

**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 JANUARY 17, 2006  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours.

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

James C. Adams, Julian G. Brooks, Thomas T. Brown, Floyd T. Browning, Robert W. Corless, James E. Coughlin, John V. Domico, Charles H. Gunther, Geroge N. Karl, Donald S. Keevers, James J. Lampres, Rusell T. Madia, Nicholas Matozzi, Ernest P. Neely, Edward L. Nilsen, Arthur J. Papineau, Nancy Stokilo, Harry M. Swanson, Desmond F. Walsh, John P. Creedon, Harry J. Swanson, Morris Green and Richard A. Last

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

*President Donahue: The normal order of business will be deviated from to announced the 2006 Richard Lis Memorial Scholarship Fund winners.*

**Carmen Escamilla, daughter of Edward Escamilla**  
**Mark T. Regal Jr., son of Mark A. Regal Sr.**  
**Michael Gould, son of David Gould**  
**Kariola Etti, daughter of Karen Etti**  
**Michael Morawski, son of James J. Morawski**  
**Sean McNulty, son of Kevin J. McNulty**  
**Erica Worrell, daughter of Renata Worrell**  
**Christopher Fanning, son of Tracy Fanning**  
**Joe P. Saladino, son of Carlos Saladino**

*Congratulations to each student.*

*The normal order of business resumed*

## **AWARDS**

*None given this month*

## **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on December 20, 2005 were provided to those in attendance.

**Motion by Kevin Graham**  
**2nd by Al Francis Jr.**  
**Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed**  
**Motion passes**

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **President's Report** **Mark Donahue**

**Voter Registration:** The Lodge will be sending a letter to each member regarding a voter's registration drive (registering new members) for the upcoming elections scheduled for March 21, 2006. If you are not a registered voter please take the time to register and then participate in the elections. The Political Action Committee will be conducting

interviews on Friday January 20, 2006 for prospective candidates who are seeking FOP's endorsement for their individual race. The committee will make their recommendations to the Board of Directors on February 7, 2006

**Public Housing:** The City of Chicago has announced the closing of Public Housing and also the bidding process (Super Bid) for members who are affected by the closing of PH. The Lodge will monitor the bidding process to ensure fairness to all who bid. The Lodge will also seek to maintain the same shift/watch members were working prior to the closing.

**Wellness Program:** The Lodge will meet with the Arbitrator Benn on February 2, 2006 regarding the Wellness Program. The City, due to not being prepared has had two (2) continuances in the past on the issue of the Wellness Program. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty will touch on the subject again during his report.

**Sergeant's Exam:** The City has announced a Sergeant's Exam on Saturday March 25, 2006. Lodge members are encouraged to participate in the many study groups that have been formulated.

**Springfield /**

**House Bills:** President Donahue will be leaving for Springfield (January 18<sup>th</sup>) to resubmit legislation and seeking appropriate sponsors for the bills. Bills include residency and pension administration.

**H.B. 1009:** This bill (3% Cola) which covers members before Jan 1, 1950 to those born before Jan 1, 1955 was signed into law by the Governor on January 6, 2006. Checks will be retro active to January 1, 2005.

**H.R. 218:** The Lodge has learned that the Illinois Retired Carry and Conceal Committee has resume processing applications for retired members as of January 6, 2006.

**Retiree**

**Health Insurance:** The Lodge went into court (February 2005) to challenge the City on the amount of money they claimed to be paying for health care for retired members in regards to the Korshak decree. The Lodge did not feel that the City was paying their 55% of the total cost. When we asked for documentation on how much they were paying, the City refused to supply any information. We had our in house attorney's working on this issue with much favorable results and are now preparing briefs for court. This case will impact all retired City employees.

**Motion by** John Dineen  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Adolf Harris  
**Motion:** To accept the President's Report.

*Vic Rini, Retired: spoke on the issue of IRROC*

Motion passes.

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

**Medical Grievances:** Since the last General Meeting the Lodge has filed four (4) medical grievances, of which two (2) were for denial of I.O.D. and two (2) officers were placed on psychological evaluations.

**Wellness Program:** During roll call visits the Lodge has received many of questions on the wellness program

and how it will work. Arbitrator Benn is scheduled to hear the case on February 2, 2006.

**Donald Eichler, Unit 023:** Spoke on the issue of the Wellness Program.

**Kevin Jans, Unit 019:** Spoke on the issue of medical benefits, flex spending and debit cards

**Health Fairs:** Three (3) Health Fairs have been scheduled for February 2006. Feb 9 in the 22nd District, Feb 14 at FOP Hall and Feb 28<sup>th</sup> in the 16<sup>th</sup> District. The Lodge is planning on having somewhere between 10 and 12 Health Fairs this year for the benefit of it's members. Each event (health fair) will be able to accommodate 125 members. You must call 800-811-0174 for an appointment to participate in the Health Fairs. The Health Fairs are for active, retired and disabled officers.

**Vocational Training:** The Lodge will be meeting soon with the City on the issue of Vocational Training. Letters have gone out to members on disability to see how many people will be interested in the Vocational Training.

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty spoke on the issue of I.O.D. regarding a case that took two (2) days with an arbitrator.*

**Joe Butney, Unit 013:** Spoke on the issue of Health Fairs and attending while on duty.

**Motion by Sid Davis**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Butney**  
**Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report.**  
**Motion passes**

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

### **Frank DiMaria**

**Safety Vest:** Officers who have the zylon second chance vest and have not registered have until Jul of 2006 to register for the law suit.

**Uniform Committee:** A meeting has been scheduled for the Uniform Committee prior to the next General Meeting to discuss issues with the City over uniforms.

**Uniform Resale:** The next uniform resale has been scheduled for April 19, 2006 at the FOP Hall from 1pm to 6pm.

**Hurley Benefit:** Tickets are still available for the Hurley Benefit, Lodge members are encouraged to attend this benefit.

**Motion by Mike Garza**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Sid Davis**  
**Motion: To accept the 2nd Vice President's report**

**Motion passes**

## **3rd Vice President's Report By Greg Bella**

**Legal Defense:** There were no call outs for the month of December, one (1) officer was shot in the line of duty. Year end totals for 2005 are: forty-four (44) call outs, seventy-five officers involved in forty-one shootings, one death investigation and one suicide

### **Complaint Review**

**Panels:** The Lodge represented thirty-four officers of which we received a favorable reduction in (30) thirty cases.

**D.S.P's:** One-Hundred Ninety-five (195) cases were heard of which we received a alternate recommendation in (70) seventy cases.

### **Legal Defense**

**Seminar:** A Legal Defense Seminar has been scheduled for Lodge members on Tuesday January 24, 2006. There are (3) time schedules 9am, 1pm and 7pm., which will accommodate all three watches. The seminar is open to all members, Legal Defense handbooks will be given to all who attend.

**Camera's:** A meeting has been scheduled to discuss the in-car-camera issue, the Lodge will inform it's members of any pertinent information on the hot topic issue.

**C.R. / Affidavit:** The Lodge has received it's first complaint on the C.R. by affidavit, the matter is being look into for resolve.

**Motion by** Frank DiMaria

**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Jim Bailey Jr.

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

**Motion passes**

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

**B.I.S. / P.C.P.:** Currently there are seventy-three (73) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and seventeen (17) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of ninety (90) officers in both programs. 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 promotions, requesting transfers, bidding or other employee benefits. Members who are currently enrolled in either program are encouraged.

**Military:** Twenty-eight (28) police officers are currently deployed for Operations Enduring Freedom of which twenty (20) are on foreign soil. Please keep these officers in your prayers and also for a safe return home.

**Motion by** Tom Skelly  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Frank DiMaria  
**Motion:** To accept the Recording Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **By John Capparelli**

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,484; Sgts. & Above/210; Disabled/409; Retired/5,061; Outside Units/5; Total Membership: 17,169

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

Membership Account Deposits for December 2005: \$408,955.63  
Membership Account Disbursements for December 2005: \$678,507.42  
Membership Account Balance as of January 1, 2006: \$877,926.78

General Account Deposits for December 2005: \$9,514.42  
General Account Disbursements for December 2005: \$3,359.00  
General Account Balance as of January 1, 2006: \$48,701.37

Store Account Deposits for December 2005: \$78,064.08  
Store Account Disbursements for December 2005: \$42,832.12  
Store Account Balance as of January 1, 2006: \$93,867.96

PAC Deposits for December 2005: \$0.00  
PAC Disbursements for December 2005: \$0.00  
PAC Account Balance as of January 1, 2006: \$1,111.31

Legal Defense Account Balance as of January 1, 2006: \$4,093,424.96

WCMA Loan Account Balance as of January 1, 2006: CLOSED

Investment Account Balance as of January 1, 2006: \$529,057.81

Total Assets on Hand as of January 1, 2006: \$5,644,090.19

**Motion by** Joe Butney  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Kathleen Gahagan  
**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report  
**Motion passes**

# **Financial Secretary's Report**

## **By Timothy Fallon**

### **Unfair Labor**

**Practice:** A recent article in the Sun Times regarding placing Chicago Police Officers back into Soldier Field. The Lodge filed a ULP when the City put traffic management aides at Soldier Field, we won at the first level, the City appealed to the full Labor Board. The Lodge also won at that level, the City then went into court in an attempt to repeal the Labor Board's decision. We won again at this level, the City then went to the Appellate Court to try and get a stay, they were not successful in getting the stay and was then forced to repeal the ordinance.

**Special Employment:** Lodge members are asked to reduce the amount of no shows pertaining to working special employment. To many no-shows hurt all the programs while it also affects those who want to work.

**Kevin Jans, Unit 019:** Spoke on the issue of parking tickets being written by private firms.

**Tim Moriarty,  
Unit Rep 021:** Spoke on the issue of TARA and scheduling request.

**James Jakstavich,  
Unit 009:** Spoke on the issue of TARA training

**Donald Eichler,  
Unit 023:** Spoke on the issue of how officers work performance is used to schedule special employment.

**Dennis Mushol,  
Unit 019:** Spoke on the issue of FLSA

**Motion by Donald Eichler**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Robbins**  
**Motion: To accept the Financial Secretary's Report**  
**Motion passes**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**State Conference:** The State Conference will be held this July in Chicago and will be going on the same time as the Taste of Chicago. A golf outing has been scheduled (Thursday, July 6), Cookout (Friday evening- July 7), Red Sox vs White Sox ballgame.

**St. Patrick's  
Day Parade:** The Board has voted (last Board meeting) to participate in both the North and Southside St. Patrick's Day Parades.

**Rowena Langston,  
Unit 051:**

Spoke on the issue of Public Housing and it's closing (prepared statement)

**Donald Eichler,  
Unit 023:**

Commended FOP's hard work in opening up (special employment ) to all Lodge members.

*President Donahue commented on the prepared statement that was read by Officer Rowena Langston and the changes that the City wants in testing officers for drugs*

**Angletta Ashford,  
Unit 002:**

Spoke on the issue of the Assignment Enhancement Program, (\$1000.00 cashback)

**Frank Patzke,  
Unit 650:**

Spoke on the issue of the upcoming Sergeant's Exam and the registration process

**John Carey,  
Unit 640:**

Spoke on the issue of of an article written by Sun-Times employee Fran Spielman regarding the upcoming police exam and the benefits it offers.

**Ron Rufo,  
Unit 132:**

Spoke on the issue of tuition reimbursement.

**Sue Tempe,  
Unit 057:**

Spoke on the issue of cell phones

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Kevin Jans,  
Unit 019:**

Spoke on the issue of the processing of applications for the Sergeant's Exam

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

**Motion by** James Moriarty  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** John Carey  
**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting  
**Motion passes**

*Meeting adjourned at 20:19 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary