

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Tuesday, April 14, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order by First Vice President Chris Landry – 7:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Roll Call of Officers

13 Present
1 Excused (Powers)
2 Absent (Dean, Patin)

Reading of previous meetings minutes

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as published by Danny Mack.
Motion seconded by Gus Krinke.
Motion carried.

New Members

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Crescent City Lodge #2:

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Jonathon McCarvy | Academy |
| Dylan Warter | Academy |
| Mark Schmidt | 8 th District |
| Harold Nunnery | 6 th District |
| Benjamin White | Academy |
| Marcus McNeil | Academy |
| Cory Lauer | Academy |
| Lacey Gerhold | Academy |
| Herbert Franklin | Academy |
| Jazmine Carey | Academy |
| Jennifer Drago | Academy |
| Alexander Winks | Academy |
| Magdiel Belette | Academy |
| Donald Wise | Academy |
| Amanda Williams | Academy |
| Joshua McBurnie | Academy |

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Gregory DeSanto | Academy |
| Nicholas Kozlowski | Academy |
| Kimberly Wilson | Academy |

Motion to accept new members by Ira Austin.
Motion seconded by Henry Davies.
Motion carried.

Amanda Williams and Kimberly Wilson were sworn in by State Secretary Gus Krinke.

Correspondence

The lodge received a letter of thanks from The Nevil Family for the funeral arrangement.

The lodge sent the letters to the named beneficiaries of deceased members along with their death benefit proceeds:

Christy, Colleen, and Ray Steele, and Amy Delagardelle; children of Raymond Steele -- \$2000.00

Jeanette Jennings, wife of Craig Jennings -- \$2000.00

Rita Varnado, wife of Dewey Varnado -- \$2000.00

Mary Faulkner, beneficiary of Leon Pate -- \$2000.00

Sandra Gay, wife of Dana Ray Gay -- \$2000.00

Donna Blappert, wife of Harold Blappert -- \$2017.90

Michelle, Michael, and William Nazar, children of William Nazar -- \$2000.00

Officer/Committee Reports

First Vice President's Report – Christopher Landry

Brother Landry updated the membership on the FOP presentation to NOPD Recruit Class #171. 22 of the 27 graduating recruits joined the FOP.

Brother Landry also advised that Team FOPNO beat Team Red (NOFD) in the St. Baldrick's Fudraiser competition. Team FOPNO raised over \$9,500. Team Red raised about \$2,400.

Second Vice President's Report – Robert Lampard, Jr.

Membership Report:

| | |
|------|------------------------|
| 1927 | Active FOP Members |
| 24 | Associate FOP Members |
| 12 | Honorary FOP Members |
| 1963 | Total Lodge Membership |

Membership by Type:

| | |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| 1000 | Active NOPD Officers |
| 32 | NOPD Reserve Officers |
| 9 | Terminated Officers |
| 64 | Other Active Law Enforcement Officers |
| 4 | Other Associate Members |
| 843 | Retired Law Enforcement Officers |
| 11 | Honorary Members |

Financial Report – Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher

Report Recap:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Regions Checking Account | \$66,075.51 |
| LAFOP Foundation Account | \$(2,175.52) |
| Total Cash Assets | \$63,899.99 |

Fund Balances as of March 31, 2015:

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$87,887.23 |
| Legal Fund | \$(345,103.16) |
| Delegate Fund | \$62,614.13 |
| Death Benefit Fund | \$50,000.00 |
| Building Fund | \$208,501.79 |
| Total Fund Balances | \$63,899.99 |

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to accept financial report by Emile Goetz.

Motion seconded by Ken Dupaquier.

Motion carried.

State Trustee's Report – State Trustee Billy Roth

Brother Roth advised that he assisted 16 FOP members to obtain FOP license plates.

Motion to suspend the regular order of business by Gary Gremillion.

Motion seconded by Vic Kissinger.

Motion carried.

Old Business

Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws #1, relative to Motions and Meetings.

Text of the amendment was read.

Motion by James Gallagher to approve the amendment.
Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.
Motion carried.

Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws #2, relative to Dues and Fees.
Text of the amendment was read.
Motion by James Gallagher to approve the amendment.
Motion seconded by Pete Menkiewicz.
Motion carried.

Motion to return to the regular order of business by Ross Bourgeois.
Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.
Motion carried.

Legislative Committee – James Gallagher

Brother Gallagher reported that our state lobbyist, Mapes and Mapes has provided a legislative update on all bills that may effect law enforcement.

The FOP Day at the Capital will be May 7.

Legislation of note:

HB 523 – Aims to take the constitutional protection from all fundings in the state, including state supplemental pay. The FOP will be opposing this bill and watching it very closely.

HB 418 and SB 204 – Seeks to repeal the state law that allows union and association dues from being withheld via payroll deduction. The FOP is also opposing this bill and will be watching it closely.

Legal Report – Claude Schlesinger

Brother Schlesinger reported that the oral arguments before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals regarding the ability of the City Council setting the rates for paid details as opposed to Civil Service took place last week. A decision is expected soon.

Brother Schlesinger also reported that there was a meeting with Judge Morgan and Chief Westbrook regarding the slow pace of hearings. The FOP explained to Judge Morgan the process of the police officers obtaining an FOP attorney. The FOP was also able to express their views on several other issues and we expect further meetings with Judge Morgan.

Legal Report – Donovan Livaccari

Brother Livaccari reported that the city is seeking a new sales tax to keep the state police in the French Quarter. The FOP has met recently with Chief Harrison, Danny Cazenave, Ryan Berni, and Tyler Gamble to discuss the tax and the city's plans for that revenue. The FOP indicated that the money should be spend on NOPD officers and the city representatives advised that the money for the state police is only a "temporary stop gap". Brother Livaccari advised that his is somewhat optimistic that this would be a step towards a future of rebuilding the morale of the NOPD.

Awards/Citation Committee – Mike Sarver

Brother Sarver advised that he is seeking nominations for the First Quarter Patrol Awards and Investigative Awards.

Hospitality/Assistance Committee – Barbara Sharp

Sister Sharp advised that she has been appointed as the chair of the Hospitality/Assistance Committee. This committee is available for any out-of-town police or police family members that are visiting New Orleans.

New Business

None.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle

Winner (#926925) John Osburg -- \$64.00

Lodge share -- \$64.00

Drawing for the \$500.00 prize for returning the Membership Information Sheets -- #5082, Hilton Stien.

Attendance

80 members present

Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Danny Mack.
Motion seconded by Gary Dewey.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois
Recording Secretary
Crescent City Lodge #2
Fraternal Order of Police