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1 Tuesday Morning Session,  
2 July 19, 2022.

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4 CALL TO ORDER

5 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: I would like to call  
6 the meeting back to order.

7 Brother Fioritto.

8 HOST DISTRICT CHAIR FIORITTO: Two quick  
9 things. One, check out is at 11 o'clock so make sure  
10 you have everything out of your room and gone by  
11 11:00. I don't want everybody running out of here.  
12 I know Gary doesn't want everybody running out of  
13 here at 10:55 to get out.

14 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Yeah, I do.

15 HOST DISTRICT CHAIR FIORITTO: And then  
16 this was found in the parking lot last night. It's  
17 an emblem off a license plate, so if you truly lost  
18 it, come see me. We will look at the back of your  
19 car or truck, see if you are missing it. It's up  
20 here. And then there's a nice tiepin that was in the  
21 Hospitality Room so, no number or nothing on the  
22 back.

23 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: I don't have my  
24 glasses. I think Bill dropped it when he was dancing

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1 last night. 312150.

2 HOST DISTRICT CHAIR FIORITTO: Blue  
3 ticket.

4 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: I would have no idea  
5 who knows the number of their FOP placard on their  
6 car but that's the number.

7 HOST DISTRICT CHAIR FIORITTO: If you're  
8 missing it, come see me.

9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: First order of  
10 business, keep in mind registration closes at 9:30.  
11 If anybody needs to have a delegate -- an alternate  
12 from their lodge changed to a delegate, you got 24  
13 minutes to do it, okay? That's probably the most  
14 important thing if anybody has got anybody that needs  
15 to have that done. So make sure you take care of  
16 that.

17 Additionally, Trustees, once I get a list  
18 of the number of delegates from your districts, the  
19 guys from my lodge will be passing something out for  
20 you guys to give to everybody in your lodge -- or  
21 your district, rather, okay?

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23 MEMORIAL CEREMONY ADDITIONS

24 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Memorial ceremony

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 189</p> <p>1 additions. Secretary Lehnhart.  2 SECRETARY LEHNHART: Thank you,  3 Mr. President. Additions to the memoriam, from  4 Cuyahoga Falls FOP Lodge 49, Carl Harrison, Donald  5 Smith; First Capital FOP Lodge 59, Michael Frost,  6 David Hough, Reginald Netter; Wayne County FOP Lodge  7 94, John Foster; Greater Cuyahoga FOP Lodge 124,  8 Thomas Hinkle, Nestor Maisonet, Milo Otis, and Brian  9 Salomone.  10 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you, sir. Does  11 anybody have anybody else to add?  12 MEMBER: Dayton 44 has something to add,  13 but the person that has it isn't here yet.  14 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: We will add them when  15 they...  16 SECRETARY LEHNHART: New business.  17 ---  18 FOP OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC.  19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Back to the order of  20 business.  21 FOP Ohio Labor Council, Incorporated.  22 Bruce Szilagyi.  23 CHAIRMAN SZILAGYI: Good morning.  24 Mr. President, I would like to say something I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 191</p> <p>1 able to have our OLC conference in person in May. We  2 had an excellent training segment the morning of our  3 conference on the best practices for our delegates  4 and how to communicate with their employees and with  5 their membership.  6 At our conference in 2021 and 2022, we  7 held elections for open OLC Board seats. Long-time  8 Euclid Police Officer and FOP Euclid Lodge President  9 Dave Trend was elected to fill the municipal seat on  10 the OLC Board. BCI Special Agent Chris Hamberg was  11 appointed to fill a vacancy in 2021 and was formally  12 elected the state seat at our conference this year.  13 In addition, Deputy Sheriff Linda Shutts from  14 Montgomery County won the election for the county  15 seat.  16 We have a very active and engaged Labor  17 Council Board. I want to publicly thank them for  18 their hard work they put in in making sure the labor  19 arm of the FOP of Ohio is working hard to protect all  20 of our members.  21 Over the past three years, the legal  22 staff at the OLC has held employees' rights trainings  23 in several locations around the state. The FOP  24 lodges have been very accommodating to the OLC, and I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 190</p> <p>1 certainly don't say often enough. I would like to  2 thank you for the confidence that you have in me to  3 oversee the largest police union in the state of  4 Ohio. I continue to work hard. I don't take it for  5 granted. And again, I thank you for the confidence  6 you have in me. Thank you.  7 You know, the FOP does a lot of things  8 for us. They do a lot of things to try to make our  9 police life safer and better. Just a few of the  10 things that the FOP does is instrumental in  11 collective bargaining, helping protect our pensions,  12 being our voice for law enforcement in the state of  13 Ohio, but one thing I believe is overlooked and  14 people just don't realize because they take it so --  15 so -- on an everyday-type basis is giving us this  16 venue. The FOP gives us this venue so we can be  17 together to interact with each other, network with  18 each other, and share our life stories together, and  19 I am so glad to be back and see all of you again. I  20 just wanted to point that out, that sometimes I think  21 we take that for granted. So thank you.  22 Like the FOP, the OLC canceled our annual  23 conference in 2020 and in 2021. We held a virtual  24 conference via Zoom. This year we were once again</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 192</p> <p>1 would like to thank Lorain FOP Lodge 3, Montgomery  2 County FOP Lodge 104, Mansfield Lodge 32, Cleveland  3 FOP Lodge 8, and Toledo FOP Lodge 40 for opening  4 their doors for our staff to hold these training  5 sessions.  6 There are two upcoming employees' rights  7 training sessions I want to mention. The first one  8 would be this Thursday, July 21, at Marion County  9 Sheriff's Office from 10:00 until noon and another  10 employees' rights training is scheduled for Thursday,  11 October 20, at Marietta FOP Lodge 12. The employees'  12 rights training is open to anyone interested in  13 attending. Please contact our membership coordinator  14 Dan Ozbolt with any questions and to RSVP.  15 Speaking of FOP lodges, I am pleased to  16 announce in March of this year, the Labor Council  17 successfully defeated the UAW in an election to  18 represent Lucas County Sheriff's Office. This has  19 been a long fought battle to bring the Sheriff's  20 Office employees under the FOP. In an effort to make  21 sure we have presence in northwest Ohio, we are now  22 renting office space from Toledo FOP Lodge 40 and  23 have been working with their leadership to encourage  24 members to become FOP and FOPA members. In addition</p>

to Lucas County, the OLC has recruited over 20 new bargaining units to our membership over the past three years.

Regarding office space in 2020, the OLC renewed its lease in Columbus with the FOP State Lodge for another 10 years. When it comes to our staff, we've experienced much of what your departments have been going through with retirements. We have been fortunate in recruiting some very talented and experienced staff to compliment our current staff. In the past three years, the OLC has hired three full-time staff representatives, two part-time staff representatives. All five new hires have a wealth of law enforcement experience with negotiations.

In addition, the OLC has hired four new labor attorneys. Two of them will be working out of our Toledo office, one out of Chillicothe, and one out of the Columbus office. We also hired a new full-time paralegal who came -- who came to us with former experience as a dispatcher.

And to round off the staff team, the OLC hired Dan Ozbolt as a new full-time membership director who will be working on recruiting and

other members of the Labor Council to help stand outside the Lucas County Sheriff's Office to help bring them away from the UAW which was who their prior bargaining unit was, the UAW in the FOP. If you have neighbors who are in the window period or would like to talk about switching, the best recruiter we have is not the one on staff. It's the satisfied member. It's somebody who can speak with experience to say why they should belong in the FOP and the services and benefits provided.

If you need help with that, reach out to Bruce and his team. But I'm here to tell you those deputies at the Lucas County Sheriff's Office were glad to get away from the UAW. Do a great job for autoworkers but have no business representing the men and women of law enforcement.

The best recruiter is you. You'll know first who is ready to go, ready to move, who to talk to, who the players are. If we show up out of the blue, we'll never win. But if you guide them, they'll win almost every time.

Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Anybody else?

Of course, you mentioned the -- you've

marketing. Dan retired after a successful career with ATF and most recently was the director of advanced training at OPOTA before coming to the OLC.

Since 2020, the OLC has filed over 500 notices to negotiate collective bargaining agreements for our members. OLC has arbitrated over 100 grievances, has had 40 fact finding hearings, and 3 reconciliations. When it comes to criminal defense, OLC has responded and represented over 100 officers involved in critical incidents or officer-involved shootings.

Last year at this time the OLC represented a deputy in Carroll County who was charged with voluntary manslaughter. The deputy had only been employed 15 months when he was involved in a traffic stop that resulted in a fatal shooting after the suspect grabbed for his holster. After a five-day jury trial, he was acquitted of manslaughter. The deputy has since been reinstated to his employment.

That concludes my report, Mr. President. I would stand for questions.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT McDONALD: Good morning. I went up with Rob and Jackie Wegman and

earned all the trust that we've given -- from me to give you the position that you have, and I appreciate everything you do. You do a great job at it.

CHAIRMAN SZILAGYI: Appreciate it.

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#### CIRS REPORT

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: CIRS Report. Deirdre DeLong.

CIRS DIRECTOR DeLONG: Good morning. That's pretty good. Ron is even awake. What began as a labor of love almost 30 years ago, yes, I wasn't there, some of you were actually -- as a matter of fact, would you do me a favor? Everyone who is up here on a team in the state, would you stand up real quickly for me, please? Because I know there is a bunch of you here.

There is a lot more than that. You are not awake yet. Give them a hand, please.

(Applause.)

CIRS DIRECTOR DeLONG: The Critical Incident Response Service isn't about kudos, and so infrequently -- they never seek it, but so infrequently do they even get an acknowledgment for what they do. I appreciate you doing that for me

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 197</p> <p>1 this morning.</p> <p>2 So what began almost 30 years ago has now</p> <p>3 blossomed and grown into 40 teams, a consortium of 40</p> <p>4 peer support critical incident stress management</p> <p>5 teams throughout the state of Ohio. And that's</p> <p>6 incredible.</p> <p>7 They do not exist in a vacuum. They work</p> <p>8 very, very hard to take care of -- of their folks.</p> <p>9 So my plea to you is the same as it is every year</p> <p>10 virtually or in person, please, please, please make</p> <p>11 sure your members know about this. And not just the</p> <p>12 people who come to lodge meetings, everybody who is</p> <p>13 on second shift in your varying departments and they</p> <p>14 can't come to the lodge meetings.</p> <p>15 It continues to break my heart when an</p> <p>16 officer says I didn't know. And not to sound nasty</p> <p>17 but there is absolutely no excuse for that. There is</p> <p>18 no excuse for somebody out there who doesn't know</p> <p>19 what is available to her or to him.</p> <p>20 So thanks to Aaron, on the website</p> <p>21 fopohio.org under the CIRS tab, there is a listing.</p> <p>22 It's kind of a work in progress. It keeps improving</p> <p>23 every time I check it. There is a listing of the</p> <p>24 state teams. Any team available is on there. And if</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 199</p> <p>1 because I am a --</p> <p>2 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Use the mic.</p> <p>3 BROTHER VENTURA: I am --</p> <p>4 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: You have to turn it</p> <p>5 on. It's a challenge. I know City Council, they do</p> <p>6 that stuff for you.</p> <p>7 BROTHER VENTURA: I knew I wasn't going</p> <p>8 to get through it without getting my balls busted.</p> <p>9 Just wasn't going to happen.</p> <p>10 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Not by me.</p> <p>11 BROTHER VENTURA: Vinny Ventura, George</p> <p>12 Murray Lodge No. 67. I've know Deirdre ever since</p> <p>13 she got involved with the CIRS program. I have three</p> <p>14 identification cards on me, my own team ID card, the</p> <p>15 FOP CIRS card which I am proud to say the signature</p> <p>16 on that card is Steve Young, and my card from the New</p> <p>17 York City Police Department which I served a week</p> <p>18 exactly two months after 911 honorably. I was</p> <p>19 honored to go serve there.</p> <p>20 I don't know how many of you have served</p> <p>21 on CISM team or been served by one. All I can tell</p> <p>22 is that you if you have, you know the process works.</p> <p>23 The process definitely works. I served on my team</p> <p>24 for -- my CISM team for a little over 25 years. And</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 198</p> <p>1 you want a team, don't know about a team, you are</p> <p>2 looking for a team, you are looking to connect up</p> <p>3 here, give me a call. Shoot me an e-mail. I'm</p> <p>4 pretty accessible, and everybody at the office can</p> <p>5 get me those messages. Because of Rob's hard work</p> <p>6 with the foundation, we continue to provide training.</p> <p>7 We respond to requests for service, requests for</p> <p>8 presentations, requests for training, and my thanks</p> <p>9 to the Board for their constant support of me and of</p> <p>10 this program by extension.</p> <p>11 So again, my plea to you is to make sure</p> <p>12 everybody knows about critical incident stress</p> <p>13 management, and just real quickly, it's not always</p> <p>14 the officer-involved shooting. It doesn't have to be</p> <p>15 a big sexy headline worthy event. The world we live</p> <p>16 in, it could be anything to anyone on any given</p> <p>17 Tuesday.</p> <p>18 So I'll stand for any questions, but if</p> <p>19 not, please continue to keep an eye on yourselves and</p> <p>20 an eye on -- on each other.</p> <p>21 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 2, Brother</p> <p>22 Ventura.</p> <p>23 BROTHER VENTURA: Vinny Ventura, George</p> <p>24 Murray Lodge No. 67. I have gotten to know Deirdre</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 200</p> <p>1 I wish when I needed it back in the '70s, my first</p> <p>2 five years in the department had three different</p> <p>3 things that I consider critical incidents at this</p> <p>4 time, there was nothing back then in the '70s for us</p> <p>5 to look at. My very first one my chief showed up,</p> <p>6 went through the process, ruled everything as they</p> <p>7 should, and reminded me that I had to come back to</p> <p>8 work that night. It wasn't pleasant when I got home.</p> <p>9 Bear with me a couple minutes here,</p> <p>10 seconds. My experience in New York was exacerbating.</p> <p>11 We were there for five days doing interventions. By</p> <p>12 Thursday, they had to bring in a massage therapist to</p> <p>13 kind of calm us down a little bit. That was one of</p> <p>14 the benefits by the end of the week. It was a dry</p> <p>15 week. No alcohol to be found anywhere, so we didn't</p> <p>16 have that.</p> <p>17 But as a member of the local team that</p> <p>18 served the community for 30 years, I, being on the</p> <p>19 Board of Directors, had to make a decision and had to</p> <p>20 shut the doors. Due to COVID and other factors, we</p> <p>21 just could no longer function and serve you well.</p> <p>22 But I wanted to let you know we haven't left you</p> <p>23 without. I want to take my hats off to Lodge 25 who</p> <p>24 has a great team, West Shore, and they do the job.</p>

1 And they have been doing the job for quite some time.  
2 They were FOP driven, and I am very proud to have  
3 been associated with them also.

4 So at this particular time because I was  
5 on the Board of Directors and kind of running the  
6 show, I had input on the disbursement of funds we  
7 have left. So at this time, Deirdre, I would like to  
8 present the FOP -- Ohio FOP CIRS Foundation with a  
9 check for \$2,500.

10 CIRS DIRECTOR DeLONG: Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks, Vinny.  
12 Obviously thank your organization and I know they did  
13 a lot for our area so. Anything else for Deirdre  
14 before she hides? Thanks, Deirdre.

15 Can you be done in 5 minutes?

16 BROTHER HAWLEY: I'll be done in 3.

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18 MEMBERSHIP/FUNDRAISING SPECIALIST ROB HAWLEY

19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: No. I Fundraising  
20 Specialist Rob Hawley. Another disclaimer, he's  
21 probably going to try to sell you something.

22 MR. HAWLEY: Exactly. I have it. Shirts  
23 afterwards, I know you guys want them so please see  
24 me right out there. We're dealing.

1 MR. HAWLEY: It is day-to-day. I'm at  
2 will, so it is day-to-day. And then, of course, we  
3 have our foundation golf outing August 1. Thanks to  
4 all the lodges, everybody that comes out and supports  
5 that. So we thank you, guys.

6 I will stand for questions.

7 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: You got a minute 15.  
8 Thanks, Rob.

9 No. Rob does a great job. I bust his  
10 chops all the time because he brought our trailer up  
11 Tuesday because Ray had a pop delivery coming from  
12 Coke and left our lodge hall, and Rob doesn't drive  
13 it real well so. He can't like back it up, so he's  
14 got to make big sweeping turns. So he parked it, and  
15 I said he is starting to take it off -- I'm a city  
16 guy. I don't know nothing about that stuff. I said  
17 he is starting to take it apart off of his vehicle  
18 and everything. I said, hey, should we block the  
19 wheels? No. It will be okay. Unhitches it and here  
20 is Gary holding it. You got a board? No, dude, I  
21 ain't got a board. I got the trailer, okay?

22 So then he goes in the back of the  
23 trailer, gets the wheel chocks out. Why didn't we  
24 use those in the first place? But -- and then he

1 Thank you very much. First of all, I got  
2 to throw a big shout out to Steve Fioritto, Dave  
3 Jones, President Wolske, and everybody that was part  
4 of the planning committee for this conference. They  
5 went above and beyond. This thing has been amazing.  
6 So thank you, guys. We had a spaghetti bourbon  
7 dinner on Saturday night. It was an amazing turnout,  
8 great weather. I have to thank Steve Fioritto again.  
9 Ray, thank you, Ray Sorace, Bill Cerha, Vinny  
10 Ventura, Mike Stankiewicz. Thank you, Brothers.

11 Just from yesterday reminder about the  
12 personal e-mail addresses, please help us out. I  
13 want to thank the membership for all that you do  
14 every day. So thank you very much. And then, of  
15 course, got to thank our staff in Columbus because so  
16 much goes into this thing as far as what they roll up  
17 here every conference, Denise, Peggy, Aaron, Carol,  
18 Dan, and Diane. Thank you.

19 And last but not least, got to thank  
20 President Wolske, Secretary Lehnhart, and the  
21 Executive Board for giving me the greatest job in the  
22 world, allowing me to be part of this great  
23 organization.

24 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: It's day-to-day.

1 left. I called Ray. I go, hey, you have a hitch?  
2 Well, I have the receiving thing. We need the other  
3 part. He goes I've got a 1-1/2 inch ball and a 2  
4 inch ball. Let me call Rob. 2-5/8s -- or 2-5/16s  
5 inches. Okay. That didn't work out well.

6 So, of course, I have a buddy that has a  
7 construction business that gave us one, but somebody  
8 sent us a picture, and I think it may have been Eric  
9 because he has probably done this in the past. It  
10 was like a 2 by 4 with a ball on it we stuck in the  
11 back. Rob actually believed that's what we used to  
12 get from my lodge hall over to here so.

13 And the bourbon raffle that Bob -- that's  
14 just one more. I don't know. Vince, you should feel  
15 great because target is not on your back. It's on  
16 Rob.

17 MEMBER: Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: The last time Rob did  
19 a Blanton's raffle, we were in Indianapolis at the  
20 national conference, and he was selling tickets. He  
21 sells \$795 worth of tickets. I'm like we are not  
22 doing \$795, so I bought one ticket, threw it in the  
23 stupid thing. Eric, Rob, and myself go up to my  
24 room. We got a big box. We're doing it live and he

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 205</p> <p>1 is commentating and he is videotaping. I am the  2 stooge picking the ticket and stuff. Shake the box  3 up and I am doing this and I reach in, oh, no, we are  4 not doing this. I pulled my own freaking name out.  5 We are not. I did not buy a ticket for that bourbon  6 raffle because that was not going to happen again so.  7 But it probably could never happen in a million  8 years, but 930 tickets round? We will wait one  9 minute. I could probably tell you more Rob stories  10 until Tim gets here.  11 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT McDONALD: Want  12 me to go hunt him?  13 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: He should be coming  14 out.  15 I guess it's -- this is a good  16 opportunity to thank -- and I don't get an  17 opportunity. I thank the guys from the district all  18 the time and guys I see from my lodge and the other  19 lodges that get involved. And, you know, we have  20 done this so many times up here that it's almost  21 routine but there is always something different that  22 comes along, some kind of snag, and these guys manage  23 to work it out.  24 I know yesterday Ed Curtain outside</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 207</p> <p>1 Tracy Susana, Law Enforcement Torch Run/Special  2 Olympics. Moving right along -- oh, there she is. I  3 looked back here where you were yesterday.  4 SISTER SUSANA: That's just when I came  5 in late.  6 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: I was looking for that  7 red dress.  8 SISTER SUSANA: Tracey Susana, Lodge 17,  9 Lake Erie.  10 SECRETARY LEHNHART: Lake Erie.  11 SISTER SUSANA: I want to thank  12 everybody. Special Olympics hosted their first in  13 person Summer Games since 2019. COVID really took a  14 toll on everything all over the world, but we had  15 over 2,000 athletes participate in numerous sporting  16 events. So I want to thank all of the FOP, FOPA who  17 sponsored the Torch Run shirts or who participated or  18 volunteered in some of the runs across the state  19 leading up to opening ceremonies. Over \$50,000 was  20 raised so thank you for that.  21 Orlando hosted the USA Games in June this  22 year. Ohio brought home 75 medals so that was --  23 that was great.  24 Brandon Long, Hilliard PD, Cap City 9,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 206</p> <p>1 called the ice guy and said we need more ice and like  2 at 5 o'clock -- no, it was about 4:30 or something,  3 my grandkids were in the pool and I am looking at  4 Hawley. He's got this worried look on his face. I  5 go what's wrong? He goes the ice guy didn't come.  6 Freaking Drug Mart is up the corner. Just go buy  7 ice. He calls the guy back. The guy from the ice  8 company threw all the ice in the back of his pickup  9 truck and brought it down here.  10 So it's just another thing that  11 fortunately everybody as delegates and guests and  12 everybody else, you don't notice that kind of stuff,  13 but these guys solve all the problems and they don't  14 bother me with it and I am sure they solve a lot of  15 them without bothering Steve, but I know Steve will  16 probably not go to work the rest of the week to try  17 to -- try to recover from this but.  18 Again, from me personally thanks to all  19 you guys from the 8th District for everything you  20 have done.  21 (Applause.)  22 ---  23 LE TORCH RUN/SPECIAL OLYMPICS  24 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: We'll move along.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 208</p> <p>1 represented Ohio law enforcement on that run. He is  2 also now the local director for the LETR Program. He  3 ran up the east coast of Florida leading to Orlando,  4 and I was asked to be a team leader. And I along  5 with numerous other law enforcement officers ran up  6 the west coast of Florida, and we all converged on  7 Orlando for opening ceremonies.  8 On that note I have had the honor of  9 being asked to be a team leader in Berlin, Germany,  10 next June for the World Summer Games so that's --  11 that's an honor for me.  12 This year plunges were concentrated in  13 larger cities but still raised a considerable amount  14 of money. So some of the local smaller programs were  15 kind of -- with COVID they kind of were pushed to the  16 side and didn't come back this year. Hopefully we  17 can get that taken care of.  18 And last, I am going to keep it short,  19 the Annual Poker Walk at Put-in-Bay will be Saturday,  20 September 24. The Grand Islander Hotel is the host  21 hotel this year and we are going to do a Hawaiian  22 theme and I am going to ask you guys to reach in your  23 pocket one more time. I got some buckets up here,  24 and we are going to pass the hat for Special</p>

Olympics. So whatever you got left please give it and support the athletes of Ohio.

Any questions, I will stand for it.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: While Don and Robert are starting that process, I am pretty sure I was supposed to ask Tracey yesterday to give us any kind of updates she had on Kalahari for next year. So while she's here, I'll have her do that now.

SISTER SUSANA: Of course, I don't have my notes for that in front of me, but Kalahari next year it's actually going to be at the beginning of June due to Cedar Point and the cost of hotels in our area, in Sandusky. It is just not feasible for us to have it in July. We passed out some pamphlets yesterday on Kalahari. We are working to get an outdoor tent. I know somebody didn't like the fact we had it all indoors the last time, so we are working on getting a tent for the outdoors so you guys can smoke your cigars and all that good stuff.

But June, I want to say it's like 4th, 5th, and 6th, is when it's going to be. If you haven't been to Kalahari, it's a giant resort. They have over 890 rooms and suites. We are working on -- unfortunately those of you that come in on Saturday

Registration closed at 9:30, and a list of delegates has been prepared. There are 249 delegates and 18 alternates registered.

And that concludes my report.  
(Applause.)

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks, Tim.

SECRETARY LEHNHART: Mr. President, I make a motion we accept the final Credentials Report from the Chairman.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Motion by Secretary Lehnhart, seconded by McDonald.

Under discussion. Seeing, hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed, say nay. Motion carries.

(Vote taken; motion passes.)

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother Roop.

BROTHER ROOP: can I ask for a point of personal privilege? Sorry. The reason I am here today -- sorry about that. The reason that I am part of this organization like I am is Gene Fischer. Gene put me on this Committee back in 2000 and encouraged me to stay with it. We lost Gene unexpected last year.

And in Greene County we are doing many

nights, we won't have rooms available because they have a Colossalcon conference coming. And then I think we run before the OTRA and that's our own programs, but we've got a new 3rd District Trustee, so hopefully she is going to step up to the plate and maybe make it a little more exciting for us, but we plan on putting -- trying to put together just as good a program as you guys did here, and it is a family-oriented resort, but they also have a wing that's away from the water park and all the kids running through the water park which is the sands section of it.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks, Tracey. Anything else for Tracey?

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# FINAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Credentials Report.  
Tim Roop.

BROTHER ROOP: Thank you for that warm welcome. I would like to thank the angels from the State Office, Denise, Peggy, Diane, and Carol. Also like to thank my Committee members Stacey Griffith, Ron Davis, Jeremy Hoffer, Dan Kowalski, Shannon Hine, Mark Gants, Deb Thompson, and Mike Severance.

things to honor him. We have renamed our lodge hall after him. They are going to rename a section of U.S. 35 after him. And we are creating the Gene Fischer Memorial Scholarship. It's going to be used to support young people who want to go into law enforcement, help pay for their police academy, help pay for them to go to college. This is being done through the Greene County Community Foundation. The goal is to have a -- an endowed scholarship where there is enough money in it that the interest will be able to provide an ongoing scholarship every year.

I would like you to consider giving money toward that. The website is greenegiving, greene with an E on the end, greenegiving.org. You go to the website; you'll be able to find like where to mail the check to, or you can give it online, and it is the Gene Fischer Memorial Scholarship.

So thank you and please take that under consideration.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks, Tim. And some of these folks don't know Gene. I do. I know a lot of the more longer-standing delegates. I won't use the word old, how's that? Because I am one of them. Gene was certainly a leader in the organization. We

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 213</p> <p>1 appreciate everything that he has done for us.</p> <p>2 BROTHER VENTURA: President Wolske, I've</p> <p>3 been asked to let this body know that Lodge No. 67</p> <p>4 will be donating \$100 to that foundation.</p> <p>5 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you.</p> <p>6 Brother Lehnhart.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY LEHNHART: Mr. President, based</p> <p>8 on the income we received from the spaghetti and</p> <p>9 bourbon raffle which was 1,295 -- for the -- it was</p> <p>10 for what? The raffle? So the raffle from today was</p> <p>11 \$1,295. I make a motion we donate that to the Gene</p> <p>12 Fischer Scholarship Fund.</p> <p>13 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: On behalf of the Ohio</p> <p>14 FOP Foundation, Brother Lehnhart makes a motion that</p> <p>15 we donate \$1,290 that was raised during the bourbon</p> <p>16 raffle and obviously that's only for the Foundation.</p> <p>17 Does anybody have a problem with that? No. Good.</p> <p>18 Thanks. We're done. Anybody else? Anybody else?</p> <p>19 Timmy, thanks. You are welcome to stay.</p> <p>20 The other thing yesterday I know we</p> <p>21 passed a hat for the Brothers and Sisters from Akron.</p> <p>22 I know that President Cozart told me they had some</p> <p>23 folks that came up and asked. We did that yesterday</p> <p>24 with the Venmo stuff, so if you need to do that, get</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 215</p> <p>1 recently Ohio, we had a bunch of chiefs come -- I</p> <p>2 won't say a bunch, chiefs come from other states, a</p> <p>3 couple of chiefs here, and they are not OPOTA</p> <p>4 certified. So they wanted to make a special test</p> <p>5 just for the chiefs. I think my voice on that</p> <p>6 Commission helped stop that. There are now two</p> <p>7 separate tests but it's not just going to be for</p> <p>8 chief hires, anybody that comes from another state.</p> <p>9 They will just have a test on things that maybe they</p> <p>10 did not get in wherever they came from. So I'm</p> <p>11 there. I'm our voice and I try to do the best I can</p> <p>12 and I will continue to do so.</p> <p>13 And stand for any questions. Thanks,</p> <p>14 Gary. I appreciate it.</p> <p>15 ---</p> <p>16 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT</p> <p>17 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Resolutions Committee.</p> <p>18 Brother Richard.</p> <p>19 BROTHER RICHARD: Tim Richard, Canton,</p> <p>20 McKinley Lodge 2.</p> <p>21 Our Committee met yesterday and I want to</p> <p>22 thank our Committee members that met with me. I am</p> <p>23 not going to butcher your last names, but it was</p> <p>24 Chet, I know your last name, Mike, and John. I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 214</p> <p>1 with Clay if you didn't write down the thing. And if</p> <p>2 any lodges -- I guess a couple lodges wanted to</p> <p>3 donate. If anybody wants to do that, make sure you</p> <p>4 catch up with Clay. Is that the best way to do that?</p> <p>5 PRESIDENT COZART: Yes, sir. Thank you.</p> <p>6 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Pardon?</p> <p>7 PRESIDENT COZART: Yes, sir. Thank you.</p> <p>8 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: You're welcome. No</p> <p>9 problem.</p> <p>10 ---</p> <p>11 OPOTA REPORT</p> <p>12 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: OPOTA Report. Jim</p> <p>13 Fitsko.</p> <p>14 BROTHER FITSKO: Good morning, Brothers</p> <p>15 and Sisters. OPOTA with COVID, like everything else,</p> <p>16 we had stopped meeting in person. We've recently</p> <p>17 started meeting in person again.</p> <p>18 The big thing I see there is a license</p> <p>19 which we've talked about, police license, and we talk</p> <p>20 about it every meeting and I try to stand up and jump</p> <p>21 up and down on the table it ain't good and the</p> <p>22 reasons why. It's coming, guys. My voice on there</p> <p>23 helps a little bit, but we will do what we can.</p> <p>24 The other big thing they've done is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 216</p> <p>1 appreciate your help.</p> <p>2 We received two resolutions. The first</p> <p>3 one came -- was submitted from the Southern Hamilton</p> <p>4 County, Ohio, Coalition. Whereas, U.S. President</p> <p>5 Joseph R. Biden's announcement during the</p> <p>6 February 2022 State of the Union address to the</p> <p>7 National Fraternal Order of Police had endorsed U.S.</p> <p>8 Supreme Court Nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson</p> <p>9 to be confirmed as an Associate Justice to the Court;</p> <p>10 and, WHEREAS, the National Fraternal Order of Police</p> <p>11 Coalition and Bylaws did not have an article stating</p> <p>12 that the organization -- organization can issue</p> <p>13 endorsements for partisan political candidates for</p> <p>14 federal offices; and, WHEREAS, every member of this</p> <p>15 organization has taken an oath to protect and serve</p> <p>16 the citizens of the United States of America</p> <p>17 regardless of race, sex, religion, color, creed,</p> <p>18 national origin; and, WHEREAS, the National Fraternal</p> <p>19 Order of Police has previously endorsed United States</p> <p>20 Presidential candidates based on voting by all</p> <p>21 members from each lodge throughout the country; and,</p> <p>22 WHEREAS, the National Fraternal Order of Police</p> <p>23 President Pat Yoes issued the endorsement of Judge</p> <p>24 Brown Jackson without input from each State's</p>



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President and the FOP membership they represent and, WHEREAS, Judge Brown Jackson has a previous record of being soft on sentencing guidelines pertaining to criminals charged with pornography and pedophilia; and, WHEREAS, all members have taken an oath to protect and serve the citizens of the -- of our community and to keep pedophiles away from our children, and the National Fraternal Order of Police endorsement is in contrast to that oath; THEREFORE, be it resolved, prior to the National Fraternal Order of Police issuing an endorsement for any candidate to federal office, the Chairperson of the National Trustees shall notify each State's National Trustee and State's President who shall conduct a vote of the State's membership as to whether the Fraternal Order of Police should issue an endorsement, not issue an endorsement, or keep silent, and then report the results back to the Chairperson of the National Trustees.

FURTHER, any elected National or State Board Members found violating this process should be censored from making any statements regarding said endorsement and not allowed to run for any future elected office in National or State Fraternal Order

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of the Southern Hamilton County, but it was submitted by Jim Martin, District 5.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you. That clarifies it. Motion by -- motion by Brother Richard, seconded by his Committee.

Under discussion.

VICE PRESIDENT PAPPAS: Seconded. I said seconded.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Tim made the motion; the Committee seconded it.

MEMBER: Under discussion, I am not a smart man, can someone give me the Reader's Digest version of what that really means? Because I have no idea what that means. You can't use big words.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: I find you to be very smart. Jason did a lot of work with this, and he can kind of give you the cliff notes version.

VICE PRESIDENT PAPPAS: I think Jimmy is probably here in the room. I don't want to necessarily speak on his behalf. Jim, do you want to speak on behalf?

BROTHER MARTIN: I've had several residents come up to me and ask me, oh, you guys are allowing pedophiles for the two-year sentence minimum

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of Police.

This was -- this resolution submitted this 18th day of July, 2022.

Our committee recommends passage of this resolution, and I so move.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks. I got one question with that. Thank you. At the very beginning it says -- I think it was recommended by the South somebody.

BROTHER RICHARD: Southern Hamilton County.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: I think our standing rules require this to be made by either a delegate or a lodge.

BROTHER RICHARD: Okay. I have the delegates down here.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: As soon as -- as soon as it was made -- because the Southern Hamilton County doesn't have standing at the -- so if the maker -- if you guys are willing to make sure that's recorded that way, that it's either an individual delegate or lodge, then it would be acceptable to be put before the body.

BROTHER RICHARD: It was signed on behalf

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and they let them out and how can you not protect us as police officers in making sure that they go to jail and stay in jail when they victimize our kids, our grandkids? And this -- to me it's an embarrassment. I am sure if any of your family were to be victimized like this, you would want them to go to jail for quite a long time.

You know, I think he was totally out of line. I think that it's been an embarrassment to the 364,000 FOP members that we would stoop to the lowest denomination of letting a crime like this -- what if we went to sex trafficking or anything else? You know, I think that, you know, we should have stayed quiet. We shouldn't have said anything.

But to me it makes all of us look like idiots. You know, you go out and what if you come across a person, you know, two more times? It's not right. You know, he said in his -- his -- the FOP -- the FOP speaks up on issues of importance in real time rather than whining about them afterwards. Is that -- is that what we are going to do when your kid's been victimized? You know, as much as Pat Yoes puts his family pictures on Facebook, if this happened to one of his kids, you would find him in a

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 221</p> <p>1 gator patch down in Louisiana. Why should anybody  2 else in the United States have to put up with this  3 kind of stuff?  4 And I think he is out of line, and I  5 think we need a resolution to stop some of this  6 political crap that's going on. I mean, they  7 shouldn't -- this judge can't even tell you what a  8 woman is. Why would you trust her on any kind of a  9 labor? There was nothing that benefited the FOP and  10 the community safety in the decision that was made  11 and that's why we -- you know, every State President  12 and Board should be notified when they want to do an  13 endorsement because they know how their states and  14 their lodges feel, and we should depend on our Board  15 to represent us. And by bypassing us, to me there is  16 no excuse. We should have an input on it for 364,000  17 people. That's my -- was my feeling on it.  18 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you, Brother  19 Martin.  20 Vice President Pappas.  21 VICE PRESIDENT PAPPAS: Thank you.  22 Notwithstanding Jimmy's passionate plea and his  23 proposal, Jeff, you asked basically in a nutshell  24 what this thing did. And so what it basically says</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 223</p> <p>1 So there is a timing issue but  2 notwithstanding Jim -- like I said, Jimmy is very  3 articulate about the issue, very passionate about the  4 issue, but the technical side it would change --  5 again, I am not speaking for Jimmy, but this says  6 endorsements. It's an endorsement process. I am not  7 sure it gets to the heart of the matter what would  8 happen if the same scenario happened again.  9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 4, Brother  10 Drum.  11 BROTHER DRUM: Mark Drum, Delaware  12 County, Lodge 56. I would speak against the motion  13 based on the fact of having been involved many years  14 in the process at the national level to pick a  15 President, how time consuming that is and the input  16 needed and I think it's important that the national  17 has some flexibility, especially we are not just  18 talking about Supreme Court. They do Department of  19 Labor, the Attorney General's Office. There are many  20 times when the National FOP is consulted on a  21 Presidential selection for one of these department  22 heads or a cabinet position.  23 And I think it's very important not to  24 tie their hands wherever things have to come back to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 222</p> <p>1 is if somebody -- if there is a candidate for a  2 National Office of which the National FOP wants to do  3 an endorsement, they have to go through a process  4 similar to what they do for the Presidential  5 election.  6 So the other side of the coin, if you  7 will, is this very issue was brought to President  8 Yoes' attention on multiple fronts, I know it was  9 addressed in Philadelphia, and, you know, President  10 Yoes was very adamant that there was no endorsement  11 issue. There was this process it went through and  12 they gave three names and selected the least -- I  13 think they call it the least detrimental to the  14 organization or something along those lines and  15 there's no endorsement issue. It was just a, you  16 know, we support this candidate out of the three,  17 whatever.  18 So there's a technical line as far as to  19 whether or not an actual endorsement or any support  20 or what that means and how quickly it can be done.  21 You know, the flip side is if the White House calls,  22 the President calls National FOP, hey, we need like  23 input today, this is going in front of the committee  24 tomorrow, that's not going to happen then.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 224</p> <p>1 state. We hold our national officers responsible.  2 If we don't like what they do, vote them out of the  3 office. I am more concerned with the process because  4 really what we do we take away the National FOP's  5 influence on cabinet positions, so I speak against  6 that motion.  7 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you, Mark.  8 Shaun, did you? Brother Laird.  9 TRUSTEE LAIRD: I talked to Jim about  10 this extensively, and I think Gary and I both, we got  11 a whole lot of calls when the Supreme Court  12 Justice -- when we wrote this letter of support for  13 the Supreme Court Justice.  14 Just so -- the history in the past  15 usually the national has gone on record of letters of  16 support with other justices. So the process, the  17 question this time is this time it's somebody  18 that's -- we object to pretty strongly. And so the  19 question becomes then do you change the process of  20 what we've done in the past because of a justice?  21 Now, this one, there is a whole lot of baggage tied  22 to this one, and we did get a lot of calls. And a  23 lot of calls went to the national to talk about why  24 are we backing this person as a Supreme Court Justice</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 225</p> <p>1 and what's the reason.</p> <p>2 Now, I will say there is one major change</p> <p>3 that he talks about all the time. When I say he, I'm</p> <p>4 sorry, President Yoes talks about all the time, and I</p> <p>5 talked about it the other day. And the major change</p> <p>6 of that is National Board meets by teleconference</p> <p>7 every month now, and sometimes we can meet. That's</p> <p>8 become routine so I don't think -- at this time if</p> <p>9 this proposal goes forward, I don't think someone</p> <p>10 from the -- I don't think the President can say we</p> <p>11 don't have the ability to consult the National</p> <p>12 Trustees and the National Board because we certainly</p> <p>13 do consult each other all the time when we have our</p> <p>14 teleconferences.</p> <p>15 So the ability's there to do it. I do</p> <p>16 have -- as it's written and I have looked at it a</p> <p>17 little bit more, I do have concern that in this</p> <p>18 one -- there is one piece especially at the end where</p> <p>19 there's a discipline written into the resolution.</p> <p>20 And my fear is because there is already an existing</p> <p>21 article on discipline, that this would be in conflict</p> <p>22 with the National Constitution on discipline and may</p> <p>23 be ruled out of order.</p> <p>24 So I told Jim when we spoke about it,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 227</p> <p>1 resolution, this was submitted by myself and the</p> <p>2 committee, WHEREAS, all who attended have found the</p> <p>3 information provided at the 86th Annual Ohio FOP</p> <p>4 Conference to be useful and educational and attendees</p> <p>5 have enjoyed the extensive hospitality shown by the</p> <p>6 8th District. The 8th District has once again</p> <p>7 created an atmosphere that has provided the</p> <p>8 opportunity for lodging -- for Lodge Brothers and</p> <p>9 Sisters from across the state and nation to join</p> <p>10 together in work and recreation fostering strong</p> <p>11 relationships and lifelong friendships. THEREFORE,</p> <p>12 be it resolved, that the entire membership of the</p> <p>13 Ohio Fraternal Order of Police commend and</p> <p>14 congratulate the 8th District on another stellar job</p> <p>15 that they have done hosting the 86th Annual Ohio FOP</p> <p>16 Conference.</p> <p>17 We recommend adoption of this one, and I</p> <p>18 so move.</p> <p>19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Motion by Tim Richard,</p> <p>20 seconded by the committee to adopt the resolution</p> <p>21 commending the 8th District for the work they have</p> <p>22 done for this conference. Any discussion?</p> <p>23 Seeing, hearing none, all in favor</p> <p>24 signify by saying aye. Opposed, say nay. Motion</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 226</p> <p>1 this discussion is for the body; and, like I said, we</p> <p>2 did get a lot of calls about this justice and this is</p> <p>3 the place to talk about it and I encouraged Jim to</p> <p>4 move forward and bring this up because it was a very</p> <p>5 hot issue and that's where we are at today.</p> <p>6 So I just wanted to kind of give a</p> <p>7 background on that, and I encourage the debate. If</p> <p>8 there is other thoughts about it out there, I thought</p> <p>9 this was the place to talk about it. Thank you.</p> <p>10 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks, Shaun.</p> <p>11 Any other discussion?</p> <p>12 Seeing and hearing none, all in favor of</p> <p>13 the motion to approve the resolution as presented</p> <p>14 with the changes that I had asked about that if it's</p> <p>15 passed by this body, it goes on to the National, it</p> <p>16 can't have the Southern Hamilton County as the folks</p> <p>17 that are proposing it. It has to be, Brother Martin,</p> <p>18 yourself and somebody else or your lodge and someone</p> <p>19 else. And I think Tim will take care of that so.</p> <p>20 Other than those changes, all in favor of</p> <p>21 approving this resolution, signify by saying aye.</p> <p>22 Opposed, say nay. Motion failed.</p> <p>23 (Vote taken; motion fails.)</p> <p>24 BROTHER RICHARD: Okay. The second</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 228</p> <p>1 carries.</p> <p>2 (Vote taken; motion passes.)</p> <p>3 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks, Tim.</p> <p>4 - - -</p> <p>5 FOPA REPORT</p> <p>6 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: FOP -- FOPA Report.</p> <p>7 Brother Virgil McDaniel.</p> <p>8 Ray, are you ready? Trustees, if you</p> <p>9 could real quick step out in the hallway and meet Ray</p> <p>10 Sorace from my lodge. He has got something for you</p> <p>11 guys to pass out to your delegates, please.</p> <p>12 BROTHER McDANIEL: Thank you,</p> <p>13 Mr. President. Just to get -- so the membership is</p> <p>14 informed, at the last Board meeting that we had prior</p> <p>15 to this conference, a lot of discussion was had about</p> <p>16 the reorganization of the Fraternal Order of Police</p> <p>17 Associate State Lodge, and this discussion was had</p> <p>18 basically because of the financial stability that</p> <p>19 they are going through right now. During the last 25</p> <p>20 to 30 years, we've lost over 10,000 members in the</p> <p>21 FOPA. We've also lost eight lodges. We have one or</p> <p>22 two that's still in doubt now.</p> <p>23 As a result of that, in working with the</p> <p>24 leadership of this Board and the leadership of the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 229</p> <p>1 State Board, we introduced an amendment that was  2 passed by their Boards which reduced the size of  3 their Executive Board from 10 members, 10 District  4 Trustees, to 5 District Trustees, and combined the  5 Secretary and Treasurer's position to eliminate that  6 position.  7 What we've done with the District is  8 combined the Districts down to five -- two Districts  9 and elect five District Trustees which happened this  10 morning. They have a new President under Theresa  11 Drennen and the rest of the Board.  12 That was introduced to their conference  13 yesterday and that amendment did pass so we are  14 working for this to save approximately 6 to 8  15 thousand dollars annually, not have to pay per diem,  16 not have to pay for mileage, not have to pay for  17 hotel expenses for 10 different Trustees when the  18 membership is around 2,500.  19 And we are trying to grow the  20 organization, I think as we say at every meeting, but  21 we can't do it without your support. If we are able  22 to have 25 to 26 thousand Ohio members of the  23 Fraternal Order of Police, you would think we could  24 easily get 15 or 20 thousand FOPA people if we got</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 231</p> <p>1 know, some Trustees were going to lose their job.  2 They were going to lose their -- they were going to  3 have to pay for their own way to come to conferences,  4 or the Lodge was going to have to do that.  5 And Virgil was an extremely, extremely  6 important person, and Jason and Eric also went over  7 and talked it through during the spring Board  8 meeting. And through their efforts, and Virgil is  9 very, very good in what he does, you know, presenting  10 the facts as they are and get people to, you know,  11 come around to the right way of thinking.  12 So, Virgil, thank you for that because  13 that could have been a real disaster for those folks  14 over there. As it is, it worked out very well. And  15 if you weren't at the banquet last night, they turned  16 a check over of, Tracey, Ron, or Amy, I think it was  17 about a little bit over \$2,000 going towards the  18 hospitality for next year at the Kalahari conference  19 and that's some of the money they anticipate  20 recouping from the changes that they made so.  21 (Raffle drawings.)  22 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: All right. Real  23 quick. We're done with the reports. The only thing  24 we have left -- not really the only thing but the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 230</p> <p>1 our barber, our broker, mechanic, brother-in-law,  2 whatever it is that can do it, just need to make that  3 effort to help that organization grow.  4 Had the banquet last night. Seen where  5 they turned over per diem to the State Lodge of  6 \$22,000. We've seen that figure dwindle over the  7 last several years because of our lack of recruiting  8 in that area, so we tried to make steps to make them  9 financially stable. I think that's working with them  10 again.  11 I just challenge everybody to at least  12 try to get one member. Try to get one member that  13 you think is an upstanding citizen, a relative that  14 you have, and encourage them to join the local FOPA.  15 They are there to support us, and they can't do that  16 unless we grow the membership.  17 So unless anyone has any particular  18 questions, Mr. President, that concludes the A Lodge  19 report.  20 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks, Virgil.  21 Anybody have anything for Virgil? Just  22 so everybody is aware, this was a rather -- the  23 leadership of the A Lodge that brought this to us was  24 extremely concerned about this because obviously, you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 232</p> <p>1 next thing on the agenda is Political Screening.  2 That may take some time. Let's just -- 10 or 11  3 races to go through. Keep in mind check out is  4 11:00.  5 We will take a short recess for about 10,  6 15 minutes to give you a chance to go check out, go  7 to the restroom, or whatever. We will be back in  8 10:30. It's 10:14 now.  9 (Recess taken.)  10 ---  11 POLITICAL SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT  12 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: I would like to call  13 the meeting back to order, please. Take your seats.  14 Political Screening Report.  15 Chairman Virgil McDaniel.  16 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you,  17 Mr. President. First of all, I would like to  18 introduce the Screening Committee to the body. 1st  19 District, if you would stand, Tim Gallagher; 2nd  20 District, Bob Everett; 3rd District, Jay McDonald;  21 4th District, Todd Mahle; I'm covering the 5th  22 District and also the Chairman; 6th District Alan  23 Mefferd; 7th District, Tom O'Malley; 8th District, Ed  24 Favre; 9th District, Dan Hils; 10th District, John</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 233</p> <p>1 Butterworth; and the 11th District, Jeff Simpson.  2 The process that the Screening Committee  3 used this year is much the same as they have done in  4 the past. For three days in June this Committee  5 interviewed 18 candidates that were running for state  6 office. And it took all -- almost all of the three  7 days.  8 We reconvened this morning early and went  9 around the room and come up with the good, the bad,  10 and the ugly and have the following recommendations  11 to make to this body for endorsements: In the first  12 race that we considered, it was for the Ohio Supreme  13 Court Chief Justice. There were two candidates  14 running for this position, Sharon Kennedy and  15 Jennifer Brunner. Sharon Kennedy received the  16 unanimous vote of the Committee for this particular  17 position.  18 And the rationale that we used for it she  19 is a former police officer from Hamilton. She's  20 previously been endorsed by this organization. She  21 wrote the dissent decree on the DeBose versus  22 McGuffey case which is the case that her opponent  23 wrote the majority decision on which prevents a judge  24 from considering the safety of the community when</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 235</p> <p>1 General because we had a man that gave us an open  2 door policy and worked with us. We didn't endorse  3 him for the last Governor's race because same  4 situation.  5 This time we have a totally different  6 Mike DeWine appearing before the Committee,  7 recognizing he's made some changes. He has created  8 an open dialogue with President Wolske on a biweekly  9 basis to talk about concerns and problems that we  10 have. He's pro collective bargaining. He supports  11 the post-traumatic stress disorder be honored by the  12 Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. He will veto  13 any legislation that puts an end to qualified police  14 officers, and he is against the right to work  15 legislation and will veto any effort to do that.  16 As a result, Mr. President and body, the  17 Committee makes a recommendation to endorse Mike  18 DeWine for Governor.  19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Motion by Chairman  20 McDaniel, seconded by the Committee to endorse  21 Governor Mike DeWine for Governor. Any discussion?  22 Seeing and hearing no discussion, all in  23 favor signify by saying aye. Opposed, say nay.  24 Motion carries.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 234</p> <p>1 granting bail for one of the felons. And it's --  2 it's a big case that a lot of the Justices that are  3 running either are supporting or not.  4 So with that, Mr. President, I move that  5 Sharon Kennedy receive the endorsement,  6 recommendation for the endorsement of the Ohio  7 Supreme Court and Chief Justice, and I so move.  8 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Motion by Chairman  9 McDaniel, seconded by the Committee to endorse  10 Justice Kennedy for Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme  11 Court. Any discussion?  12 Seeing and hearing none, all in favor  13 signify by saying aye. Opposed, say nay. Motion  14 carries.  15 (Vote taken; motion passes.)  16 BROTHER McDANIEL: The next race was the  17 Governor of Ohio. The two candidates are Mike DeWine  18 and Nan Whaley. The committee voted 9 to support and  19 1 against Mike DeWine for the Governor, State of  20 Ohio, and 1 of the members was absent.  21 The rationale that we used for this  22 recommendation, one of the things that we -- we  23 haven't endorsed DeWine since he was back in the  24 Senate. We didn't endorse him for the Attorney</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 236</p> <p>1 (Vote taken; motion carries.)  2 BROTHER McDANIEL: The next race is for  3 Attorney General and that's the incumbent Dave Yost  4 and he is being challenged by Jeff Crossman. Jeff is  5 a State Representative from up north close to the  6 Parma area, I guess.  7 The Committee voted unanimously not to  8 make an endorsement in this race for the following  9 reasons: The incumbent, Yost, is trying to get a  10 licensing bill passed for credentialing, the test  11 with credentials of the police, and we are adamantly  12 opposed, against that legislation. He fired 27  13 employees who worked at OPOTA who were instructors  14 because he's changing the method, the way he was  15 doing it, and a lot of those members were FOP  16 members. And the fact that Crossman had no  17 experience or no record with us as a legislator.  18 As a result of that, Mr. President, the  19 Committee moves no endorsement in the Attorney  20 General's race.  21 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Motion by the  22 Chairman, seconded by the Committee no -- issue no  23 endorsement on the Attorney General's race. Under  24 discussion.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 237</p> <p>1           Seeing and hearing none, all in favor of 2 no endorsement signify by saying aye. Opposed, say 3 nay. Motion carries. 4           (Vote taken; motion passes.) 5           BROTHER McDANIEL: The next race is for 6 Auditor of State which is Keith Faber is the 7 incumbent, and his opponent was Taylor Sappington. 8 The Committee recommended unanimously that Keith 9 Faber receive the endorsement. 10           And the rationale was that he got the 11 post-traumatic stress bill through the Senate for the 12 Legislative Committee. He did an audit of the casino 13 training funds for police officers at the request of 14 the Fraternal Order of Police. And the fact that his 15 opponent lacked a lot of experience. 16           For those reasons, Mr. President, the 17 Committee moves to recommend to the body to endorse 18 Keith Faber, Auditor of State. 19           PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Motion by the 20 Chairman, seconded by the Committee to endorse Keith 21 Faber for Auditor of State. Under discussion. 22           Seeing and hearing none, all in favor 23 signify by saying aye. Opposed, say nay. Motion 24 carries.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 239</p> <p>1           recommendation that we present to the floor is no 2 endorsement in the U.S. Senate race. 3           PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Motion by the 4 Chairman, seconded by the Committee issue no 5 endorsement in the race for United States Senate. 6 Under discussion. 7           Brother Hills. 8           BROTHER HILS: Thank you very much, 9 Mr. President. Brothers and Sisters, this is far too 10 important of a race for us to sit out on. And that's 11 why I stand here with my fellow President, Jeff 12 Simpson from Capital City Lodge 9, and ask that we do 13 make an endorsement, that we vote against this no 14 endorsement. 15           We know Tim Ryan is a bad guy. It's one 16 thing that everybody on that Committee agreed on. 17 This guy is going after qualified immunity. He's run 18 his mouth in several things during the George Floyd 19 riots. So we have a known bad guy, and a lot of the 20 reasoning of the Committee was that JD Vance is 21 somewhat of an unknown and not known politically. I 22 heard right out of my left side over here say that's 23 a good thing when you get somebody that's not 24 political, hasn't held political office before.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 238</p> <p>1           (Vote taken; motion passes.) 2           BROTHER McDANIEL: The next race, bless 3 you, is for U.S. Senate. It's Tim Ryan against JD 4 Vance. The Committee met, voted seven in favor of no 5 endorsement and two in favor not of that no 6 endorsement. 7           The Committee itself when considering 8 this particular race was very concerned about JD 9 Vance and the flip-flopping that he continues to do 10 as it relates to his support or nonsupport of Donald 11 Trump. We were concerned we would also get that same 12 kind of flip-flop because I don't have to tell all of 13 you when we are interviewing these candidates, the 14 overall majority of them give you anything you want, 15 say it but they won't walk that talk. So we had our 16 concerns about that. He has on his agenda to abolish 17 the AT&amp;F. His -- he has no political experience to 18 bring to the table. 19           His opponent Tim Ryan for a lot of 20 reasons, mainly because of the George Floyd Bill and 21 the fact he signed, and that bill took away qualified 22 immunity for police officers, he couldn't be 23 considered. 24           And so, Mr. President, the Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 240</p> <p>1           One thing JD Vance has made clear is that 2 he stands strong against open borders. Open borders 3 is killing our citizens, threatening our cops. He's 4 been an outstanding spokesman for that. I think we 5 will find him to be very pro law enforcement, and I 6 want to stand against this no endorsement vote. 7           PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks against 8 the motion. Brother Simpson. 9           BROTHER SIMPSON: I do as well join my 10 Brother Dan. Let's be clear, we both sat on the 11 Committee. So generally we endorse the will of the 12 Committee, so we are all Brothers and Sisters in this 13 room. This one here we feel very passionate about. 14 That's why we are speaking. I didn't make the Ryan 15 endorsement. I did meet with -- was there for 16 Vance's, so I wasn't allowed to vote in the room, but 17 I was allowed to give input. But JD Vance has 18 come -- I don't know if he has come to every lodge, 19 but he has come to the major lodges. He came to my 20 lodge, met with about 13 of us, came to Cincinnati 21 lodge. 22           Exactly. There are some times we have to 23 be careful about our brand. Our brand is the most 24 important thing that we give out. We are not big</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 241</p> <p>1 political donors. We don't have a huge PAC, so when  2 we give out our brand, that FOP star, it means  3 something. You just don't want to give it out and  4 say go earn it, but we do know what we are getting  5 with Tim Ryan. This isn't just a difference of  6 agreement. This is a continued pattern. If I  7 remember the last time he was here, he got booed when  8 he made some comments about Trump, and then he just  9 doubled down. He has turned his back on us. He  10 hasn't even asked to -- he hasn't even been fair  11 about speaking up against about what he said, hey, I  12 made a mistake. Hey, I know I upset your membership.  13 As a matter of fact, he has doubled down  14 on that. JD Vance, if he -- I have complete faith.  15 I don't know the guy. I am not personal friends with  16 him. I just know what I've been told, and I know  17 personal conversations, the open conversations with  18 my members of what he stands for, and he's pro  19 police. And the open border things, those are  20 getting our police officers killed. Those are  21 getting our fellow citizens that we protect killed.  22 That's a huge issue.  23 So with that just to let the elephant out  24 of the room about us being on the Committee, we do</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 243</p> <p>1 while I absolutely respect Brothers from Cincinnati  2 and Columbus, I stand for the motion of no  3 endorsement primarily because basically what Brother  4 Jeff said. Our name and our stamp of approval goes  5 on this, and I don't know that we know any more about  6 Mr. Vance than we do Jeff Crossman. So if we are  7 going to non-endorse Jeff Crossman, which we did, I  8 don't know why Mr. Vance would be any different.  9 I agree with the borders. I agree with  10 all that stuff. When you are talking about putting  11 the stamp of approval of the FOP, I don't know that  12 we know enough; therefore, we had to make the  13 decision of no endorsement because of what Mr. Ryan  14 had done in the past, and he still needs to basically  15 be forgiven for those comments. Thank you.  16 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks in  17 favor of the motion.  18 Brother DeMarco, microphone 2.  19 BROTHER DeMARCO: Mr. President, fellow  20 members, I will tell you I planned on voting for  21 Mr. Vance for the position. I do not support not  22 endorsing the recommendation of the Committee. Tim  23 Ryan in my opinion does not belong in politics. If  24 you -- if you can go back to when they had the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 242</p> <p>1 speak to turn this motion down to not -- to say no  2 because you need 60 percent, and the Chair can check  3 me if I am giving misleading information, to have  4 this go through. And then we will go with phase 2 if  5 it happens with the wishes of the members, but it's  6 important enough that we are speaking out on this  7 side in front of you to speak against this motion,  8 speak against the Committee recommendation.  9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Procedure speaks  10 against -- Jeff, I don't mean to correct you, but you  11 said that you weren't the person that made a motion  12 to endorse Ryan. You weren't at the interview.  13 That's why.  14 BROTHER SIMPSON: Yeah, I couldn't make  15 the motion. I was quick to point out I couldn't make  16 it, but I was able to have discussion. Make no -- I  17 don't want to make that there is controversy. We had  18 good discussion in that room. We really did. This  19 one here is just we feel very passionate about it,  20 and we want to make it known.  21 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Any other discussion?  22 Oh, I'm sorry. Microphone 2.  23 BROTHER EVERETT: Bob Everett, Tuscarawas  24 Lodge 4. I am also a member of the Committee, and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 244</p> <p>1 original discussion -- not discussion but all of the  2 candidates in a debate on T.V. and after that, if you  3 watched that, after the debate, I believe there  4 were -- they played the Pledge of Allegiance and  5 every candidate on that stage stood at attention and  6 held their -- their hand over their heart while that  7 was being played except Mr. Ryan who was standing  8 there like this. And I lost any respect I ever had,  9 which I never did, for that candidate.  10 And I speak against the proposal to  11 endorse Mr. Vance. I will be voting for Mr. Vance,  12 but I suggest we go with the Committee's  13 recommendation. Thank you.  14 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks in  15 favor of the motion.  16 Microphone 4, Brother Drum.  17 BROTHER DRUM: I also speak in favor of  18 the motion put forth by the Committee, not because  19 either candidate, regardless of Ryan or Vance. It's  20 because of the process. We as an organization spend  21 a lot of painstaking time to put together a process  22 that would be the best process and probably one of  23 the most intense processes in the county -- or the  24 country for lodges that make an endorsement.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 245</p> <p>1 Unlike the autoworkers, unlike the</p> <p>2 AFL-CIO, our leadership, our handful of members in</p> <p>3 the room make an endorsement. We go through a very</p> <p>4 detailed screening process, and it was a process that</p> <p>5 was rewritten several years ago to make it better.</p> <p>6 At one point part of that process used to</p> <p>7 include or did include the thing where each one of</p> <p>8 our caucuses could have had our representative come</p> <p>9 back and talk to us about this. If there was some</p> <p>10 controversy, there could have been a lot of dialogue</p> <p>11 in those rooms rather than trying to go back and</p> <p>12 forth politically on the floor.</p> <p>13 That was not done this time. I think</p> <p>14 there was a motion to not do that. I speak in</p> <p>15 favor -- not either one of candidates but the</p> <p>16 Committee that goes through a very detailed process,</p> <p>17 meetings, research, they go back historically, and I</p> <p>18 feel strongly in the work of the Committee. So I</p> <p>19 support the motion of the Committee.</p> <p>20 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you. Brother</p> <p>21 Drum speaks in support.</p> <p>22 Brother Mefferd. Dan, I'm sorry.</p> <p>23 BROTHER MITCHELL: That's all right.</p> <p>24 BROTHER MEFFERD: Mr. President, I also</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 247</p> <p>1 when two of the Districts got up and walked out so</p> <p>2 there could be no endorsement on a person because we</p> <p>3 didn't have it.</p> <p>4 This hopefully will take care of that and</p> <p>5 speak in favor of the motion.</p> <p>6 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks in</p> <p>7 favor of the motion. Kathy. Dan, everybody has to</p> <p>8 go first before a person goes second.</p> <p>9 BROTHER HILS: Yes, sir. I get it.</p> <p>10 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 1, Sister</p> <p>11 Harrell.</p> <p>12 SISTER HARRELL: Kathy Harrell, Lodge 69.</p> <p>13 I speak against the motion. We have members that are</p> <p>14 on the Committee -- and I have been on numerous</p> <p>15 committees, the National as well as the State. But</p> <p>16 as we keep hearing, there is a process. Well, part</p> <p>17 of that process is it comes to the floor, and the</p> <p>18 floor can override that committee. This is part of</p> <p>19 the process.</p> <p>20 But I believe that in this particular</p> <p>21 race, that -- and we can educate our members from now</p> <p>22 until election day. We can go send out pamphlets</p> <p>23 every single meeting and educate them on how bad Ryan</p> <p>24 is, but the problem is your average voter is --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 246</p> <p>1 speak in favor of the motion. I also am part of the</p> <p>2 Committee. We spent two-and-a-half, almost three</p> <p>3 full days, grueling days. My hotel room was rained</p> <p>4 in, and I still stayed, rained from the bathroom from</p> <p>5 above me. It was pretty gross.</p> <p>6 I was one of the two votes for Vance. As</p> <p>7 a matter of fact, I made the nomination to endorse</p> <p>8 Vance. Was voted down seven to two. We came to no</p> <p>9 endorsement. I maintained that vote for Vance, so I</p> <p>10 still was in the minority in that.</p> <p>11 I believe in the process. We worked very</p> <p>12 hard on this. And to overturn the process is no</p> <p>13 better than overturning the Electoral College in my</p> <p>14 opinion.</p> <p>15 I vote in favor of the endorsement and</p> <p>16 want to see this body vote for the endorsement.</p> <p>17 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks in</p> <p>18 favor of the motion.</p> <p>19 Brother Mitchell, microphone 2.</p> <p>20 BROTHER MITCHELL: Dan Mitchell, Queen</p> <p>21 City Lodge 69. I speak in favor of the motion also</p> <p>22 for no endorsement. I keep hearing about the</p> <p>23 process. Yeah, there is a process. And it's because</p> <p>24 what happened, I can't remember what year it was,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 248</p> <p>1 doesn't do that amount of research and that amount of</p> <p>2 work. And there are a lot of people in the State of</p> <p>3 Ohio that look for that FOP endorsement and if they</p> <p>4 don't see that endorsement, they don't know that</p> <p>5 background on Ryan, they are going to be like, oh,</p> <p>6 well, they must not care and then they are going to</p> <p>7 cast that vote and I think in this case the unknown</p> <p>8 would be better than what we already know.</p> <p>9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Sister speaks against</p> <p>10 the motion.</p> <p>11 Microphone 4, Brother Cozart.</p> <p>12 PRESIDENT COZART: Clay Cozart, President</p> <p>13 of Akron Lodge 7. I speak in favor of the motion. I</p> <p>14 think the FOP endorsement should be earned and by</p> <p>15 saying words. You earn it by actions, and I know</p> <p>16 most of us in here are probably going to vote for JD</p> <p>17 Vance, and when he wins, then he can start earning</p> <p>18 our endorsement, but until his actions show that he</p> <p>19 deserves our FOP endorsement, I -- I agree with you,</p> <p>20 no endorsement and, again, speak in favor of the</p> <p>21 motion.</p> <p>22 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks in</p> <p>23 favor of the endorsement.</p> <p>24 Microphone 4.</p>



BROTHER THOMAS: Kyle Thomas, State Lodge 44. I support the Committee's recommendation. Like others said there is a process in place.

I support the work the Committee has done and the recommendation they made.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Dan, there is somebody behind you. I understand. Microphone 1.

BROTHER MASON: Steve Mason, Lodge 9. In respect to the Chairman, sending someone who is not a politician into Washington is not a bad thing, okay? We have seen that work out for us in the past. How many of us had experience doing our current job when we first stepped into that role? Nobody. So I find those arguments to be very unconvincing.

We know as much about JD Vance as we do about any candidate. I have been on our local screening committee for more than a decade now. We know his background. We know his biography. We know what he has done. We know what he has said, okay? Endorsement is nothing more than a strategic partnership for a finite period of time. It is not friendship. It means that we are going to work with you, and you are going to be our voice and give us a seat at the table for a finite period of time.

more out there and more outspoken about stopping open borders. If you want to have a country left, you better have -- you better have some power in the Senate and he -- the man stands for law and order. He stands for the rule of law when it comes to the borders and beyond.

And we know who Tim Ryan is. This is a no-brainer to me. This is where this Lodge has to make a move or we might not get to find out how good JD Vance could be for us over the next six years. We have to make a stand now so that Ohio elects the right person to Senate and that is JD Vance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks against the motion.

Brother Simpson.

BROTHER SIMPSON: Yeah. We are following the rules. I want to be clear to everyone, this isn't a rift between us and the Committee. If everybody turned to page 2 in your book, what we are doing is right here. There is no smoke and mirrors. This is part of the process. So to dismiss one part and not acknowledge the other, that's bad. This is a complete process.

That's all it is.

We know who Tim Ryan is. We know he is bad for us. Give Mr. Vance a chance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks against the motion.

Microphone -- microphone 4.

PRESIDENT BALL: Mr. President, Darrell Ball, President, Lima Lodge 21. I do not rise in favor or in opposition. I simply rise to call for the question.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Anybody previously at this microphone prior to the Brother calling for the question has the right to speak.

Brother Hils.

BROTHER HILS: I want to double down on what Sister Harrell said. This is part of the process. These members here have a say and should have a say. This isn't like what Brother Mitchell talked about, people leaving so there is no quorum. This is very much a part of the process. This race has national implications.

And again, back to the border issue, this is -- repeated before it's killing our citizens. It's killing our cops. There is nobody that's been

And I do speak I am glad that the Committee -- I am glad that this process went back to the old way. I am just speaking for Lodge 9. That was the most controversial, most attended. I wish every meeting was an endorsement night because I get 300 members there. I love it.

And the time it takes to do business is the time that it takes to do business. And everybody here as a body should hear each other's opinions as long as it takes, as long as it takes. We got bylaws in place and Robert Rules of Order to shut that down when it goes overboard. So that process is in place too.

So Sister Kathy said we have a brand. And this is a pivotal time in the State of Ohio and if we don't take a position on something like this, people look for our brand. So to me that is a huge win, and I know we need to work with politicians. We've tried that.

This isn't a knee jerk slap in the face to him. If we don't, we are never going to get to see -- just like Brother Hils said, to see what JD Vance can do for us. And quite honestly there's a lot and this is not being disrespect. There is other

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 253</p> <p>1 endorsements that we're getting ready to do and come,  2 and they are first timers. I get we got to be  3 careful, but they are first timers. You are going to  4 see one come ahead that's a first timer and that's  5 okay.  6 So to use that, you can argue that but  7 that's not -- that's not value. We know what this  8 guy has said. We know what he says he is going to do  9 for us, and it's a pivotal time. To not get him in  10 office in this crucial time would be a big mistake,  11 or at least try like hell.  12 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks against  13 the motion.  14 The question has been called. Again,  15 just to remind everyone we are voting on whether the  16 recommendation -- the recommendation by the Chairman  17 and the Committee to have no endorsement for the race  18 of United States Senate. That's what you are voting.  19 All in favor of that motion signify by saying aye.  20 Opposed, say nay. Motion carries.  21 (Vote taken.)  22 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Terry.  23 MEMBER: Count them. Request division of  24 the house.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 255</p> <p>1 BROTHER HILS: I would like to make a  2 motion that this body endorse JD Vance for Senate.  3 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother Hils, your  4 motion is out of order. The rules of this body say  5 that you cannot overturn or change the recommendation  6 of the Committee.  7 Since that was voted down, there can be  8 no further action. Brother Carter.  9 BROTHER CARTER: Thank you,  10 Mr. President. Point of order. The guidelines for  11 political endorsements in our standing rules, I would  12 like to challenge that decision. The stated rules  13 state in Article F if the delegation fails to endorse  14 the Political Screening Committee's recommended  15 candidate, no endorsement will be made in that race.  16 It does not state that if we overturn no endorsement,  17 that no endorsement can be made. It's silent on that  18 issue I would argue.  19 And I believe that if the rules were  20 intended for that purpose, it would be spelled out.  21 You just can't make up words that aren't in the  22 document, so I believe that's an incorrect ruling,  23 and I challenge that.  24 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: It's -- it's the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 254</p> <p>1 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Go to the microphone,  2 please, Brother.  3 MEMBER: Make a motion for division of  4 the house.  5 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Granted. All in favor  6 of the motion please go to this side of the hall.  7 All against, please go to this side. And please only  8 delegates. Alternates are not allowed to take part  9 in this process. If you are a delegate and you see  10 an alternate standing in your group, please ask them  11 to be seated.  12 Will the guards please keep the doors  13 closed unless the alternates are leaving. Guards  14 stay by the door, please.  15 Okay. Just so everybody is clear, the  16 side to my left, this side over here underneath the  17 Eric sign, one side -- that's the side to not support  18 the motion, right? That's the side to support the  19 motion for no endorsement. Just so everybody is  20 clear on where they are supposed to be, correct?  21 Motion fails.  22 (Vote taken; motion fails.)  23 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 1, Brother  24 Hils.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 256</p> <p>1 opinion of the Chair that no endorsement is similar  2 to a candidate, and since no candidate was endorsed,  3 nobody else can be endorsed.  4 BROTHER PARKER: Thank you. Travis  5 Parker, 11th District. I challenge the Chair's  6 ruling.  7 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Under discussion.  8 Anyone want to speak on that?  9 Microphone 1, Brother Hils.  10 BROTHER HILS: What's the purpose of our  11 vote that we just had then? I have to ask the Chair  12 because what we end up with, again, is no  13 endorsement. So the floor then you are saying in  14 this case was given no authority, no power at all.  15 We came here as a body to vote on this, and I believe  16 that this floor should get an opportunity to do so.  17 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother Ball,  18 microphone 4.  19 BROTHER BALL: Mr. President, Darrell  20 Ball, Lima Lodge 21. We do have our in-house counsel  21 present. Perhaps she would be willing to weigh in on  22 an opinion as to whether or not the Chair's ruling is  23 in order. I'm certainly no attorney, but normally  24 where a document is silent or where a document does</p>

not clearly indicate a preference one way or the other, the ruling normally would be in favor of my Brother.

I agree that if it says an endorsed candidate, if there is not an endorsed candidate, I believe the Brother is correct and that they can make that motion from the floor. And I would appreciate Ms. Callender's opinion on that.

GENERAL COUNSEL CALLENDER: The President has ruled that that motion was out of order. There's a provision if you want to make a motion to overrule that, that's up to the body. But the President in the absence of a specific rule governs this conference and decides how it's going to proceed.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother Hils, I take it that was a motion. Travis, that was a motion, correct?

BROTHER PARKER: Yes, sir.

BROTHER HILS: So he is making a motion. You made a motion.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Yes, sir. Is there a second?

BROTHER PARINI: I'll second.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother Parini.

research, soliciting information from their members, and such not. They made a decision based on those things.

When we come -- the purpose of these rulings was that when we got to the floor, that that recommendation would be either accepted or not accepted. And, Travis, I understand what you are saying, that if -- you didn't overturn the candidate, you overturned the no candidate. But again, it's my opinion that that doesn't change the fact that we shouldn't go back and endorse somebody. It's no different if candidate A was to get the recommendation of the Committee and the body was to say no, that we would go back and entertain the option to endorse candidate B so.

Shaun, you already talked. Jeff. Jeff hasn't spoken yet.

BROTHER SIMPSON: It's clear if what you're saying is how it was meant to be interpreted, then our last motion, the last vote we just did should have been called out of order because this should have been futile, fruits of the poisonous tree, so I don't understand the semantics of now this is no good, then what before should have been no

Under -- any further discussion?

Brother Laird, I'm sorry.

TRUSTEE LAIRD: Shaun Laird, Lodge 9. I agree with Brother Parker. This is not -- this is silent in the standing rules, and I agree with him that the Chair's ruling in this case was -- no disrespect towards the President, I believe that the Chair's ruling is incorrect, that the -- our standing rules do not address this. And I think that the motion that was made prior is in order. Thank you.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: I normally wouldn't speak towards a motion or anything from here. I will come down on the floor if you guys prefer or whatever. It's up to the body.

BROTHER HILS: You can stay.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: When this process was put into place, I think it was probably four years ago -- Mark, something like that, Drum -- the purpose was to not have the body have the ability to reverse the recommendation of the Political Screening Committee. The Political Screening Committee has -- everybody has heard from numerous members that were on that Committee, spent nearly three days interviewing these folks, doing their own private

good. That just does not make sense. It's very clear.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Dan or. Dan was first but up to you guys to decide.

BROTHER HILS: He already said what I was going to say, why did we have that vote at the beginning? That this is part of the process --

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Well, the first time we did was to decide on the recommendation of the Committee.

BROTHER HILS: Of no endorsement and leaving that standing leaves no endorsement standing. That vote was done for a reason and that's for a -- for a further motion to be made, which I made, and I think you incorrectly said it was out of order.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 1, Brother Parker.

BROTHER SIMPSON: Mr. President, and I want to make sure that -- with no disrespect to you or the Committee, I ask for our members to consider in this vote to overturn this, that we would be erasing the voice of the membership if we agreed that this unstated process in our guidelines would stand. And what I mean by that is this, in every race that a

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 261</p> <p>1 candidate is endorsed, this membership chooses to say  2 yes or no and saying no, it changes that to a no  3 endorsement.  4 What we're saying is in an unwritten rule  5 that if a no endorsement comes out and this  6 membership is 100 percent against that, this entire  7 body, that it cannot be changed because we can't  8 switch to endorsing anybody, therefore, no  9 endorsement is going to stand no matter what. I  10 believe that's wrong. I believe the voice of this  11 membership always can speak on an issue, and so I ask  12 everyone to consider voting to overturn this ruling.  13 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Shaun.  14 TRUSTEE LAIRD: I'm good.  15 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: The motion on the  16 floor is to overturn the opinion of the Chair. All  17 in favor of that signify by saying aye. Opposed, say  18 nay. Motion carries.  19 (Vote taken; motion carries.)  20 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother Hils. I  21 assume you are standing up for a reason, right?  22 BROTHER HILS: I again make a motion that  23 we endorse JD Vance. I think somebody was actually  24 speaking for the motion earlier said it. Tim Ryan</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 263</p> <p>1 I speak against it.  2 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks against  3 the motion.  4 Microphone 2.  5 BROTHER IBERIS: Joe Iberis, Mahoning  6 County Lodge. I just want to speak on Tim Ryan is  7 from Mahoning Valley. As we all know, he has done  8 nothing for us. We met with him before, my Political  9 Screening Committee. JD came to our local lodge. I  10 was out of town. I couldn't meet with him, but he  11 came to our little lodge. We don't have a big  12 following, but he did come. We liked what he had to  13 say.  14 But, you know, I respect the process of,  15 you know, we always follow the bylaws to make sure  16 everything is on the up and up. I respect what the  17 Committee did, the time they put in.  18 I just want to speak. You know that I  19 support the motion for JD. I think we know what we  20 got with Tim. If we don't do something, JD doesn't  21 have an opportunity to get an office, we don't  22 have -- you always want a friendly face to reach out  23 to. We know Tim is not friendly. We may not know  24 what JD is; but, you know, at least we have a face.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 262</p> <p>1 won't even put his hand over his heart. JD Vance  2 served in the United States Marine Corps, and I think  3 we need to endorse him. My vote is to endorse JD  4 Vance.  5 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother Simpson.  6 BROTHER SIMPSON: I second.  7 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Motion in regards to  8 JD Vance for United States Senate. Under discussion.  9 Are you just waiting, or are you going back to the  10 microphone? I don't care. I don't want to not give  11 you an opportunity if you are standing there.  12 Microphone 4, Brother Drum.  13 BROTHER DRUM: I speak against the motion  14 because as a Delegate, I didn't talk to either of  15 these candidates. We had a Committee that did that.  16 That wasn't good enough.  17 Previously in the old days we used to be  18 able to talk with the candidates. The candidates  19 would come to our conference rooms. We would get  20 information out of them. I've not had the  21 opportunity to talk to either one of these  22 individuals and just don't like to make decisions  23 based on the political flow of the time. I want to  24 know personally what both of them stand for.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 264</p> <p>1 Give him a shot.  2 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Brother speaks in  3 favor of the motion. Any other discussion?  4 Hearing none, all in favor of endorsing  5 JD Vance for United States Senator, signify by -- I  6 am not hard of hearing, please. Okay. Signify by  7 saying yes, yea. Opposed, say nay. Motion carries.  8 (Vote taken; motion carries.)  9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: This is not on this  10 topic, so please don't think that I am talking to  11 anybody about this subject that we just discussed,  12 previous to this some things that were discussed in  13 this room, nothing to do with political screening,  14 was texted to President Yoes as we were doing it.  15 What happens in this room stays in this room. Please  16 do not transmit stuff to people that don't deserve to  17 have the information that comes out of here. When  18 the time is appropriate, State Lodge will transmit  19 any information he needs to have, okay? Thank you.  20 Nothing to do with this topic.  21 BROTHER McDANIEL: Moving right along,  22 the next race is for Secretary of State. This is for  23 the Secretary of State. It's the incumbent Frank  24 LaRose against Chelsea Clark. Frank LaRose submitted</p>

1 a questionnaire because he was out of the country.  
 2 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: He was in Nigeria.  
 3 BROTHER McDANIEL: He was in Nigeria on  
 4 an election campaign. We understood that. Chelsea  
 5 Clark did not submit a questionnaire nor did she come  
 6 before the Committee.  
 7 Committee considered all the options  
 8 there. Because of Frank's involvement with the  
 9 Fraternal Order of Police while being the Secretary  
 10 of State, the fact that he supports -- strongly  
 11 supports police, he supports the post-traumatic  
 12 stress disorder bill being honored by the Ohio Bureau  
 13 of Workers' Comp., he has a great military record.  
 14 Again, his opponent did not even submit a  
 15 questionnaire or appear.  
 16 The committee recommends, and it was  
 17 unanimous, to endorse Frank LaRose for Secretary of  
 18 State, and I so move.  
 19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Chairman McDaniel --  
 20 wow. I am almost out of the top. I'm sorry.  
 21 Chairman McDaniel moves, the Committee seconded to  
 22 endorse Frank LaRose for Secretary of State. Any  
 23 discussion? Oh, come on.  
 24 Seeing and hearing none, all those in

1 carries.  
 2 (Vote taken; motion passes.)  
 3 BROTHER McDANIEL: The next race was for  
 4 the Ohio Supreme Court. There is a couple of races  
 5 in that category. This particular race, the  
 6 incumbent, Pat DeWine, was running against Judge  
 7 Marilyn Zayas. The Committee voted nine to one with  
 8 one absent to recommend Pat DeWine who is the  
 9 incumbent, be recommended to receive the endorsement  
 10 by this body.  
 11 Rationale is he wrote the consent decree  
 12 against ruling on the DeBose versus McGuffey case,  
 13 and he strongly supports due process on the Brady  
 14 list that was put on there, and he's previously been  
 15 endorsed by this organization.  
 16 As a result of that, Mr. Chairman, the  
 17 Committee recommends the endorsement of Pat DeWine  
 18 for the Ohio Supreme Court.  
 19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Chairman McDaniel  
 20 recommends Pat DeWine, and the Committee seconds for  
 21 the endorsement for the Ohio Supreme Court. Under  
 22 discussion.  
 23 Seeing and hearing none, all in favor  
 24 signify by saying aye. Opposed, say nay. Motion

1 favor signify by saying aye. Opposed, say nay.  
 2 Motion carries. That was easy.  
 3 (Vote taken; motion carries.)  
 4 BROTHER McDANIEL: The next race is for  
 5 Treasurer of State. The current incumbent is Robert  
 6 Sprague, and he was -- the opponent is Scott  
 7 Schertzer who is the current Mayor of Marion, Ohio.  
 8 The Committee voted, and it was unanimous to  
 9 support -- make the recommendation for this body to  
 10 support Scott Schertzer as the endorsed candidate.  
 11 And the rationale for that is he's very  
 12 proactive in the collective bargaining. He  
 13 previously worked in the Treasurer's Office under  
 14 Ellen Withrow. His opponent did not even submit a  
 15 questionnaire nor did he appear before the committee,  
 16 and it was said that he was antilabor. As a result  
 17 of that, Mr. President, the Committee recommends  
 18 Scott Schertzer for the Treasurer of State.  
 19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Chairman McDaniel  
 20 makes a motion, and the Committee seconds the  
 21 endorsement of Scott Schertzer for Treasurer of State  
 22 of Ohio. Under discussion.  
 23 Seeing and hearing none, all in favor  
 24 signify by saying aye. Opposed, say nay. Motion

1 carries.  
 2 (Vote taken; motion carries.)  
 3 BROTHER McDANIEL: The final race is  
 4 again for the Supreme Court and this involved Pat  
 5 Fischer and he's the incumbent and he was running  
 6 against -- Terri Jamison was running against him.  
 7 The committee unanimously recommends that Pat  
 8 Fischer, the incumbent, receive the endorsement from  
 9 this body.  
 10 And we base that belief on his strong  
 11 opposition to the DeBose versus McGuffey decision,  
 12 his overwhelming openness during the interview  
 13 process. He spoke highly on due process for the  
 14 brief. He has previously been endorsed by this  
 15 organization, and he was very open and supportive of  
 16 the police department.  
 17 As a result of that, Mr. Chairman,  
 18 Mr. President, I move that the Committee recommends  
 19 Pat Fischer for the Ohio Supreme Court.  
 20 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Chairman McDaniel  
 21 moves and the Committee seconds Pat Fischer to be  
 22 endorsed for Ohio Supreme Court. Under discussion.  
 23 Seeing and hearing none, all in favor  
 24 signify by saying aye. All opposed, say nay. Motion

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 269</p> <p>1 carries.</p> <p>2 (Vote taken; motion carries.)</p> <p>3 BROTHER McDANIEL: Mr. President, that</p> <p>4 concludes the Political Screening Committee Report.</p> <p>5 I would like to thank the Committee itself for their</p> <p>6 diligence and professional manner in which they ran</p> <p>7 this. Thank you.</p> <p>8 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Shaun, microphone 2,</p> <p>9 Brother Laird.</p> <p>10 TRUSTEE LAIRD: Shaun Laird, Lodge 9.</p> <p>11 President Wolske, the one thing I want to address and</p> <p>12 I missed it, I got to tell you, when we did the</p> <p>13 standing rules, the last part there, F, the part</p> <p>14 where we just discussed, I missed it when we voted on</p> <p>15 the standing rules. And what bothers me about that</p> <p>16 rule, that standing rule, is that there is no other</p> <p>17 committee in the FOP that we cannot go against</p> <p>18 committee -- that makes it this hard to go against</p> <p>19 this committee recommendation.</p> <p>20 Now, I am not speaking -- everybody on</p> <p>21 the Committee I think is wonderful. But all our</p> <p>22 committees are -- we have wonderful people. We have</p> <p>23 a separate procedure here that basically takes the</p> <p>24 body and makes the Committee more powerful than the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 271</p> <p>1 And the next year I plan on speaking</p> <p>2 against this just because of the fact I don't think</p> <p>3 there should be any committee that has more power</p> <p>4 than the body, and I believe this section gives more</p> <p>5 power to that Political Committee than any other</p> <p>6 thing that we do in the FOP, and -- and I think that</p> <p>7 that is wrong. Thank you.</p> <p>8 (Applause.)</p> <p>9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Shaun, just I was</p> <p>10 getting ready to thank you for changing that the</p> <p>11 other day. The process today was a thousand times</p> <p>12 better than before and for other reasons. Before</p> <p>13 everybody would go to their own cautious rooms and</p> <p>14 ladies and gentlemen would have conversations and the</p> <p>15 folks in Columbus might have a conversation and have</p> <p>16 some knowledge about a candidate that the guys from</p> <p>17 Lima may never hear because we are all separated.</p> <p>18 This worked well.</p> <p>19 I certainly want to thank everybody for</p> <p>20 staying respectful. Hoping there is no animosity</p> <p>21 amongst anybody. I don't care. I was wrong. I was</p> <p>22 wrong. You guys said that. I can live with that, no</p> <p>23 problem.</p> <p>24 GENERAL COUNSEL CALLENDER: Can I just?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 270</p> <p>1 body. And we don't -- that's not replicated anywhere</p> <p>2 else.</p> <p>3 One of the things I spoke about at</p> <p>4 preconference was the voting procedure that we had in</p> <p>5 here of how we did the Districts where we went to</p> <p>6 caucus and we went -- there were two reasons I</p> <p>7 brought that up. 1, it was very time consuming; but</p> <p>8 No. 2 was that we went to a whole different procedure</p> <p>9 when it comes to politics. And sometimes in our</p> <p>10 organization I think we put political leaders ahead</p> <p>11 of the business of the FOP, and we had a different</p> <p>12 process to vote for a political office than we did</p> <p>13 for things like our own Constitution and Bylaws.</p> <p>14 I plan on the next conference speaking</p> <p>15 against this part that allows the Committee to have</p> <p>16 more of a say than the body. And my theory on that</p> <p>17 is that some local lodges have mechanisms in their --</p> <p>18 in their Constitution that gives the Committee a lot</p> <p>19 of power, but at the local lodges you can stack a</p> <p>20 meeting. You can have people show up that don't</p> <p>21 normally show up and vote a certain way. You can't</p> <p>22 do that here. We have a Delegate process. It's one</p> <p>23 member, one Delegate, for every 50 members, and the</p> <p>24 people that are here constitute that body.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 272</p> <p>1 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Sure.</p> <p>2 GENERAL COUNSEL CALLENDER: With regard</p> <p>3 to the standing rules, there could be a committee in</p> <p>4 place and every conference those standing rules can</p> <p>5 change. So they are proposed by a standing committee</p> <p>6 that -- a committee that puts together the standing</p> <p>7 rules. It should be done prior to the conference,</p> <p>8 and then on the first day of the conference, after</p> <p>9 the Credentials Committee Report is given, the</p> <p>10 standing rules are adopted. So certainly there can</p> <p>11 be work done before the next conference by a</p> <p>12 committee that is put together specifically to</p> <p>13 address the standing rules. I just wanted to</p> <p>14 clarify.</p> <p>15 TRUSTEE LAIRD: Thank you.</p> <p>16 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks. Again,</p> <p>17 getting back to what I was saying, that process was</p> <p>18 outstanding. Dan, Jeff, you guys presented your</p> <p>19 argument completely well. Folks spoke against and in</p> <p>20 favor. I just -- I'm grateful that the process went</p> <p>21 the way it was. Jason sat far away because he was</p> <p>22 afraid shit was going to get thrown at him.</p> <p>23 So Brother McDonald.</p> <p>24 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT McDONALD:</p>

1 President Wolske beat me to the punch here. What  
2 happened was supposed to happen. We engaged in  
3 vigorous debate respectfully. We will walk out of  
4 here with the same friends that we walked in here  
5 with. And we were able to participate in the  
6 process.  
7 I don't agree with everything that was  
8 said from different speakers, but we all have the  
9 ability to work towards a better solution. So if  
10 this process doesn't work, we have the ability to  
11 make it better. And that's what makes us different  
12 than every other organization that -- that's passed  
13 out endorsements because most of them come from the  
14 office of the President without the input of the  
15 membership.  
16 So thank you for participating in what  
17 Steve Young would call the vigorous debate.  
18 (Applause.)  
19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thanks, Jay. See, I  
20 learned something from you and Weaver. Be first.  
21 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT McDONALD:  
22 That's right.  
23 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: No need for Roll Call  
24 of Delegates.

1 There is no Elections Committee Report.  
2 No grievances, correct? It's early yet though.  
3 Any Old Business?  
4 ---  
5 NEW BUSINESS  
6 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Last page. New  
7 Business.  
8 Brother Lehnhart.  
9 SECRETARY LEHNHART: Thank you,  
10 Mr. President. We have some added additions to the  
11 memoriam from Dayton Lodge -- or Dayton FOP Lodge 44,  
12 Ron Adams, Terry Baer, Clarence Blair, Nancy Breen,  
13 Mitchell Burns, Al Busse, Quinn Capers, Ed Caskey,  
14 Fred England, Jim Finnegan, Harvey Gase, John Heck,  
15 Ed Jackson, Jr., Loren Knisley, Keith Kuhlman, Jack  
16 Lipker, Dennis Mills, Robert Noyes, Richard Reynolds,  
17 Jake Schafer, Rick Shiverdecker, Robert Stevenson,  
18 David Taulbee, John Thomas, Bob Whitt, and Mark  
19 Zimmer.  
20 Also, Mr. President, from your -- the  
21 membership's generosity, they raised \$1,500 for  
22 Special Olympics, and Tracey Susana thanks you for  
23 your generosity.  
24 (Applause.)

1 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 3.  
2 MEMBER: Thank you, President. Even  
3 though my resolution was voted down, I think it's  
4 time for the State to consider we need a new National  
5 Lodge President. Anybody who has gone in the back  
6 room with Susan Rice and Al Sharpton and think they  
7 came out with a deal with people who hate the police,  
8 I don't agree with that at all, and I would  
9 reconsider voting President Yoes out of office next  
10 time. Thanks.  
11 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you, Brother.  
12 I'm hoping -- I don't see Mike Weinman in the room,  
13 so I am hoping that he is outside communicating with  
14 our Communications Council folks, put a press release  
15 out with our endorsement. If he is not, I will find  
16 him and catch up to him, and we will do that in short  
17 order.  
18 Anything else under New Business?  
19 At this time if the Trustees would step  
20 forward to the microphones and announce the results  
21 of your respective trustee elections, please.  
22 Microphone 4, Brother Mineard.  
23 BROTHER MINEARD: Yeah. 1st District  
24 elected Brian Armstead as their new 1st District

1 Trustee.  
2 (Applause.)  
3 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 2, Brother  
4 Lautenschleger.  
5 BROTHER LAUTENSCHLEGER: It's been an  
6 honor and a privilege to serve the District 2 for the  
7 last 10 years. It's time to pass the torch and Adam  
8 Chellis from Lodge 34 will be serving as our District  
9 Trustee.  
10 (Applause.)  
11 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you.  
12 District 3, Jim Fitsko.  
13 BROTHER FITSKO: Chairman, yield the  
14 microphone to Brother Bruce Szilagyi.  
15 BROTHER SZILAGYI: Thank you, Jimmy. As  
16 everybody heard, Jimmy Fitsko was not going to run  
17 for 3rd District Trustee again. I want to thank  
18 Jimmy for his service. He is a great FOP member and  
19 thank you very much, Jimmy. I am proud to announce  
20 the 3rd District elects Port Clinton President Amy  
21 Pugh as our 3rd District Trustee.  
22 (Applause.)  
23 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you, Brother.  
24 Tom Porter.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 277</p> <p>1 BROTHER PORTER: 4th District elected me 2 back into office, so I will be serving for another 3 term. 4 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: 5th District, Brother 5 Galbraith. 6 BROTHER GALBRAITH: Mr. President, I am 7 happy to say that the 5th District has reelected me 8 for another term. Thank you. 9 (Applause.) 10 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you. 11 6th District, Brother Watkins. 12 BROTHER WATKINS: My delegation has 13 reelected me as their trustee. 14 (Applause.) 15 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Schedule, you guys. 16 Microphone 4, Brother Glaser. 17 BROTHER GLASER: District 7, Lodge 8, 18 Cleveland is going to put up with me for a couple 19 more years, Mr. President. 20 (Applause.) 21 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Damian, that's called 22 apathy. 23 8th District, Brother Fioritto. 24 HOST DISTRICT CHAIR FIORITTO: The 8th</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 279</p> <p>1 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you. Thank you 2 for your donation. 3 Anything else under the Good of the 4 Order? I'm sorry. It was New Business, wasn't it? 5 Brother Cozart -- anything else under New 6 Business? 7 - - - 8 GOOD OF THE ORDER 9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Good of the Order. 10 Brother Cozart. 11 PRESIDENT COZART: I just want to thank 12 this -- this membership for all your support for 13 these eight officers. We just had some vigorous 14 debate in this room prior to this. When it all comes 15 down to it, we are all about each other, and we all 16 take care of each other. We all have a unique 17 profession that we are all a part of. And many times 18 it's just us. 19 I'm just -- from the bottom of my heart 20 and from my lodge, I wanted to thank all of you all 21 that came up to me, personally came up to our lodge, 22 made donations if you could. This is really going to 23 help these seven brothers and a sister out immensely 24 and I know that they are so thankful for all of the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 278</p> <p>1 District has unanimously told me I was staying as 2 Trustee. 3 (Applause.) 4 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: 9th District, Brother 5 Halusek, microphone 1. 6 BROTHER HALUSEK: I have been reelected 7 for the 9th District Trustee. 8 (Applause.) 9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 2, Brother 10 Bramel. 11 BROTHER BRAMEL: I have been reelected 12 for 10th District Trustee. 13 (Applause.) 14 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 1, Brother 15 Parker. 16 BROTHER PARKER: I am honored to be 17 reelected as the 11th District Trustee. 18 Additionally, I would just like to report that the 19 11th District delegates voted last night in our 20 caucus to give \$2,000 to support our Brothers and 21 Sisters in Akron. We would encourage other 22 Districts, local lodges to consider the same. Thank 23 you, sir. 24 (Applause.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 280</p> <p>1 support that you have shown us these last couple of 2 days. 3 Thank you so much. I really appreciate 4 it. 5 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Clay, one of the 6 things you can count on this organization will never 7 fail to support Brothers and Sisters when they are 8 doing the work for their communities and that was 9 certainly -- from what I know about it, and I don't 10 know everything about it obviously, I don't want to 11 know anything about it because I am sure a lot of 12 stuff can't be released, your officers did what they 13 are supposed to do. Thank you for that. I am glad 14 they are all safe, and hopefully they all get through 15 this without any further issues. Hopefully mentally 16 they will be okay and they get by with -- get through 17 this. 18 Anything else under the Good of the 19 Order? 20 Brother Mason, microphone 1. 21 BROTHER MASON: Steve Mason, Lodge 9. 22 During my time on the local board, one of the things 23 that we worked hard at is enhancing our ability to 24 help our Brothers and Sisters out when they are down.</p>



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We are a very generous organization when we pass the hat. As we saw yesterday, we always have great results. The problem is twofold. One is many people don't carry cash any more; and, two, services like Go Fund Me have a long history of taking down police officers' pages because they believe it's not politically advantageous.

So one of the things we have done locally is set up a text to donate software where if we have somebody who is in need, we set up a keyword, and all of our members can send out that keyword and simply text to this number and make a donation.

The great thing about it is you can take it to roll calls. You can send it out to your friends and family. You can put it on social media. And it extends the reach of your giving. It's not that difficult to set up, and it completely takes our reliance on Go Fund Me and Venmo and other services out of the equation.

So I would just like to encourage other Local Board members and the State Board to look into setting something like that up because I think that that is the most important thing you can do as Board members and as leaders in this organization. Thanks.

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setting stuff up, and he is buying stuff constantly, but you don't see Ed in here. Ed is out there all day long. He is out there. He is the last guy out there at night locking stuff up so it doesn't vanish. And, Ed, for me personally you know what I think about you. You do a hell of a job with the -- yeah. You do a great job with this and that hospitality stuff. We always -- in my opinion the 8th District always does a super job with that and that's usually a credit to you because of all the preparation you do and all the time spent out there.

BROTHER CURTAIN: I gave credit to Ronnie.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Ronnie is an A Lodge member. He is a good friend of the District. Him and Ed are out there all day long so.

Joe, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to steal. Go ahead.

BROTHER IBERIS: Thank you, Mr. President. Joe Iberis, President of Lodge 141. A couple things. One of our retired members, he left law enforcement, but he still supports us, our local lodge, and he took a job at Guardian Protection Security Company in our area. He is in charge of the

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PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Steve, do you have any problem with people reaching out to you for some direction on how to do that?

BROTHER MASON: No. I have a business card with me with my cell phone.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: If you guys can't get over, grab Jason or Shaun or Travis or one of the folks.

Microphone 2, Steve Fioritto.

HOST DISTRICT CHAIR FIORITTO: Steve Fioritto, 8th District Trustee. We got some bills to pay, but after we pay our bills, we will be sending some money down to Akron. I just don't know what kind of bills I got left for the weekend.

I would like the members of the 8th District to stand up real quick, please. All right. So the one guy that's standing, I would like to thank myself for all the work I did. They don't want any credit, but these guys made my job a hell of a lot easier so thank you.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: One of the people that's never in the room is Ed Curtain standing in the back next to Dave Jones back there. Ed runs the bar stuff out there. He starts out about Thursday

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Pittsburgh and Cleveland office, sales manager for them. Hosting a police and firefighter appreciation night for the Phillies Pirates game on the 30th of this month. QR code on there, Dan's number if you want to reach out to him. Four free tickets. If you need more, Dan, he will make it happen. If you guys need more, you guys are in the area, want to go, deadline coming up July 24, that's Sunday. So make sure you get your tickets, scan the QR code and pass it out to whoever wants to go.

Additionally, our raffle -- I run into our District meeting, and we are doing a raffle through our FOP. It's the 141 raffle because of our number. Pretty catchy. So 141 tickets, \$141 a piece. Once last ticket is pulled -- or sold, we are going to pull the drawing. Five chances to win. Grand prize \$10,000 cash, second prize 2,500, third place 1,000, fourth place 500, fifth place pays 250. Anyone is interested, get ahold of us, our website fop141.org, call me, any one of my Board, and we will get you guys taken care of. Thank you.

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you, Joe. And Dan is in the back right here. He's got the purple and gray on. Back when I lived in a pretty crappy

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 285</p> <p>1 neighborhood, I had an alarm system from them, and</p> <p>2 Dan treated me absolutely 100 percent right. The</p> <p>3 cost of the service wasn't unbearable by any stretch</p> <p>4 of the imagination so give them a call. I moved out.</p> <p>5 I didn't need an alarm anymore plus my father-in-law</p> <p>6 lives with me. He is like an alarm so. But, Dan,</p> <p>7 thanks for these for the membership.</p> <p>8 Anything else under the Good of the</p> <p>9 Order?</p> <p>10 Brother Fitsko.</p> <p>11 BROTHER FITSKO: Yeah. Steve Young</p> <p>12 Memorial Lodge 24 will make a \$500 donation to the</p> <p>13 Akron lodge.</p> <p>14 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you.</p> <p>15 Microphone 2, National Secretary Jim</p> <p>16 Holderfield.</p> <p>17 NATIONAL SECRETARY HOLDERFIELD: Jimmy</p> <p>18 Holderfield, Lodge 530, Jacksonville, Florida,</p> <p>19 National Secretary.</p> <p>20 I just wanted to thank all of you for the</p> <p>21 great hospitality. Where are those guys that tried</p> <p>22 to get me drunk last night? You did a damn good job.</p> <p>23 But I just wanted to let you know how</p> <p>24 much I really appreciated and where -- President</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 287</p> <p>1 we can do it.</p> <p>2 (Applause.)</p> <p>3 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 4, 3rd</p> <p>4 District Trustee Elect Amy Pugh.</p> <p>5 SISTER PUGH: Amy Pugh, Lodge 79. We</p> <p>6 will be giving \$250 from our lodge.</p> <p>7 (Applause.)</p> <p>8 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 4.</p> <p>9 BROTHER THOMAS: Cal Thomas, President,</p> <p>10 Dayton 44. We are also going to make a \$500</p> <p>11 donation.</p> <p>12 (Applause.)</p> <p>13 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 2, Brother</p> <p>14 Daher.</p> <p>15 BROTHER DAHER: George Daher, Lodge 67.</p> <p>16 We will also add to that and donate another \$500 to</p> <p>17 the Akron lodge.</p> <p>18 (Applause.)</p> <p>19 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Who gave that guy the</p> <p>20 checkbook for the lodge?</p> <p>21 MEMBER: The one that does everything for</p> <p>22 our lodge.</p> <p>23 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: You can tell it's the</p> <p>24 end of the day.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 286</p> <p>1 Gary, I did learn something here. I'll be issuing a</p> <p>2 new dues card with the correct pronunciation of your</p> <p>3 name on it, Wolske. I just need to find out if it's</p> <p>4 a Y on the end or an I-E, but you know it will be</p> <p>5 coming to you.</p> <p>6 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Jimmy, thanks. I know</p> <p>7 Keith had an early flight today, but we are honored</p> <p>8 that you guys took time out of your schedule to be</p> <p>9 here and certainly always -- you're certainly always</p> <p>10 welcome in Ohio. Thank you for being here. And I</p> <p>11 really don't give a shit if anybody texts that to</p> <p>12 Pat.</p> <p>13 (Applause.)</p> <p>14 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Jimmy, thanks given</p> <p>15 for coming. We appreciate -- we appreciate your</p> <p>16 input and everything you do for us, and I am just</p> <p>17 hoping some day Eric is as good at his job as you are</p> <p>18 at yours.</p> <p>19 Brother Quiner, microphone 4.</p> <p>20 BROTHER QUINER: Doug Quiner, Vice</p> <p>21 President, FOP Lodge 139. We would like to donate a</p> <p>22 thousand dollars to your troops, to your lodge to</p> <p>23 help you out. You guys did it for us several years</p> <p>24 ago. We want to thank you for that, and we are glad</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 288</p> <p>1 Brother Chellis.</p> <p>2 BROTHER CHELLIS: Wayne County Lodge 94.</p> <p>3 We are also donating \$500 for the Akron lodge.</p> <p>4 (Applause.)</p> <p>5 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Microphone 4.</p> <p>6 BROTHER HILE: Curtis Hile, Lima Lodge</p> <p>7 21. We are going to donate \$500.</p> <p>8 (Applause.)</p> <p>9 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Thank you.</p> <p>10 Sergeant-at-Arms Elect Shari Robertson</p> <p>11 SISTER ROBERTSON: Lodge 32 is going to</p> <p>12 donate \$1,000 to the Akron lodge for the officers.</p> <p>13 (Applause.)</p> <p>14 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Anything else under</p> <p>15 Good of the Order?</p> <p>16 - - -</p> <p>17 POST-CONFERENCE BOARD</p> <p>18 PRESIDENT WOLSKE: Seeing and hearing</p> <p>19 none, Post-Conference Board meeting will be about a</p> <p>20 half an hour after the close of business. It will be</p> <p>21 in Michael's which is behind the -- if you go in the</p> <p>22 restaurant and kind of turn right and kind of keep</p> <p>23 going, it's back in there. About 10 minutes after</p> <p>24 close of business, National Secretary Holderfield has</p>

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been kind enough to offer a swearing in new officers,  
so if you would like to stay for that, you are more  
than welcome.

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# ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: If not, a motion to  
adjourn is in order.

Many motions and many seconds. I am sure  
there is no discussion, correct?

All in favor signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay. Motion carries.

(Vote taken; motion carries.)

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: All right. Please  
have safe travels home. I think Jason has something.

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CLOSING PRAYER, PAST PRESIDENT JAY MCDONALD

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT McDONALD:

Please stand for the closing prayer.

(Closing prayer.)

PRESIDENT WOLSKE: My apologies. That  
wasn't on the list.

Safe travels and see you next year.

(The conference adjourned at 11:44 a.m.)

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# CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a true and correct transcript of the proceedings  
taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, July 19, 2022,  
and carefully compared with my original stenographic  
notes.

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered  
Merit Reporter.

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