

**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 15, 2008  
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:**

James E. Purtell, James E. Andrasco, Leroy G. Starr, Harold W. Brown, Gerald J. Cronin, Frank DeMauro, Frank P. Lynch, Lawrence A. Volpe, Sr., Francis L. Clifford, Jr., Louis J. Cantone, Fred H. Miller, Raymond Stoppa, James R. Haughey, Patrick J. McGroarty

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

## **AWARDS**

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

### **Scholarship Awards:**

The names of Officer's children who received scholarship awards were announced by Treasurer John Capparelli

### **Guest in the House:**

President Donahue announced that Illinois National Trustee Robert "Rocky" Nowaczyk is present in the FOP Hall.

## **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on December 18, 2007 were provided to those in attendance.

**Motion by Kathleen Gahagan**

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

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

**Motion passes.**

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **President's Report**

**Mark Donahue**

#### **Legislation:**

The Legislative Committee met on January 4, 2008 to update the Lodge's agenda for the remainder of the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly this spring. Three of the Lodge's bills have been removed due to the passage of Public Act 95-0504, and the committee recommended to the lobbyist's that he redo the wording on three (3) other bills. These three bills are the Pension Portability, the compounding of Cola (3% bill) and the bill which would prohibit the City from charging retirees anymore for health care then active members.

#### **Day on the Hill:**

Illinois State Lodge President Ted Street has requested that President Donahue attend this year's Day on the Hill in Washington D.C. on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **National Legislative Committee:**

Illinois State Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Mehrrens (member of the National Legislative Committee) has been named Chairman of the National Legislative Committee.

#### **National Merchandise Committee:**

Lodge 7 Sergeant-At-Arms Ken Watt (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Illinois State Lodge) has been named as a member of the National Merchandise Committee.

**National Grievance Committee:**

President Donahue was honored again by being named the Chairman of the National Grievance Committee, this honor makes President Donahue the longest serving National Chairman of the Grievance Committee.

**Contract Negotiations:**

The Lodge met with the City for it's first Core Group Meeting on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, the City made it known that they want FOP to get involved with their health care proposal which is the same one that the other unions (36 of 42) have already signed off on. There were many questions that the City could not answer at the time of the Core Group Meeting.

**Web Site / Contract Proposals:**

The Lodge has learned that a large number of members are unaware of what the Lodge is seeking for the next contract. All of the contract proposals have been on the FOP Website since last year (June). The City has tendered their proposals (only a few) which deal with discipline (also on the website).

**Superintendent Weiss:**

Jody Weiss has been confirmed (by the City Council) as the next Superintendent for the Chicago Police Department, he starts work on February 1, 2008.

**Pension Committee:**

The Lodge has learned (from former Chief Financial Officer Dana Leveson) that Mayor Daley plans on putting together a committee to address the shortfalls in the four (4) City Pension Funds. When the committee was announced (press release) it contained the names of 36 individuals, none from fire or police. The Lodge has contacted the City seeking to have a representative from FOP included in the pension committee.

**Motion by           John Dineen**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by               Vic Rini**  
**Motion:             To accept the President's Report.**  
**Motion passes.**

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

**Medical Grievances:**

Since the December 2007 General Meeting, the Lodge filed seventeen (17) grievances, of which nine (9) were for denial of I.O.D's, five (5) for officers placed into the psychological physical evaluations, one (1) for a denial of physical therapy, one (1) for a grievance in which the City has refuse to re-instate and one (1) for miscellaneous.

**Medical Grievances 2007:**

For 2007 the Lodge filed one hundred forty (140) medical grievances, of which eighty-five (85) were for denial of I.O.D's, seven (7) for officers having problems with BMO bills, twenty-nine (29) officers were placed into the psychological physical evaluations and nineteen (19) for miscellaneous grievances.

**Flexible Spending Account:**

Lodge members are again reminded that they have until March 15, 2008 to use up any funds from there're Flexible Spending Accounts for 2007 and then March 31, 2008 to submit for payment for the year 2007.

**Health Fair:**

The Lodge has scheduled the first Health Fair for 2008 at the FOP Hall, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2008. The Company providing the service is Internet Health Solutions. You may call for an appointment at 1-800-840-6100. A full page ad listing what services are available is in the January FOP Newsletter and will reappear in the February issue.

**Motion by**        **Rich Aguilar**  
**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**

**Vest Safety Day:**

The Lodge will host a Vest Safety Day at the FOP Hall from 9am until 5pm on February 14, 2008. Representatives from all the soft body armor companies will be present. It’s a day when Lodge members will have some buying power. Take advantage of this opportunity.

**Uniform Resale:**

A uniform resale has been scheduled for April 16, 2008 at the FOP Hall from 1pm until 6pm. Members who plan on selling their uniform items are asked to be in place (FOP Hall) by noontime to secure a table.

**Stress Management Classes:**

Seats are still available for the scheduled class on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>; members who are interested should contact Pat Suchocki at 312-733-7776. The Lodge was successful in expanding the Stress Management Classes from four (4) to nine (9) per year. The next scheduled classes are February 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Location for the classes is 5700 W. Roosevelt Road and consists of a two (2) day class when scheduled.

**Petition to deny Parole:**

Lodge members are asked to sign the petitions to deny parole for a cop killer that murdered officer Anthony Raymond in 1972.

**Motion by**        **Don Richardson**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by**            **Ed King Jr.**  
**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 last General Meeting (December of 2007), there were three (3) call outs in which eight (8) officers were involved in three (3) shootings.

**Discipline Screening Panels:**

There were twenty-four (24) DSP's cases heard recently of which an alternate recommendation was given in ten (10) cases.

**Year in Totals:**

In 2007 there were thirty-seven (37) call outs in which sixty-four (64) officers were involved in thirty-three (33) shootings, one (1) officer shot, one (1) officer killed.

There were three hundred –thirteen (313) DSP's cases heard of which an alternate recommendation was given in one hundred- thirty four cases.

**Log Numbers:**

On January 2, 2008, Interim Superintendent Dana Starks sent out a fax message stating that in any weapons discharge (Lodge members) incidents a log number must be obtained by the Watch Commander. In addition a log number will be obtained in all suicides and attempt suicide incidents for persons in police custody. The log number is a seven digit tracking number as defined by Department Notice 06-07. The Lodge spent all day (January 3, 2008) on the phone with Management and Labor and the Department because the Lodge's interpretation was that a log number is a complaint, the Department Notice says a complaint log number is a seven digit tracking number assigned to any complaint against a department member. It took all day trying to convince them that their order says it's a complaint in which they kept saying no its not. So finally on January 4, 2008, President Donahue sent the Department a letter stating that the log number is an allegation of misconduct and when you obtained one in a weapons discharge we are walking with the officer, there will be no participation in a round table. Since the letter the Department has changed their wording regarding log numbers that benefits Lodge members.

**Police Shootings:**

Believe it or not, police shootings are down. In the year 2003, there were 63 police shootings, in 2004 (56), in 2005 (41), in 2006 and 2007 there were only 33 police shootings each year which represents half the numbers from 2003.

**Presidential Endorsements:**

The Lodge has received many calls regarding who we will endorse for the Presidential Election. That type of endorsement is made at the National Lodge, not Lodge 7 or the State Lodge.

**Motion by** Frank DiMaria

**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Sid Davis

**Motion:** To accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's report

**Motion passes**

**Recording Secretary's Report****By Sid Davis****Military:**

There are currently forty (40) officers on deployment with thirteen (13) stationed overseas and twenty-seven (27) with stateside duty. For the last six (6) months I have been meeting with members of Local 2 (Fire Department Personnel) who are also military reservist for the purpose of revising the current CPD "Military Deployment Guide Booklet" and discussion on military benefits for police and fire. The MDGB is a booklet that when completed (revised) will be a guide for all municipal workers in the City of Chicago who are reservist's. It will give reservist information, to include his family on what to do from the time of deployment to returning home.

**2008 Holiday Event Calendar:**

It's finally ready, the last information to be obtained (same thing each year) from finance is the overtime, out of grade dates. Copy's are in the back of the room.

**B.I.S. / P.C.P.:**

Currently there are one-hundred sixty-four (164) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and twenty (20) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred eighty-four (184) officers in both programs. When a Lodge member is enrolled in either program, (paper work is handed to you) the clock is ticking for you to request a hearing. Please contact the Lodge immediately upon receiving notification of being placed into either program.

**B.I.S Meeting:**

On January 7, 2008, President Donahue, Recording Secretary Sid Davis and Lodge Attorney Dan Herbert met with Interim Superintendent Dana Starks. The Lodge requested the meeting due to our concerns regarding the way the Department was managing the Behavior Intervention System (BIS). At the conclusion of the meeting, the Department agreed that there were problems with the language of the General Order pertaining to the BIS. Accordingly, the order will be revised with input from the Lodge. Moreover, the Lodge will present evidence of members who we believe were denied removals from the BIS arbitrarily at a previous hearing (August 2007). As I discussed in an earlier newsletter issue, we are scheduled to present our case at arbitration in April. We likely will not have a decision from the arbitrator until several months later.

**Motion by Mike Garza  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed King Jr.**

**Motion to accept the Recording Secretary's Report  
Motion passes.**

**Treasurer's Report  
By John Capparelli**

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,886; Sgts. & Above/274; Disabled/394; Retired/5,325; Outside Units/5; Total Membership: 17,884

**Account Deposits and Disbursements:**

Membership Account Deposits for December 2007: \$467,411.73  
Membership Account Disbursements for December 2007: \$413,197.60  
Membership Account Balance as of January 1, 2008: \$1,378,965.38

General Account Deposits for December 2007: \$0.00  
General Account Disbursements for December 2007: \$1,080.00  
General Account Balance as of January 1, 2008: \$123,021.65

Store Account Deposits for December 2007: \$65,878.83  
Store Account Disbursements for December 2007: \$29,238.93  
Store Account Balance as of January 1, 2008: \$127,380.30

PAC Deposits for December 2007: \$0.00  
PAC Disbursements for December 2007: \$350.00  
PAC Account Balance as of January 1, 2008: \$8,508.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of January 1, 2008: \$5,043,940.65

Investment Account Balance as of January 1, 2008: \$2,000,000.00

Total Assets on Hand as of January 1, 2008: \$8,681,816.87

**Board of Tax Appeals:**

Treasurer Capparelli spoke on the issue of members wanting to appeal their taxes can call the following number, 1-312-603-7665.

**Motion by** Steve Schorsch  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Carlos Saladino  
**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Financial Secretary's Report By Timothy Fallon**

**IPRA:**

The first quarterly report by the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) is out, which reads: This report is filed pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2-57-110, which requires the filing of quarterly reports. The information contained in this report is accurate as of September 30, 2007. This is the first quarterly report and therefore provides information starting from September 5, 2007, the date the amendments to the Municipal Code became effective.

Since September 5, 2007, the Office of Professional Standards has issued 747 Log Numbers. Of these Log Numbers, 216 were retained by OPS for resolution, (the rest was sent to I.A.D.). Complaint Register numbers were issued by OPS for 41 of the 216. Preaffidavit investigations were begun for 154. In addition, 4 were shootings where an individual was hit by the bullet.

So, since September of 2007 of the 747 complaint calls received only 41 of those 747 were turned into C.R. numbers due to the sworn affidavit. Furthermore, since September 2007, OPS has recommended that thirty six (36) cases be closed as not sustained and only one (1) case was closed as sustained.

Due to the sworn affidavit one complaint out of 747 complaints since September 2007 was closed as a sustained C.R. number.

As of it's 2007 budget, OPS is budgeted for 85 personnel, as of September 5, 2007 when the new Chief Administrator was appointed (IPRA), 23 vacancies exist (most of them for well over a year). IPRA currently has 38 investigators, a vacant coordinator position and 4 vacant supervisor positions.

**Tim Moriarty, Unit Rep 021:**

Spoke on the issue of C.R.'s in 021 regarding court notifications

**Cora Hudik, Unit Rep 006:**

Spoke on the issue of Clear Path and citizens being able to email every districts (complaints)

**Motion by Bill Dougherty**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Pater**  
**Motion: to accept the Financial Secretary's Report**  
**Motion passes**

## **Election Committee Report**

### **By Carlos Saladino**

As by the Constitution and By- Laws of the Fraternal Order of Police (Chicago Lodge 7), article 7 (section 2) in the event any individual who has been properly nominated and who is eligible to hold an office or be a unit or watch rep in Lodge 7 is running unopposed, that individual will be declared elected by acclamation, without the need for a vote of membership. There are three (3) members that are unopposed: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Greg Bella and Recording Secretary Sidney Davis. Election packets are still available for some members who are running.

## **Special Events Committee Report**

### **By Joe Butney**

A blood drive has been scheduled for February 20, 2008 at the FOP Hall from 10am until 5pm, members are asked to come out to support this blood drive as it benefits one of our members whose son has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia, which requires several blood transfusions each week.

St. Patrick's Day Party has been scheduled for Saturday March 15, 2008 at the FOP Hall from 6pm until 11pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be available starting February 5, 2008.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Don Richardson, Unit Rep 022:**  
Spoke on the issue of FLSA

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Richard Filas, Unit 001:**  
Spoke on the issue of Superintendent Jody Weiss and morale regarding standing up for roll call inspection, including pay raises and public opinion of officers.

**Dwayne Bragiell, Unit 021 (3<sup>rd</sup> Watch Rep)**  
Spoke on the issue of the Superintendent and C.R.'s

**Victor Portis, Unit Rep 005:**  
Spoke on the issue of safety issues for the 5<sup>th</sup> District (officers working 99 units)

**Michael Grantz, Unit 001:**  
Spoke on the issue of Public Relations Firm

**Rick King, Canine Unit:**

Spoke on the issue of Sworn Affidavits and work schedules

**Joseph Simpson, Unit 124:**

Spoke on the issue of Traffic Stops / civil suit

**Robert Chase, Unit 011:**

Spoke on the issue of camera's in department vehicles

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty:**

Thanked the membership, it has been a pleasure working for the membership for the past 6 years, Sid , Greg and myself appreciate the vote of confidence (running unopposed). We promise to keep the integrity of the Lodge.

**Michael Saladino, Unit 006:**

Spoke on the issue of benefit tickets

**Det Hamilton, Unit Area 2:**

Spoke on the issue of being a foster parent and hoping to see other police officers become foster parents.

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

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

*Meeting adjourned at 20:24 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary