
- **Love is grand – divorce is a hundred grand!**

Why are Fraternal Organizations Dying Out

- Fraternal organizations are declining due to a combination of factors including changing social norms, demographic shifts, increased individualization, lack of relevance in modern society, difficulty attracting younger generations, and a perceived lack of need for the community and social support they once provided, particularly with the rise of technology and online social connections.
- Changes in Social Engagement:
 - o Generational shift: Older generations who were heavily involved in fraternal organizations are aging, and younger generations are less likely to prioritize membership in such groups.
 - o Modern society offers a multitude of entertainment and social options, particularly through digital platforms. This has led to a decrease in traditional face-to-face social interactions.
 - o People's schedules are often more demanding, leaving less time for participation in fraternal organizations.
- Shifting Societal Values:
 - o Some of the traditional values and rituals of fraternal organizations may seem outdated or irrelevant to younger generations.
 - o Increased emphasis on individualism can conflict with the collective nature of these organizations.
- Decline in Civic Engagement:
 - o There's a general trend of declining participation in various civic and voluntary organizations, not just fraternal ones.
- Difficulties in Adapting:
 - o Some fraternal organizations have struggled to adapt to changing demographics and social norms.
 - o Resistance to change, such as modernizing practices or welcoming diverse memberships, has hindered growth.
- Competition from Other Social Outlets:
 - o The rise of online communities, social media, and specialized interest groups provides alternative avenues for social connection.
- Perceived Lack of Necessity:
 - o Historically, fraternal organizations provided forms of social safety nets, like insurance and community support. With the rise of government provided social programs, some of the needs that these organizations filled have been reduced.

In essence, the decline is a combination of societal shifts, changing values, and challenges in adapting to the modern world.

95th Annual Convention



The 2025 convention will be in Temecula, CA Monday, 15 Sep — Thursday, 18 Sep (checkout day).

As is customary, the Past-President's dinner will be held on Sunday, 14 September. All members are invited to attend, however; non-staff are required to pay for their dinners. There is a checkbox on the registration form if you plan to attend this dinner.

On Tuesday (wine tasting on hold)

Hotel Activities w/costs: Yoga classes on The Meadows Lawn, Golf – 27-hole golf course, Cocktail Creation Experience, Whiskey and Tequila Tasting Experience, Sommelier Directed-Classroom Experience, Glow Ball - Mini Glow Ball Tournament (evening event), 2-mile Hiking Trail (no cost)

The importance of this convention cannot be understated. The future of MMOC will be finalized! As such, your registration fee will be fully refunded to you upon your attendance for the entire convention dates. Registration fees will not be refunded for non/or partial attendance.

MMOC is financially responsible for reserved rooms not booked at the **Temecula Creek Inn**. At this time I have reserved a limited number of rooms on a first come-first served basis. If that number is met I will be able to reserve more rooms. If you attempt to book a room and are informed there is no availability please contact me ASAP so I can block more rooms. This is a bit of an inconvenience for everyone but it can save MMOC thousands of dollars in the long run.

See the flyer in this issue for registration and booking information.

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MMOC Positions and Duties

I've listed the positions and duties that make up 99% of the work to keep this organization functioning. You will see that many "Positions" are currently filled, however they are all available as ALL of the people in those positions have been there for many years. If you are not sure if you want to become a Director but would like to know a bit more about how we operate you can certainly take on one of the "Duties" listed to get your feet wet. Also, ANY MEMBER can attend the Zoom board meetings, which will also give you some insight as to MMOC's inner workings. I have formulated a list of functions for the below listed positions and duties which I can discuss with you.

Once again, the future of the organization is up to you!

Positions

Director 2-year terms

President (Filled—Wayne)
Vice-president (Filled—Hodson)
Director (Filled—Pressnell)
Director (Filled—T. Bailey)
Director (Vacant)

Staff – no specific time limit

Treasurer (Filled—Gray)
Secretary (Filled—Nishiyama)

Duties

Siren Newsletter Editor (Wayne)
Membership Renewal Coordinator (Wayne)
Website Webmaster (Wayne)
Annual Ride Coordinator (Pressnell)
Annual Convention Coordinator (Wayne)
"Every 15 Minutes" Donation Coordinator (Wayne)
Events Coordinator (vacant)

Contact me for further information:

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**Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California
95th Annual Convention
September 15 – 18 (checkout day), 2025**



**Temecula Creek Inn (TCI)
44501 Rainbow Canyon
Temecula, CA 92592**



ROOMS
Executive King \$174 + 12.45% tax per night
Hotel Registration
(Deadline is 01 May 2025)
[Click here for Online Registration](#) or (844) 382-7774 refer to MMOC

MMOC REGISTRATION (Remove and Return with Payment - Please Print)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Department _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Registration deadline is 01 May 2025 Refunds will not be issued after this date

Attendance fee is \$150 Per Person – (will be refunded if you stay at TCI for the entire convention dates) Make checks payable to MMOC - Mail check & this form to 208 S. Barranca Ave. #8, Glendora, CA 91741 Or register online @ www.mmoc.org, using PayPal or Zelle (if paying by Zelle use: dwayne@mmoc.org as recipient)

Monday' lunch & Wednesday night's dinner will be buffet style.

If you are attending the **no-host** Past President's dinner (Sunday 09/14), indicate how many in your party _____

If you have any questions contact us at (925) 768-5432

32nd Annual Motorcycle Ride – Hells Canyon – 15 - 21 July 2025



"Hells Canyon, often referred to as the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific," offers a breathtaking combination of rugged terrain, stunning views, and winding roads that make it a favorite destination for motorcycle enthusiasts. Nestled on the Idaho-Oregon border, this dramatic landscape presents both challenges and rewards, providing the ideal backdrop for an unforgettable ride".

The base will be Baker City, OR. That will be the official meeting spot. We will spend 3 nights there, split up by 1 night in Clarkston, WA (see below). **We have not** reserved any rooms at hotels because it has become increasingly more difficult to avoid MMOC being responsible for rooms not booked. Contact the hotels listed below to book your rooms. What I have listed below is where I have already booked my rooms for the ride. The Best Western in Baker City is very a nice hotel with a pool & restaurant and is perfect as our base hotel.

For those of you who may be traveling in our direction here is Ride Director Pressnell & my itinerary:

Tuesday 15 July-Lakeview, OR-Best Western 414 N G St, Lakeview, OR 97630 (541) 947-2194

(Many of you have stayed at the Best Western in Lakeview, OR, on previous rides. One thing I discovered with BW in Lakeview is if you go to their site it shows no rooms are available. I would either try calling them or going to Expedia, which is how I booked it)

Wednesday 16 July - Best Western - 1 Sunridge Ln, Baker City, OR 97814 **Phone:** (541) 523-6444

Thursday 17 July - Holiday Inn Express - 700 Port Dr, Clarkston, WA 99403 **Phone:** (509) 758-9500

Friday 18 July - Best Western - 1 Sunridge Ln, Baker City, OR 97814 **Phone:** (541) 523-6444

Saturday 19 July - Best Western - 1 Sunridge Ln, Baker City, OR 97814 **Phone:** (541) 523-6444

Sunday 20 July - Super 8 Motel -1157 W Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca, NV 89445 **Phone:** (775) 375-0113

Monday - Home

** Please contact Dewey if you are going on the ride or if you have any questions. deweys76@aol.com - (510) 301-1804

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James Joseph O'Brien Jr.

DOB: Oct. 11, 1945

EOW: April 12, 2024

California Highway Patrol

Joined MMOC: 1979

Jim born on October 11, 1945, in Napa. J.J. served in the California Army National Guard from 1966 to 1981 and dedicated over 31 years of his life as a Motor Officer for the California Highway Patrol from 1967 to 1998. His commitment to service extended beyond his military and law enforcement careers as he also worked at the Napa Post Office. J.J. was a devoted outdoorsman who found solace in hunting, fishing, and diving. His passion for the outdoors was evident in the legendary weekend wild game (Roadkill) BBQs he hosted, where he generously shared his bounty of Venison, Elk, Moose, Wild Boar, Salmon, and Abalone, with friends and family.

He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of over 39 years, Lisa O'Brien; sister and brother-in-law, William Dugan and Patricia (O'Brien) Dugan; sons: James Joseph O'Brien III, Kevin Michael O'Brien, Sean Michael O'Brien, Kyle Thomas O'Brien; granddaughters: Kiera, Sloane, and Fallon O'Brien; grandsons: Ronan and Hunter O'Brien; numerous nieces, nephews and many cousins. J.J. was preceded in death by his parents, James Joseph O'Brien Sr. and Thelma M. (Biale) O'Brien.

J.J.'s life was honored at a service at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church 3700 Lassen Street, Napa, CA, 94558; on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

J.J. will be remembered for his dedication to his community, his love of the outdoors, and the joy he brought to those around him through his kindness and generosity.



Harvey George Harrison

DOB: July 08, 1936

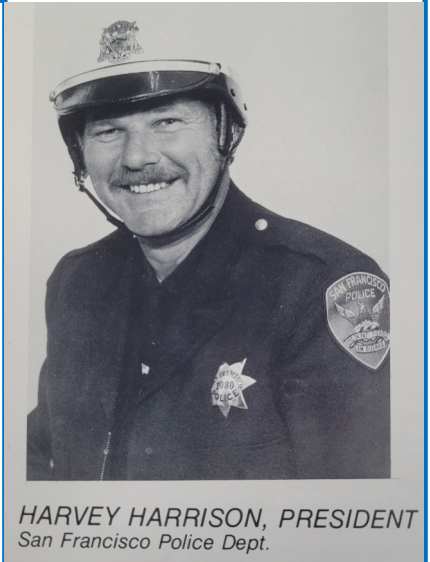
EOW: December 13, 2024

San Francisco Police Department

Joined MMOC: 1963

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Past President 1977



*HARVEY HARRISON, PRESIDENT
San Francisco Police Dept.*

(written by Ray Harrison)

Harvey George Harrison, was born on 07/08/1936 in the New York, NY. He lived in The Bronx NY as a very young boy. His parents moved out to San Francisco and at age six. Harvey's life got a bit rough after Harvey lost his father, Erwin Harrison, in a work related accident while working for the railroads. He was shipped back to New York to live for a few years with an Aunt and family. He returned to San Francisco as a teenager and lived in Visitation Valley (SF) and entered the US Navy at age 17 and served in Korea. When he returned he joined the SF Police Department, where he served for 31 years. Twenty Four of those years were on the motorcycles. He retired as a Sergeant.

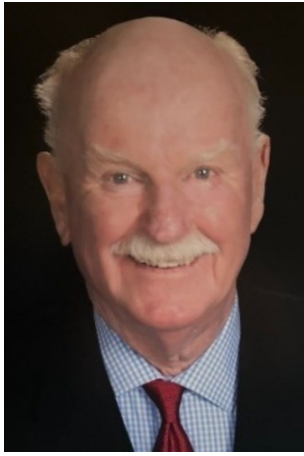
Harvey also served 25 years as US Coast Guard Reserves. He was a Chief Petty Officer, in charge of Port Security.

Harvey, and many other retired PD, was part of the security Team at Bay Meadows Racetracks for 15 years, post SFPD retirement.

After his wife of 55 years passed away in December, 2016, he lived his final years in their home on the San Mateo Peninsula.

Harvey enjoyed a regular weekly card game, was an advent reader (sometimes two novels a week) and went to the gym at 6:00 a.m. every, and I mean EVERY Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

He succumbed to cancer and heart failure that placed him into Home Hospice care November 22, 2024 where he lived out his final days surrounded by his family and loved ones. He is survived by his three children, Michael, Raymond and Laurie.



Martin Joseph Kilgariff

DOB: February 27, 1935

EOW: December 18, 2024

San Francisco Police Department

Joined MMOC: 2008

Martin Joseph Kilgariff passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family. Born to Annie and Martin Kilgariff and raised on Faxon Ave. in the Ingleside, he was the second of nine children. Martin attended St. Emydius and Lincoln HS. He served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany. Martin received his BA in PE from SF State, MA in Public Admin. from Golden Gate University and a JD from Lincoln Law School. He was employed by the SFPD, SFFD and CCSF where he touched many lives over his 40 year teaching career. He loved golf and was a timekeeper for CCSF football. Martin was involved in: the Serra Club, St. Stephen's, Hibernian Newman, Sons of the Shake, Holy Cross Mission Center, Pomeroy Center, Riordan HS, St. Brendan's, Holy Sepulchre, SF Youth Court, HICAP, SF Civil Grand Jury and Star of The Valley Church.

His Irish heritage and Catholic faith were core to his identity and he believed in giving back to his community. Martin was a man of intense curiosity, who liked to tinker, travel and was a gracious host to all. He loved ice cream and we will fondly recall the times we shared a cone or bowl of his favorite treat.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Carole (Peixotto); 4 children; Martin (Eileen), Stephen (Yvonne), Aileen Catanzarita (Michael), and Mary Kate Weese (Ken); 11 grandchildren; Martin (Lauren), Kathleen (Mike), Kevin (Tatiana), Rebecca (Nate), Sarah, Colette, Thomas, John, Ryan, Anna, and Claire and his great-grandchildren; Sammy, MJ, Dean and Will; his siblings and in-laws; John Cloherty, Michelle, Michael (Liza), Jim, Rich Castro, Sister Mary RSM, Kevin, Josephine Brown and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his siblings and in-laws; Teresa, John, Kathleen, Pat, Dan, Dan Peixotto, and Fr. Joe Peixotto CSC.