

November 1, 2006 General Membership Meeting

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder - P
Past President	Robert Wisian - P
Vice President	Norris McCord - P
Secretary	Jim Andrist - A
Treasurer	Randy Malone - P
Sgt. at Arms	Ernie Hinkle - P
Board	Henry Tomlin - P
Board	Bill Whitaker - P
Board	Norman Toungate - P
Board	Ben Vega - P

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Brother Toungate to accept the minutes of the September 2006 meeting as written, Second by Brother Tomlin.

Discussion – Correction to Benevolent Committee report was made.

Approved by voice vote.

3. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

As of 10-31-06 our paid membership is at 201, of the current 376 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership. We have 90 members who have paid their 2007 dues.

4. Reports of Committees+

Benevolent Committee - Ira Frisinger – Brother Frisinger was not present. Members reported:

Brother Brinkkoeter fell off a ladder and injured himself
Brother Wisian's wife is recovering well from back surgery
Sgt. Bill Horn, died of cancer (18 year officer)

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone – Casino Bus run – Brother Malone reported that the only bus run to the casinos from Austin that he can locate at this time is the “Casino Connection”. They run on Sunday only, returning on Monday. The cost is \$59.00 per person based on double occupancy in the rooms. The \$59.00 pays for your bus trip and hotel room. You get \$23.00 cash from the casino when you arrive. The bus company indicated they normally book 22 rooms which covers 44 guest but if we need more rooms he would have to call the hotel to check to see if they had them available. They do require a two week advance notice. Due to the holiday season being upon us, we may plan a trip in late January or early February.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee - Ernie Hinkle – Due to the fact we dropped the FOP and changed our meeting date we will need to make minor changes to our Constitution. Changes will be sent out soon.

Legislative Committee - Gerald Raines – not present

FOP – Norman Toungate – Due to the many changes the FOP requires us to make to our Constitution, along with the fact that we are controlled by the FOP due to our being an FOP Lodge, the membership discussed the pros and cons of being in the FOP.

Motion made by Brother Hinkle to drop out of the FOP, second by Brother Tomlin.

Discussion – None

Approved by voice vote.

Motion made by Brother Wisian to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Brother Thomas.

Discussion – none

Approved by voice vote

5. Treasurer Report - Copies attached to minutes/Proposed 2007 Budget

Motion made by Brother Malone to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the 2007 budget, Second by Brother Wisian.

Discussion - None

Approved by voice vote

6. Communications and Bills – none reported

7. Unfinished Business –

Wills – Brother Malone reminded everyone that if they did not have a Will they could obtain a free simple Will off of our Web Site.

Right to Carry – Sister Hart is working on this issue with the new administration

8. New Business

Change meeting date and time – Many have suggested we move the time of our meeting so we are not fighting rush hour traffic when we leave a meeting. To stay in the same location we would have to move our meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of the month and we are looking at a 12 noon meeting time.

Motion made by Brother Toungate to move our meetings to the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm. Second by Brother Lasley.

Discussion – None

Approved by voice vote.

Members of the Retirement Board as well as office staff did a presentation to our members to try to better explain why we were not getting a COLA this year. We will be getting an adjustment to the multiplier December 2007 and if investments keep on track we could possibly see a COLA in 2007 as well.

Post Card Notification – Brother Haffelder indicated we would be sending out a post card to all retired officers listing the meeting dates and location for the year. With the change in the time of the meeting we may be able to generate more participation.

Brother Haffelder displayed a pocket clip which displays a tape covered badge with your name. We had been looking for a way to identify the retired officers at funerals and this seems to be the easiest way to do that. If interest in obtaining one contact Joe Alvarado (Honorary member) at A & F Trophy(447-8754).

Brother Haffelder reported that he had been in contact with Council Member Mike Martinez's office and was working on getting the city to raise the death benefits for retired officers. He is waiting for a return call.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Brother Whitaker to adjourn, Second by Brother Tomlin.

No discussion.

Approved by voice vote

Jim Andrist – Secretary
(By Randy Malone)