

**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 18, 2005  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 19:01 hours.

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

Dorothy M. Adams, John Agnello, Frank B. Baranski, Michael J. Burns, Gary W. Butler, Janet K. Conley, George C. Coughlin, Jr., James M. Dolan, Sharon Jedrzieczyk, Francis W. Kilcoyne, Joseph J. Lorenz, Ronald P. McInerney, Louis J. Meredith, Charles E. Nawrocki, Hugh Nightingale, John N. O'Mara, Cecil E. Young, Joseph M. Kinsella, Gerald J. McGarry, Leonard M. Getautas, Joseph P. Trizinski, Robert A. Davino, Don Degmon, Vincent R. Zielinski, Johnny E. Jones

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

## **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on December 21, 2004 were provided to those in attendance.

**Motion by James Moriarty  
2nd by John Furmanek  
Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed**

Motion passes

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

### **President's Report By Mark P. Donahue**

**Negotiations:** Today January 18, 2005 was the first day of arbitration; it started about 9:30 am and concluded about 4:30 pm. The Lodge had a great presentation put on by Tom Lamb, who flew in from Philadelphia to talk about the health care program being used in Philadelphia and a wellness program that has been at the center of discussion during our contract negotiations. We also had Scott Burns (CPA) put on a power point presentation relative to the cost of health care here in Chicago and what the claims have been by the City and the Department as to what they spend on providing health care. Both presentations took up most of the day; we will meet again tomorrow morning at the FOP Hall for the second day of arbitration. Two more dates have been scheduled for next week.

**Legislation:** The 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly has ended, the issues that were not addressed in this General Assembly will be the subject matter of discussion at the legislative committee meeting on January 26, 2005  
Retiree health care will be on the agenda.

**FOP Elections:** A candidates meeting was held earlier today, Steve Schorsch (election chairmen) conducted the meeting. Questions were asked and some challenges were made which, prior to the printing of the ballots, will be addressed by the arbitrator. The counting of the ballots will be on March 11, 2005 at the FOP Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. Ballots should be received by members at their homes on February 18, 2005.

**Parking Lot:** The Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union has purchased the parking lot directly in front of the FOP Hall. Parking spaces have been designated for FOP members (first two rows, on Washington Blvd near the sidewalk).

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

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

**Medical Grievances:** Since the last General Meeting in December, fifteen (15) medical grievances were filed; eight (8) were for psychological physical evaluations, six (6) were for denials of I.O.D and one (1) for a class action grievance.

**Medical Section:** CR's are coming out of the medical section for officers who fail to show up or not calling when they have gone on the medical. Officers who have called the medical section and then subsequently receive a C.R. #, should get a copy of their phone bill to prove the initial call was made.  
*A letter was read to the membership by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty regarding a disabled police officer who wrote to thank Tom Pleines and Carlos Saladino for their dedication in assisting her with her case. Bill thanked Tom, Carlos, Cedric Brumley and Kim Shemash.*

**Motion by** Kevin Graham  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** James Moriarty  
**Motion** To accept the 1st Vice President's Report

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

### **Frank DiMaria**

**Uniform Changes:** The Department announced changes in the uniforms worn by Lodge members on October 1, 2004. The Lodge filed a grievance immediately under article 21 following the issuance of the Dept Notice on behalf of its members, objecting to the changes, due to the fact the Lodge had no input into the proposed changes. The City and the Uniform Committee are supposed to meet periodically to discuss major changes. We asked for immediately remedy to make the contract whole, we asked that the order be rescinded and that the Lodge be part of the process when future changes are considered. Since filing the grievance the City has met with the uniform committee and as a result of the meetings there will be a revision on the Dept Notice. Do not discard any of your old nylon jackets.

**Petitions:** Lodge members are asked to sign the petitions to keep two (2) convicted cop killers in prison. The petitions are in the districts and units.

*Discussion on the uniform changes and order*

**Motion by Rich Aguilar**

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

**Motion:**       **To accept the 2nd Vice President's Report**

**Motion passes**

## **3rd Vice President's Report**

### **By Greg Bella**

**Legal Defense:** Since the last meeting there was one (1) call out in which two (2) officers were involved in one (1) shooting. There were six (6) officers represented at the Complaint Review Panels in which a favorable reduction was granted in three (3) cases. Totals for the year ending in 2004 are: 64 callouts, 101 officers involved in 56 shootings. Complaint Review Panels, the Lodge represented 104 officers, 81 officers received a favorable reduction. I.A.D / DSP's, the Lodge represented 131 officers, 59 cases received alternate recommendations. OPS / DSP's, the Lodge represented 59 officers, 28 officers received alternate recommendations.

**Officers / Weapons:** The Lodge noticed an increase in the year 2004 for attempts to disarm police officers, a huge number of offenders are now trying to disarm officers. When making street stops and in close quarters with offenders and or citizens, watch them closely, some of them are watching you waiting for the right moment.

*Acknowledgements by Kevin Graham to Greg Bella for running unopposed*

**Motion by Jim Bailey Jr.**

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

**Motion:**       **To accept the 3rd Vice President's Report**

**Motion passes**

## **Recording Secretary's Report**

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

**Tsunami Relief:** There are over 40 different agencies that members can donate funds to in relief of the tsunami tragedy. Members are caution however that many agencies collecting funds may not be legit and to be careful when contributing.

Families will be suffering for years to come due to the magnitude of deaths, please contribute from the heart by making a donation.

Motion by **Bob Mihajlov**  
2<sup>nd</sup> by **Ron Rufo**  
Motion: **To accept the Recording Secretary's Report**  
Motion passes

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **By John Capparelli**

**Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,603; Sgts. & above/203; Disabled/416; Retired/5,394; Outside Units/6; Total Membership: 17,622**

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

**Membership Account Deposits for December 2004: \$539,403.63**  
**Membership Account Disbursements for December 2004: \$618,336.35**  
**Membership Account Balance as of January 1, 2005: \$446,038.95**

**General Account Deposits for December 2004: \$483.00**  
**General Account Disbursements for December 2004: \$2,650.00**  
**General Account Balance as of January 1, 2005: \$31,369.61**

**Store Account Deposits for December 2004: \$64,671.11**  
**Store Account Disbursements for December 2004: \$62,560.45**  
**Store Account Balance as of January 1, 2005: \$25,172.32**

**PAC Deposits for December 2004: \$0.00**  
**PAC Disbursements for December 2004: \$0.00**  
**PAC Account Balance as of January 1, 2005: \$180.83**

**Legal Defense Account Balance as of January 1, 2005: \$3,712,804.11**

**WCMA Loan Account Balance as of January 1, 2005: \$832,885.79**

**Investment Account Balance as of January 1, 2005: \$28,248.65**

**Total Assets on Hand as of January 1, 2005: \$5,076,700.26**

Motion by **James Moriarty**  
2<sup>nd</sup> by **Kevin Jans**  
Motion: **To accept the Financial Secretary's Report**  
Motion passes

## **Financial Secretary's Report**

### **By Timothy Fallon**

**Operation Close Market:** The Lodge has learned that the Department is going to stop Operation Closed Market for three months, and start detailing officers who are detailed to 35<sup>th</sup> street. Those officers will be going out to a new Closed Market for three months. Additionally, they want 100 people total, so who ever is detailed, the difference will be made up by reverse seniority with the people from 35<sup>th</sup> street and different units and sending them out on a three (3) month detail. Districts 24, 20<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> are all extremely short of manpower, which was the reason for the department starting the 3-month details. The Department created the shortage by pulling officers out of the districts and detailing them to other locations. The Lodge has filed a grievance under 23.11 (details).

**FLSA:** Attorneys went into court last Tuesday (January 11), there was a switch in Judges that the Lodge feels was a good move. In court the Judge has given supervisors until January 31<sup>st</sup> to get all their names in.

**Motion by** Al Francis  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Kevin Graham  
**Motion:** To accept the Financial Secretary's Report

*Discussion on the FLSA lawsuit and the FTO Program*

**Motion passes**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Discussion on H.R 218*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Rich Moravec, Unit 011:** Spoke on the issue of Trustee Harold Kunz, who resigned from the Board of Directors.

**Vic Rini, Retired Officer:** Spoke on the issue of H.R. 218 and the FTO Program including Sergeant At Arms Ken Watt's article on FTO's in the January 2005 FOP newsletter (page 6).

**Day on the HILL:** FOP's Day on the Hill will occur this February and the top priority in Washington will be the elimination of the Windfall Provision (Social Security). Senator Barack Obama is in full support of the elimination of the Windfall Provision.

**Health Care Premiums:** Retiree health care premiums are on the rise, The Lodge's in house attorneys are looking into the actual costs. The Lodge is prepared to go into court over the increases.

*Discussions on medications and prescriptions, a grievance has been filed regarding the increase cost of prescriptions*

*Discussion on the Det Exam (Phase II)*

**John Dineen, Past President:** Spoke on the issue of increases in hospitalization for retired members.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Benefit for Tim Baker (A1), on Friday January, 2005, contact the Lodge for tickets.

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

**Motion by**        **Bill Nolan**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by**            **John Dineen**  
**Motion:**        **To adjourn the meeting**  
**Motion passes**

*Meeting adjourned at 19:59 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary