

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Tuesday, September 9, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order by President Walter Powers – 7:10 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Emile Goetz

Roll Call of Officers

15 Present
1 Absent (Dean)

Suspension of the regular order of business

Motion to suspend the regular order of business by James Gallagher.
Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.
Motion carried.

The membership was addressed by Brother Larry Reech, Retirement Committee Chair, who advised that there would be a MPERS board meeting on 9/10/14 at the New Orleans Marriott (555 Canal Street) to receive the Attorney General's report relative to offering a COLA to retirees.

The membership was addressed by Carolyn Barras, mother of Brother Nick Gernon, relative to the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program. Ms. Barras discussed the volunteer opportunities available and the training required to participate as a CASA volunteer.

The membership was addressed by Orleans Parish District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro who is seeking reelection as District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans.

The membership was addressed by Brother Chuck Little who is a candidate for the Office of Constable, Ward C in St. Bernard Parish.

The membership was addressed by Judge Paul Sens who is a candidate for Judge of Criminal District Court, Division G.

The membership was addressed by Brother Gus Krinke who thanked the delegates for their support and votes at the recent State Conference where he was reelected as State Recording Secretary.

Return to the regular order of business

Motion to return to the regular order of business by Ross Bourgeois.
Motion seconded by Jim Gallagher.
Motion carried.

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 Susan Graham.
Motion carried.

New Members

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

John O'Brien	Second District
Gabriel Favaro	Narcotics (Reinstatement)
Anika Glover	Seventh District
Clifford Thompson	Academy (Reinstatement)
James Rodriguez	Retired NYC Transit Police

Motion to accept new members by Susan Graham.
Motion seconded by Alex Vega.
Motion carried.

James Rodriguez was sworn in by National Trustee Willie Patin.

Correspondence

The lodge received a note of thanks from the L'Auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles for our stay at the recent State Conference.

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

Olive Gorman, wife of Edmund T. Forman, III -- \$2007.46

Officer/Committee Reports

President's Report – President Walter Powers

Brother Powers reported on the recent labor meetings with the Superintendent of Police.

First Vice President – Christopher Landry

Brother Landry reported that the Broad Street fuel pumps would be out of service on 9/10/14.

Financial Report – Secretary- Treasurer James Gallagher

Report Recap:

Regions Checking Account	\$40,530.46
LAFOP Foundation Account	\$5,143.27
Total Cash Assets	\$45,673.73
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Fund Balances as of August 31, 2014:

General Fund	\$94,610.33
Legal Fund	\$(374,914.28)
Delegate Fund	\$61,605.19
Death Benefit Fund	\$55,870.70
Building Fund	\$208,501.79
Total Fund Balances	\$45,673.73

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to accept financial report by Pete Menkiewicz.

Motion seconded by Herb Bovia.

Motion carried.

State Trustee's Report – State Trustee Billy Roth

Brother Roth advised that he assisted 7 FOP members to obtain FOP license plates.

Brother Roth advised that now you will need a new membership letter in order to renew your FOP license plate and motorcycle license plates are also available.

Legal Report – Donovan Livaccari

Brother Livaccari updated the membership on recent City Council action to clarify the exception to the domicile ordinance to apply to all NOPD employees regardless of hire date. He also advised that the FOP has begun discussions with the CAO's office relative to a pay increase for NOPD officers as well as changes to the take home vehicle policy.

Legal Report – Ted Alpaugh

Ted Alpaugh reported that the FOP filed for and was granted a Temporary Restraining Order against the Civil Service Commission regarding four of the newly enacted rules that we believe to be unconstitutional. The hearing for a preliminary injunction is scheduled for Friday (9/12/14) in Civil District Court.

Scholarship Committee – Louis Shaw

Drawings for scholarship recipients was conducted and the results are as follows:

FOP Continuing Education Scholarship -- \$1000.00
Omar Garcia – University of New Orleans

J. Fant Taylor Scholarship -- \$500.00 each
Victoria Dean, daughter of Henry Dean, University of Alabama
Marlon Barnes, son of Arlen Barnes, Louisiana State University

Robert E. Lampard, Sr. Memorial Scholarship -- \$500.00
Melisa Wiedman, wife of Andrew Wiedman, New Orleans Baptist
Seminary

Bud Rip High School/Grade School Scholarship
Tayelor Kees, son of Valerie Kees, Alice Harte Elementary
Ty Alonso, grandson of Becky Benelli, St. Christopher

IT Committee – George Brown

Brother Brown updated the membership on the enhancements to the lodge's website, smart phone and social media applications.

New Business

Nomination of Officers for 2015

President
Walter Powers, nominated by Billy Roth

First Vice President
Christopher Landry, nominated by Billy Roth

Second Vice President
Robert Lampard, Jr., nominated by Billy Roth

Secretary – Treasurer
James Gallagher, nominated by Billy Roth

Recording Secretary

Ross Bourgeois, nominated by Billy Roth

Conductor

Harold Hand, nominated by Billy Roth

Inner Guard

Lucian Sunseri, nominated by Billy Roth

Chaplain

Emile Goetz, nominated by Billy Roth

Peter Menkiewicz, nominated by Louis Shaw

Trustees

Peter Menkiewicz, nominated by Billy Roth

Daniel Mack, nominated by Billy Roth

David Lentz, nominated by Billy Roth

Barbara Sharp, nominated by Billy Roth

Robert O'Brien, nominated by Mike Goodson

Delegates

Motion by James Gallagher to place the names of all members eligible to serve as delegate to the 2015 National Conference on the ballot.

Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois

Motion carried.

Motion by Danny Denoux to endorse Leon Cannizzaro for Orleans Parish District Attorney.

Motion seconded by Pam Hartman.

Motion tabled by President Walter Powers, per the bylaws.

Motion to remove the item from the table and consider the motion by Danny Denoux.

Motion seconded by Donovan Livaccari.

Motion carried.

Original motion carried.

Motion by Danny Denoux to endorse Paul Sens for Orleans Criminal District Court.
Motion seconded by Raymond Genovese.
Motion tabled by President Walter Powers, per the bylaws.

Motion to remove the item from the table and consider the motion by Danny Denoux.
Motion seconded by Raymond Genovese.
Motion carried.

Original motion carried.

Motion by Billy Roth to place Brothe Chuck Little's campaign material in our newsletter and in emails to lodge membership.
Motion seconded by Donovan Livaccari.
Motion carried.

Old Business

An amendment to Article IV (Election of Officers) of the Consitution and By-Laws of the lodge relative to allowing for absentee ballots was submitted by Alex Vega, Lunas Penn, Gary Dewey, and Cliff Maher.
This amendment was withdrawn by the authors and referred to the Elections Committee for research and will be resubmitted prior to the 2015 election. Alex Vega to be included in the discussions with the Elections Committee.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle
Winner (#675420) Roy Guggenheim -- \$95.00
Lodge share -- \$95.00

Attendance

122 members present
Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by State Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by George Brown.
Motion seconded by Donovan Livaccari.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois
Recording Secretary
Crescent City Lodge #2
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