

**TO: CHICAGO LODGE #7 /BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
/UNIT REPRESENTATIVES  
/WATCH REPRESENTATIVES  
/MEMBERS**

**FROM: SIDNEY M. DAVIS  
RECORDING SECRETARY**

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL  
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 2005  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 1905 hours.

### ***Opening Prayer by Recording Secretary***

#### **Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:**

William J. Zeilenga, Robert J. Noonan, Fred J. Nelson, Jr., Ralph L. Blöse, John J. Muscarella, John P. Murray, Eugene M. Simpson, Jr., Lynn E. Brezinski, Regina Brown, Clinton H. Gandy, Sr., Ronald E. Prueser, Don Roberts, Edward LaPierre, Richard J. Hough, Donald D. Murray, Louis F. Schoenfeldt, Richard G. Dornbos, John T. Boyle, Ronald T. Pevitts, Lawrence E. Van Arkel, Dorothy P. McCune, Rudolph J. Uldrych, Herbert T. Manney, George A. Dzierzynski, Russell J. Baran, Thomas W. Bolling, Raymond L. Drygalski, Dale P. Finstrom, Sandra Kalis, Thomas J. McKay, Kenneth J. Moranz, Robert P. Naughton, George A. Spila, Anthony Tranchita, Donald R. Winter, John D. Zickus, John R. Hurley, Esteban Chavez, Robert L. Scott, Frank J. Cunningham, Eugene C. Klich, Joe J. Parisi, Jr.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Guest Speakers:** President Donahue informed the membership that a member from Waukegan Lodge will be selling chances (rear of hall) for their annual fundraiser. A representative from Easter Seals is here to speak on the Walk with Me scheduled for this Sunday (September 25<sup>th</sup>) at Brookfield Zoo. Leslie McMahon from P.L.E.A. has insurance policies for the carry and conceal (retired members).

Police Officer Jim Curry (Awards Chairmen) announced this month awards

## **AWARDS**

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:**

*The following officers were awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:*

Police Officer Timothy Gaskin, Police Officer Verlisher Syas, Police Officer Jacob Molina, Police Officer David Williams, Police Officer Whitney Russo, Police Officer John Granat, Police Officer Petar Brkovic, Police Officer Christopher Pinzine, Police Officer Donald Stankowski, Police Officer Joseph Kwiatkowski, Police Officer Paul Escamilla, Police Officer Ali Haleem, Police Officer Charles Kleidon, Police Officer Timothy Szarzynski, Police Officer Daniel Aguilera, Police Officer Gildardo Sierra

## **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on June 21, 2005 were provided to those in attendance.

**Motion by** Bill Nolan  
**2nd by** James Moriarty  
**Motion:** To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed  
**Motion passes**

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **President's Report**

#### **Mark Donahue**

**Payroll Checks:** The Lodge has spent a good portion of the summer receiving complaints regarding errors on members payroll checks. We met with the City on September 9<sup>th</sup>, in which Marv Shear took full responsibility for the problems involving uniform checks. The Lodge was assured all the problems would be worked out soon.

#### **National Convention**

**New Orleans:** The National Convention was recently held in New Orleans (first week of Aug, 05). Dave Hiller of Michigan defeated incumbent Ken Rocks of Philadelphia (Lodge 5) for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Philadelphia (FOP Lodge 5) had been rumored to be pulling out of FOP, Lodge 7 has offered it's assistance to the

National Lodge and to Philadelphia Lodge 5 to find resolve in this matter. The Board of Directors during the September

Board Meeting voted to send \$25,000. 00 to the National FOP Disaster Relief Fund which will be disbursed to FOP State Lodge Presidents (for FOP officers) in the affected States. The Lodge has further received correspondence asking for uniforms, members are asked to contribute any items that are serviceable and clean. Board member Kevin Graham has donated a Kerry Wood Jersey (to be raffled) in which the proceeds will go to hurricane relief fund.

**Public Act**

**94-0103 :** On July 1<sup>st</sup>, PA 94-0103 was signed into law by Governor Blagovich, this act sets the stage for the Police Training Standards Board to set the requirements for retired members regarding the carry and conceal bill. The Lodge is expecting the entire process to be in place by the end of the week. The required forms will be placed online by the Police Training Standards Board early next week. Lodge 7 will have a link (FOP website) to their website. In the current FOP newsletter (September 2005, page 10) the Board of Directors endorsed an insurance policy for members wanting to take advantage of a insurance policy dealing with carry and conceal for retired members as well as active members.

**President Donahue also spoke on the following issues:**

Cook County Board regarding legislation on carry and concealing a weapon

Ryan Harris Case, City to make a settlement

FOP Newsletter, members from the media reading our newsletters from the website

3% Cola, movement to get it into the veto session next month

Assistance in the legislative agenda dealing with administrative review at the Pension Board (Disability and Duty Disability cases).

Contract Books, Unit Reps ( received on August 30<sup>th</sup>) to distribute the books to members.

Problem with pay scale (contract book), simple errors (typo) found that need to be corrected.

Pilot Program, changing starting times (004, 006), The program is on hold for now.

Richard Lis Memorial Scholarship Fund, application (September newsletter, page 8), drawing at the October General meeting .

**Endorsements:** The Board of Directors voted to endorse candidates (September Board meeting) running for positions on the Pension Board. Steve Robbins (001) unanimously was endorsed for the position of representing officers below the rank of sergeant. The Lodge endorsed (first time ever endorsing the Sergeant's position) Sgt Mike Lazzaro, Two candidates who are equally qualified were endorsed for the retired position, John Dineen (current member for retiree's) and Ken Hauser (current officer for active members) who will be retiring prior to the election and also running for the retired position along with John Dineen. The Lodge asks that members consider the Board's endorsements seriously and be sure to vote.

Packages were sent out to Unit Reps promoting the use of a Blogspot which addresses police concerns. The Lodge did not send these packages out even through return addresses were that of the Lodge. The Lodge is looking into the matter.

**The following members spoke on issues of the day:**

**Zelda Turner, Unit 015:** Spoke on the issue of carry and conceal and errors on the pay scale (contract book)

**Kevin Jans, Unit 019:** Spoke on the issue of Pension Board endorsements

**Ray Dexter, Unit 020:** Spoke on the issue of the new proposed helicopter unit

**Darrin Bourret, Unit 001:** Submitted a Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge No. 7 Awards Committee Nomination Form for Lodge 7 members who went to New Orleans and assisted people effected by Hurricane Katrina.

**Maurice Thigpen, Unit 006:** Thanked FOP for the handling of the changing of start times (004, 006), also speaking on the issue of the 6<sup>th</sup> District personal who helped a retired officer and evacuees from New Orleans, the new pay stubs from finance and the pre pay legal.

**Kerry Tierney, Unit 017:** Spoke on the issue of the FOP website relief fund and the donation of \$25,000 voted on by the Board of Directors also endorsements including amounts of funds given to candidates.

**Ronald White, Unit 025:** Spoke on the issue of letter (Operational Services) sent to 3 Lodge members who are qualified (CPD ) to fly helicopters, including a meeting with the individuals and the proposed pay scale for flying helicopters.

**John Tierney, Unit 016:** Spoke on the issue of financial backing by FOP on candidates running for positions on the Pension Board.

**Motion by John Tierney**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Jans**

**Motion: That any active dues paying member running for a position with the Pension Board receive no financial backing from the Fraternal Order of Police.**

*Discussion on the motion*

**President Donahue:** This motion has no bearing on the actions already taken by the Board of Directors (September Board of Directors) in which candidates received funding for their campaigns. The motion may possibly impact future elections.

**Motion Fails**

**Don Eichler, Unit 023:** Spoke on the issue of article 23.11 (Details), regarding Community Policing Officers

**Maurice Thigpen, Unit 006:** Spoke on the issue of manpower shortage (2<sup>nd</sup> watch) in the 6<sup>th</sup> District and referencing Special Order 95-1-1 on the matter. A grievance has been filed.

**Motion by John Cary**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Zelda Turner**  
**Motion: To accept the President's Report.**  
**Motion passes**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report**

### **Frank DiMaria**

**Firearm Safety Day:** Since the last meeting (June 2005), in which my report was on the firearms safety day inspection event held on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, representatives from Smith and Wesson, Beretta and Sig were present. Ruger was not in attendance. The Lodge is happy to report that Ruger will be in attendance at the next firearm safety day inspection.

**Uniform Resale:** The next uniform resale has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at the F.O.P. Hall from 1300 hours until 1800 hours. Volunteers are needed to assist with the sale, please contact Frank DiMaria at 312-733-7776 if you'd like to volunteer.

**Protective Vest:** A settlement has been reached on the zylon lawsuit regarding protective vest. An out of court settlement of 29 million was reached on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2005. Three of their vests were on recalled (Tri Flex, Ultima and Ultimax), You are a member of this class action lawsuit if you owned one of these vests, and if you have not sign on are encouraged to call 1-877-567-2754 to sign yourself on to the lawsuit.

There is a Federal grant to assist officers who have purchased zylon vests. The cut-off date to sign on is September 22th, The Law Department and Research and Development are still researching the issue to see if our officers are entitled to this grant.

**Parole Request:** Johnny Veal who was convicted of the murders of two Chicago Police Officers in 1970 (Cabini Green) officers are asked to sign the reject the parole request forms and keep this murdered in prison. These forms can be found in districts, units and at the F.O.P. Office.

**Rich Aguilar, Unit 016:** Spoke on the issue of the fall inspection (November) that may possibility require officers to remove the vest from it's cover to show the serial number for documentation.

*Discussion on the issue*

**Motion by** Al Francis Jr.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Tom McGinnelly  
**Motion:** To accept the 2nd Vice President's report  
**Motion passes**

## **3rd Vice President's Report**

### **By Greg Bella**

**Legal Defense:** Over the summer the Lodge had sixteen (16) call outs in which twenty-nine (29) officers were involved in fifteen (15) shootings and one (1) suicide. DSP's, there were one hundred-three (103) cases heard of which an alternate recommendation was given in thirty-four (34) cases, no recommendation in sixty-nine (69) cases.

**Audit / C.R.'s** The Lodge is waiting for results from the Department regarding an audit on C.R. numbers since last August (2004). Preliminary numbers indicate a significant decrease. The Lodge is hoping to see a decrease in police shootings this year.

Shootings over the past few years:

2001	48
2002	42
2003	69
2004	64
2005	40 (to date)

**Hand books:** Legal Defense handbooks should be completed by late October / early November, at which time a Legal Defense seminar will be given to all Unit Reps first, then a seminar to all other members who will also receive a legal defense handbook.

*Thank you to Al Francis Jr. for his quick response to calling FOP regarding a shooting ( TRU Unit) that occurred recently.*

**Sue Trempe-Ryan, Unit 057:** Spoke on the issue of the Stress Management Training (cancellation of the program)

*Discussion on the Behavior Intervention System and Personal Concerns Program*

**Video Tapes:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Bella further spoke on the video tapes regarding the incident at Ford City involving several officers including in house attorney Dan Herbert working on behalf of the officers.

**Rich Aguilar, Unit 016:** Spoke on the issue of insurance for retiree's (carry and conceal)

**Don Richardson, Unit 022:** Spoke on the issue of the Stress Management Program.

**EAP:** Lodge members are reminded that EAP (Employee Assistance Program) is a benefit for officers and their families. Also, that in a emergency, call them anytime for assistance and counseling. The service is free.

**Motion by Sid Davis**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Francis Jr.**

**Motion: To accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's report**

**Motion passes**

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President having addressed responsibilities as the on-call rep during the meeting tendered the following report*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report By Bill Dougherty**

**Medical Grievances:** Since the last General meeting in June forty-five (45) medical grievances were filed, of which thirty-six (36) were for denial of I.O.D., six (6) officers who were placed on psychological evaluations, two (2) for bills that were denied through benefits management and three (3) for other reasons.

**Ambulatory Service:** A grievance has been filed regarding ambulatory and stationary service complaints

**Referral List:** The doctor's referral list has been placed on the FOP website under current events, members are encouraged to print a copy for future reference.

**Time Certain**

**Board Meetings:** The Board of Directors recently voted to change time certain from 1300 hours to 12 noon starting with the October Board meeting.

**Health Fairs:** The Board approved Advocate to run the Lodge's Health Fairs possibility starting this November which will include flu shots.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President also spoke on the following issues

Wellness program

Pension Board Elections, **please vote.**

**Fatigue Management Program:** Location is at [www.workhoursandsafety.org](http://www.workhoursandsafety.org), this site allows members to participate in a study of scheduled work hours. This is a prospective national survey to examine the work hours of police officers and to see how these schedules impact health and safety.

**Star Encasements:** Order forms for the star encasements are now available to retiree's, duty and occupational disability police officers. The program will be available through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Members may contact Acrylic Encasement Project, Chicago Police Personnel Division, 3510 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago IL 60653-1020. The Personnel Division, upon receipt of the request and the self-addressed envelope, will respond with the appropriate forms, encasement options and form completion instructions via U.S. Mail. Members should include the following information in the letter. Their full name, exactly as recorded in department records, last assigned star number, last assigned or detail unit number. Lodge members may log onto the FOP website to get information the Star Encasement Program.

**Bridgett Cronin, Unit 377:** Spoke on the issue of an officer (Unit 377) regarding an I.O.D. incident

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dougherty spoke on the incident of the I.O.D.*

**Motion by Sue Trempe-Ryan**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Rufo**  
**Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report.**  
**Motion passes**

## **Recording Secretary's Report** **By Sidney M. Davis**

**Insurance Policies:** Lodge members are asked to check each and every life insurance policy or any documents that may list a beneficiary. If you have recently divorce or have decided to change the way you want funds distributed regarding an insurance policy, you must contact the agency of the policy and change the beneficiary otherwise someone you don't want to get it will get it.

**Ambulance Service:** Section 25.3 of the Agreement between Fraternal Order of Police (Lodge 7) and the City of Chicago states that Active Officers and their dependants will be exempt from fees for emergency medical services performed by the Chicago Fire Department. Members who used this service and received a bill from the City of

Chicago for services rendered should contact the Personnel Division at 312-745-5390 and request an "Ambulance Waiver Form". Complete said form and return it to Police Headquarters at 3510 S. Michigan, Unit 123.

**Military Reservist:** As of today's date thirty-one (31) police officers have been activated of which fourteen (14) are currently on foreign soil. Officers are asked to contact Sol at Personnel when notified of a pending deployment and to contact Sid Davis at the Lodge. Officers should also contact Sol and the Lodge upon returning back from deployment.

**B.I.S. / P.C.P.:** Currently there are sixty-seven (67) officers enrolled in Behavior Intervention System and sixteen (16) officers enrolled in the Personal Concerns Program. Placement into either program is intended to be non-punitive and is done for the specific purpose of correcting job performance. It is not a disciplinary process, nor is the system designed to interfere with promotion, transfer, bidding, or other employment benefits. Members who are currently enrolled in either program are encouraged to contact the Lodge to be possibly removed from the rolls of BIS or PCP.

**Fall Uniform Inspection:** General Order 98-10, add (1), Unit Commanding Officers will conduct an annual formal inspection of the winter dress uniform, including helmet, flashlight, personal aerosol OC chemical device and holder, rainwear, personal soft body armor, and City of Chicago Firearms Registration (CPD-31.562) for the prescribed firearm, between 1 and 10 November. Make-up inspections will be conducted and deficiencies will be corrected within 7 days of the formal inspection, or upon the member's return from an absence, i.e. medical, furlough, etc. Check your weapons card, FOID card, Drivers License, be sure that all are up to date.

**Motion by** Joe Butney  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Ed King Jr.  
**Motion:** To accept the Recording Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Treasurer's Report By John Capparelli**

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,685; Sgts. & Above/276; Disabled/408; Retired/5,356; Outside Units/7; Total Membership: 17,732

### **Account Deposits and Disbursements:**

Membership Account Deposits for August 2005: \$617,474.13  
Membership Account Disbursements for August 2005: \$389,562.55  
Membership Account Balance as of September 1, 2005: \$1,090,545.44

General Account Deposits for August 2005: \$32,368.42  
General Account Disbursements for August 2005: \$500.00  
General Account Balance as of September 1, 2005: \$38,501.85

Store Account Deposits for August 2005: \$70,707.23  
Store Account Disbursements for August 2005: \$60,842.42  
Store Account Balance as of September 1, 2005: \$78,968.60

PAC Deposits for August 2005: \$0.00  
PAC Disbursements for August 2005: \$0.00  
PAC Account Balance as of September 1, 2005: \$1,111.31

Legal Defense Account Balance as of September 1, 2005: \$3,966,566.14

WCMA Loan Account Balance as of September 1, 2005: \$0.00

Investment Account Balance as of September 1, 2005: \$28,248.68

Total Assets on Hand as of September 1, 2005: \$4,114,487.13

**FOP Building:** There is no longer a loan for the FOP building Lodge 7, the mortgage has been paid off in full.

Treasurer Capparelli spoke on the issue of the comptroller's office and pay problems being experienced by Lodge members.

**Motion by** Don Richardson  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Gerry Majerczyk  
**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Financial Secretary's Report By Timothy Fallon**

**Arbitration Cases:** This past summer the Lodge had three (3) big arbitration cases resolved.

*Financial Secretary Tim Fallon spoke on each case which are listed in the September FOP newsletter.*

**Rhonda Bullock, Unit 134:** Spoke on the issue of denial of comp time (FLSA)

**Motion by** Bill Nolan  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Bill Dougherty  
**Motion:** To accept the Financial Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT'S**

## **Constitution and By-Laws**

### **By James Moriarty**

There was one change for the Constitution and one change for the By-Laws. The change for the Constitution was submitted by Brother Mike Garza, Constitution Article VII, Section 12, change is in **bold;** All election materials, used and unused, shall be impounded by the chairman, and maintained by the Lodge President or his designee for one year from the date of the election, along with the results. **Respecting the officer's privacy, no information on the voting materials shall be released.** If no protests are registered as to certification of results, such materials must be destroyed one year after the day of the election. The Election Committee shall dissolve thirty days after the election.

Recommendation by the committee was to reject this proposal and once presented to the full Board, voted to accept the recommendation of the committee.

**President Donahue:** Recommendation moved and seconded by the committee, the committee's recommendation is for rejection.

*Discussion on the recommendation*

**President Donahue:** Any further discussion, on the motion on the floor to accept the recommendation of the committee to reject the proposal.

*Discussion on the motion to reject*

**Motion passes.**

**James Moriarty:** The last proposal (By-Laws) was submitted by Brother Ed King Jr. The committee recommended adoption of the proposal to the full Board who also accepted the recommendation of the committee.

By-laws Article 10, Section 1, the proposal will add one standing committee (in bold)

- A. The following will be the Standing Committees:
1. Grievance
  2. Safety
  3. Legal
  4. Disabilities
  5. Retiree
  6. Constitution and By-laws
  7. Legislative
  8. **Health and Insurance**

*Discussion on the proposal*

**President Donahue:** Any further discussion, on the recommendation of the committee to adopt the proposal .

**Recommendation passes.**

## OLD BUSINESS

**Zelda Turner, Unit 015:** Spoke on the issue of residency (any updates)

## NEW BUSINESS

**Deanna Maldonado, Unit 701:** Spoke on the issue of the World Police and Fire Games hosted in Quebec City, Quebec Canada. The event that I participated in was darts and won 2 gold medals and 2 silver medals. The medals have been encased in a shadow box and these medals are now being presented to FOP.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Mike Garza, Unit 004:** Spoke on the issue of the proposed changing of start time (004, 006), thanking FOP for intervening which resulted with no change to the current starting times.

**David Ryan, Unit 177:** Spoke on the issue of the Fitness Test

**Bill Nolan, Retired:** Spoke on the issue of a officer affected by a hurricane (Florida) in 2004, this officer is on disability and was removed from the rolls of FOP due to unforeseen chain of events not the fault of the officer. Is it possible to reinstate this officer.

**President Donahue:** That would be the business of the Board which has already addressed the issue and will be discussing it again at the next Board Meeting (October).

**Rhonda Bullock, Unit 134:** Spoke on the issue of the Detective exam and testing reevaluation

### *Discussion on the issue*

**President Donahue:** The Board of Directors addressed allegations of wrong doing by two (2) members of the Lodge over the summer. In guaranteeing their due process those members were given hearings by a special committee appointed to address those allegations. That special committee appropriately made their recommendations to the Board of Directors in September, and the Board voted to abide by their findings in recommending discipline on the issues. It is regrettable that members Wayne Harej and Shawn Hallinan have been expelled from the Fraternal Order of Police.

**2006 State Conference:** Lodge 7 for the first time in it's history will be hosting the 2006 Illinois FOP Bicentennial State Conference in Chicago. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. There is a lot of work ahead to ensure that Lodge 7 host the best conference that this State has experienced. July 7,8 and 9<sup>th</sup> , 2006 are the dates for the conference with July 6<sup>th</sup> being the golf event date.

In 1994 under the leadership of President Bill Nolan who directed the purchased of a permanent home for Lodge 7 by acquiring the building at 1412 W. Washington Blvd, with the ribbon cutting ceremony taking place in September of 1996. This Board through extreme belt tightening measures starting in 2002 paid the mortgage off this year and the membership of Lodge 7 are now the proud owners of the building.

***Burning of the mortgage certificate by President Donahue and past President Bill Nolan***

**Angie Haynes  
President of the  
Women's Auxiliary:**

Conducted the annual FOP Family Auxiliary Educational Fund raffle

*After determining that no other business was pending....*

**Motion by Sid Davis  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Dougherty  
Motion: To adjourn the meeting  
Motion passes**

*Meeting adjourned at 21:09 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary