

**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 20, 2009
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

1ST Vice President Bill Dougherty in the absence of President Donahue (attending Inauguration – Washington D.C.) called the meeting to order at 19:01 hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Mary Ann Sabella, Robert S. Leato, Ronald F. Bartman, Sr., Julius F. Miller, John Kramer, Jack Cullotta, Medard J. Giersch, Ralph V. Conone, Jr., Frank P. Zingarelli, Donald J. Mills, Richard W. Glenke,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AWARDS

Trustee Mike Garza announced each award recipient

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

PO Fatima Arif, PO Lisa Locke, PO Michael O'Connor, PO Oscar Escalante and PO Grant Monte, Star #19874

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

PO David Guzman, PO William Murphy and PO Scott Leck

Treasurer John Capparelli:

John announced the winners to the FOP & St. Jude scholarships

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on December 16, 2008 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by Ron Rufo

2nd by Tim Murphy

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

Motion passes.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

By 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty

President Donahue is absence attending the Inauguration of President Barrack Obama

Contract:

The issue of lowering the age from 60 to 55 for retiree health care was the main topic of discussion. Wages, Section 23.8 (Filling Recognized Vacancies), Disciplinary, Military benefits were also discussed. Another meeting has been set for January 26, 2009.

Lawsuit / John Burge:

A court date (Friday January 23, 2009) has been set regarding the John Burge lawsuit, Judge Wayne Anderson will be presiding. Lodge 7 will have its attorney's present for the case.

Pension Commission:

The Lodge is making some headway with the Pension Commission; they are starting to see that the current method of payments is better than define contributions.

Pension Portability:

The bill SB2520, affects about 1100 Lodge members. The Pension Board is currently working on the figures now (amount owed by those who qualify). It becomes law on/about February 17, 2009 unless the Governor signs it before this date.

Work Scheduled:

The new Pilot Program Work Schedule started on January 8, 2009 in six districts, Area 2, TRU Unit and JUV Center. The Lodge has set up a website for the purpose of members to submit comments (good or bad) about the work schedule, your comments will assist the Lodge in the near future on expanding the program. The Lodge will meet with the City once a month (1st Thursday) to discuss pros and cons on the work schedule, the next meeting is January 22, 2009.

Retiree Carry and Conceal:

The new City Ordinance on carry and conceal becomes affective on March 12, 2009, which means that retirees who reside in the City of Chicago will be able to register new weapons.

Legislative:

The Illinois General Assembly will soon convene for the new agenda for the upcoming session. The Lodge thanks those members who took the time to submit suggestions about potential legislation. The Agenda will be in place in about 3 weeks and we will post it on the FOP website.

Medical Grievances:

Since the October Meeting, the Lodge filed nine (9) medical grievances.

2 grievances for denial of I.O.D.'s

5 grievances for officers placed into the psychological physical evaluations

1 grievance for denial of surgical procedure (off duty incident)

1 grievance for a failure to recover a prescription for an officer's son

Volunteers of America:

The Lodge has partnered with Volunteers of America for the purpose of helping homeless veterans. Our Department has approximately 250 military veterans serving their country at this time. Partnering with VOA which is a pilot program will allow an officer in certain districts (001,002,016,018 and the airports) to pass out water bottles which contain (toothpaste, toothbrush, and information pamphlet on places to seek assistance).

Heart Scan of Chicago:

Bill spoke on benefit of using Heart Scan of Chicago including the cost to a Lodge member and deductibles.

The benefit will be for all Lodge members (active and retirees); more information on Heart Scan of Chicago will be in the February FOP Newsletter.

Health Insurance Deduction:

The Lodge has received many calls regarding health care deductions from their bi-weekly checks. Many members stated that the deduction was moved from before taxes to after taxes on their individual pay stubs. Numbers wise there was not a difference in pay other than the amount being placed in the wrong section. If any members find a slight or great difference in pay, please contact the Lodge and a grievance will be filed.

Mike Garza, Trustee:

Mike spoke on the issue of Pension Portability (how much will officers have to pay back)

Yvonne Cary, Unit 477:

Yvonne spoke on the issue of the Wellness Benefit

Reggie Smith, Unit 005:

Reggie spoke on the issue of the pilot program work schedule and the problems occurring in 005 due to low manpower.

Sandy Nash, Unit 376:

Sandy spoke on the issue of Flexible Spending Account, Heart Scan of Chicago and Limited Duty Officers

Motion by Sid Davis

2nd by James Moriarty

Motion: To accept the President's and 1st Vice President's Report given by 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty.

Motion passes.

2nd Vice President's Report Frank DiMaria

Trial for a Cop Killer:

There are flyers in the rear of the room regarding an upcoming trial for Clyde Cowley who was convicted for the murder of PO Daniel Doffyn. The Lodge has learned that the defendant will be taken a plea this Thursday, so their will be no trial.

Safety Vest Day:

The Lodge will host a FOP Safety Vest Day on February 25, 2009 at the FOP Hall. Last year about 200 members participated in the event. About 60 officers bought vest that day. Officers should take advantage of the event which produces some very good pricing on vests. The start time is 9 am and concludes at 1700 hours.

Stress Management Classes:

Lodge 7 and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be hosting Stress Management Classes in 2009 for our members. The classes will be held at the Hartgrove Hospital 5730 W. Roosevelt Road. The classes are for two (2) days from 0830 hrs – 1630 hrs and required that you attend both days. Contact Pat at 312-733-7776 to secure seating.

2009 Stress Management Classes (dates)

26 / 27 February, 26 / 27 March, 23 / 24 April, 28 / 29 May, 27 / 28 August, 24 / 25 September,
29 / 30 October, 03 / 04 December

James Moriarty, Sergeant At Arms:

James spoke on the issue of Signature Bank, which has agreed to provide up to \$350.00 to any Chicago Police Officer for the purchase of a safety vest when an account is open with Signature Bank. They will be at the Safety Vest event in February. Direct deposit is needed to Signature Bank and must remain active and open for one (1) year.

Motion by **Jim Bailey**
2nd by **Rich Aguilar**
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 December 2008 General Meeting, there were three (3) call outs involving five (5) officers in three (3) shootings

Year End Totals for Call Outs:

In 2008 there were sixty (60) callouts involving one-hundred sixteen (116) officers in fifty-one (51) shootings. There were two (2) aggravated batteries against officers, one HBT incident, two (2) batteries against police officers, three (3) aggravated assaults against police officers, one (1) taser death incident and two (2) police officers killed in the line of duty (Richard Francis and Nathaniel Taylor).

Year end Totals for Discipline Screening Panels:

There were one-hundred sixty-one (161) officers represented for DSP cases of which an alternate recommendation was given in fifty-seven (57) cases and no alternate recommendation in one-hundred four cases.

Retiree Health Care:

Greg spoke on the issue of current negotiations with the City regarding lowering the age from 60 to 55 for health care. This benefit can only be acquired through negotiations and not through an arbitrator.

Motion by: **Dan McQue**
2nd by: **Mike Garza**
Motion: **To accept the 3rd Vice President's Report**
Motion passes.

Recording Secretary's Report

By Sid Davis

Behavior Intervention System / Personnel Concerns Program:

As of the beginning of January 2009 eighty-two (82) officers are enrolled in the Behavior Intervention System and fourteen (14) are enrolled in the Personnel Concerns Program for a total of ninety-six officers in both programs.

Military:

As of January 2009 forty-one (41) Lodge members were on orders, twenty-five on Foreign Soil and sixteen (16) doing stateside duty.

Santa Sid:

For the sixth year in a row, the Lodge has selected a school where Recording Secretary Sid Davis played Santa Sid. Christopher School, located at 5042 S. Artesian, was chosen this year. Santa, along with Alderman Burke, his wife

Ann Burke, Principal Mary McAloon and school staff, were present for a joyous morning of caroling and gift giving to the children.

Santa Sid then boarded his sleigh and proceeded to St. Ailbe Senior Citizen Home, located at 9240 S. Avalon, where 57 senior citizens were thoroughly surprised to see Santa. Some had not seen the white bearded gentleman for years. They were totally entertained by Santa who gave out gifts to each senior citizen and even danced with some of the ladies.

The highlight of the day came when Santa Sid once again boarded his sleigh and proceeded to the home of Naomi Taylor, daughter of Police Officer Nathaniel Taylor who was recently killed in the line of duty. Members from Unit 189, Sergeant Migdalia Bulnes, Officer Samella Ramirez, Officer Johnny Christian, Officer John Gonzalez, Officer Lemornet Miller and Santa Sid were present much to the delight of 5 year old Naomi. Lodge 7 made a donation that enabled Naomi to receive a bicycle, with training wheels, along with other gifts including funds to purchase clothing. Members from Unit 189 also contributed with donations and gifts to ensure that Naomi would have a blessed Christmas.

This was one day that I'll never forget anytime soon.

General Order 94-05-09 (Addendum (9A))

The Family and Medical Leave Act have been revised. General Order 94-05-09 has been rescinded; General Order 94-05-09 Addendum (9A) rescinds it. Members are encouraged to obtain a copy, read it, and become knowledgeable about the changes regarding Family and Medical Leave Act.

2009 FOP Fishing Tournament:

The Board of Directors voted (September 2008) to increase the fees by \$5.00 per person for the upcoming 2009 FOP Fishing Tournament. Each boat will pay \$80.00, up from \$70.00; the increase is the first in over twenty (20) years.

2009 Holiday Event Calendar:

The 2009 Holiday Event Calendar has been printed and distributed to districts and units.

Volunteers of America:

This Organization was established in 1896 and provides various programs for seniors, children and homeless veterans. They have offices in 38 States. Bill mentioned this organization earlier in his report, volunteers are always welcome and their website is www.voaininois.com.

Motion by James Moriarty

2nd by Al Francis

Motion to accept the Recording Secretary's Report

Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,750; Sgts. & Above/245; Disabled/359; Retired/5,265; Outside Units/4; Total Membership: 17,621

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for November 2008: \$457,448.25
Membership Account Disbursements for November 2008: \$375,145.56
Membership Account Balance as of December 1, 2008: \$1,153,158.94

General Account Deposits for November 2008: \$0.00
General Account Disbursements for November 2008: \$5,600.00
General Account Balance as of December 1, 2008: \$60,496.85

Store Account Deposits for November 2008: \$43,217.51
Store Account Disbursements for November 2008: \$57,439.39
Store Account Balance as of December 1, 2008: \$64,749.15

PAC Deposits for November 2008: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for November 2008: \$250.00
PAC Account Balance as of December 1, 2008: 6,408.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of December 1, 2008: \$5,170,258.04

Investment Account Balance as of December 1, 2008: \$1,026,994.75

Total Assets on Hand as of December 1, 2008: \$7,482,066.62

Motion by Tom McDonagh
2nd by Ken Watt
Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Motion passes.

Financial Secretary's Report

By Timothy Fallon

Arbitration:

The Lodge went to arbitration a couple of months ago on the issue of the Department denying FTO's to work with recruits, due to disciplinary reasons. The arbitrator ruled that if an FTO is denied the ability to work with a recruit which causes the FTO to lose 45 minutes a day, he/she is to submit a To/From to the FTO Review Board. The Review Board must then hear the case within two (2) weeks, the Superintendent then has to make a decision within two (2) weeks after that. The Lodge will be prepared to go forward with arbitration if no decision is made and the FTO is still being denied to work with recruits.

Motion by Sid Davis
2nd by Ron Rufo
Motion: to accept the Financial Secretary's Report
Motion passes

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

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

Motion by Ken Watt
2nd by Sid Davis
Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 19:44 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary