

**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 FEBRUARY 17, 2009
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Joseph J. Zannelli, Michael R. Lupa, Thomas S. Ferry, Sherett Chapman, Charles G. Koselke, Edward A. Nowdomski, J. Ronn Wilder, William C. Hudson, David A. Crowell, Robert M. Ocampo, Wesley C. Gerard,
Christian T. Michal,

And Timothy Fallon, Financial Secretary FOP, Chicago Lodge 7

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Past President Bill Nolan:

Brother Nolan asked that Financial Secretary Tim Fallon (deceased) be counted as present and accounted for.

President Donahue:

So noted and received on the request by Brother Nolan.

Michael Garza, Trustee:

Trustee Garza announced each award recipient.

AWARDS

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

Police Officer Mark Brown, Police Officer Marcus Broadway, Police Officer Craig Brownfield, Police Officer Patrick Fahey, Jr., Probationary Police Officer Jeffrey Frahm, and Police Officer Shane Jones.

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

Police Officer Timothy Dineen, Police Officer Kurt Catalan and Police Officer Terence Teahan.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on January 20, 2009 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by Kathy Gahagan

2nd by Kevin Graham

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

Motion passes.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report By Mark Donahue

Illinois Supreme Court:

The Illinois Supreme Court has refused the appeal of Lodge 7 to hear the decision of the State Appellate Court regarding Administrative Blows. Officers are to assume that when given the order to give an administrative blow in a DUI case and you are the subject of the order that it may/can be used in a criminal proceeding at a later date and time.

Chicago Pension Commission:

The Chicago Pension Commission cancelled it's February meeting, March 13, 2009 is the rescheduled date for the next meeting.

Congressional Race:

The vacated seat by former Congressman Rahm Emanuel (5th District), has 25 candidates vying for the position of which fifteen are democrats. No endorsement has been made by the State Lodge at this time.

Legislative News:

There was a legislative meeting held in Springfield on Monday, February 2, 2009 in which some discussion centered on the new legislative session.

Military Benefit

There was some discussion of the purchase of military time for all law enforcement officers serving in an active capacity in the State of Illinois. This is to purchase military time, pre-police employment, up to four years. This issue has been ongoing in other pension funds for a few years.

Other issues mention during the Presidents Reports

Pension Portability Bill

John Burge torture issue

Potential taxes increases (on officers pensions)

Enhancements for widows of pensioners (Cola)

Contract Negotiations:

The last contract negotiating meeting was held on January 26, 2009, the next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2009. Discussions at the last two meetings have been primarily on lowering the age from 60 to 55 regarding free health insurance for retiree's. The full negotiating team did vote to continue the course of action in talks with the City (health care for retiree's) in particular to some of the vital issues that an arbitrator will not decide.

National FOP:

A group of delegates from Illinois will be attending the National Legislative Committee Meetings in Washington D.C. next week including President Donahue from Lodge 7 and President Ted Street (Illinois State Lodge President). Some discussion will be on the Social Security Fairness Act.

Herb Hebein, Unit 022

Herb spoke on the issue of rumors regarding I.O.D and the annual tax benefit being taken away and the 2016

Olympics, that if FOP has not signed a contract by Oct 2009, there will be no 2016 Olympics.

President Donahue:

Those issues are nothing but rumors.

Motion by Jim Bailey

2nd by Ron Rufo

Motion: To accept the President's Report

Motion passes.

1st Vice President's Report By Bill Dougherty

Medical Grievances:

Since the last General Meeting (January 2009) the Lodge filed six (6) medical grievances.

1 grievance for denial of I.O.D.'s

3 grievances for officers placed into the psychological physical evaluations

1 grievance for an officer the department refuse to reinstate

1 grievance for an officer who should return limited duty, the department wanted to return him full duty.

Work Schedule Pilot Program:

All the pilot program work schedules started on January 8, 2009 and so far have been going along well. The Lodge has received many emails regarding the pilot programs through the FOP web site, some complaints have been received. The Lodge welcomes any feedback pro or con on the schedules, it does help so that any problems however small or large can be worked out with the City.

Medical Section:

Bill spoke on changes within the medical section including personnel changes and understaffing. A meeting has been scheduled to discussed the changes and issues that effect our Lodge members.

Heart Scan of Chicago:

The phone number for Heart Scan of America is 312-587-1111, the program is in full motion and booked through June of 2009. This issue was talked about last month (January General Meeting). An active officer with P.P.O. insurance can take advantage of the benefit at no charge (no referral is needed), any deductible and out of pocket expenses will be waived by Heart Scan of Chicago. If you have an HMO an approval is needed from your preferred health care provider, which may be difficult to obtain.

St. Patrick's Day Parades:

The Board of Directors voted to be involved in both the Northside and Southside St.Patrick's Day Parade next month. March 8, 2009 is the Northwest side Parade, March 15 is the Southside Parade. The Lodge will provide a trolley car for Board members who will be attending either parade. The trolley will depart for the Southside parade only on March 15, 2009. The trolley will be at the Northside location for those who want to ride at that location.

Police / Fire Hockey Game:

On March 16, 2009, the annual Police / Fire Hockey game will be held at the United Center. Tickets are \$5.00 and kids

under 12 are admitted free. Monies collected are split between Fire charities and the FOP disability fund.

Michael J. Cosentino, Unit Rep, 016:

Mike spoke on the issue of thanking 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty and Jessica (Bill's secretary) for the work they did in getting the Autism bill passed, effective January 1, 2009.

The March FOP Newsletter will contain information on the bill to include what is covered.

Discussion on the St. Patrick's Day Parades

Ed King Jr., Trustee:

Ed spoke on the issue of the Medical Wavier Form (Discipline).

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty:

Officers are advised not to sign these forms (Medical Wavier Form), however if ordered to sign the form, do not disobey but be sure to include that you are signing the form under duress and the name of whom ever gave you the order to sign it.

Leo Cummings, Unit 166:

Leo spoke on the issue of Heart Scan of Chicago

Motion by Sid Davis

2nd by Al Francis

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

Motion passes.

2nd Vice President's Report

Frank DiMaria

Safety Vest Day:

The Lodge will host a FOP Safety Vest Day on February 25, 2009 from 9 am until 5pm at the FOP Hall. Representatives from all the soft body armor companies will be present. 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.

Gun Registration:

The Lodge has learned that gun registration has changed their policy that now requires all duty disabled officers to register their duty weapons annually, effective immediately. The Lodge has filed a grievance for all these officers contesting the action of the department.

Stress Management Classes:

Only a few dates remain, officers are highly advised to enroll and take advantage of this benefit. Officers who are interested should call the Lodge and ask for Pat Suchocki to schedule an appointment.

Motion by Bill Dougherty

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 January 2009 General Meeting, there was one (1) call out involving one (1) officer in a shooting. There was one (1) attempt robbery.

Discipline Screening Panels:

There were twenty-eight (28) DSP cases heard recently of which an alternate recommendation was given in eleven (11) cases.

Force Analysis Panel:

President Donahue and 3rd Vice President Greg Bella met with the department on February 5, 2009 in which they were told that a Force Analysis Panel would be formed. That same day a Fax 501 was issued on the same subject. The panel would be made up of exempt rank members who would review all closed police shootings. IPRA would have to close a shooting investigation before the panel would review it. The panel would review the shooting for tactics, deployment, any issues and equipment failure. The panel is not reviewing shootings for discipline and will not interview any officer involved in the shooting. The panels fact finding will be limited to reports. The Lodge cannot stop the City from implementing this panel which will be mainly about tactics and equipment. However if any part of the contract is violated due to this practice, the Lodge will take action.

U-Numbers:

A u-number is obtained when an officer is involved in a shooting, some shootings a CR may be issued, depending on the nature of the incident. A statement is given at the round table by the officer, ninety-nine percent of u-numbers do not require a CR. The Lodge filed an unfair labor practice and a grievance when the Chief of IPRA started the practice of calling officers to come down that were involved in shootings to take statements. The Lodge took the position that an officer does not need to be interviewed a second time. All questions should have been answered at the round table. The grievance should be heard within the next two (2) months.

Motion by: James Moriarty

2nd by: Derrick Armstrong

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 February 2009 seventy-eight (78) officers are enrolled in the Behavior Intervention System and eleven (11) are enrolled in the Personnel Concerns Program for a total of eighty-nine officers in both programs.

Military:

As of February 2009 twenty-seven officers (reservist's) were deployed to a combat zone, while fourteen are

performing stateside duty.

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. An additional prize will be given to an angler who has fished the tournament before that brings in a new angler, that has never fished the tournament.

Motion by Al Francis

2nd by Anna Hanley

Motion: To accept the Recording Secretary's Report

Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,758; Sgts. & Above/257; Disabled/356; Retired/5,263; Outside Units/4; Total Membership: 17,638

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for January 2009: \$470,314.68
Membership Account Disbursements for January 2009: \$475,653.27
Membership Account Balance as of February 1, 2009: \$931,666.83

General Account Deposits for January 2009: \$350.00
General Account Disbursements for January 2009: \$43,151.82
General Account Balance as of February 1, 2009: \$12,440.03

Store Account Deposits for January 2009: \$36,027.52
Store Account Disbursements for January 2009: \$40,000.74
Store Account Balance as of February 1, 2009: \$88,864.77

PAC Deposits for January 2009: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for January 2009: \$1500.00
PAC Account Balance as of February 1, 2009: \$4,308.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of February 1, 2009: \$5,243,739.64

Investment Account Balance as of February 1, 2009: \$1,026,994.75

Total Assets on Hand as of February 1, 2009: \$7,308,014.91

Labor Rally:

John spoke on the issue of a Labor Rally being held today at Plumbers Hall.

Motion by Rick King

2nd by Darrin Bourret

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Motion passes.

President Donahue:

Spoke on the issue of a officer who is having a benefit, the officer recently took 30 days. Tickets for the benefit are being sold in the back of the hall. Please support this officer

OLD BUSINESS

Percy Allen, Unit 166:

Percy spoke on the issue of log numbers regarding allegations

3rd Vice President:

Greg spoke on the issue of traffic accidents which occurred back in the late 80's and early 90's, the City at that time went after your medical expenses including any law suits in which you may have won a settlement. Former President Bill Nolan hired an attorney by the name of Shawn Warner who filed a lawsuit for any officer involved in a traffic accident and had a lien placed against their wages. This case was won by Shawn who is now sending letters to officers telling them that they have money coming back to them. If you receive a letter from Shawn Warner saying you have money coming back to you, its not a hoax, it's real. The Lodge will get involved by calling the affected officers.

NEW BUSINESS

I.O.D. Letter:

Unknown officer spoke on the issue of the annual I.O.D. letter and I.R.S. who are auditing members.

Harold J. Hanley, Unit 004:

Harold spoke on the issue of Shawn Warner case.

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty:

Bill spoke on the issue of Pension Board Meetings and investments, to include a member on the Board responsible for losing pension money through bad investments.

James Moriarty, Trustee:

James spoke on the issue of the Pension Board and it's investments

Mike Shields, Pension Board Trustee:

Mike spoke on the issue of Lodge members attending Pension Board Meetings. They start at 9 am, at 221 N. LaSalle.

Daniel Lopez, Unit 002:

Daniel spoke on the issue of a rumor that no retro checks will be given upon the completion of the contract.

President Donahue:

That is a rumor that is not true, retro checks will be given to Lodge members once the contract is finalized.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Kenny Watt, Retired member:

Kenny spoke on the issue of Danny Smith who is in the rear of the hall signing books

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

Motion by Jim Bailey
2nd by Ken Watt
Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 13:00 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary