

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order by President Walter Powers – 7:20 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Roll Call of Officers

13 Present
3 Absent (Lampard, Livaccari, Lentz)

Reading of previous meetings minutes

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as published by Susan Graham.
Motion seconded by Alex Vega.
Motion carried.

New Members

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

Heather Gore	2 nd District
Dominique Williams	5 th District
Corrigan Hoffman	Academy
Kimberley Williams	Academy
Amy Gisleson	Academy
Eric Vilhelmsen	Academy

Motion to accept new members by John Meehan.
Motion seconded by Willie Patin.
Motion carried.

Correspondence

The lodge received a letter of thanks from Lieutenant Anthony Monaco for our assistance with placing employment listings on the local, state, and national FOP websites.

The lodge received a thank you card from a family of a police officer who received assistance from the FOP Family Fund.

The lodge sent letters to the following scholarship recipients along with a check for \$500.00, representing the scholarship award:

Emily Bierman, granddaughter of Arthur Perrot
Tori Lambert, granddaughter of Donald Lambert
Gabrielle Lee, daughter of Gary Lee
Nola Wertz, grandchild of Paul Wertz
Calvin Brazley, III, son of Calvin Brazley
Kayla Jacomine, daughter of Brian Jacomine
Matthew Bondio, son of John Bondio

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

Mercedes G. Nicaud, wife of Phillip Nicaud -- \$2000.00
Mary Constantine, wife of Peter Constantine -- \$2000.00
Patricia Jacque, wife of Reginald Jacque -- \$2000.00
Jane Nides, wife of Donald Nides -- \$2000.00

The lodge sent letters of thanks to the following donors who made generous contributions to the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police Foundation, earmarked for the sole use of our lodge:

Richard Adkerson -- \$1000.00
Ann Cox Ross -- \$35.00

The lodge sent a letter to Orleans Parish Sheriff Marlin Gusman regarding his office releasing the booking photo of a police officer who was recently arrested. It is the lodge's position that this violates the Police Officer's Bill of Rights.

The lodge sent a letter to Mr. David Hammer of WWL-TV regarding a mischaracterization of the retirement of Lieutenant Fred Austin.

Officer/Committee Reports

President's Report – President Walter Powers

Brother Powers reported that there has been no labor meeting with Superintendent Harrison, due to Mardi Gras.

First Vice President's Report – Christopher Landry

Brother Landry updated the membership on the St. Baldrick's Foundation team who will be in competition with JPSO and NOFD.

Financial Report – Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher

Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account	\$66,137.10
LAPOP Foundation Account	\$1,640.48
Total Cash Assets	\$67,777.58
 Total Assets	 \$35,233.24

Fund Balances as of February 28, 2015:

General Fund	\$88,397.99
Legal Fund	\$(348,658.27)
Delegate Fund	\$59,302.32
Death Benefit Fund	\$60,233.75
Building Fund	\$208,501.79
Total Fund Balances	\$67,777.58

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to accept financial report by Danny Mack.

Motion seconded by Henry Davies.

Motion carried.

State Trustee's Report – State Trustee Billy Roth

Brother Roth advised that he assisted 13 FOP members to obtain FOP license plates.

State Secretary – Gus Krinke

Brother Krinke reported that he was going to withdraw his candidacy for the position of National Trustee.

Motion by Jim Gallagher for the lodge to thank Gus Krinke for his fifty years of hard work and dedication to the FOP on the local, state, and national level.

Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Report – Claude Schlesinger

Brother Schlesinger reported that he drafted and sent letters to Superintendent Harrison regarding disciplinary hearings.

Brother Schlesinger also advised that he sent a letter to the Consent Decree Monitor regarding the Police Officer's Bill of Rights.

National Trustee – Wille Patin

Brother Patin reported that he recently attended the National Board meeting in San Antonio, Texas. At that board meeting the trustees authorized the following salaries for national officers:

President -- \$65,000
Secretary -- \$50,000
Treasurer -- \$50,000
Vice President -- \$12,500
Second Vice President -- \$12,500
Sergeant At Arms -- \$12,500
Chairman of Trustees -- \$12,500

Education Committee – Henry Dean

Brother Dean reported that the Education Committee has provided traffic law books to the recruits at the academy and is in the process of providing sixty “Surviving Spanish” workbooks to the academy. He also reported that the committee is still negotiating with Calibre Press regarding the sponsorship of a Street Survival seminar.

New Business

Motion by Jim Gallagher to amend the standing rule for the FOP Salary reimbursement option, which would raise the amount available for payment in any calendar year from \$500.00 to \$750.00.

Motion seconded by Billy Roth.

Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gallagher to amend the standing rule for the Administration of the FOP Family Fund to include a requirement that the member be eligible for assistance while being represented by an FOP Legal Plan attorney.

Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion carried.

First reading of Amendment #1 to the Constitution and By-Laws submitted by the Executive Board of the lodge relative to Article V (Meetings). This amendment addresses the order of business and procedures for making motions from the floor.

First reading of Amendment #2 to the Constitution and By-Laws submitted by the Executive Board of the lodge relative to dues and Fees. This amendment sets dues and fees for the active membership (active NOPD officers, other active police officers, retired NOPD officers, other retired police officers), associate membership, and the honorary membership.

Old Business

None.

Good of the Order

Brother Powers Emile Goettz for his service to the lodge as Chaplain.

Brother Powers also reminded the membership of the fundraiser for Brother Keenan Shields, who recently received a heart transplant, on March 13th at the Dish located at 9734 Hayne Boulevard.

Motion by Pete Menkiewicz for the lodge to make a \$500.00 donation to the Keenan Shields fundraiser.

Motion seconded by Lunas Penn

Motion carried.

50/50 Raffle

Winner (#493324) Lester Rumoski -- \$57.00

Lodge share -- \$57.00

Brother Rumoski donated his portion to St. Baldrick's Foundation in support of Team FOP.

Attendance

192 members present

Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Gus Krinke.

Motion seconded by Chris Landry.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois
Recording Secretary
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