

Retiree Luncheon

It happens each year in December
Our department takes pause to remember
Those who have served and are now retired
Now known as “retirees” a title proudly acquired

The event takes the form of a noon time meal
Where retirees from the department gather and reveal
Many come early for more time to talk of things old
Where legends, events and war stories are repeatedly told

Many appear the same, unaffected by the years
While others seem to be paying the price in arrears
But for a brief time everyone seems to enjoy
Reliving through others the past days of their employ

To be a part of this group I am both honored and proud
For our work was honorable and we remain unbowed
We are law enforcement retirees, a status which makes us unique
Even though the years may be slowly stealing our physique

Thanks to our department and the Fraternal Order of Police
We hope your efforts to remember and acknowledge us will never cease
Our collective contributions were many during our serving years
And we are proud to be retired with distinguished careers.

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This poem is dedicated to FOP Lodge #2 for the consistent support of active and retired law enforcement personnel. Each year they have funded this retirement luncheon for retired members of the Durham Police Department. On behalf of all retirees I thank you for remembering our service.