

**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 OCTOBER 16, 2007
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:02 hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Paul B. Clisham, Ernest W. Rokosik, Guido J. Colonna, John F. Laman, George P. Jurich, Patrick J. Grady, Robert J. Archer, John R. Kaczmarek, Jr., Walter Jones, Elmer R. Wohler, Frank T. Cosgrove, Arthur T. Cholly

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AWARDS

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

Police Officer Michaelene Roman and Police Officer Gina Contino

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

Sergeant Ronald Blas

President Donahue:

Spoke on the issue of an award for a Lodge member who sustained a fatal injury while off duty. Dr. Dave Plebanski from Calumet College, presented the family of Officer Al Hanandez who was a student at Calumet College a certificate for his Bachelor Degree in the field of Criminal Justice. The certificate was awarded posthumous.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on September 18, 2007 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by Kevin Graham

2nd by John Delanty

Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed

Motion passes

President Donahue:

Spoke on the issue of the Richard Lis Memorial Scholarship Fund and the procedures for the raffling of twenty (20) \$1,000.00 scholarship awards, to include alternate names.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Mark Donahue

Contract Negotiations:

It has been five (5) months since former Superintendent Phil Cline announced his retirement and still no replacement for the office of Superintendent, actually it's been 17 months since he first made the announcement (letter to the Mayor) and 5 months since the actual retirement. The Lodge sent the City a letter on September 19th requesting to have some verbal conversation on contract talks. Not too much regarding contract talks was done over the summer. A meeting has been schedule for this afternoon with half of their negotiating team.

New OPS Chief:

The Lodge met with Ilana Rosenzweig (OPS New Chief), on September 20th, in which both sides made clear their concerns. Other issues discussed were discipline, members rights and the sworn affidavit.

Unfair Labor Practice:

We (Lodge 7) have filed an Unfair Labor Practice with the Labor Board against the City regarding their position on the new OPS Ordinance which the Lodge would like to sit down and negotiate elements of it.

FLSA Lawsuit:

A status hearing on the Heitmann Lawsuit (FLSA) has been scheduled for November 14, 2007 before a Judge. The Lodge is currently drafting a proposal for how we want the program to work as requested by the Judge. The Lodge is expecting the city to file an appeal in Federal Court.

SOS Closure:

The recent closing of SOS took many by surprise and others (not by surprise), the Lodge feels that if there had been extensive planning for the closure of SOS, details of the closing (two days notice) could have been made known allowing members the opportunity to bid to other units. SOS is not a bid unit and the Department did take up our offer to allow members from SOS (assigned) to participate in a super bid, that process took place this weekend, with members bidding to new units. Results will be posted next week. Super bids will not be binding to the 1 year requirement as regular bids are.

General Assembly:

The General Assembly is still in session (with no end in sight) and may run into the Veto Session which is scheduled for the middle of November. The Governor is anticipating calling in all parties involved a week before Christmas if there is no resolve to the issues at hand.

President Donahue also spoke on the issue of meeting with the Budget Office regarding members impacted by Pension Portability. President Donahue spoke on Political Endorsements for Judges, State Offices and States Attorneys . Request for endorsements have been coming into the Lodge, which is seeking input from its members on these very important races.

Lodge 7 Elections:

It's that time again for Lodge Elections (March 2008). The Election Committee has been appointed and will be at the November General Meeting with instructions for candidates interested in running for a Lodge position, also to answer any questions members may have regarding the election process. Carlos Saladino, (Chairmen of the Committee) Steve Wilinski (007), and Ed Shaughnessy (640) are the three appointed committee members.

Death of Ronald Heard Jr.:

The son of Officer Ronald Heard Sr. (021) was recently killed in a tragic shooting. The Board of Directors has offered a \$10,000.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the offender(s). Ron Sr. works in 021 (a member of the Lodge), and his uncle is a retired Chicago Police Officer.

Dennis Mushol, Unit 019:

Spoke on the issue of contract negotiations and arbitration.

Ed Heerdt, Unit 630:

Spoke on the issue of the 15 million dollars invested by the Pension Fund.

Steve Robbins (Pension Board) will speak to the membership later in the meeting.

Rick King, Unit 141:

Spoke on the issue of the Swat Teams and members being dumped regarding C.R.'s

Cook Country Assessor's Office:

Tim Monehan from the Cook County Assessor's Office (Tax Appeals) is here to answer any questions members may have regarding appealing their property taxes.

Motion by Ron Rufo
2nd by John Cary
Motion: To accept the President's Report.
Motion passes.

1st Vice President's Report
By Bill Dougherty

Medical Grievances:

Since the September 2007 General Meeting the Lodge filed four (4) grievances, of which two (2) were for denial of I.O.D's, one (1) for denial of a BMO bill and one (1) for denial of referral for medical services.

Flu Shots:

The Lodge will host its annual free flu shots at the FOP Hall on October 23rd from 8:00am until 4:00pm. No appointment is needed for the flu shots, it's a free flu shot for all FOP members (active, retired or disabled). Spouses of members must pay \$25.00 for the flu shot, kids over the age of 12 must also pay \$25.00, kids under 12 cannot get a shot.

Health Fairs:

The next scheduled Health Fair will be held in the 8th District on November 19th 20th and 21st. Appointments are needed for the Health Fair. Members may call 1-800-840-6100 to schedule an appointment. This is not a free health fair however it will be funded through the Wellness Plan.

Disability Info:

A new system regarding disabled officers when going on disability is being worked on. The new plan should be in place within 2 weeks. An article on the new plan will appear in the November FOP Newsletter.

Medical Section:

There are times when a second or third note is required from your Doctor by the medical section. Tell your doctor to address the subject of limited duty, which will cover you in the event you are unable to work. This subject was talked about in a past FOP Newsletter.

Open Enrollment:

Lodge members should have received a form (with your paycheck), this form shows who is covered on your medical insurance, also stating what changes are going to be made. Check the form carefully for errors or to change data and if found contact BMO, if you don't you will be responsible for paying for that person on your card. Also check for HMO dental changes (provider changes). Be sure to sign up for the Flexible Spending Account, it is an annual ritual to sign up each year.

Motion by Mike Garza
2nd by Tom McDonagh
Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report.
Motion passes

Sandy Nash, Unit 376:

Spoke on the issue of health care benefits for dependants

Lester Bulgajewski, DRP:

Spoke on the issue of health care benefits for dependants

2nd Vice President's Report

Frank DiMaria

Uniform Resale:

The annual fall uniform resale will be held on October 17 at the FOP Hall from 1:00pm until 6:00pm. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this uniform resale; there are lots of bargains in purchasing items from this event.

Petitions:

There are petitions in the back of the FOP Hall regarding keeping a cop killer in jail. Officer Charles Polland from the 10th District who was killed in 1967. Clifton Hill is up for parole again, please sign the petitions to keep him in jail. The parole hearing for Ronnie Carrasquilla who killed Officer Terry Loftus is also coming up.

Firearms / Safety Vest Day:

Annually the Lodge sponsors a firearms safety day (May 2008), plans are under way to have a safety vest day (February 2008), many of the vest manufactures have been contacted to appear for this event.

Motion by Don Richardson

2nd by Sid Davis

Motion: To accept the 2nd Vice President's report

Motion passes

3rd Vice President's Report

By Greg Bella

Call-Outs or Shootings:

Since the last General Meeting (September of 2007), (3) officers were involved in three (3) shootings.

Discipline Screening Panels:

There were twenty-nine (29) DSP's cases heard recently of which an alternate recommendation was given in nine (9) cases.

John Doe Subpoenas:

When Lodge members receive a John Doe subpoena (it's not for someone you arrested) contact the Lodge immediately, a lawyer will be provided, you are allowed representation for that subpoena.

Social Security Numbers:

The Department of Homeland Security has ordered all employers to do an audit on social security numbers of their employees. Some of our members have been asked to bring in their hard card (who still has a hard card). The question is who will pay for members to acquire a hard card. The Lodge asked it's attorneys to look into the matter

who discovered that a temporary injunction was granted in the Northern District of California. The Department was notified that they must stop the procedure due to the temporary injunction, a faxed copy was sent to them. They responded by saying it didn't matter they would continue anyway. The Department will have to pay for any expenses you may incur in obtaining a hard card (social security). We learned that the courts have issued a permanent injunction that states to cease asking for social security verification, that social security numbers cannot be audited.

Police Officers / Shootings:

Lodge officers are reminded to be extremely cautious while performing their duties. Murders of police officers are up across the United States. 60 officers have been fatally shot so far this year while performing routine duties. The trend started last year and has been rising since then.

Motion by Frank DiMaria

2nd by Rich Aguilar

Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report

Motion passes

Recording Secretary's Report By Sidney Davis

Military:

There are currently forty-five (45) officers on deployment with twenty-three (23) stationed overseas and twenty-two (22) with stateside duty.

B.I.S. / P.C.P.:

Currently there are One-hundred forty-five (145) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and fifteen (15) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred-sixty (169) officers in both programs. When a Lodge member is enrolled in either program, (paper work is handed to you) the clock is ticking for you to request a hearing. Please contact the Lodge immediately upon receiving notification of being placed into either program.

About eight weeks ago I attended a BIS hearing in which an officer should have been removed based on past hearings and their individual record. The officer was not removed much to my surprise. I soon learned that an order from the 5th floor to the Personnel Division was given not to remove officers who were placed into the program for C.R.'s. Members placed into the program for medical could still be removed depending on their individual record and current status. A meeting has been scheduled with Interim Superintendent on October 19th to discuss this pressing issue. Results will be told at the next General Meeting in November.

Annual Risk of No Bid:

It's that time of the year again when members will be selecting their watch selections for the 2008 calendar year. The November FOP Newsletter will contain the annual "Risk of NO Bid" statement that members can use as a guideline for selecting their watch assignments for 2008. Please read it carefully, your selections can and may be with you all year long. Check with your Unit and Watch Reps for guidance in completing the watch selection form.

B.I.S. / P.C.P.:

A grievance was filed (November 2006) regarding placement into B.I.S or P.C.P. The Department violated its own General Order in placing Lodge Members into both programs.

Nenad Markovich, Unit 023:

Spoke on the issue of the B.I.S program

Motion by Jim Bailey Sr.

2nd by Jim Bailey Jr.

Motion: To accept the Recording Secretary's Report

Motion passes

Treasurer's Report

By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,794; Sgts. & Above/328; Disabled/375; Retired/5,463; Outside Units/5; Total Membership: 17,965

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for September 2007: \$277,350.92

Membership Account Disbursements for September 2007: \$299,163.58

Membership Account Balance as of October 1, 2007: \$2,023,285.15

General Account Deposits for September 2007: \$13,297.65

General Account Disbursements for September 2007: \$1,775.00

General Account Balance as of October 1, 2007: \$114,515.41

Store Account Deposits for September 2007: \$42,623.68

Store Account Disbursements for September 2007: \$50,740.36

Store Account Balance as of October 1, 2007: \$105,404.87

PAC Deposits for September 2007: \$0.00

PAC Disbursements for September 2007: \$2,600.00

PAC Account Balance as of October 1, 2007: \$15,858.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of October 1, 2007: \$4,908,754.51

Investment Account Balance as of October 1, 2007: \$1,086,326.08

Total Assets on Hand as of October 1, 2007: \$8,254,144.91

The minutes from the Board meetings regarding the store deposits have been revised up over the past few months due to late receipts coming in.

Motion by Joe Butney

2nd by Frank DiMaria

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report

Motion passes

Financial Secretary's Report By Timothy Fallon

On Vacation, no report this month

OLD BUSINESS

Vic Rini, Retired:

Spoke on the issue of Police Shootings throughout Illinois and Chicago, including civilian review boards

NEW BUSINESS

Roman Franciscow, Unit 640:

Spoke on the issue of being contacted by the Chicago Tribune (home phone) regarding a shooting he was involved in over 10 years ago in which the City settled on.

Sue Trempe-Ryan, Unit 057:

Spoke on the issue of news reporters watching the local gin mills for police officers who may be drinking, then driving their cars.

Vic Rini, Retired:

Thanked Steve Robbins for attending a recent retiree breakfast addressing the issue of the Pension Board and the recent investment of 15 million dollars.

Steve Robbins, Unit 543:

Spoke on the issue of the Pension Board, their members and the recent 15 million dollar investment made by the Pension Board. Steve also spoke on the Pension Fund and how money is distributed to members.

Bill Dougherty, 1st Vice President:

Spoke on the issue of media people showing up at officers home

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Motion by **Jim Bailey Jr.**
2nd by **Sid Davis**
Motion: **To adjourn the meeting**
Motion passes.

The raffle for the Richard Lis Memorial Scholarship was held immediately after the adjournment of the General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 13:19 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary