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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION MEETING

MAY 4 AND 5, 2002

The Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Financial Secretaries Association was held in Alexandria at the Hotel Bentley on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 2002.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2002

Due to an error in the printing of the program, where as it was noted to begin at 10:00 A.M. Vs 9:00 A.M., the meeting was delayed in opening.

The meeting was called to order by **President Clark Dufrene** at 9:45 AM. **Warden Leonce Waguespack Jr.** verified that all present were in possession of a current membership card.

Vice President Malcolm Fauchaux led the association in the opening prayer.

President Clark Dufrene led the association in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary John Walker Jr. called the roll of officers. The following officers were present:

President: Clark A. Dufrene Sr. (7350)
Vice President: Malcolm Fauchaux (1817) Secretary:
John Walker Jr. (3779) Warden: Leonce Waguespack
Jr. (3091) 3-Year Trustee: Charles H. Shepard (5747)
Convention Chairman: Alva Sallinger (3200) Convention
Co-chairman: Kenneth LeCompte (4156)

Officers **absent: Treasurer: Frank Boneno (11921)** excused for medical reasons.
2-Year Trustee: Edward J. O'Brien (4222) excused for medical reasons.
1-Year Trustee: Ralph St. Ament (3634) absent only at time of role call.

Retention Chairman A.E. Lee (4085) addressed the group reporting on the results reported to the State Deputy today. Over the past year from May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002 a total of 1,554 1845's have been received from 153 councils. This is an average of ten per council. During the year Brother Lee made 57 phone calls to Supreme, 286 calls to Financial Secretaries, 33 calls to District Deputies, and 1993 calls to members, who at times were called more than once. He reported that calls on average cost \$1.38 per call. Through these efforts 317 members were saved, 18 transferred and 6 withdrawals. The net results were 341 members making an average cost of \$8.92 each or a total cost expended over the past twelve month of \$3,044.

Brother Lee reports that an active retention committee is rare in Louisiana. The Financial Secretary is working as part of the retention efforts and is doing a find job with what they have to work with. Our focus in on membership. Since April first membership intake has been 1282 with a lost of 730 to equal a net gain of 522. As of April first Lee has received 179 1845's and Supreme has reported dropping 112.

Brother Lee asked the Financial Secretaries to consider meeting with the newly elected Grand Knights, one on one, to share with him your knowledge, not to train him, but to assist him in what is necessary to help the council maintain membership.

Brother Lee went on to site some cases that should not be noted on the 1845's:

- Forms 1845 continue to be written by the Financial Secretary billing members for two or three years. Let's remember we can only bill for two quarters.
- Form 1845 without phone numbers, but noted that member was contacted.
- Form 1845 with old addresses, if you do not know the address leave it blank.
- From 1845 billing for things other than dues, billing for things like YEP or levies.

In closing Lee addressed the proper procedure for processing the form 1845, followed by the submittal of the form 100.

President Dufrene (7350) opened the nomination for the selection of a delegate to represent the association at the Supreme Convention in Anaheim, California.

President Dufrene (7350) first order of business was the election of the delegate, from the association, to represent the Financial Secretaries Association at the Supreme Convention in Anaheim, California.

Nominations open for delegate:

Vice President Fauchaux (1817) nominated President Clark Dufrene (7350)

President Dufrene (7350) address the issue that he had attend the convention the previous year and that it would be good to see if some other brother would be interested in attending. He made note to the fact that anyone who had previously attended would have to mention in his resume that he had previously attended and that would possibly

eliminate any chances of being elected again. He noted that he had previously attended in 1996 and in 2000. He stated that if no one else was interested that he would submit his name, but felt due to his previous attendance, that he would not be elected.

President Dufrene (7350) declined for the time being to see if maybe tomorrow someone else would be interested in going.

Member Shelton (12734) addressed the question with regards to the cost going to the convention.

President Dufrene (7350) attested that members attending will be given an allowance and it should not cost one a lot of money out of pocket. Supreme schedules events for you to attend and books the hotel. The allowance will cover most of the hotel. The convention starts on Thursday and ends on Sunday during mid-August. The association contributes \$300 to the person to attending.

Member McGee (8058) addressed the question with regards to special rates with the airlines for people attending the convention.

President Dufrene (7350) Supreme does not make special arrangements with the airlines.

Member McGee (8058) placed his name as an associate delegate to be submitted.

President Dufrene (7350) with no additional nominations submitted, nominations are closed with Carl McGee being the elected Financial Secretary to be submitted to the convention floor.

Opening Remarks:

President Dufrene (7350) stated that during the year the by-laws stayed in tack, without any resolutions or amendments during our officers meeting. Therefore, there will not be a need for a vote to make changes to the by-laws.

With regards to the change in the membership dues, there was an increased in the amount from \$25.00, which had been in place for years, to \$35.00. He went on to state that out of the 289 councils in the state, only 39 councils did not pay the dues. This was an improvement over the past two years. This increase will help support the activities of the associations and will lend support to the new members who need help in their duties. The president than address the use of the FSPC and that at the end of the meeting member could trade their e-mail address with those member who are versed in the use of the software to help gain a better understanding of how to operate the software.

He then addressed the luncheon to be held on Sunday, that if you have not submitted a form for tickets, that there were no more available. April 15 was the cut off date for the

\$5 guest ticket and that he had received a few after that date, but the ten percent additional dinners allowed by the caterer were already taken.

Clark asked that we please keep in your payers our PSD Joseph Polito who will be undergoing surgery and our brother Financial Secretary Edward O'Brien, who has recently suffered from two strokes and will not be able to join the meeting today.

President Dufrene (7350) then called on Secretary John P. Walker Jr. for the reading of the minutes.

Secretary Walker (3779) presents the minutes to the association.

Member Francis (5935) moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of last year's convention, which everyone received in the packet.

Member Miles (8861) seconded the motion.

Corrections to be noted:

1-Year Trustee: St. Ament (3634) submits correction to the minutes - on page four where stated: remaining members that only two months of dues can be bill, should be changed to read only "two quarters".

Warden: Waguespack Jr. (3091) submits correction to the minutes - on page five where stated: Warden Waguespack at the time of the meeting he had not been elected to warden and therefore should read "member" Waguespack.

Member Gautreau (6389) submits correction to the minutes - on page eight, in two places, where stated: council 6387 should be recorded as council "6389" in both places.

Member Francis (5935) moved to accept the minutes as amended.

Past Trustee Peragine (5530) seconded the motion. **Secretary Walker**

(3779) calls for the vote and motion carries.

President Dufrene (7350) then called for the Treasurer's report. In the absence of Frank Boneno, Malcolm Fauchaux Vice-President was allowed to read the Treasurer's report.

Vice-President Fauchaux (1817) presents Treasurer's report for the full year, as of May 2002. For the year a budget of \$6,250 was established and expenses were well under that budget. At this time there are still some bills outstanding, but will not amount to much. Two items not reflected in the Treasurer's report, because of Frank's absence, were the moneys for the donation to the Bishop Greco Fund and the final payment to the caterer for this convention.

Opening balance was \$7,763.81 with income of \$8,908.50 for a balance of \$16,672.30. With a check of \$500.00 to the Bishop Greco fund and with the convention expense being between an estimated \$2,700.00 to \$3,000.00 the end of the year balance should be somewhere near \$11,000.00 estimated. Going forward the budget has been submitted for \$7,500.00 for the year 2002-2003.

Budget for 2002-2003 is presented to the association

Vice-President Fauchaux (1817) presents the 2002-2003 budget to the association.

Member Sonier (8906) moved to approve budget as submitted. **Member LeCompte**

(4156) seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Dufrene (7350) addresses the budgeted amount of \$500.00 for the Bishop Greco donation and later will bring in a motion to increase that amount by a few hundred dollars.

Past Trustee Peragine (5530) request a copy of the budget be given to each member today so that the budget can be reviewed and voted on tomorrow. (Sunday)

President Dufrene (7350) agrees to hold off voting until tomorrow to allow members to see a copy of the budget.

Member Francis (5935) moved to increase the Bishop Greco fund, within the proposed budget to be submitted, from \$500.00 to \$750.00 and to have it included in the proposed copy of the budget to be reviewed tomorrow.

Member Schneider (6211) seconded the motion. There was on discussion. **Vice**

President Fauchaux (1817) then called for the vote. Motion passed.

3-Year Trustee Shepard (5747) questions the timing of the budget process. He believed the budgeted dates were in line with the State, from March [1st. to](#) February 31st. It was than addressed that the timing of the Financial Secretary Association finances are from July [1st. to](#) June 30^h

President Dufrene (7350) address the first time newly appointed Financial Secretaries, for them to come forward and present themselves. The following 26 council are introduced to the association: #653 1, #8805, #3845, #8898, #5022, #1157, #8906, #8601, #3048, #5627, #3298, #10123, #8147, #6746, #2734, #8616, #12285, #6211, #8615, #9000, #12997, #12060, #2732, #4683, #2012 and #3208.

It was Clark's intention to send a letter to each newly appointed secretary. Due to the timing of this information being issued quarterly by Supreme and without phone numbers, it made it difficult to contact each new Financial Secretary.

It is very important that each of the Financial Secretaries have the Handbook. If you do not have one, than it is your responsibility to contact Supreme and request one. You should also contact Financial Secretaries in your area to assist you should you have problem with procedures related to your duties.

Member Loupe (2436) announces that as of today he has resigned after 20 year and advises the newly elected members to be prepared to do a good job by using the Financial Secretaries Handbook.

K.C. INSURANCE/GENERAL AGENTS ARRIVE

General Agent Butch Tastet (3054) addresses the fact that we have a lot of turnover in the officer's positions, not only in the area of Financial Secretaries, but also in agents. We have problems in Louisiana and Financial Secretary is the stabling factor in the council and we need to develop a much closer relationship between the agents and the Financial Secretary. Butch makes a comment to the association President that when he receives news of a newly appointment, he will call with the necessary information so as to allow the president to contact the new member.

Butch, realizing that there are problems and request feed back from the Financial Secretaries through the agents, those messages that will help improve our relationship. He will work towards having one of Financial Secretaries attend their meeting, to help bring in the question coming from the Financial Secretaries.

The new member insurance plan needs to be pushed. The new member plan is a whole life policy. He asked that we do not collect the money for the plan, but to call the agent to see how soon the agent can get to the new member. He also asked that when filling out the form to include the wife's age. A space it is not on the form, but Supreme requires the information if the member is married. Butch also requested that we clean the rosters. Agents are contacting members that have not paid their due over an extended amount of time. He asked that we call the agent when the member is an insurance member to assist in collecting the dues.

Butch opens floor for questions that he can bring back to his meeting with the other agents. Questions asked:

He is asked why is it that Financial Secretaries are not contacted when an agent quits.

He is also asked what to do when living in Monroe; the nearest agent is over two hundred miles away. Also asked to address the ninety-day letter from Supreme whereas it states that a person has insurance, but is not a member.

General Agent Scott Willis (8978) introduces himself as the agent that will be covering the North and Western Louisiana territory. He is currently working the area with two field agents since March and at present they are interviewing five men to fill the open

positions. He will be training these new agents, some of which have never sold insurance. He is also working toward hiring six new agents and to have them in place by the end of the year.

President Dufrene (7350) calls on Third-year Trustee Charles H. Shepard to report on the Bishop Greco Fund.

Three-year Trustee Shepard (5747) explains that our late State Chaplain started the fund years ago. His intent was to have enough money donated, so that the interest from the fund would be enough to help with educational training for seminarians in the state of Louisiana. Charles explained in the past, that the association raised money by having door prizes, prizes that the association purchased, then from the proceeds donating that money to the fund. Later the association elected to donate \$500.00 without the fundraiser and that is where it is today. The fund is held in the trust of the Former State Deputy and at each convention we present him with a donation from the association.

The Opening of Nominations of Officers 2002-2003:

President Dufrene (7350) opens the floor for nominations for the upcoming year 2002-2003 and begins by opening the position of President.

Nominations of Officers:

President - Donald Loupe (2436) nominated Malcolm Fauchaux (1817). There were no other nominations. Nominations for President were closed until Sunday.

Vice-President - Harold Miles (8861) nominated John Walker Jr. (3779). There were no other nominations. Nominations for Vice-President were closed until Sunday.

Secretary - Joseph Nesser (3729) nominated Leonce Waguespack (3091). At this time it was noted by the President Clark Dufrene that Frank Boneno, because of the current work he is doing on the membership data base, had requested to remain in the position of Treasurer if so elected. Clark went on to note that Leonce Waguespack was not meaning to jump the order of office, but was able to advance due to Frank Boneno's request. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Secretary were closed until Sunday.

Treasurer - Malcolm Fauchaux (1817) nominated Frank Boneno (11921). There were no other nominations. Nominations for Treasurer were closed until Sunday.

Warden - Howard Ackerman (9085) nominated Harold Miles (8861). Bill Shelton (12734) nominated Keith Gautreau (6389). There were no nominations for Warden. Nominations for Warden were closed until Sunday.

Because of Charles Shepard intention to resign from the Financial Secretary position effective on June 30th it became necessary to open the floor for nominations for the position of Three-year Trustee along with electing a Two-year Trustee.

Three-year Trustee - Ralph St. Ament (3634) nominated Clark Dufrene (7350). There were no other nominations. Nominations for Three-year Trustee were closed until Sunday.

Two-year Trustee - Clark Dufrene (7350) nominated Ralph St. Ament (3634). There were no other nominations. Nominations for Two-year Trustee were closed until Sunday.

It was noted by, the President Clark Dufrene (7350) that Eddie O'Brien (4222) would be advancing to the position of One-year Trustee; therefore no election for that position would be necessary.

Remarks by the Officers

Vice President Fauchaux (1817) thanks the association for their vote of confidence and if elected will do a good job.

Secretary Walker (3779) due to lack of time remarks will be delayed till tomorrow, but he wishes all a good lunch.

Warden Waguespack (3091) thanks all for paying attention during the meeting and speaking into the microphone. He also requests that the association wait till Sunday for the mini KCLS. The association officers agreed.

Three-year Trustee: Shepard (5747) will save remarks till tomorrow.

One-year Trustee: St. Ament (3634) makes a request to the President Clark Dufrene to appoint Pete Peragine (5530) as acting Trustee to replace Eddie O'Brien during this session. He then went on to explain the duties of the Trustee. The first duty being to audit the books of the association. The second is the Memorial Committee and goes forward by reading the section in the by-laws that pertain to the Memorial Committee and that they the Trustee, relay on its membership to report the death of fellow Financial Secretaries in the past year, so that he may complete his report.

Another duty of the Trustee is election committee. They will conduct the election on Sunday, if there is a full slate of officers. If there are no other nominations to the other officers, then the Trustees will conduct the election Sunday for the position of Warden.

He then goes on to ask each of the new twenty-six Financial Secretary to take two pieces of paper, one for their Grand Knight as delegate and one for their Past Grand Knight delegate, asking them to give one vote to the Supreme Convention delegates our candidate's name Carl McGee.

Convention Co-chairman: LeCompte (4156) gives credit of the work completed to Alva Sallinger. He states that he has two tickets available for the luncheon, that possible someone is missing their tickets and if so to see him after the meeting.

Convention Chairman: Sallinger (3200) thanks all for coming and reports that his job was not much because the officers did most of the work. He stated that he and Kenneth did make some local meeting with the hotel staff to make some arrangements.

President Dufrene (7350) in closing states that copies of the proposed budget are available on the back table and for members are to be prepared tomorrow to vote on the expenditures. Also due to the lack of time the mini KCLS, conducted by Leonce Waguespack, would be conducted on Sunday. He then reminds everyone that the meeting is scheduled to begin on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and all should sign in again on Sunday to reflect their attendance.

President Dufrene (7350) led the association in closing prayer, keeping in mind our ill members Frank Boneno and Eddie O'Brien.

Meeting was adjointed.

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2002

The meeting was called to order by **President Clark Dufrene** 9:00 AM. **Warden Leonce Waguespack Jr.** verified that all present were in possession of a current membership card.

Vice-President Malcolm Fauchaux led the association in the opening prayer. **Two-year Trustee Ralph St. Ament** led the association in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary John Walker Jr. called the roll of officers. The following officers were present:

President: Clark A. Dufrene Sr. (7350)
Vice President: Malcolm Fauchaux (1817) Secretary:
John Walker Jr. (3779) Warden: Leonce Waguespack
Jr. (3091) 3-Year Trustee: Charles H. Shepard (5747) 1-
Year Trustee: Ralph St. Ament (3634) Convention
Chairman: Alva Sallinger (3200) Convention Co-
chairman: Kenneth LeCompte (4156)

Officers absent: **Treasurer: Frank Boneno (11921)** excused for medical reasons.
2-Year Trustee: Edward J. O'Brien (4222) excused for medical reasons.

OLD BUSINESS

The re-opening of Nominations of Officers 2002-2003:

President Dufrene (7550) re-opens the nomination of Officers. Before the election of each office, candidates will be allowed three minutes to address the association, to provide any information they care to share.

Nominations of Officers from previous day:

President - **Malcolm Fauchaux (1817)** was nominated on May 4. There were no other nominations. Nominations for President were closed. **Malcolm Fauchaux** became President by acclamation.

Vice-President - **John Walker Jr. (3779)** was nominated on May 4. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Vice-President were closed. **John Walker** became Vice-President by acclamation.

Secretary - Leonce Waguespack (3091) was nominated on May 4. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Secretary were closed. Leonce Waguespack became Secretary by acclamation.

Treasurer - Frank Boneno (11921) was nominated on May 4. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Treasurer were closed. Frank Boneno became Treasurer by acclamation.

Warden - Two nominations submitted were Harold Miles (8861) and Keith Gautreau (6389). There were no nominations for Warden. Nominations for Warden were closed. Each member was given three minutes to address the association.

President Dufrene (7550) calls upon the Warden to conduct the voting procedure. Afterwards the election committee submits the result as being Keith Gautreau.

Three-year Trustee - Clark Dufrene (7350) was nominated on May 4. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Three-year Trustee were closed. Clark Dufrene became Three-year Trustee by acclamation.

Two-year Trustee - Ralph St. Ament (3634) was nominated on May 4. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Two-year Trustee were closed. Ralph St. Ament became Two-year Trustee by acclamation.

Elections were final with the closing of all unopposed officers receiving one vote each from the secretary.

Member Bourg (8840) request president approval to leave the meeting, he was requested to appear on the convention floor.

President Dufrene (7550) announced the present of the proposed budget to be review by association.

Member Duffour (2925) motion made to accept the proposed budget as submitted.

Member Nesser (3729) seconds the motion. **Motion open for discussion**

Member Shelton (12734) supports an increase of \$100.00 in the allowance allowed to the Supreme delegate.

Member Nesser (3729) stated that he supported the programs listed on the budget, but feels that we have moved away for the things that directly effect our association. Items like coffee and donuts at the meeting. The elimination of the Financial Secretaries Hospitality room. Dues have been increased and now members are being charged extra for the luncheon to help offset our expenses. It appeared to him that the association was

moving towards give away more money and to ask some of the smaller council to pay the membership due was a hardship that may not be necessary if we stayed within our current allocations. Joe stated he supported the Bishop Greco Fund, but that once the budget amount was increased another \$250.00 it will never be reduced again back to \$500.00. Joe was not in support of the proposed increase to the Bishop Greco Fund.

Member Francis (5935) makes note that currently the proposed budget is in a debit position, because the income was less than the proposed expenses. This means that the income would have to be increased first by \$250.00 in order to break even.

Discussion Closed

President Dufrene (7550) calls for a vote by a show of hands. Motion fails. Budget to remain at a total budget amount of \$7,500.00 with the donation to the Bishop Greco Fund to remain at \$500.00.

Member Gaudet (3622) comes forward to question the amount for dues listed as \$7,500.00 on the proposed budget, whereas actual for the year was reported at \$8,908.

President Dufrene (7550) responds - at the time of making the budget, only 240 councils were considered paying their dues, based on a billing of 286 councils.

Member Arceneaux (8898) makes the motion to accept a proposed budgeted amount of \$7,500.00.

Member Shelton (12734) seconds the motion.

Motion open for discussion

Member Tanner (2395) submits that last year's Awards expenses were allocated at \$400.00 in the budget, but only \$27.00 was spent. This year's budgeted amount has been raised to \$600.00. Tanner proposed reducing the amount for Awards to \$500.00 and then adding \$100.00 to the Supreme Delegate allocated amount.

Member Tanner (2395) submits an amendment to the motion, to remove \$100.00 from the Awards category and added that \$100.00 to the Supreme Delegate's category.

Member Shelton (12734) seconds the motion for the amendment.

President Dufrene (7550) reviews with the association the intent of the budget. That as long as operations remain within the total amount of the budget, what difference does it make if we go over in any one category?

Member Viator (1208) supports the president by confirming the overall intent of the budget. Why go line by line, just give the officers \$8,000.00 so that it can be spent as needed.

Member Tanner (2395) questions the process of allocating funds to a category. Some time in the past \$500.00 was established for the Bishop Greco Fund and \$300.00 to the Supreme Delegate. Going forward an amendment would have to be made to the budget to allow expenses to exceed any category.

President Dufrene (7550) calls for a vote by a show of hands for the amendment. Motion carries. Budget is adjusted to reflect \$500.00 allocated to Awards and \$400.00 allocated to the Supreme Delegate.

Member Tanner (2395) calls for a vote on the proposed budget as amended.

President Dufrene (7550) calls for a vote by a show of hands for the motion. Motion carried. Budget will reflect a total allocated amount of \$7,500.

One-year Trustee St. Ament (3634) brings forward our interest from the previous year with regards to submitting a resolution for the state convention. It was the association's intent, that the Financial Secretary delegate and the state convention chairman would be automatically designated to go as Supreme Convention Delegates. Because a resolution was not done this year, he would suggest that the new Secretary do that, that so when the state calls for the resolutions in January, that this one is submitted.

President Dufrene (7550) states that during the year he did not receive any amendments or resolutions. Therefore the association would not be submitting anything to the general convention floor. Amendments or resolutions must start at the council level, once approved by the Grand Knight and it's council members, it can be submitted to the general convention floor. If we want to see our delegates automatically designated, it would have to come from the council level. This is because the Financial Secretaries Association has no voting power.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

Committee Reports

Trustee Shepard (5747) confirms the Audit report for 2002 by stating that the Treasurer's records were examined and all records were found to be in order. The bank account was reconciled as of the last bank statement; this bank account was found to be in agreement with the balance on the books of the Treasurer. Audit report was respectfully submitted by; Three-year Trustee, Charles Shepard, Pete Peragine sitting in for Two-year Trustee Edward O'Brien, and One-year Trustee, Ralph St. Ament.

Trustee Shepard (5747) reports from election committee. The report was respectfully submitted by; Three-year Trustee, Charles Shepard, Pete Peragine sitting in for Two-year Trustee Edward O'Brien, and One-year Trustee, Ralph St. Ament. There were two candidates for the position of Warden. An election was held and Keith Gautreau (6389)

was elected. All other officers moved up one position. Ralph St. Ament (3634) was elected to the position of Two-year Trustee and Clark Dufrene (7350) was elected to the position of Three-year Trustee.

Trustee St. Ament (3634) reviews Memorial Committee Report for May 5, 2002 which was respectfully submitted by; Three-year Trustee, Charles Shepard, Pete Peragine sitting in for Two-year Trustee Edward O'Brien, and One-year Trustee, Ralph St. Ament.

President Dufrene (7550) calls for someone to make a motion to accept the reports as submitted.

Member Wang (3411) makes a motion to accept the Audit report and the Memorial report.

Member Duffour (2925) seconds the motion.

Motion open for discussion

No discussion followed.

President Dufrene (7550) calls for a vote by a show of hand. Motion carried.

President Dufrene (7550) calls for someone to make a motion to accept the Election Committee report.

Member Wang (3411) makes a motion to accept the Election Committee report.

Member Duffour (2925) seconds the motion.

Motion open for discussion

No discussion followed.

President Dufrene (7550) calls for a vote by a show of hand. Motion carried.

President Dufrene (7550) informs that our delegate's name was not brought before the main delegation. So this year the association will not have a delegate being considered for election to the Supreme Convention.

Member Thomas (12285) confirms that, as a voting delegate, brother McGee (8058) name was not on the ballot therefore could not be elected.

President Dufrene (7550) reviews the process of submitting the request to be a delegate and the requirements necessary to be considered as a delegate. Next year he plans on working toward a resolution that would prevent anyone from having less than five year

with the association as a Financial Secretary as being able to run as the Financial Secretaries elected delegate.

Member Gautreau (6389) questions if there are any other positions that are automatically designated to go the convention. Which was answered by Dufrene (7550) as yes, the current Past State Deputy. His second question was directed towards the submittal of names for the state Memorial Mass for this year he missed seeing the report request in the package.

Past President Peragine (5530) informs members that when the resume is submitted it should be noted at the bottom of the page that it is "a tradition that a Financial Secretary be represented at the Supreme Convention". This will be the third time that the association has not had a representative at the Supreme Convention.

Member Nesser (3729) supports brother Lee previous remarks with regards to training newly appointed Financial Secretaries. And that was, is would be a good idea to have a small meeting with the newly appointed Financial Secretaries at an area meeting instead of the large KCLS.

Past President Peragine (5530) stated that he was aware of a program that our State Deputy Steve Thomas (9016) was working towards. The state is currently doing some test sites and will be expanding the idea of smaller training session over the next year.

Trustee Shepard (5747) stated that when he was president he traveled with the state member for training purposes and sometime attendance at the meeting were poor and sometime good. This process cost a lot of money, so if they come into your area try to attend. The sessions will help you if you attend. There is a lot to learn and each time you attend you will learn a little more.

Member Meche (8901) inquires on an idea, that with the price of postage going to thirty-seven cents, have the officers considered using e-mail to mail information from their office, out to the members. It was suggested that everyone e-mail the newly elected president to establish a mailing base. It was also suggested that it would be good idea to contact members that did not attend.

Vice President Fauchaux (1817) states his e-mail address as being usermack1182@netscape.net

CLOSING REMARKS

Vice President Fauchaux (1817) thanks all for their vote of conference and realizes that we have a busy year ahead of us.

Secretary Walker (3779) explained the reason for missing the meeting last year. That the convention was held during the same time as the National Food Manufacturing Credit Group, and he as being chairman of that organization had made plans to be in Chicago that weekend. His plans were to not attend the convention, but that changed because of his family being chosen as the Louisiana State Family of the Year. It then became necessary to change a lot of my plans related to the trip to Chicago. Arriving late on Saturday, he and his family attend Mass followed by the Convention Banquet to accept the award. Then on Sunday, at 4:00 A.M. flew out for Chicago missing the Sunday session of the Financial Secretaries Association. So for those that saw him at the Convention Banquet and not at our Financial Secretary Association meeting, this helped explain what took place during that time.

Thanks were given to Frank Boneno and Ralph St. Ament for recording the meeting for him and seeing that he received the tapes afterwards. Also thanks were given to Brother Frank for supplying the local newspapers articles from the convention reflecting the presentation for the State Family Award.

Brother John requested that members call him for help. That he lives in Shreveport and had worked with Mike Kurz (1108) when Supreme requested work be done as a beta site for the program. So together they could answer your questions about the application of the software.

He also he thanked everyone for their vote of conference and was be pleased to be able to work with Malcolm during the next year.

Warden Waguespack (3091) thanks member for electing him as incoming Secretary. He had enjoyed working with the officers over the year and requests that members call on him for help. He reminded members that at the end of the meeting, that he would be conducting a learning session to help members remember some of the things they should be doing.

Trustee Shepard (5747) bids members fair well, due to his health conditions will be resigning from the position of Financial Secretary in his council. He asked that we continue on with the tradition of the Financial Secretaries Association and that he would remember us in his payers always.

Trustee St. Ament (3634) states that is year would conclude his seventeenth year as an officer; two as Secretary, two as Vice-President, two as President and nine as Trustee. He thanked all for their vote as now he takes on the position of Two-year Trustee.

President Dufrene (7350) announces the luncheon schedule is for twelve-thirty just below the meeting room.

He states that the past two years have been good years, but his disappointment was not knowing, the reason why there had been such a larger turnover in Financial Secretaries. It is an interesting position and the backbone of the organization and for the newly appointed Financial Secretaries to not take their duties lightly.

President Dufrene (7350) led the association in closing prayer.

Meeting was adjoined.

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