

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Tuesday, July 14, 2015
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

15 Present
1 Absent (Lentz)

Suspension of the Regular Order of Business

Motion to suspend the regular order of business by Donovan Livaccari.
Motion seconded by Henry Dean.
Motion carried.

Quarterly Awards Presentation – Mike Sarver, Awards Committee Chairman
FOP Awards of Recognition for Outstanding Performance by an NOPD Officer,
in honor of Police Officer Daryle Holloway.

Awards were presented to: Police Officer Quannecia Booker of the Fourth District and Detective Lashawn Johnson of the Third District.

Officer Booker was recognized for her outstanding work during a medical emergency and during a separate felony call for service.

Detective Johnson was recognized for her outstanding work in leading an investigation of a carjacking incident.

City Council Member Susan Guidry was in attendance at the meeting and gave some brief remarks. Councilwoman Guidry stated that it was the wishes of Olander Holloway, mother of slain Officer Daryle Holloway, that we honor our police officers while they were alive. She thanked the FOP for recognizing and honoring the outstanding work of these two police officers.

The lodge was addressed by John Young, current Jefferson Parish President, and a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana.

The lodge was addressed by Teresa and Herbie Bovia who are the founders of Joey's Hope for Hungry Children. They reported that they currently feed 350 children a week and they are planning a fundraiser on August 8th at the Deutches Haus (1023 Ridgewood Drive, Metairie). Tickets are \$60/person or \$1000/table.

Motion by Henry Dean to repeat the lodge donation from last year to Joey's Hope for Hungry Children.

Motion seconded by John Schluter.

Motion carried.

Motion to return to the regular order of business by Harold Hand.

Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion carried.

Reading of previous meetings minutes

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

Motion seconded by Chris Landry.

Motion carried.

New Members

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

Jacob Lundy	MTA
Nikita Adams	Third District
Maria Villavincencio	Second District
Tomeka Anderson	Fourth District
Bryan Boyer	MTA – Recruit
Justin Jeffries	MTA – Recruit
Arthur Hill	MTA – Recruit
Marcelo Mansur	MTA – Recruit
Thomas Hutchinson	MTA – Recruit
Eric Illarmo	MTA – Recruit
Benjamin Williams	MTA – Recruit

Motion to accept new members by Barbara Sharp.

Motion seconded by Henry Davies.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

The lodge received a note of thanks from a member and his family who were recipients of a monetary gift from the FOP Family Fund.

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

June Liemann, wife of Joseph Liemann, Jr., \$2000.00

Officer/Committee Reports

President's Report – Walter Powers

Brother Powers reported that active NOPD officers received the next installment of their pay increase, which was 5%. He also reported that on July 9 he had the honor of presenting the FOP Supreme Sacrifice Medal of Honor to Daryle Holloway posthumously. The medal was presented to his mother, Olander Holloway. Brother Powers also spoke of his letter to Black Entertainment Television regarding the airing of footage of men jumping up and down on a police car during the BET awards show on June 28, 2015.

Motion to instruct the Secretary to send a copy of the letter to the Grand Lodge and to the BET Network by James Gallagher.

Motion seconded by Steve Valenti.

Motion carried.

First Vice President's Report – Christopher Landry

Brother Landry thanked the members in attendance for the large turnout at tonight's meeting.

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

Membership Report:

1928	Active FOP Members
23	Associate FOP Members
12	Honorary FOP Members
1963	Total Lodge Membership

Membership by Type:

997	Active NOPD Officers
33	NOPD Reserve Officers
4	Terminated Officers

67 Other Active Law Enforcement Officers
3 Other Associate Members
848 Retired Law Enforcement Officers
11 Honorary Members

Financial Report – Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher

Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account	\$39,593.00
LAPOP Foundation Account	\$645.98
Total Cash Assets	\$40,238.98

Fund Balances as of March 31, 2015:

General Fund	\$62,880.05
Legal Fund	\$(338,359.01)
Delegate Fund	\$57,269.16
Death Benefit Fund	\$50,000.00
Building Fund	\$208,501.79
Total Fund Balances	\$40,291.99

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to accept financial report by Henry Davies.

Motion seconded by Gary Gremillion.

Motion carried.

Brother Gallagher also reported on the distribution of National Conference packets, ground transportation from the Pittsburgh airport, and Louisiana's place in the voting order. Louisiana will vote 41st. This should be between 11am and noon. Delegates should not arrange for air transportation to depart prior to 2pm.

Brother Gallagher also reported on Louisiana House Concurrent Resolution # 180 which passed in the most recent legislative session. This legislation creates a Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the requirements for implementation and development of best procedures for the use of body cameras. The president of the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police is designated to serve on that Task Force.

State Trustee's Report – State Trustee Billy Roth

Brother Roth advised that he assisted 12 FOP members to obtain FOP license plates.

National Trustee's Report – National Trustee Willie Patin

Brother Patin reported that this would be his last report, as he was not seeking re-election as National Trustee at the upcoming National Conference in Pittsburgh. He has served as the Louisiana National Trustee since 2001. Brother Patin gave the members in attendance some information regarding the National Conference.

Scholarship Committee – Louie Shaw

Brother Shaw reported that scholarship drawings will take place at the September meeting.

Legal Report – Claude Schlesinger

Brother Schlesinger reported legislative attacks on dues collection via payroll deduction will continue into future legislative sessions.

Education Overtime Suit – the FOP legal team has found serious discrepancies with the information that the city has turned over to them. They will return to court for a remedy.

Millage Suit – the millage suit currently is a three million dollar judgment against the city. There is currently a move afoot to pay some of these judgments.

Legal Report – Donovan Livaccari

Brother Livaccari reported that he has been working on several Internal Affairs issues and the recent tragedies involving NOPD Officers.

Education Committee – Henry Dean

Brother Dean advised that the FOP has delivered two of the three books that the recruits were required to purchase on their own.

FOP Cops and Kids Committee – Chris Prochaska

Brother Prochaska advised that the FOP Cops and Kids banner has been purchased and will be displayed during our sponsored events. He is planning bicycle registration and pancake breakfast events.

Retirement Committee – Larry Reech

Brother Reech reported that the market rate of return for 2015 was 1½ percent on the entire MPERS funds portfolio.

The DROP percentage will be announced in November, but it is estimated to be approximately 6%.

New Business

An amendment to Article IV (Election of Officers) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the lodge relative to allowing for absentee ballots was submitted by Alex Vega, and Dan Plustache.

Per the Constitution and By-Laws the proposed amendment was read.

Old Business

None.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle

Winner (#4693192) Lucian Sunseri -- \$71.00

Lodge share -- \$71.00

President Powers acknowledged those in attendance who had reached a milestone birthday.

Brother Gallagher reported on an email received from the Law Offices of Jim Hall (Retired NOPD Lieutenant and FOP Member) regarding a class action lawsuit regarding the NOPD not properly recording, documenting, and paying overtime during the period of September 19, 2009 to the present. If you are an active or former NOPD officer who may have overtime hours that were not paid or recorded you can opt in to this suit by contacting Jim Hall and Associates at 504-832-3000.

Attendance

130 members present

Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Louie Shaw.
Motion seconded by Vic Kissinger.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois
Recording Secretary
Crescent City Lodge #2
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