

Fraternal Order of Police Crescent City Lodge #2

Meeting – Tuesday, March 8, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Roll Call of Officers

12 Present
2 Absent (Mack, Genovese)
1 Excused (Livaccari)

Reading of previous meetings minutes

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve them as published by Gary Gremillion.
Motion seconded by Dave Penn.
Motion carried.

New Members

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

Gabriel Osborne	7 th District (Reinstatement)
Monica McLaurin	7 th District (Reinstatement)
Thaddeus Murray	2 nd District (Reinstatement)
Alois Warren	Academy (Transfer from ND Lodge)

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

Correspondence

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

Adam Sauter, son of Michael Sauter, Delgado
Kenneth Faust, grandson of George Faust, Western Governor's University

Elizabeth Lopez, granddaughter of Jake Schnapp, LSU
Lauren Howley, granddaughter of James Howley, LSU School of Nursing
Emily Sosa, daughter of Erick Sosa, St. Peter Catholic School
Richard Reece, grandson of Larry Reece, Branson Junior High School
Hollis Ranier, granddaughter of Pete Menkiewicz, Delgado

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

Wendy Willis, daughter of Robert Torres -- \$2013.81
Sherryl Adams, daughter of Salvador Macaluso, Jr. -- \$2009.09
Zulema Miller, wife of Johnnie C. Miller -- \$2000.00
Betty Bowen, wife of Leo Bowen, Jr. -- \$2000.00
Larry King, son of Albin King -- \$2000.00
Elizabeth Marziale, wife of Michael Marziale, Sr. -- \$4000.00
Mothe Funeral Home on behalf of Angela Constantine, beneficiary of Andrew Pellegrin, Jr. -- \$2000.00

The lodge received a card of thanks from the Family of Commander Derek Frick for the support during his recovery.

The lodge received a letter of thanks from Kenneth Faust, recent scholarship recipient.

Officer/Committee Reports

First Vice President's Report – Christopher Landry

Brother Landry reported on the updated Lodge Constitution and By-Laws document that was posted on the lodge's website.

Motion to ratify the Constitution and By-Laws as presented by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee by Chris Landry.

Motion seconded by Larry Reece.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brother Landry also 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	\$67,019.04
LAFOP Foundation Account	\$6,732.89
Total Cash Assets	\$73,745.93

Fund Balances as of February 29, 2016:	
General Fund	\$77,849.33
Legal Fund	\$(318,661.70)
Delegate Fund	\$49,536.66
Death Benefit Fund	\$56,519.85
Building Fund	\$208,501.79
Total Fund Balances	\$73,745.93

Full financial report is attached to this document.

Motion to accept financial report by Alex Vega.

Motion seconded by Hilton Stein.

Motion carried.

State Trustee's Report – State Trustee Billy Roth

Brother Roth advised that he assisted 22 FOP members to obtain FOP license plates during January and February.

NOPD Policy Review Committee – Jake Lundy

Brother Lundy reported that he attended FOP Day on the Hill and met with the Louisiana Congressional Delegation. Topics of discussion included:

Windfall Elimination Provision

1033 DOD policy where Defense Department equipment is turned over to local agencies.

Use of Force and PERF Report

Brother Lundy also reported on changes to the NOPD disciplinary policy and disciplinary matrix.

Legal Defense Committee – Jim Gallagher

Brother Gallagher reported that the National Legal Defense Plan has raised the rates \$24/per year/per member.

Motion by Jim Gallgher to raise the legal defense rates for active NOPD officers by \$1 per pay period.

Motion seconded by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion carried.

Legal Report – Claude Schlesinger

Brother Schlesinger reported that his firm has engaged the services of another firm to assist with the millage suite. He also advised that the attorneys are going to petition the judge to order the city to pay for the costs involved in administering the fund that will be set up to disburse the monies owed to the plaintiffs. Also, the attorneys are no longer billing the lodge hourly.

Brother Schlesinger also gave an update on the Civil Service litigation regarding the “Great Place to Work Initiative” relative to the unconstitutional infringement on the “rule of 3”. Recently the Fire Union intervened in our lawsuit and that will be most helpful in our efforts.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle

Winner (#469169 Mike Sposito -- \$70.00

Lodge share -- \$70.00

Attendance

100 members present

Membership roster is attached to this document.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Pete Menkiewicz

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ross Bourgeois.

Motion seconded by Gary Dewey.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Ross J. Bourgeois
Recording Secretary
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