

**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 19, 2006
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 19:08 hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Timothy M. Baker, Dan Chebny, Richard J. Degitis, John E. Doherty, John L. Grizzoffi, Sr., Scott P. Groll, Michael J. Grubbs, Chester J. Jaskolka, Leonard F. Meyer, John W. Werner, Daniel V. Williamson, Thomas C. Strom, John S. McCarthy, Thomas E. Loconte, Eugene F. Konow, Denis E. Guest, Daniel A. Fornelli, John W. Daly, Louis Galimore, John G. Klimawicze, John F. McCarthy, James G. O'Donnell, Paris H. Patton, Jesse J. Word, Dennis J. Zborek, Sr., James J. Shannon, James G. Sullivan, Robert H. Howard, Garrett L. Dubin, Walter J. Dworak, Robert L. Hofbauer, Harry F. Hogan, Jerrell K. Johnson, James J. Kmiecik, Robert E. Lee, Timothy M. Harts, Donald E. Donohue, Thomas F. McInerney, Jr., Joseph J. Gerardi, Jr., Raymond M. Patrick, Ronald M. Migasi, Saul Contreras, Jr., Terence P. Fogarty, Patrick J. Hackett, James J. McDonald, Jerome S. Malkowski, Arthur J. Mikolajczyk, Michael J. Cusack, James W. Dowd

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Garza. Member of the Awards Committee: Brother Garza Conducted the Monthly Awards

AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

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

Police Officer John Johnson, Police Officer Ron Rempas, Police Officer Paul Kirner, Police Officer John Valtierra, Police Officer Raymond Johnson, Police Officer Gustavo Bedoy, Police Officer Richard Arroyo and Police Officer Brian Halloran.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on June 20, 2006 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by Bill Nolan
2nd 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**

Nationwide Retirement Solutions: President Donahue spoke on the issue of NRS regarding the incident of a theft of a computer containing vital information of Lodge 7 members, and the two-page letter sent to Nationwide Retirement Solutions Participants. A free credit check has been established for participants, members may log onto the FOP website to obtain additional information.

Memorial Dedication: The Grand Opening Celebration for the Gold Star Families Memorial And Park was held on September 18th just east of Soldier's Field. The Lodge believes it to be the finest Police Memorial in the nation. Members are highly encouraged to visit the site.

State Conference: The Illinois State Conference was held in July at the Holiday Inn (downtown Chicago), and was a complete success. The Lodge conducted business extremely well, which resulted in being in the black for financial purposes so well, that we have been asked to consider a National Conference.

Korshak Update: The Lodge is still in court regarding the Korshak decision (retiree health care) due to the City's attempt to complicate the issue. The Lodge will continue to move forward on the issue keeping the membership informed of updates.

Veto Session: The fall veto session will start on November 14th, which is a week after the statewide elections.

President Donahue also spoke briefly on the following topics:

Senate Pension Insurance Committee Meeting

Police Pension Fund

Portability

Federal Legislation / H.R. 4

Endorsements: The State Lodge has endorsed Rod Blagojevich (Governor), Lisa Madigan (Attorney General) and Dan Hynes (State Comptroller). Other candidates endorsed by Lodge 7 and submitted to the State for consideration will be posted in the November FOP Newsletter. Up next will be the Mayor's race including Alderman.

Next Contract: The Lodge is hoping to have the **contract negotiating team** in place by the first of the year. Any Lodge members who are interested in serving on the CNT are asked to submit a To/From to the Lodge for consideration.

Motion by Kevin Graham
2nd by Joe Butney
Motion: To accept the President's Report.
Motion passes

1st Vice President's Report By Bill Dougherty

Medical Grievances: Since the last General Meeting in June the Lodge has filed twenty-three (23) medical grievances, of which eighteen (18) were for denial of I.O.D., four (4) officers was placed on psychological evaluations, one (1) for an officer who was decertified by the medical service section.

Vision: The arbitration decision regarding vision is in, and the results are the arbitrator ruled that the party's did not bargain over the particular wording in the arbitrator's original ruling, which said that the party's need to further review and develop the program. The arbitrator has ordered both the City and the Lodge back to the bargaining table on the issue.

Discussion on the arbitrator's ruling

Health Fairs: The next Health Fair is scheduled for September 27th at the 10th District from 7am to 1pm. Members may call Cheryl Grendahl at 800-811-0174 to make an appointment.

Flu Shots: The Lodge will conduct its annual free Flu Shots for members on October 25th at the FOP Hall from 7am to 3pm. It is free for all FOP members and \$25.00 for your spouse. No appointments are needed, just show up.

Flexible Spending Account: I am encouraging all members to read the article on FSA located in the September FOP Newsletter. It contains very important information about your health care. Every member in the Lodge should be in this program. For more information check out the City's website at www.cityofchicago.org/benefits

Vision Arbitration: The City rendered an offer, the Lodge countered it with an offer and when we departed the meeting that was conducted last week it was understand that if any side was going to move on an offer contact should be made by 10am September 19th, no calls were made and the Lodge had it's attorney's contact Arbitrator

Benn to set up a date.

Vocational Training: Only one officer has signed up to take advantage of the Vocational Training for Disabled Officers, which is a great benefit. It's been advertised in the FOP newsletter several times, funds have been budgeted for the program and the Lodge would like to see more disabled officers sign up to participate.

Medical Section: Members who are having any problems with the nurses at the medical section and want the problem resolved, should ask for a sergeant or the inspector (do not ask for a supervisor).

1st Vice President Bill Dougherty also spoke on an Occupational Disability Grievance

Kevin McNulty, Unit 018: Spoke on the issue of prescription increases

Motion by Kevin Jans
2nd by Tom Ginnelly
Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report.
Motion passes

2nd Vice President's Report

Frank DiMaria

FOP Picnic: The Lodge had to finally cancel the annual FOP Picnic at Santa's Village a few months ago, we are looking for ways to continue this tradition and seek ideas and suggestions from the membership. We will meet with committee members soon for discussion on the 2007 FOP Picnic.

Zylon Vest Vouchers: Some of our Lodge members were having difficulty in redeeming their vest vouchers, the Lodge then contacted representatives from Streichers Co. who then came to the FOP Hall on July 19th with their products, over 60 members took advantage on that day of making purchases. A second date has been scheduled for later in the year when the next wave of vouchers is distributed. Members still holding vouchers are asked to contact Frank DiMaria at 312-733-7776.

Uniform Resale: The Lodge has scheduled a fall uniform resale day on October 18th at the FOP Hall from 1pm to 6pm.

Motion by Sid Davis
2nd by Don Richardson
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 in June there were eight (8) call outs in which eleven (11) officers were involved in eight (8) shootings.

Discipline Screening Panel: Forty-eight (48) cases were heard of which thirty-four (34) cases received alternate recommendations.

I.A.D. The Lodge has learned that officers when going down to 35th street (I.A.D.) are not being given copies of their statements. A grievance has been filed on this practice by I.A.D.

3rd Vice President Greg Bella also spoke on a lawsuit in which a Lodge member was awarded the sum of \$31,000.00

Motion by Bill Dougherty
2nd by Sid Davis
Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report
Motion passes

Recording Secretary's Report

By Sidney M. Davis

B.I.S. / P.C.P.: Currently there are ninety-seven (97) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and nineteen (19) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred sixteen (116) officers in both programs. 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 promotions, requesting transfers, bidding or other employee benefits. Members who are currently enrolled in either program are encouraged to call the Lodge for possible removal.

Military: Thirty police officers are currently deployed for Operations Enduring Freedom of which seventeen are on foreign soil. Please keep these officers in your prayers and also for a safe return home.

On the 24th of January this year an officer from the 014th District faxed me a document regarding an Illinois Complied Statute pertaining to pay for reservist, that covered four types of military training for pay. Basic Training,

Special Training, Advanced Training and Annual Training. This document was then forwarded to Personnel for consideration. On July 12th a Facsimile Message (063577) was issued which stated that members are now allowed to keep their entire military compensation from their annual training encampment and that members would no longer be required to turn these funds over to the City in exchanged for their police pay. This provision in our contract (Section 30.2) effected members who were hired after January 1, 1997. The ILCS was effective as of August 4, 2003.

Leaves of Absences: The Department is granting one (1) year of absence to members when requested through proper channels. An additional 90 days may be granted when an extension is requested, after that you must return to the Department or face termination.

2007 Calendar: The 2007 Holiday Event Calendar is almost complete; members who have new ideas or would like to see changes to the calendar are asked to contact the Lodge. The HEC will be ready by the time members start to select watch and furloughs this November.

Motion by Frank DiMaria
2nd by John Fitzgerald
Motion: To accept the Recording Secretary's Report
Motion passes

Treasurer's Report

By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,677; Sgts. & Above/341; Disabled/396; Retired/5,349; Outside Units/8; Total Membership: 17,771

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for August 2006: \$221,669.70
Membership Account Disbursements for August 2006: \$322,923.58
Membership Account Balance as of September 1, 2006: \$949,971.20

General Account Deposits for August 2006: \$6,574.99
General Account Disbursements for August 2006: \$10,487.00
General Account Balance as of September 1, 2006: \$31,781.41

Store Account Deposits for August 2006: \$60,275.74
Store Account Disbursements for August 2006: \$62,797.45
Store Account Balance as of September 1, 2006: \$117,755.29

PAC Deposits for August 2006: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for August 2006: \$0.00
PAC Account Balance as of September 1, 2006: \$2,428.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of September 1, 2006: \$4,397,491.78

Investment Account Balance as of September 1, 2006: \$1,029,057.81

Total Assets on Hand as of September 1, 2006: \$6,528,485.69

Great America: The Lodge sold all the tickets it acquired for this year's Great America event, which included an increase (ticket sales) from last season.

Kevin Jans, Unit 016: Spoke on the issue of salaries of Board of Directors under Article 7, Section 2.

Motion by Tom Skelly
2nd by Rhonda Bullock
Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Motion passes

Financial Secretary's Report By Timothy Fallon

Korshak Lawsuit: Judge Donnersberger recently issued a ruling on the Korshak Lawsuit stating that the Lodge (Paul Geiger) and the officers he represented had no standing in the case. Within the next two weeks depending on a motion being considered by the Pension Board and the City (filed jointly), the Lodge will file a grievance in the Appellant Court.

Discussion on the Korshak Lawsuit

Motion by Mike Garza
2nd by James Moriarty
Motion: To accept the Financial Secretary's Report
Motion passes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution and By Laws By James Moriarty

Chairmen Moriarty informed the membership of two By Law changes submitted by a Lodge member.

1st amendment submitted: Article VII A. Nomination and Qualification for Officers (attachment to minutes)

Chairmen Moriarty read the proposed amendment.

Discussion on the proposed amendment change

President Donahue: The By Law amendment proposal that has been proposed, it is not the recommendation of the Board of Directors it's the actual By Law proposal itself that members will be voting on. It is either a yes or no vote.

The membership voted to reject the amendment change

2nd amendment submitted: Article I, Section 5, under Membership Eligibility (attached to minutes)

Chairmen Moriarty read the proposed amendment.

Discussion on the proposed amendment change

President Donahue: Call for the vote of the membership

The membership voted to reject the amendment change

Special Events Committee

By Joe Butney

A blood drive has been scheduled for Thursday November 2, 2006 (DOG 7/1), from 10am to 6pm; location will be the FOP Hall. Life Source is the agency that will collect blood. Appointments are being made (see Joe Butney) so life source can determine staff requirements for the event, articles will appear in the FOP Newsletter and you may go online to their website.

OLD BUSINESS

Robert Rutherford, Trustee: Spoke on behalf of Easter Seals and an upcoming “Walk for Me” at Brookfield Zoo on October 7, 2006. Any member who is interested may pick up pamphlets at the back of the Hall before leaving.

Rhonda Bullock, Unit 112: Spoke on the Ethnic Training that is currently on the Department Internet.

Brian Tierney, Unit 015: Spoke on the issue of the physical fitness award (Chicago Fire Department) and the difference in pay that Chicago Police is awarded for completion of the same type of fitness test. The Lodge is looking into the matter through an arbitrator.

Ken Mikolajczyk, Unit 024: Spoke on the issue of the upcoming blood drive.

Joseph Ferenzi, Unit 153: Spoke on the issue of upcoming contract negotiations including D2A pay.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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None

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

Motion by **Bill Dougherty**
2nd by **Sid Davis**
Motion: **To adjourn the meeting**
Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 20:49 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary