

**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 18, 2007  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:06 hours.

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

Anthony J. Sciaraffa, James E. Heneghan, Sr., Edward E. Dojutrek, Ronald C. Moore, James E. Czekalski, Darlene M. Vosis, Ronald W. Rokos, Thomas P. Cahill, Al J. Hernandez, Arthur J. Kimber, Sr., Peter C. Borg, Errol B. Sturt, Thomas A. Corlett, George J. Gramza, Richard J. Powers, George J. Wilgus, Raymond J. Forrest, Jr., Glenn E. Miller, John J. Kiely, Wayne J. Smith, Jr., Robert J. Rawa, Roy C. Swanson, Jr., Margaret A. Cramer, Henry S. Zwier, Thomas J. Woods, James E. Brown, Harold W. Janicki, David A. Holloway, Raymond A. Raducha, Ronald F. Caprio, Hugh B. Ver Steegh, Joseph Kolesiak, Edward M. Knizer, Anthony D. Norka, Milton J. Valde, Thomas G. Rich, Kenneth R. Drefs, Donald S. Lesniak, John J. McDonough, William R. McGrath, Warren P. Becker, Clifford E. Wood, Ronald R. Neuman, Richard B. French

*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 Francisco Mendoza, Police Officer Joseph Treacy, Police Officer John McGovern, Police Officer Michael Harvey, Police Officer Brian Quinn and Police Officer John Fitzgerald.

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

Sergeant Ronald Blas, Sergeant Raymond Mazzola, Police Officer Ronald Pellonari, Police Officer Mark Jaeger, Police Officer Richard Griffin, Jr., Police Officer Steven Sanders, Police Officer Juan Salazar, Police Officer Robert Montelongo, Sergeant Robert Kuczynski, Police Officer Lorenzo Colucci, Police Officer Anthony Berg, Police Officer James Connell and Police Officer William O'Brien.

### **Father Tom Nangle:**

Spoke to the membership (told a joke regarding Rabbi Moshe Wolf) and commented on Police Awards received this month.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on June 19, 2007 were provided to those in attendance.

**Motion by** Bill Nolan

**2<sup>nd</sup> by** John Dineen

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

**Motion passes**

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

### **President's Report**

#### **Mark Donahue**

#### **Contract Negotiations:**

The entire FOP contract negotiating team and City's contract team met for contract talks recently. Talks centered on health care issues. The Teacher's Union now has a similar Wellness Program our membership benefits from, which is a cost saving benefit for the City.

#### **FLSA Lawsuit:**

Judge Schenkier ruled in favor of FOP regarding the FLSA lawsuit, stating that the City cannot balance their concerns over manpower on the backs of police officers. The Judge also told FOP and the City to get together to work out details (implementation on using compensatory time).

#### **Korshack Lawsuit:**

The Lodge's challenge (Korshack Lawsuit) has once again placed money back into the pockets of City retiree's. This past reconciliation with the City was for the year 2005 (one year alone) and netted retiree's almost 10 million dollars. Overall our lawyers (through court cases) have gotten back well over 25 million dollars for retiree's.

**Springfield:**

There is talks of a land based casino in Chicago to help CTA and it's money problems. The Governor has signed SB1380 which addressed 3 issues that the legislative committee voted to put forward back in January of this year. This bill encompasses provisions of the following bills

**HB1669/SB1507:**

Both Bills calls for the Pension Board to have the authority to grant a widow/widower a pension even through the marriage occurred less then one year prior to the time of the annuitants death.

**HB969/SB1197:**

These bills will allow widows to remarry and not be subject to termination of their pension benefits because of the remarriage. Resumption of the pension benefits, for those whose benefits were cancelled, need to be applied for with the Pension Board.

**HB1449/SB1505:**

These bills lift the age limitation for application for a child's annuity if that child is so mentally or physically handicapped as to be unable to support him or herself.

**Pension Portability:**

Another bid issue and future benefit is the Pension Portability bill, which is still lingering on the desk of the Inter Governmental Affairs Office (City Hall). A meeting was scheduled last May (it never happened) on the issue. The Lodge will weigh it's options on getting a meeting scheduled to move this issue forward.

**Collective Bargaining Bill:**

In Washington D.C., the Collective Bargaining Bill passed out of the House on July 18, 2007. Actions are currently being taken to gather more support (Senate) for the bill. This bill is a minimal collective bargaining rights for officers in 23 States that don't have bargaining rights.

**Social Security Fairness Act:**

The SSFA is still strong in the House, steps are being taken to continue to keep it rolling in the right direction including acquiring more sponsors, and get it to the Senate.

**OPS Ordinance:**

The new OPS Ordinance is the subject of possible amendments, there is another Police and Fire Committee Meeting tomorrow, where Alderman Brookins is trying to have it amended (not in our favor). A vote on the ordinance could occur at the next City Council Meeting.

**OPS Chief:**

The Lodge was contacted by the new OPS Chief Investigator requesting to set up a meeting. The Lodge has set a meeting date for discussions on issues relative to our membership.

**General Meeting**

**1200 noon:**

The Lodge changed today's meeting time from 7pm to 12 noon, this was done to accommodate members who will participate in the annual Candlelight Vigil at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. The Lodge would like to see a strong showing of it's members tonight at the service. Every year, September 18<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as the official day for the Candlelight Vigil.

**National FOP Conference**

**Louisville, Kentucky:**

A dues increase (\$3.00 per member per year) was passed at the Conference, which will not take effect until 2009.

**Taser Guns:**

There was some discussion on taser guns at the Conference. Taser Corporation has manufacture a taser gun model to be sold to the civilian population. The National Lodge is looking into this taser gun for civilians.

**Grand Lodge Elections:**

There was one contested position at the Conference, the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Frank Gale(Sergeant-at-Arms), from Denver, CO won the position as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Franks old position of Sergeant-at-Arms was filled by Tim Downs (President of Indiana State FOP).

**Emerald Society**

**Pipes and Drums:**

Members from the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums are here today (rear of the room). There here to sell tickets ( 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary ), please support them by purchasing a ticket or two. Members from other Emerald Society's across the nation will be there.

**Motion by**

**Mike Garza**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by**

**Al Francis Jr.**

**Motion:**

**To accept the President's Report.**

**Motion passes.**

**Vic Rini / Retired:**

Spoke on the issue of a recent issue ( Illinois State Lodge / Blue Line Publication / Summer 2007 issue) and the front page article by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Keith Turney. He wrote about "Character, Honesty and Integrity Key Leadership Traits", Rini went on to say that the article was upsetting to some retiree's.

**Ken Watt / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Ill State Lodge:**

Spoke on the issue of the article by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Keith Turney (Ill State Lodge). The article was not meant as a slap to retiree's, but rather was directed toward management style (leadership) and not police officers.

**Leo Cummings / Unit 166:**

Officer Cummings spoke on the issue of the Wellness Program

**President Donahue:**

Spoke on the issue of the article by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Keith Turney (Illinois State Lodge)

**Brigid Cronin / Unit 377:**

Spoke on the issue of the Physical Incentive Program and the difference in what Police and Fire pay their members.

**President Donahue:**

One of the current contract proposals addresses that very issue.

**Tim Moriarty / Unit Rep 021:**

Spoke on the issue of the FLSA Lawsuit and the appeal process

**Joe Simpson / Unit 151:**

Spoke on the issue of the Sworn Affidavit and camera's in vehicle.

**Nenad Markovich / Unit Rep 023:**

Spoke on the issue of the Sworn Affidavit

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

**Medical Grievances:**

Since the June 2007 General Meeting the Lodge filed forty-five (45) grievances, of which thirty (30) were for denial of I.O.D's, seven (7) for officers placed on Physiological Physical Evaluations, seven (7) for other medical issues one (1) for denial of a BMO bill.

**Open Enrollment:**

From October 22<sup>nd</sup> until November 11<sup>th</sup> 2007, open enrollment will occur. During this time span you can make healthcare changes. Packets will be sent to each member via mail. Please check over your open enrollment packets carefully so that you can make an informed decision on healthcare, vision, dental and the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) for you and your family, members can save up to 28% by using this program. Keep in mind that you must sign up again with your FSA if you want it to continue.

**Dental and Vision:**

The dental and vision program for retiree's continues to go well, open enrollment is now closed. There will be an open enrollment period each year for retiree's ( during the summer months) and closing in September. Retired members can sign up for one or both programs.

**Flu Shots:**

On Tuesday, October 23, 2007 the Lodge will host it's annual free Flu Shots at the Lodge from 8am until 4pm. Flu shots will be available for all F.O.P members (free). No appt are needed. Spouses can get a flu shot for \$25.00, kids under the age of 12 cannot get shots, members are asked to contact Bill Dougherty for kids who are over 12.

**Arbitration Ruling:**

Back in 2006 there was an arbitration ruling regarding department unreasonably denying officers that are in stationary status ( permission to leave their residence). Officers who are having problems while on the medical and leaving their residence (stationary status) are asked to contact the Lodge. Arbitrator Benn ruled that the City cannot unreasonably hold a member to their residence. An article will appear in the October FOP Newsletter on the issue.

**FOP Medallions:**

Lodge members are reminded when stopping a vehicle that has an FOP medallion affixed to its rear to remember that the driver may not be an FOP member and to use caution when approaching the vehicle. Also when you sell your own vehicle that has an FOP medallion on it (remove it prior to the new owner taken ownership), including stickers in the window.

**Motion by      Ron Rufo**

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

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

### **Frank DiMaria**

#### **FOP Picnic:**

Well over 3,000 people attended the FOP Picnic held at Gaelic Park (July 2007). The FOP Picnic for 2008 will be held on July 9, 2008 at Gaelic Park, mark your calendars.

#### **Uniform Resale:**

The next Uniform Resale has been scheduled for October 17, 2008, from 1pm until 6pm

**Motion by**        **Sid Davis**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by**            **Rick King**  
**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 (June of 2007), there have been ten (10) call outs, in which sixteen (16) officers were involved in ten (10) shootings and one (1) officer shot.

#### **Discipline Screening Panels:**

There were twenty-two (22) DSP's cases heard recently of which an alternate recommendation was given in nine (9) cases.

#### **Files from OPS:**

The Lodge finally (after 2.5 years) has received some files ( 12 ) from OPS.

#### **Sworn Affidavits:**

The Lodge has three (3) attorneys working for us, of which one is a former Police Officer and all are willing to take on the challenge of representing officers regarding sworn affidavits and individuals who lie on them.

#### **Police Shootings:**

When involved in a police shooting, do not touch the offender's weapon(s), let the Mobile Crime handle the weapon(s). The only DNA we want found on the weapon(s), is the offender's.

**Motion by** Al Francis  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Jim Bailey  
**Motion:** To accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's report  
**Motion passes**

## **Recording Secretary's Report**

### **By Sidney M. Davis**

#### **Military:**

There are currently forty-four (44) officers on deployment with thirty (30) stationed overseas and fourteen (14) with stateside duty.

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

Currently there are One-hundred-fifty (150) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and (19) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred-sixty nine (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.

#### **Nenad Markovich / Unit Rep 023:**

Spoke on the issue of B.I.S. and P.C.P. ( members being retained in the programs)

#### **Kevin Jans**

#### **016 District:**

Spoke on the issue of cars and assignments in Districts

**Motion by** Jim Moriarty  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Paul Nielson  
**Motion:** To accept the Recording Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **By John Capparelli**

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,788; Sgts. & Above/325; Disabled/378; Retired/5,432; Outside Units/5; Total Membership: 17,928

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

Membership Account Deposits for August 2007: \$451,556.11  
Membership Account Disbursements for August 2007: \$378,064.40  
Membership Account Balance as of September 1, 2007: \$2,046,227.19

General Account Deposits for August 2007: \$22,387.65  
General Account Disbursements for August 2007: \$7,350.00  
General Account Balance as of September 1, 2007: \$102,992.76

Store Account Deposits for August 2007: \$54,374.73  
Store Account Disbursements for August 2007: \$49,051.74  
Store Account Balance as of September 1, 2007: \$115,656.33

PAC Deposits for August 2007: \$20,000.00  
PAC Disbursements for August 2007: \$3,110.00  
PAC Account Balance as of September 1, 2007: \$18,458.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of September 1, 2007: \$4,868,275.92

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

Total Assets on Hand as of September 1, 2007: \$8,237,937.17

**Motion by**            **Ed King**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by**                **John Carey**  
**Motion:**            **To accept the Treasurer's Report**  
**Motion passes**

## **Financial Secretary's Report**

### **By Timothy Fallon**

#### **Handguns / Retiree's:**

The Lodge received a call from a retired member who purchased a handgun, then tried to register it with the City, and was denied because he is retired. The member was then sent a letter from the City telling the member where to take the weapon to have it destroyed, or he could request an administrative hearing. The retired officer requested the hearing and FOP went with him. The City's attorney decided not to have the hearing, instead opted to do further research on the issue. The Lodge in the meantime is preparing briefs for the next hearing, we also expect to wind up in court on the issue.

#### **Order on Weapons:**

The Department has issued a General Order (07-01) titled "Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition", in which the department is requiring every member to be qualified with their auxiliary or alternate weapon. The Lodge has had a couple of discussion on the issue with the department, who still stands by their order. The Lodge position is that they should bargain with us on the issue, also where will the manpower be found when members start arriving with 3 or more weapons to qualify and who will pay for the ammunition for the weapons. If any member is threatened with any type of action regarding this order, please contact the Lodge.

**FLSA:**

The Lodge recently won the lawsuit on FLSA (members right to use compensatory time), members who have any questions on the issue are asked to call the Lodge. The Lodge and the City will be meeting soon to iron out the details on members using compensatory time, however we expect the City to file an appeal. An article will appear in the October Newsletter on the issue.

*Discussion on FLSA lawsuit*

**Eugene Gizowski**

**Unit 701:**

Spoke on the issue of FLSA lawsuit

**Motion by Kevin Graham**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Dougherty**

**Motion: To accept the Financial Secretary's Report**

**Motion passes**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mike Schumacher Retired Member:**

Spoke on the issue of Military Reservist and care boxes, also the annual tootsie roll drive

**Rhonda Bullock:**

Spoke on the issue of Former Superintendent Phil Cline and his position as Executive Director of the Police Memorial Foundation and the salary he is drawing.

**Bill Dougherty, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Spoke on the issue of the Police Memorial Foundation and it's responsibilities to Lodge members.

**Vic Rini, Retired:**

Spoke on the issue of Lodge 7 and it's contributions to retired members, also addressing retired members to stay with the Lodge, read the monthly newsletter and attend General Meetings. Vic also spoke on the issue of a recent article by Pat Duckhorn (District 1 Trustee) in the last edition of the Blue Line (Summer 2007 issue). Pat spoke on Fraternalism

**Michael Bober, Unit Rep 004:**

Spoke on the issue of the Mette case

**Tim Fallon, Financial Secretary:**

If nothing else happens, Mette has to report to custody on November 4, 2007, his family still needs help (financially).

*Discussion on upcoming fund raisers for Mette*

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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

**Motion by        John Capparelli**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by            Bill Dougherty**  
**Motion:           To adjourn the meeting**  
**Motion passes.**

*Meeting adjourned at 13:34 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary