

**TO: CHICAGO LODGE #7 /BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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/MEMBERS**

**FROM: KEVIN GRAHAM, TRUSTEE**  
(In the absence of Sidney Davis, Recording Secretary)

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL  
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2008  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:03 hours

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

Thomas J. Schmidt, John E. Naughton, Victor W. Madrecki, John Alagna, Brian Mitchell, James A. Gage, Robert A. Noonan, Michael J. O'Connor, Daniel J. Conroyd, Thomas J. O'Callaghan, Leo J. Mikol, Robert J. Brogi, James L. Swank, Vito M. Orseno, Jr., Michael J. Jamen, George P. Schimmel, John A. DiMaggio, Reinaldo C. Jimenez, Harry Kent, Jesse J. Buttry, Michael J. Keas, Edward C. Jablonowski

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

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

*Police Officer Richard Hanrahan, Police Officer Craig Brownfield, Police Officer Keith Blair and Police Officer Bernard McDevitt.*

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

*Police Officer Chris Haralampopoulos and Police Officer Thomas Murphy*

## **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

President Mark Donahue explained to those in attendance that three of the Board Members are sick and absent, including Sidney Davis. Trustee Kevin Graham will assist in taking the minutes for today's General Meeting.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **President's Report**

#### **Mark Donahue**

##### **Contract Negotiations:**

Two agreements with the City have been reached on non-monetary issues. The objective is to have a contract on which members can vote.

##### **Legislative Issues:**

The Lodge has had our top three bills reintroduced into the State Legislature: Pension Portability Bill #4816  
3% compounded and COLA Bill #4817

##### **Retiree Health Insurance:**

The Illinois Municipal League is trying to reduce pension benefits for new hires. IML is attempting to establish a two-tiered pension system - defined contributions and defined benefits. President Donahue spoke about the differences and explained that he and the President of the Firefighters' Union have just been asked to serve on the Committee, which looks into the funding of City pensions. Until last week, Police and Fire had been excluded.

##### **Leasing of Midway Airport:**

Should the lease occur, 45% of the proceeds would go to the 4 City Pension Funds. This could amount to as much as a 10% increase to the Police Pension Fund. President Donahue explained that we have our legislation ready to go, should this occur.

##### **National Legislation:**

On Monday, February 26, 2008, President Donahue will be attending the F.O.P. Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C., where our top priorities will be Social Security Fairness Act as well as Police Officers' Bill of Rights.

##### **Superintendent Jody Weiss:**

President Donahue met with the new Police Superintendent Jody Weiss at Starbucks on 35<sup>th</sup> Street. They discussed a broad spectrum of issues, including "swiping out". The following day, which was his first day in office

Superintendent Weis rescinded the "swiping out" order. President Donahue stated that he is "cautiously optimistic of the new Superintendent. Although Alana Rosenzweig, Director of the Independent Police Review Authority, is not a fan of the sworn affidavit, Superintendent Weiss is a fan, and he believes it is a "fairness issue".

**48-Hour Rule:**

City Attorneys and F.O.P. Attorneys have a difference of opinion over the time in which an accused individual must be brought before a judge after the accused is charged with a crime. Talks continue with the City on the issue.

**Blood Drive:**

President Donahue reminded members present that a Blood Drive would take place on February 20 at F.O.P. from 10am until 5pm.

**Unknown Member:**

Spoke on the issue of contract talks

**President Donahue:**

Those issues "cannot yet be public knowledge, "...due to an agreement with the City and FOP, not to discuss the contract in the press."

**Charles Palka, Unit 167:**

Spoke on the issue of two-tiered pension system

**President Donahue:**

Explained defined contributions and defined benefits, a 401-K type of benefit, as well as Windfall Elimination in regard to Social Security.

**Motion by Joe Butney**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank DiMaria**  
**Motion: To accept the President's Report.**  
**Motion passes.**

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

### **By Bill Dougherty**

**Medical Grievances:**

Since the February 2008 General Meeting, the Lodge filed seventeen (17) grievances, of which eight (8) were for denial of I.O.D's, four (4) for officers placed into the psychological physical evaluations and five (5) for miscellaneous.

**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 Interactive 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 current February FOP Newsletter.

**Motion by Jim Bailey**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Darren Bourret**  
**Motion: To accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report given by President Donahue**

**Motion passes**

**Don Richardson, Unit 022:**

Spoke on the issue of an officer involved in a traffic accident (26<sup>th</sup> and Cal) and the City covering the officer.

*Discussion on the "Heart Check Systems" and "Wellness Program"*

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

**Vest Safety Day:**

On February 14, 2008, Lodge 7 conducted a Vest Safety Day in which 11 vendors participated for the benefit of our membership. 300 Lodge members took advantage of the benefit. It was a huge success. We will repeat this benefit again in February of 2009

**Blood Drive:**

Mark mentioned the blood drive which helped the son of a Detective from Area 1.

**Parole Hearing:**

Please sign the petitions in the back of the room, which will help keep a convicted cop killer in prison. The hearing is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> and so far we have obtained 2400 signatures.

**Uniform Resale:**

Lodge 7, has scheduled a Uniform Resale for April 16, 2008 in the FOP Hall from 1pm until 6pm

**Firearm Safety Day:**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge will sponsor a Firearm Safety Day in the FOP Hall from 9am until 5pm. Most Gun Manufactures will be present.

**Motion by Don Richardson**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Garza**

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

**Motion passes**

**3rd Vice President's Report**  
**By Greg Bella**

**Call-Outs or Shootings:**

For the month of January 2008, there were (3) call outs involving four (4) officers in three (3) shootings.

**Discipline Screening Panels:**

There were fifteen (15) DSP cases heard recently of which an alternate recommendation was given in six (6) cases.

**General Order 02-03:**

The Department has issued a revision to General Order 02-03, which references individuals arrested without a

warrant. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Bella spoke on the issue and reasons for the 48-hour Rule, as well as F.O.P.'s position, and how it differs from the City's position, cited the U.S. Supreme Court's position that an arrestee must be brought before a judge "in a reasonable amount time."

**Motion by Rhonda Bullock**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick King**  
**Motion: To accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's report**  
**Motion passes**

## **Recording Secretary's Report**

### **By Sid Davis**

Secretary Davis is away this month (no report)

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **By John Capparelli**

Treasurer Capparelli is away this month (no report), President Donahue will give the numbers count of membership.

## **Financial Secretary's Report**

### **By Timothy Fallon**

Financial Secretary Tim Fallon explained the EL.5.A. law suit (to the membership) which is in the hands of a Federal Judge, awaiting a ruling. The City may appeal to the Appellate Court, but this would enable officers to take F.L.S.A. time at will, but with some restrictions. Fallon also explained the difference between F.L.S.A. time and Contractual time. The Lodge is still monitoring the Korshack numbers for retiree's health care and the issue of retiree's right to register handguns in the City of Chicago.

#### **Labor Board:**

A grievance has been filed for Lodge members regarding qualifying with Duty and Alternate Duty weapons.

#### **Duty Availability (P.P.O's)**

The City and the Lodge are still trying to ascertain the number of officers and the amounts which they are to be paid regarding duty availability.

#### **Independent Police Review Authority:**

Ilana Rosenzweig (IPRA Chief) who is not a fan of the sworn affidavit but understands that it is a State Law and a part of our contract and will not do anything to violate the State Law or our contract.

#### **Police Shootings:**

The IPRA Chief has made it a fact, she wants to interview witnesses (not officers, but witnesses who claimed to have observed something) on the same day as the shooting, to avoid someone's influencing a witness's account of the incident. The IPRA will conduct interviews only when the Detectives have completed their interviews with witnesses.

**Tim Murphy:**

Spoke on the issue of witnesses to shootings

**Motion by** Tim Murphy  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Gerry Majerczyk  
**Motion:** To accept the Financial Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Special Committee Report**

#### **By Joe Butney**

Joe Butney, Events Chairman, spoke of the importance of the Blood Drive and the St. Patrick's Day Party. No one is to be in Uniform and Drinking at the St. Patrick's Day Party. Tickets can be purchased at the door and sell for \$20.00 each. Unit Reps are invited to take part in both the North Side and South Side parades. We have a trolley this year.

### **Elections Committee Report**

#### **By Carlos Saladino**

Carlos Saladino, Elections Committee Chairman, stated that election ballots will be picked up on Friday morning March 14, 2008 and returned to the FOP Hall for processing. There will be on-site F.O.P. voting on March 14, 2008. Members are invited to watch the voting process. Installation of new officers will take place at the April meeting. Pictures of new Board members will be taken on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 (prior to the General Meeting). Official installation of new Board members will take place on Sunday, March 30, 2008

**Kevin Jans, Unit 016;**

Spoke on the possibility of a run-off

### **FOP Website Committee Report**

#### **By Rich Aguilar**

Rich Aguilar, Web Site Chairman, explained that the Store has now completed \$5,000 in sales over the website. FTO reading list can found on the web site.

**Motion by** Bill Dougherty  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Joe Butney  
**Motion:** To accept all Committee Reports  
**Motion passed**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **President Donahue:**

Charges placed against myself and the Special Board that was convened recently were dropped for lack of a signed affidavit to the charges against the accused. The dismissal of the charges has been appealed to the State Lodge.

### **Maurice Thigpen, Unit Rep 006:**

Spoke on the issue of a PO in District 006 who was in need of a heart transplant, the officer has since received his heart. Officer Thigpen relayed the patient's thanks and appreciation for FOP's concern regarding the officer.

Officer Thigpen also spoke on the issue about a safety grievance regarding prisoners

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Jim Bailey, Unit 124:**

Jim spoke on the issue of the FOP Hockey team, asking the membership to support the team by buying tickets (to see a game) and a planned fundraiser.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **Mike Saladino, Unit 006:**

Spoke on the issue of the John Owens Benefit

### **Steve Robbins, Pension Board:**

Spoke on the issue of the new pension board books that have been mailed to Lodge members' homes. According to Illinois Sate Constitution, our pension benefits cannot be reduced by the City or Courts, but only by an amendment to the Illinois Sate Constitution.

### **Sue Tremp-Ryan, Unit 057**

Spoke on the issue of about the 12 hour workday mentioned by Superintendent Weiss.

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

**Motion by           John Delaney**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by                Don Richardson**  
**Motion:             To adjourn the meeting**  
**Motion passes.**

*Meeting adjourned at 13:15 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis, Recording Secretary