

**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 MARCH 15, 2005  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 19:03 hours.

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

Marvin L. Werner, Ervin J. Boldyga, John P. Welsh, John M. Staunton, John F. Skarupa, Alfreda R. Rushing, John P. Sweeney, Michael J. Carroll, Valerie Butler-Martinez, Peter F. Gallagher, William M. Stevens, Thomas R. Miglore, William J. Isdell, Anthony M. Giella, Anthony J. Wieclawski, Benjamin J. McEwing

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

## **AWARDS**

**There were no awards issued at this General Meeting**

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on February 15, 2005 were provided to those in attendance.

**Motion by** Jerry Reid  
**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** **Mark Donahue**

**FOP Election:** I'd like to start by first congratulating all the candidates especially for individuals who were successful in their quest to become part of the Board of Directors. The election results are in the back of the room for members who would like to have a copy.

**Arbitrator's Decision:** The arbitrator's decision was handed down on February 28, 2005 and most notable was the pay increase that members will receive, as well as the increase in health care premiums that will kick in July of 2006. The wage compression issue supplements the legislation that was passed last year so that compression when it kicks in Jan of 2006 members will begin to reach maximum pension potential a full five (5) years sooner than they currently do. Overall the financial package handed down by the arbitrator keeps the members ahead of the actual and anticipated cost of living during the entire contract. The arbitrator's decision has been posted on the FOP website. Unit Reps were given hard copies the same day we received the decision. A meeting on March 2, 2005 with the Unit Reps' allowed them to discuss the provisions of the arbitrator's decision. The Lodge has been told by members of the City counsel that the arbitrator's decision will be on the agenda for a decision at their City Counsel meeting on April 6, 2005.

**Legislation:** The 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is well under way and unfortunately pensions which is on the agenda is moving very slowly. Discussion continues on the automatic annuity increases that will take place for those that were born before Dec 31, 1954. Other bills being looked at is the administrative review bill, which would allow an individual, turned down for duty disability at the Pension Board if they care to contest it and they win, the bill would mandate that the Board reimburse the individual for legal expenses.

**S.B. 189:** This bill is legislation that would allow for the implementation of the various components found H.R. 218 the carry and conceal bill. It's on the third reading in the Senate and it's on course to go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**S.B. 581:** This bill that would mandate data collection for racial profiling has again been amended so that it only applies to members of the Chicago Police Department.

**Day on the Hill:** On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> I attended the National Day on the Hill, visiting the offices of all of the congressman and both Senators from Illinois. Illinois may be the first state in the union to have unanimous consent to sign the Social Security Fairness Act bill. Members need to call their congressman and senator regarding supporting the bill.

**Detective Exam:** The City extended the deadline for Detective Test participants to pick up the materials for part two of the test; the new dates for anyone who has not picked up their materials is March 14 through March 18, 2005 at the Personnel Division, 35<sup>th</sup> and Michigan.

**Parades:** This year the Lodge participated in both the Northwest and Southwest side St. Patrick's Day Parade. On Saturday night March 12, the Lodge hosted it's annual St. Patrick's Day party and was attended by New York City Police and U.S. Marines.

**Motion by** Sid Davis  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Rich Aguilar  
**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 February, thirteen (13) medical grievances were filed; ten (10) were for denials of I.O.D, three (3) were for psychological / physical evaluations.

**Medical Section:** There is a new medical procedure in place for members who go on the medical. You must call within 24 hours and when you do write down the name of the person you talk with, that person in turn will give you a confirmation number. A recent problem regarding members on the medical having their personal information broadcasted over the radio prior to a home visit has been resolved by a letter to Superintendent Cline who responded by saying he was concerned about officers safety issues which resulted in an order being distributed to supervisors and will then be made into a patrol division order.

**Medical Arbitration Decision:** The Lodge has won a decision for an officer involved in an incident while off duty.

Retired Officer Terry O'Neill: spoke on the issue of the new procedure on medical and the confirmation number.

**Motion by** Joe Butney  
**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**

Excused from meeting to attend family matters

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

### **By Greg Bella**

**Legal Defense:** Since the last meeting there were five (5) call outs in which nine (9) officers were involved in five (5) shootings. There were nine (9) officers represented at the Complaint Review Panels in which a favorable reduction was granted in eight (8) cases. Legal defense seminars are being scheduled for the end of April, dates, times and places to be announced later.

**Motion by** Bill Dougherty  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Kurt Hagemann  
**Motion:** To accept the 3rd Vice President's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Recording Secretary's Report**

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the voting process of Lodge 7 to elect Board of Directors for a new three-year term.

**B.I.S. / P.C.P.:** Eight-six (86) Lodge members are currently in the Behavioral Intervention System and Thirty-three (33) Lodge members are in the Personnel Concerns Program. Placement into either program is intended to be non-punitive and is done for the specific purpose of correcting job performance. It is not a disciplinary process, nor is the system designed to interfere with promotion, transfer, bidding, or other employment benefits.

**Military Reservist:** Currently fifty-seven (57) Lodge members are activated for Operation Enduring Freedom; forty of the fifty-seven are on foreign soil serving their nation.

**Social Security Fairness Act:** The SSFA affects every Lodge member who are asked to do one thing, and that is to call your Congressman or State Senator asking his or her support for the SSFA bill.

**Out of Darkness American Suicide Prevention:** The Fraternal Order of Police supports the Out of Darkness / American Foundation for Suicide Prevention which is sponsoring an over-night 20-mile walk on July 16, 2005. I will be walking those 20 miles that night from dusk to dawn. Any Lodge member who wants to walk and participate in the event may do so, however there is a \$75.00 application fee required by the Out of Darkness / American Suicide Prevention Program. Net proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, funding research, education, and awareness programs – both to prevent suicide and to assist those touched by suicide. The Lodge has pledged to raise \$5000.00 for the research of suicide. Members who wish to make a contribution may log onto the website [www.theovernight.org/siddavis](http://www.theovernight.org/siddavis) and make a donation. Please be generous, as this will benefit research and programs for the prevention of suicide.

**Motion by** Bill Nolan  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** John Carey  
**Motion:** To accept the Recording Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **By John Capparelli**

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,660; Sgts. & above/225; Disabled/401; Retired/5,449; Outside Units/7; Total Membership: 17,742

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

Membership Account Deposits for February 2005: \$630,865.96  
Membership Account Disbursements for February 2005: \$567,990.10  
Membership Account Balance as of March 1, 2005: \$617,154.02

General Account Deposits for February 2005: \$2,440.00  
General Account Disbursements for February 2005: \$900.00  
General Account Balance as of March 1, 2005: \$12,569.61

Store Account Deposits for February 2005: \$28,507.18  
Store Account Disbursements for February 2005: \$33,360.29  
Store Account Balance as of March 1, 2005: \$24,404.14

PAC Deposits for February 2005: \$0.00  
PAC Disbursements for February 2005: \$0.00  
PAC Account Balance as of March 1, 2005: \$180.83

Legal Defense Account Balance as of March 1, 2005: \$3,775,308.40

WCMA Loan Account Balance as of March 1, 2005: \$832,806.69

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

Total Assets on Hand as of March 1, 2005: \$5,290,672.34

*Discussion on union dues, compensatory time on the books, donations.*

**Motion by**            **Rich Aguilar**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by**                **John Furmanek**  
**Motion:**            **To accept the Treasurer's Report**  
**Motion passes.**

## **Financial Secretary's Report**

### **By Timothy Fallon**

**FLSA Lawsuit:**     A recent status hearing on the FLSA lawsuit has members (who filed / exempt ranks) giving depositions and also captains and lieutenants. The City on the other hand will start to depose officers who filed. Any member who receives a deposition from the City should contact the Lodge immediately.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*None*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Kevin Graham, Unit 023*     *spoke on the issue of a matrix for computing retroactive salaries*

*Ken Mikolajczyk, Unit 024:*     *spoke on the issue of retro pay and the Mayor*

*John Capparelli, Unit 541:*     *spoke on the issue of Town Hall Meetings and retro pay*

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Rich Aguilar:**     The web site has been revamped with a new look. Any member with questions or problems may email me at [raguilar@chgofofopmail.org](mailto:raguilar@chgofofopmail.org)

*Discussion on an officer who was stripped*

**Ed King Jr., Unit 025:** Spoke on the issue of some changes with uniforms being discussed with the City. Members are reminded about the uniform resale scheduled for April 8, 2005 from 1300 hours to 1700 hours. Contact Ed King (025 / days) or Frank DiMaria at 312-733-7776.

**Officer safety issues:**     Safety issues remain high with OEC and officers working one-man cars and vehicles accelerating on their own. Contact Frank DiMaria at 312-733-7776 if having any problems with vehicles or jobs that require two people and given to one-man cars.

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

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

*Meeting adjourned at 19:43 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary