

**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 JUNE 20, 2006  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:08 hours.

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

James F. Hardaway, Curtis H. Jackson, Sigfredo L. Lopez, Jr., Darwin D. Mason, William J. Mitchell, Eugene Nelson, Frederick F. Sparano, Sr., Frank M. Stellato, Willard T. Walker, Jr., Robert F. Keating, Simeon Frost, III

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

## 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 Eric O'Suoji, Police Officer Thomas Accardo, Police Officer Steven McNichols, Police Officer David Tull, Police Officer Brian Spreng, Police Officer Bernardo Manjarrez, Police Officer Eric Viguera, Police Officer Matthew Nowak, Police Officer Alan Rogers, Sergeant John Dowd, Police Officer Sean Kelly, Police Officer Joanne McCann and Police Officer Brian Lindstrom

### **LIFE SAVING AWARD:**

*There were no Life Saving Awards issued this month by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:*

*President Donahue introduced guest speaker Rabbi Moshe Wolf who told a few jokes, then spoke on the issues of suicide and deceased bodies.*

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on May 16, 2006 were provided to those in attendance.

**Motion by** Gerry Majerczyk  
**2nd by** Sid Davis  
**Motion:** To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed  
**Motion passes**

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

### **President's Report**

#### **Mark Donahue**

**Train the Trainer:** On June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the National FOP in conjunction with the Federal Government (Freddie Mac) conducted Financial Training here in Chicago for 20 members at the Chicago Police Training Academy. Freddie Mac is a program that was financed by the Federal Government gave to the FOP to assist F.O.P. members in planning their financial futures.

**John Grizzoffi** John was a charter member of Lodge 7 and he passed away recently. John served as the Financial Secretary before there were payroll deductions and was very active in the organizations prior to collective bargaining. John also ran the north side monthly retiree breakfast for a number of years.

**Pension Board:** The pension board recently sent out a letter explaining to retiree's what the Korshak decision means and why they will be receiving reimbursements to include the date of receipt. However, some of the information contained in the letter was incorrect and a postcard will be mailed today with correct data.

**Dana Levenson:** The Lodge has yet to be contacted by the City's CFO, Dana Levenson in regards to pension benefits. He will be appearing before the Committee on Finance (tomorrow) to discuss the status of the City's Pension Funds. The Lodge will have members present for the discussions. Lodge 7 members pensions are guaranteed through State Statute and State Constitution. The only changes that can be made are enhancements.

**Transfers:** The first transfers utilizing the Assignment Enhancement Program that was agreed to in May of 2000 has started to take place. A transfer order was published last Friday identifying individuals to be transferred. Some officers who requested to be transferred had to be placed into a lottery pool due to fewer openings in some districts, which were requested. This agreement regarding the lottery was done in 2000 and this administration would prefer it be done by seniority.

**John Dineen, Past President:** Last week, John was honored by the New York State FOP with a lifetime achievement award recognizing his many contributions to FOP over the years including Police Labor. Congratulations to John.

**State Conference:** The Conference will soon be here (July) and all planning stages are going well. Senator Barack Obama will be our Luncheon speaker on Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge is pleased to have the Senator as a speaker. The Lodge has received plenty of support from organizations that we have supported throughout the years as well as politicians and the Department. We are grateful to the Department for the use of transportation vans to shuttle our members and guest to various sites during the conference.

**Illinois Crime Commision:** The Annual Awards and Dinner Dance will be held tomorrow night in Oakbrook Illinois, which will be honoring one of our own. Police Officer Alphonsus O'Connor (007) will be honored as Police Officer of the Year. Congratulations Officer Alphonsus.

**Great America:** The dates this year are August 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, tickets are available through the FOP Gift Shop starting next week.

**Motion by** John Dineen  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Al Francis Jr.  
**Motion:** To accept the President's Report.  
**Motion passes**

**Frank DiMaria**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Safety Vest:** Lodge members are reminded that the deadline to apply for the safety vest (second chance class action lawsuit) is July 1, 2006

**Firearms Safety Day:** The event was a huge success and well over 500 officers took advantage of the free inspection by the various gun dealers with the exception of Ruger who continues to be a no show. We have asked Ruger to participate each year and change the way they do business with us, and still they refuse to do anything for the Lodge.

**F.O.P. Picnic** Santa's Village is having financial problems, the Lodge continues to monitor this situation in preparation for our annual picnic and have started to look for alternate locations.

**Legal Defense:** There were five (5) call outs last month (May) in which eight (8) officers were involved in five (5) shootings.

**Discipline Screening Panel:** None for the month of May

**Motion by** Kevin Graham  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Kevin Jans  
**Motion:** To accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's report  
**Motion passes**

*Discussion on the annual FOP Picnic*

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

Excused from meeting

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

**Military:** Thirty-four (34) police officers are currently deployed for Operations Enduring Freedom of which twenty (20) are on foreign soil. Please keep these officers in your prayers for a safe return home.

**B.I.S. / P.C.P.:** Currently there are ninety-three (93) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and nineteen (19) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred-twelve (112) 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 to call the Lodge for possible removal.

**Senior Citizens:** The hot and muggy summer months are upon us once again. Please take the opportunity to check on senior citizens that may reside on your block. Ring their doorbell; greet them as neighbors checking on their well being, one day it will be you that someone is checking on. Enjoy the summer months and vacation if one is planned.

**Motion by** Frank DiMaria  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Al Francis Jr.  
**Motion:** To accept the Recording Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes**

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

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,606; Sgts. & Above/336; Disabled/399; Retired/5,318; Outside Units/8; Total Membership: 17,667

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

Membership Account Deposits for May 2006: \$846,962.98  
Membership Account Disbursements for May 2006: \$395,505.38  
Membership Account Balance as of June 1, 2006: \$574,542.15

General Account Deposits for May 2006: \$11,342.00  
General Account Disbursements for May 2006: \$10,560.00  
General Account Balance as of June 1, 2006: \$45,441.87

Store Account Deposits for May 2006: \$38,671.76  
Store Account Disbursements for May 2006: \$37,536.47  
Store Account Balance as of June 1, 2006: \$97,645.80

PAC Deposits for May 2006: \$0.00  
PAC Disbursements for May 2006: \$0.00  
PAC Account Balance as of June 1, 2006: \$2,428.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of June 1, 2006: \$4,291,397.64

Investment Account Balance as of June 1, 2006: \$1,029,057.81

Total Assets on Hand as of June 1, 2006: \$6,040,514.16

**Call Outs:** A reminder to Lodge members when involved in a shooting, please have someone call the Lodge immediately when a shooting occurs, this action starts the process of getting a Field Representative to your location to assist you.

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

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

**Health Care Cost:** On July 16<sup>th</sup>, the cost of health care to Lodge members will be going up by contract language per the arbitrators decision.

Financial Secretary Fallon also spoke on the issue of the Pension Board and the recent letter sent to retiree's, and the

23 million dollars regarding the Lodge and the Pension Board which resulted in a lower maximum retirement time (29 years from 32 years) for members.

*Discussion on pension issues.*

**Motion by**        **Rich Aguilar**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by**            **Jim Bailey**  
**Motion:**         **To accept the Financial Secretary's Report**  
**Motion passes**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Special Events** **By Joe Butney**

The Lodge still has a sizable amount of tickets for the White Sox vs Red Sox baseball game during the State Conference next month, contact the Lodge if interested in purchasing tickets.

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty having arrived from a meeting at 35<sup>th</sup> Street announced by President Donahue will give his report*

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

**Medical Grievances:** Since the last General Meeting in May the Lodge has filed eleven (11) medical grievances, of which six (6) were for denial of I.O.D., three (3) officers was placed on psychological evaluations, one (1) for an officer and a medical bill and one (1) for an officer who was decertified by the medical service section.

**Vision:** The arbitration decision regarding vision is in, and the results are the arbitrator ruled that the party's did not bargain over the particular wording in the arbitrator's original ruling which said that the party's need to further review and develop the program. The arbitrator has ordered both the City and the Lodge back to the bargaining table on the issue.

*Discussion on the arbitrator's ruling*

**Health Fairs:** The next Health Fair is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 35<sup>th</sup> and Michigan (multi-purpose room) from 7am to 5pm. In July health fairs are being scheduled for the 017<sup>th</sup> District on July 21<sup>st</sup> (7am to 1pm) and 20<sup>th</sup> District on July 25<sup>th</sup> (7am to 1pm) Members may call Cheryl Grendahl at 800-811-0174 to make an appointment.

**Vocational Training:** A Special Order has recently been issued on Vocational Training for Disabled Officers which is a great benefit, so far only one (1) officer has applied. Funds have been budgeted for the program and the Lodge would like to see more disabled officers sign up to participate.

**Motion by** Frank DiMaria  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Sid Davis  
**Motion:** To accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report  
**Motion passes**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on retired stars

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Next Contract:** We are entering the last year of the current contract and by State law are prohibited from negotiating a successor agreement until ninety days out, but that does not stop us from preparing for it. Shortly after summer the Lodge will be reaching out to our members for ideas for the next contract.

**Mike Schumacher, Retired Officer:** Spoke on the issue of St. Michaels House and the recent change over, including donations

**Steve Marshfield, Traffic Specialist:** Spoke on the issue of OEMC and TMC regarding bringing new people into police facilities including the ballparks for ticketing writing.

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

**Motion by** Kevin Graham  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Jim Bailey Jr.  
**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting  
**Motion passes**

*Meeting adjourned at 13:16 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary