

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Special Meeting for Active Members and Delegates
Thursday, June 25, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order by President Walter Powers – 7:12 p.m.

Opening Prayer and Tribute to Police Officer Daryle Holloway by President Walter Powers and Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

President Powers recognized Officer Dylan Warter for his efforts in capturing Travis Boyd, who was wanted for the murder of Officer Daryle Holloway.

President Powers opened the floor for any member to speak:

Brother Willie Jenkins spoke relative to Daryle Holloway being a role model for him both as a man and as a police officer.

Brother Pete Menkiewicz spoke relative to law enforcement being a calling for all of us and of his experiences working with the colleagues of fallen officers.

Brother Jim Gallagher spoke about the benefits provided to the Holloway family and any other FOP member killed in the line of duty.

- FOP donated \$1000 to the family to cover the cost of the repast.
- The Holloway family will receive the FOP death benefit of \$35,000 life insurance policy for a line of duty death.
- The Holloway family will receive an additional \$70,000 death benefit as a result of an optional FOP Family Protection plan that was purchased by Brother Holloway
- FOP Medal of Honor will be presented to his survivors.
- FOP lodge attorneys will work with the family to ensure that they receive the State and Federal PSOB (Public Safety Officer's Benefits) that they are entitled to as a result of this line of duty death.
- The FOP is working with the City Council to draft a Proclamation honoring Officer Daryle Holloway's service to the City.

Special Guests

Louisiana State President – Darryl Basco

Brother Basco reported that the state legislative session came to a close recently and that the LA FOP is responsible for retaining the protections of state supplemental pay. Brother Basco thanked all of the members for their overwhelming support in sending emails and contacting their legislators when the call was made to do so.

National Secretary – Patrick Yoes

Brother Yoes advised that police officers leave impressions on people, especially young people, every day – make it a positive impression. He also advised that we are in the midst of tough times, but these tough times are temporary – this, too, shall pass. Police officers provide an invaluable service to the communities that they serve.

Brother Yoes also gave some information on the upcoming National Conference in Pittsburgh.

Brother Yoes is seeking re-election to his position as National Secretary.

National Second Vice President – Frank Gale

Brother Gale gave a brief presentation on Proactive Crisis Communications. A more detailed class will be taught at the National Conference. Brother Gale also provided members with a quick reference guide for statements and interactions with the news media.

Brother Gale is seeking re-election to his position as National Second Vice President.

Maryland Transportation Authority Police Lodge President – Shane Shapiro

Brother Shapiro spoke about the Freddie Gray case and the subsequent riots in Baltimore in April and May.

- Baltimore City Police didn't have proper riot gear (helmets, batons, shields, suits, etc.)
- What riot equipment they did have was outdated and non-functional.
- Police operating in Baltimore were prohibited from using "less lethal" force for the first day and were given "stand down" instructions to not take any action against persons only committing property crimes.
- Due to the conditions, it was difficult to get water, food, and other provisions to officers on posts.
- Some convenience stores opened up to give supplies to officers.
- The FOP stepped up and provided for officers who were working in these areas.
- Wal Mart provided water and pharmacy supplies.
- The FOP delivered and provided sandwiches, food, snacks, and water to officers who were working these difficult assignments.
- Distress Fund is set up by MD FOP Lodge #3 for the assistance of indicted officers.

Brother Jim Gallagher asked the members in attendance to support a \$500 donation to the Maryland FOP Lodge #3 Distress Fund to assist the officers involved in the Freddie Gray case. Unanimous support from members in attendance.

State First Vice President – Tommy Tizzard

Brother Tizzard reported on the Constitution and By-Law amendments that will be proposed at the upcoming National Conference in Pittsburgh.

Brother Tizzard is seeking election as the National Trustee.

Brother Jim Gallagher asked the members in attendance to support the endorsement of the following candidates seeking office at the National Conference:

Patrick Yoes – National Secretary
Ed Branigan – National Vice President
Frank Gale – National Second Vice President
Tommy Tizzard – National Trustee

Unanimous support from members in attendance.

Delegate packets and delegate polo shirts were distributed to the delegates in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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