

**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 APRIL 21, 2009  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

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

Anthony Mascolino, Cameron D. Karshna, Edward C. Prendergast, John F. Degnan, Nicholas C. Crescenzo,  
Thomas J. Carroll, Theresa Radka, Patrick C. Arens, James F. Moore, Lee S. Wozniak, Joseph J. Marszalek,  
Bernard E. Dorken, Roland L. Harvey, Martin J. Quinn, Robert E. Healy, George Demas, Kevin B. Burns,

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

## **AWARDS**

*The following officers were awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge 7:*  
Police Officer Claudio Salgado, Police Officer Ryan Delaney, Police Officer Tony Ramirez and Police Officer Adis Klinevic

*The following officers were awarded the Life Saving Award by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:*  
Police Officer Marcin Kazarnowicz and Police Officer Pawel Borys

*The following officers were awarded the Award of Valor by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:*  
Police Officer Nathaniel Taylor, Jr. and Police Officer Lemornet Miller

## **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on March 17, 2009 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by Kevin Graham  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Jans  
Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed  
Motion passes.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

#### **Informational Picketing:**

President Donahue spoke on Informational Picketing which took place on April 2, 2009, calling it a very proud day for the Lodge. Compliments were given for Lodge members who participated, unit and watch reps including staff members of FOP. Unit Rep Mike Cosentino (Unit 016) was able to muster together enough Lodge members that required two (2) buses, to make two (2) trips. National President Chuck Canterbury and Illinois State President Ted Street were present for the event, including several Alderman who congratulated FOP for its effort.

There was a shortage of buttons, however at the April Board Meeting, the Board voted to purchase additional buttons, which will be distributed to Lodge members who participated in the Informational Picketing event.

Mark also spoke on what the end results achieve stemming from the Informational Picketing to include contract negotiations. Two (2) contract negotiation meetings have taken place since the April 2<sup>nd</sup> event. Issues discussed included the new health care plan (lowering the age from 60 to 55), City finances, Special Employment, new economic proposal, and the issue of the City negotiating in the press. The Lodge has scheduled two (2) more meetings in which discussion will continue on the health care issue for retirees to include the cost for retiree health care.

**Kathleen Gahagan, Unit Rep 177:**

Kathleen spoke on the issue of the City and its original financial package.

**Brian Tierney, Unit 105:**

Brian spoke on the issue of City layoffs and give backs

**Lynn Morris, Unit 006:**

Lynn spoke on the issue of not rushing the contract negotiations just to please the few who are inpatient, but rather have the negotiating team take their time and negotiate a good contract.

**Saul Klupt, Unit 141:**

Saul spoke on the issue of arbitration (time line)

**Lloyd Maxwell, Unit 011:**

Lloyd spoke on the issue of TIF (Tax Incentive Funds) funds.

**Kenneth Pratscher, Unit 253:**

John spoke on the issue of Informational Picketing that could include other unions joining FOP for a larger crowd.

**Michael J. Cosentino, Unit 016:**

Michael spoke on the issue of Local 2 and the Sergeant's Association not backing FOP, however there was CFD firefighters and CPD Sergeant's present for the Informational Picketing.

**Ronald Rewers, Unit 013:**

Ronald spoke on the issue of CFD and CPD not being able to strike; are there other measures we could take to insure a raise while waiting for a contract to be ratified.

**Brock Merck, Unit 014**

Brock spoke on the issue of SEIU presence at the Informational Picketing event and what is the relation with FOP and SEIU. National Health Care and FOP's Health Care for its retiree's.

**Apolonio Bermudez, Unit 018:**

Residency

**Legislation:**

**Bills submitted:**

The total bills submitted for this General Assembly was 6,883.

**Condoms for Cons, HB419:** Sponsored by Monique Davis which did not advance this legislative session. HB419 would have allowed inmates access to condoms in prison. **The bill was defeated on the House floor 11-86.**

**Early Release Bill, HB45:** Provides that a committed person who is at least 50 years of age and who has served at least 25 consecutive years of imprisonment in a Department of Corrections institution or facility and is serving a sentence other than death may petition the Prisoner Review Board. **The bill was defeated**

**Manning SB2072:** Amends the Public Relations Act, includes Manning Levels as a subject of collective bargaining. This bill has passed out of the Senate and is now heading for the House which is HB1302 and is currently stuck in committee.

**May Memorials:** May 5 / Lodge 7 Memorial, 12 noon. The names of Nathaniel Taylor, Richard Francis, Joseph M. Airhart will be unveiled at the Memorial Service. There will be a reception after the service.

May 7 / Illinois Memorial Service in Springfield Illinois

May 9 / Cook County Peace Officers Memorial

May 13-15 / National Memorial Service

**St Jude:**

The annual St. Jude Police League Memorial will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009. The march will take place along Museum Campus Drive in front of the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park.

**Motion by Sid Davis**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Herb Hebein**

**Motion: To accept the President's Report**

**Motion passes.**

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

**Medical Grievances:**

Since the March 2009 General Meeting, the Lodge filed five (5) medical grievances.

Two (2) grievances for denial of I.O.D.s

Three (3) grievances for officers placed into the psychological physical evaluations

**Arbitration:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty spoke on the issue of limited duty (officers assigned to 311), and their arbitration case regarding 18.3 and 18.4 of the FOP Contract. FOP won the case through the arbitrator.

**Informational Picketing:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Dougherty made the comment that "I'm in my twenty-second (22) year as a policeman and have to say that I was proud of the results regarding department members attending the Informational Picketing. Department figures had the count at 3600 officers walking around City Hall. Lodge members showed the City, the Mayor and the Superintendent that you do care. This Informational Picketing will help us down the road. The Lodge has been asked "what's the next step", simply to continued contract negotiations and possibly looking into billboard campaigning. If there is a need to do Informational Picketing again, we will.

*Discussion on other methods to deliver the Lodge's message to the City*

**Robert Midlowski, Unit 079:**

Robert spoke on the issue of the collapse of the Midway deal

**Paul Niezabitowski, Unit 608:**

Paul spoke on the issue of placing advertising for FOP on message boards at US Cellular Field (Sox Park).

**Michael J. Cosentino, Unit 016:**

Mike spoke on the issue of a massive voters' registration

**Mike Garza, Unit 004:**

Mike spoke on the issue of voters' registration (pros and cons).

**Contract Negotiations:**

Going into this current contract, there were two (2) things that the Lodge wanted to keep separate from arbitration. Work schedule was one and the other being health care for retirees (lowering the age to 55).

**Paul Bar, Unit 018:**

Paul spoke on the issue of the "No Confidence Vote" regarding Superintendent Jody Weis.

**Donald Eichler, Unit 023:**

Don spoke on the issue of different methods of gaining the trust and support of the public during contract negotiations.

**Motion by Joe Butney**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Ginnelly, Retired**  
**Motion: To accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report**  
**Motion passes.**

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

### **Frank DiMaria**

**Parole Hearings:**

A hearing has been scheduled for the murderer of PO Ed Baron, star#14571, 4<sup>th</sup> District, who was killed on September 28, 1973. The hearing is set for April 22, 2009 at 26<sup>th</sup> and California (12<sup>th</sup> flr), before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board. The Lodge has circulated petitions demanding that they (Parole Board) deny parole to this convicted cop killer. The Lodge received returned petitions containing well over 4,000 signatures which will be presented at the hearing on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to all who signed the petitions.

**Uniform Resale:**

Lodge 7 will host its bi-annual Uniform Resale on April 22, 2009 at the FOP Hall from 1300 until 1800 hours. There will be officers from across the City looking to purchase or sell slightly used uniforms at a discounted rate. Anyone wishing to sell uniform items should get to the hall no later than 1200 hrs for a table.

**Fishing Tournament:**

The annual FOP Fishing Tournament will be held on the Chain of Lakes on 20 May 2009. As of today 35 boats have signed up for the tournament.

**Firearm Safety Day:**

This event has been scheduled at the hall on 27 & 28 May 2009 from 0900 until 1700 hours. All the firearm manufactures will be present except Rugar, however Shore Gallery will be present to service any Rugar weapons.

**10-1 Benefit:**

A benefit for Officers Ganczewski and Rampert has been scheduled for Thursday, 30 April 2009 at the FOP Hall. Raffle tickets are being sold at the rear of the hall, please support these officers in their time of need.

**Motion by Ron Rufo**  
**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:**

Number of Call Outs since the last General Meeting:

Call Outs: One (1)  
Number of officers involved: One (1)  
Number of incidents: One (1)

**Petitions / Jody Weis**

We could possibly have one of our field reps conduct the petition drive for the removal of Superintendent Jody Weis.

**WGN TV:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Greg Bella spoke on the interview of Superintendent Jody Weis by WGN TV.

**Bill Cozzi:**

Bill Cozzi is scheduled for sentencing on April 30, 2009. The information below is a reprint from the FOP website (current update).

Here is your chance to show your support for Bill. Please take the time to write a character letter on Bill's behalf.

While there is not any right or wrong way to write a letter your letter should comment on the positive aspects of Bill's character as a person. You should include your identity, how you know Bill, and how long you have known him. If you know of acts of Bill helping others or providing extraordinary service to the community please include them in your letter. You should also consider including how this case has affected Bill's life.

This letter should not include your opinion of Bill's innocence or how unfairly you believe he was treated by the Department of government.

Your letter should be addressed to:  
Honorable Blanche Manning  
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois  
219 S. Dearborn  
Chicago, IL 60604

**\*\*\* Do Not mail your letter directly to Judge Manning \*\*\***

Send your letter to the FOP Unit 541 via Department mail or mail to the FOP at 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL. 60607.

All letters will be forwarded to Bill's attorney who will present them to Judge Manning.

**Pension Board Meeting:**

The next Pension Board Meeting has been scheduled for 29 April 2009 at 221 N. LaSalle (9 am, 16<sup>th</sup> flr). The Lodge is asking its members to attend this meeting showing that we care and are watching how they conduct business. They recently failed to adhere to a subpoena by the Inspector General's Office to produce documents.

**Mike Shields, Pension Board Trustee:**

Mike spoke on the issue of how Pension Board members conduct business meetings.

**Motion by: Jim Bailey Jr.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Bailey Sr.**

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

**Motion passes.**

## **Recording Secretary's Report By Sid Davis**

**Behavior Intervention System / Personnel Concerns Program:**

As of April 2009 seventy-nine (79) officers are enrolled in the Behavior Intervention System and sixteen (16) are enrolled in the Personnel Concerns Program for a total of ninety-five (95) officers in both programs.

**Military:**

As of April 2009, forty-one (41) Lodge officers are on orders, of which twenty-one (21) are on foreign soil and twenty are performing stateside duty.

**Ethics Statement:**

The deadline for submitting your annual City Ethics Statement is almost here. Lodge members who fail to submit their City Ethics Statement by May 1, 2009 will face discipline action including a \$20.00 fine. Get those statements in today. Members who have not received their statements should call 312-744-9660.

**Fishing Tournament:**

Frank mentioned that 36 boats have registered to participate in the FOP Fishing Tournament, Lodge members still have time to register. Applications can be found on the rear page of the current FOP Newsletter, which includes instructions. The Fishing Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Chain of Lakes near the Wisconsin Border. There will be a barbecue at the weigh-in with beer and soft drinks from 2-4pm. Starting time is 0500 hours – with all boats in by 1430 hours. All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes waters between the Wisconsin Border and the McHenry Dam. Two (2) fishermen per boat: one must be an FOP member. We’d like everyone to have a fun time. Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making application for the Tournament. **NO PRO FISHERMAN ALLOWED.**

**FOP Picnic:**

The 2009 Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, Illinois. As we get closer to the event more information will be published. Gates open at 10am, the Park closes at 6pm. Hope to see everyone come out to relax and have some fun. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Gaelic Park. Suggestions can be sent to Frank or Sid at Unit 541.

**Volunteers of America:**

Lodge 7 has formed a partnership with Volunteers of America to hand out water bottles to homeless veterans. The water bottles contain a toothbrush, toothpaste, granola bar and pamphlets that the veteran may find information on human service resources. District 1, 16, 18 and Area 1 are the target pilot locations for distribution of water bottles. Lodge members who would like to volunteer to assist VOA and the Lodge in the distribution of the water bottles are asked to contact Bill Dougherty or Sid Davis.

**Motion by Frank DiMaria**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen Gahagan**  
**Motion: To accept the Recording Secretary’s Report**  
**Motion passes.**

**Treasurer’s Report**  
**By John Capparelli**

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,699; Sgts. & Above/262; Disabled/369; Retired/5,399; Outside Units/4; Total Membership: 17,733

**Account Deposits and Disbursements:**

Membership Account Deposits for March 2009: \$268,780.95  
Membership Account Disbursements for March 2009: \$692,778.36  
Membership Account Balance as of April 1, 2009: \$993,617.40

General Account Deposits for March 2009: \$943.00  
General Account Disbursements for March 2009: \$1,875.00  
General Account Balance as of April 1, 2009: \$13,893.03

Store Account Deposits for March 2009: \$25,418.29  
Store Account Disbursements for March 2009: \$61,241.97  
Store Account Balance as of April 1, 2009: \$46,518.67

PAC Deposits for March 2009: \$0.00  
PAC Disbursements for March 2009: \$2,450.00  
PAC Account Balance as of April 1, 2009: \$8.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of April 1, 2009: \$5,030,471.36

Investment Account Balance as of April 1, 2009: \$1,038,754.53

Total Assets on Hand as of April 1, 2009: \$7,123,263.88

**Motion by Sid Davis**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Larcher**  
**Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report**  
**Motion passes.**

## **Financial Secretary's Report**

### **By Rich Aguilar**

#### **Grievances:**

There are approximately 980 grievances (contractual) that are still open. Receiving files on each case seems to be the main reason for the backlog. MLAS has been contacted on the issue. A program has been established that will generate monthly reports helping to track grievances for timely results.

#### **FLSA Lawsuit:**

Lodge 7 won this lawsuit in Appellate Court, the City has about 70 days left to file an appeal on the issue.

#### **National Conference in Long Beach, California:**

As of today's date fifty-five (55) delegates will be attending the conference. Hotel reservations and room rates have been made, confirmation numbers will be issued at the delegates dinner on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lodge members who would like to purchase additional event tickets may do so by going to [www.fop2009.com](http://www.fop2009.com). Per Diem for the conference is still to be established. Any additional information that may be needed can be answered by calling Mary Pat at 312-733-7776.

#### **Kevin Jans, Unit 020:**

Kevin spoke on the issue of Special Employment

#### **Rhonda Bullock, Trustee:**

Rhonda spoke on the issue Special Employment

#### **Bridgid Cronin, Unit 377:**

Bridgid spoke on the issue of CR's

#### **Nicholas Cortesi, Unit 008:**

Nicholas spoke on the issue of lawsuits (Nicholas gave a brief summary of a lawsuit regarding himself)

*Discussion on the lawsuit regarding Nicholas Cortesi*

**Motion by** Herb Hebein  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Charles Palka  
**Motion:** To accept the Financial Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Raffle Tickets:**

There are two (2) officers in which a benefit is being given for them, raffle tickets for the benefit can be purchased in the rear of the hall today.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Frank Roman, Unit 640:**

Frank spoke on the issue of admin blows and special employment

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

Bill spoke on the issue of admin blows, relating that if any Lodge member is involved with an admin blow to call the Lodge immediately.

### **Lloyd Maxwell, Unit 011:**

Lloyd spoke on the issue of random alcohol testing

### **Percy Allen, Unit 166:**

Percy spoke on the issue of admin blows

### **Kathy McCall, Unit 171:**

Kathy spoke on the issue of Mandatory Insurance (letter received in the mail on mandatory car insurance)

### **Rhonda Bullock, Trustee:**

Rhonda spoke on the issue of Sergeant Gina Dywer (raffle tickets for her benefit)

### **Angie Haynes, Women's Auxiliary:**

Angie will conduct a scholarship drawing immediately after the General Meeting in the rear of the hall.

### **President Donahue:**

Mark spoke on the issue of Easter Seals and Autism

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Ted Street, President Illinois State Lodge:**

At a recent meeting a vote count was conducted and the results was 14-2 to oust President Ted Street (Illinois State President) from the Illinois State Police Memorial Foundation.. Subsequently another meeting was held in which a motion was made for a recount, which ended in a 7-7 split. Lodge 7 had a resolution submitted at this meeting in which President Donahue attended but did not have the opportunity to speak on the issue. The State FOP will not be involved in the Police Memorial Service in Springfield.

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

**Motion by**            **Kevin Jans**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by**                **Sid Davis**  
**Motion:**            **To adjourn the meeting**  
**Motion passes.**

*Meeting adjourned at 13:29 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary