

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Thursday, March 14, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order by President Walter Powers – 7:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Roll Call of Officers

13 Present
2 Absent (Lentz, Branch)

Recognition of Guests

President Powers Jackie Maloney who is running for Judge in the 24th Judicial District Court (Jefferson Parish) and Collin Sims who is running for District Attorney in Washington and St. Tammany Parishes. Both candidates addressed the members present.

Reading of previous meetings minutes

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as published by Pete Menkiewicz.

Motion seconded by Willie Jenkins.

Motion carried.

New Members

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

Roberto Alfonzo	7 th District
Sean Booth	8 th District
Ernijah Carter	3 rd District
David Centanni	6 th District
Mali Chester	6 th District
Herbert Edwards	1 st District

Jermaine Franklin	3 rd District
Malcolm Gordon	7 th District
Shamon Gurley	2 nd District
Winzer Jimerson	5 th District
Germaine Matthews	1 st District
Valendy Occeus	8 th District
Luis Robles	3 rd District
Anthony Shepack	4 th District
Shane Smith	2 nd District
Joseph Wilson	1 st District
Joshua Young	5 th District
Clarence Evans	5 th District

Motion to accept new member by Ross Bourgeois.
 Motion seconded by Al Miller.
 Motion carried.

Correspondence

The lodge sent letters of thanks to the following for their donations to the FOP Foundation:

Noreen Taylor, wife of Arnesta Taylor – \$500 (scholarship)
 David Lentz, PFIA – \$1,000 (scholarship)
 Timothy Bayard – \$200
 Joseph Downs – \$25
 Marion Coker – \$100
 Raymond Gonzales, Jr. – \$500 (scholarship)
 Gwen Guggenheim Dalmado – \$100
 Albert Miller – \$100
 Kirk Arnold – \$100
 Fenner O. Sedgebeer – \$25
 Keith McElrath – \$50
 Juan Quinton – \$200
 Louis Colin – \$200
 Lido Schaubhut – \$120
 Byron Anderson – \$100
 Cynthia Watermeier – \$100
 Patrick Reese – \$125
 Gertrude Bordelon – \$20
 Ann and Clifton Richardson – \$100
 Henry and Deborah Schmitz – \$100
 Peter Menkiewicz – \$100
 George Faust – \$100

The lodge sent a letter to the following beneficiary along with a check representing the death benefit provided by our lodge:

Diane Johnson, wife of Carney Johnson – \$2,000
Paul Perrot, son of Arthur Perrot, Jr. – \$1,000
Suzanne Bierman, daughter of Arthur Perrot, Jr. – \$1,000
Patricia Mounicou, wife of Ralph Mounicou – \$2,007.63
Madeline Andres, wife of Edward R. Andres, Jr. – \$2,000

Officer/Committee Reports

President's Report – Walter Powers

Brother Powers recognized Jim Gallagher who has served as the Lodge's Secretary-Treasurer for many years who is stepping down, effective April 15, 2024 and presented Brother Gallagher with a plaque.

Brother Powers appointed Ross Bourgeois to serve the remaining portion of Brother Gallagher's term as Secretary-Treasurer and Matt Patin to serve the remaining portion of Brother Bourgeois' term as Recording Secretary.

Vice President's Report – Chris Landry

Brother Landry advised that he is assembling the Team FOPNO for St. Baldrick's again this year.

Motion by Ross Bourgeois to donate the same amount as last year to sponsor Team FOPNO at St. Baldrick's.

Motion seconded by Sue Graham.

Motion carried.

Brother Landry also gave an update on the concealed carry laws at the state level.

Second Vice President's Report – Willie Jenkins

Brother Jenkins thanked Brother Jim Gallagher for his service on the Lodge's Executive Board and advised that all members of recruit class #199 have joined the Fraternal Order of Police.

Recording Secretary's Report – Ross Bourgeois

Brother Bourgeois also thanked Brother Jim Gallagher for his service on the Lodge's Executive Board and reported that the FOP Member Training Assistance Committee reviewed and approved four applications for assistance since the last meeting.

Motion by Jim Gallagher to move to the Scholarship Drawing.
Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.
Motion carried.

Scholarship Committee – Louie Shaw

The scholarship drawings were held and the winners are as follows:

PFIA Scholarship (College) -- \$500/each

Matthew Blanchard, child of Robert Blanchard, UNO

Emily Paisant, grandchild of Ronnie Paisant, N. Arizona University

J. Fant Taylor Scholarship (College) -- \$500/each

Cynthia Davis, spouse of Willie Davis, Delgado

* An application was received by a non-member, an additional drawing for a J. Fant Taylor Scholarship will take place at the April meeting.

“Bud Rip” High School/Grade School Scholarship -- \$500/each

Jackson Kavanaugh, grandchild of Jim Kavanaugh, St. Paul’s – Covington

Aurora Harbiston, child of Christina Laureano, Kenner Discovery

Raymond Gonzales Memorial Scholarship (College) -- \$500

David Ducote, Jr., child of David Ducote, Cuyamaca & Grossmont College

PMBA Scholarship (College) -- \$500

Giana Leach (Member), Upper Iowa

Arnesta Taylor Memorial Scholarship (High School/Grade School) -- \$500

Michael Prejean, grandchild of John Meehan, Cathedral Carmel

Pete Menkiewicz Chaplain’s Scholarship (College)

Barber Arain (Member), Upper Iowa

Financial Report – Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher

Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account	\$94,951.24
Treasury Direct I-Series Savings Bond	\$10,972.00
Treasury Direct 2-YR Treasury Notes	\$20,000.00
Home Bank CD (11 month)	\$51,743.65
Home Bank CD (17 month)	\$51,617.16
LAFOP Foundation Chase (Family)	\$94,328.71
LAFOP Foundation Chase (Millage)	\$117,121.69
LAFOP Foundation 1 st Horizon (Millage)	\$244,288.97
Lodge 2 Checking Account Balances	\$94,951.24
Lodge 2 Savings Account Balances	\$134,332.81
Lodge 2 Foundation Account Balances	\$455,739.37

Total Cash Assets with Millage Suit Funds \$685,023.42

Fund Balances as of 2/29/2024:

General Fund	\$35,899.70
Legal Fund	\$18,675.61
Delegate Fund	\$76,803.04
Death Benefit Fund	\$50,000.00
Savings Fund	\$142,234.41
Normal Fund Balances	\$323,612.76
FOP Millage Suit Fund	\$361,410.66

Total Fund Balances \$685,023.42

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to approve the Financial Report by Willie Patin.

Motion seconded by Julie Jones.

Motion carried.

The annual mailout early bird drawing for \$500 was conducted and the winner was # 69, Tim Mire.

State Trustee's Report – Billy Roth

Brother Roth reported that the 2024 State Conference would be held in Thibodaux.

Legal Report – Donovan Livaccari

Brother Livaccari reported on the upcoming Captain and Major examinations. He also thanked Jim Gallagher for his service on the Lodge Executive Board.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Good of the Order

President Powers recognized Tim Ursin, a firefighter injured by gunfire in the Howard Johnson's incident.

Hilton Stein Memorial 50/50 Raffle
Winner (#4782981) Bob Defelice -- \$133.00
Lodge share -- \$133.00

Attendance

106 members present
Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Julie Jones.
Motion seconded by Dana Franklin.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois
Recording Secretary
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