



# Knights of Columbus

## LOUISIANA STATE FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION MEETING

**MAY 1 and 2, 2004**

The Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Financial Secretaries Association was held in Lafayette at the Convention Center on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, 2004.

**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by **President Malcolm Fauchoux** at 10:00 AM. **Warden Keith Gautreau** verified that all present were in possession of a current membership card.

**Vice-President John Walker Jr.** led the association in the opening prayer.

**Trustee Peter Peragine** led the association in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**President Fauchoux (1817)** called on **Vice-President John Walker Jr.** to conduct the nominations for the Association's nominee as delegate to the Supreme Convention in Dallas, Texas.

#### Nominations open for delegate:

**Treasurer Boneno (11921)** nominated **President Malcolm Fauchoux (1817)**.

**Member Rene Duffour (2925)** moved to close the nominations. **Member Kenneth LeCompte (4156)** seconded the motion. **Vice-President John Walker Jr.** called for the vote. Motioned passed.

**President Fauchoux (1817)** asked everyone to encouraged their council delegates to support the Association's nominee as delegate to the Supreme Convention.

#### Opening Remarks:

**President Fauchoux (1817)** welcomed members to the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Financial Secretaries Association in Lafayette. He commended the host committee for their fine work and pointed out that the committee is willing to help us. He also requested that the members review the information in their packets and to bring handouts to all meetings. Also, all members should have tickets to the functions readily available to aid the host committee.

He reminded members about the rules and regulations of the convention including proper dress for each event and that no shorts or hats be worn at any of the activities.

**President Faucheux** stated that the Financial Secretaries Association is a valuable tool for all financial secretaries. Officers and past officers are available to assist any new financial secretary.

**Appointments:**

**President Faucheux (1817)** appointed **Joseph Nesser (3729)** as **1-Year Trustee** in place of **Ralph St. Ament (3634)** who is absent because of flooding at his home.

**President Faucheux (1817)** appointed the **3 Trustees** to the **Audit Committee**.

**President Faucheux (1817)** appointed the **3 Trustees** to the **Elections Committee**.

**President Faucheux (1817)** appointed **Clark Dufrene Sr. (7350)** as **Parliamentarian**.

**President Faucheux (1817)** called on **Secretary Leonce Waguespack (13349)** for the reading of the minutes from the 2003 meeting. **Member Rene Duffour (2925)** moved to adopt the minutes as circulated. **Member Jack White (3622)** seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. **Secretary Waguespack (13349)** called for the vote and the motion carried.

**Secretary Waguespack, Jr.** verified the roll of members present (see list which follows minutes). The following officers were present:

**President: Malcolm Faucheux (1817)**  
**Vice President: John Walker Jr. (3779)**  
**Secretary: Leonce Waguespack Jr. (13349)**  
**Treasurer: Frank Boneno (11921)**  
**Warden: Keith Gautreau (6389)**  
**3-Year Trustee: Peter Peragine (5530)**  
**2-Year Trustee: Clark Dufrene Sr. (7350)**

Officers absent: **1-Year Trustee: Ralph St. Ament (3634)**  
(excused).

**President Faucheux (1817)** then distributed tickets for the luncheon.

**President Faucheux (1817)** called on **Paul Gisclair (7557)**, Convention Chairman for the Association, to provide details on arrangements for the meeting and facility information.

**President Faucheux (1817)** then called on **Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921)** for the Treasurer's report. **Treasurer Boneno (11921)** reported that the checking account balance is \$11,122.29 and the CD balance is \$10,043.00. There are 33 members who have not paid Association dues. The collection rate this year is 248 of 281 (88.2%).

**Nomination of Officers:**

**President Faucheux (1817)** called upon **Trustee Clark Dufrene (7350)** to conduct the nomination of officers. **Trustee Dufrene**, as a member of the Elections Committee, opened the floor for nomination of officers for 2004-2005.

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

Vice-President – Malcolm Faucheux (1817) nominated Leonce Waguespack (13349). There were no other nominations. Nominations for Vice-President were closed until Sunday.

Secretary – Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349) nominated Keith Gautreau (6389). There were no other nominations. Nominations for Secretary were closed until Sunday.

Treasurer – Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349) nominated Frank Boneno (11921). There were no other nominations. Nominations for Treasurer were closed until Sunday.

Warden – Malcolm Faucheux (1817) nominated Robert Welch (3200). Keith Gautreau (6389) nominated Paul Gisclair (7557). There were no other nominations for Warden. Nominations for Warden were closed until Sunday.

Three-Year Trustee – Ken LeCompte (4156) nominated Malcolm Faucheux (1817). There were no other nominations. Nominations for Three-Year Trustee were closed until Sunday.

**President Faucheux (1817)** then called on all new financial secretaries to introduce themselves with their council number and the person that they are replacing. The following members were introduced (sorted by council number):

<u>New F.S.</u>	<u>Council No.</u>	<u>Former F.S.</u>
Allen LeBlanc	1819	E. J. Champagne
Walter Braud	2875	Phillip Burgoyne
Nolan Bruce	3091	Leonce Waguespack
Garrison Autin	3150	Clyde Orgeron
Robert Welch	3200	A.C. Sallinger
Donald Laurent	3857	Frank Forte
Alden Young	4562	Benjamin Zaleski
Merlin Saltzman	4874	Gary Marmillion
Evest Voisin, Jr.	7722	Rudy Cancienne
Mike Moreau	8805	David McMahan
Calbert Dufrene	8840	Ervin Bourg
Paul Chagois	8978	Richard Boenig
Donald Davidson	9247	Larry Aiken
Russell Lacombe	9294	Mark Dauzat
Mel Landry	9692	James Melancon
Ralph Formby	10293	Chris Williams
Dean Eschete	10612	Scott Voigt

**President Faucheux** congratulated all the new financial secretaries and wished them well in their new positions.

He spoke to the new financial secretaries about the upcoming KCLS in July and urged them to attend to learn more about their positions. He also urged them to use the Financial Secretary Handbook. If they do not have one, please order one from Supreme Council.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921)** read Resolution 2003-1 concerning the contribution to our delegate to the Supreme Convention which was approved at the last annual meeting and is being brought up today for final approval. **Frank Boneno (11921)** motioned that the resolution be adopted. **Clark Dufrene (7350)** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**Trustee Peter Peragine (5530)** requested that members provide names of deceased current financial

secretaries and former financial secretaries who past away during this past year. The names will be included in the Memorial Committee Report

### **New Business:**

**Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921)** introduced a proposal on education of the members of the Association. One part of the proposal is to purchase laptop computers and software and to have them available for “one on one” training in several areas of the state (6 or 7). Also the proposal provides for trainers to help the members. The estimated cost will be in the range of \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

The Association can only fulfill our primary goal of training if we are able to reach all financial secretaries and ensure that they are fully aware of the procedures they need to follow. For those that are using the FSPC program, we can offer additional training. For those that want to use the program, we can offer direct assistance to make sure that it is done properly. For those who do not want to use the program, we need to offer the best possible alternatives so their jobs will be easier and not become overwhelming.

One of the ways to slow down the turnover rate of financial secretaries is to make sure that they are properly trained. No one should be afraid of the job they are doing.

Education, education, education is the key to success.

**Member Don Davidson (9247)** is willing to participate in the training. Also, he suggested that we should look into leasing of computer equipment.

**Frank Mineo (1724)** asked if the FSPC seminar has been cancelled for this afternoon? The answer is no.

**President Faucheux (1817)** stated that the proposal will be brought up tomorrow for discussion and further action.

**Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921)** spoke about the \$5.00, which will be awarded to all financial secretaries who have signed in today and have remained for the entire session.

### **FSPC Seminar**

**Ken LeCompte (4156)** provided training on the use of the FSPC program.

Upon completion of the seminar, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by **President Malcolm Faucheux (1817)** at 9:25 AM. **Warden Keith Gautreau (6389)** verified that all present were in possession of a current membership card.

**Vice-President John Walker Jr.** led the association in the opening prayer.

**Trustee Peter Peragine** led the association in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Secretary Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349)** verified the roll of members present. The following officers were present:

**President: Malcolm Faucheux (1817)**  
**Vice President: John Walker Jr. (3779)**  
**Secretary: Leonce Waguespack Jr. (13349)**  
**Treasurer: Frank Boneno (11921)**  
**Warden: Keith Gautreau (6389)**  
**3-Year Trustee: Peter Peragine (5530)**  
**2-Year Trustee: Clark Dufrene Sr. (7350)**

Officers absent: **1-Year Trustee: Ralph St. Ament (3634)**  
(excused).

#### **The re-opening of Nominations of Officers 2004-2005:**

**President Faucheux (1817)** called upon **Trustee Clark Dufrene (7350)** to re-open the nomination of officers.

President – John Walker Jr. (3779) was nominated on May 1. There were no other nominations. Nominations for President were closed. John Walker Jr. became President by acclamation.

Vice-President – Leonce Waguespack (13349) was nominated on May 1. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Vice-President were closed. Leonce Waguespack became Vice-President by acclamation.

Secretary – Keith Gautreau (6389) was nominated on May 1. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Secretary were closed. Keith Gautreau became Secretary by acclamation.

Treasurer – Frank Boneno (11921) was nominated on May 1. There were no other nominations. Nominations for Treasurer were closed. Frank Boneno became Treasurer by acclamation.

Warden – Robert Welch (3200) and Paul Gisclair (7557) were nominated on May 1. Jack White (3622) nominated Robert Coco (3208). There were no other nominations for Warden. Nominations for Warden were closed. Each member was given three minutes to address the association. Afterward, **Trustee Dufrene** called on the Warden to conduct the voting by ballot.

#### **Address by General Insurance Agent**

**General Insurance Agent Randy Lee (10455)** thanked the Association for inviting him to speak to us today. He congratulated the financial secretaries and stated that this past year has been the easiest during his 10 year history as a General Agent mainly because of the financial secretaries improvement in working with

his office in the Baton Rouge area. He encouraged the financial secretaries to keep up the good work.

The position of the financial secretary is extremely important to the Knights of Columbus. It is very very important to membership and very important to the General Agent's office and the insurance of the Order. The financial secretaries have a unique position to develop the culture in their respective councils. A new member is first introduced to a financial secretary and he becomes a very important person to that new member. The member looks up to him and therefore the financial secretary has a strong influence in the council. The way a financial secretary talks about the insurance program and the benefit program has a profound effect on the way that member is going to handle the insurance of his entire family throughout his career as a Knight of Columbus. Therefore Brother Lee requested that we do not discourage new members from taking insurance.

The State Council is stressing the importance of recruiting new members and retaining present members because the members coming in are experiencing fraternalism. When we have a sense of fraternalism rather than "points" and activities within our councils, the members will willingly want to participate in the insurance program. They will want to get active in council activities. **General Agent Lee** stated that financial secretaries are more than "number crunchers" and have a large influence on our members. Therefore, when a new member comes in, don't back away from promoting the benefits of insurance, rather encourage participation because our program offers the best benefits in the world. By doing so, our councils will get the points and more members will come in. You as a financial secretary may be an integral part in changing that man's life by talking positively about the insurance and benefits program of the Knights of Columbus.

**General Agent Lee** spoke about some important items concerning the insurance section on the Form 100. He requested that we press down firmly when completing the information. Please ensure that the check is made out to "Knights of Columbus Insurance". Send the first and second copy of the Form 100 to the General Insurance Agent if the member is applying for insurance on the form. Also, have the member visit with the field agent so that he can perform an assessment of the insurance needs for the member and his family.

**Member John St. Romain (1217)** has a concern that an insurance member who leaves the Knights of Columbus keeps his insurance and it doesn't cost him anything to keep it. **General Agent Lee** stated that he would not receive the full dividends on the insurance policy.

**Trustee Peter Peragine (5530)** received a brochure in the mail concerning long-term care insurance from a company in California mentioning Knights of Columbus. **General Agent Lee** stated that the company is "stealing" the information on long term care insurance from the Supreme Council website and soliciting insurance using mailing lists from various sources. The Knights of Columbus cannot stop that from happening. The only thing that a company cannot use is the Third Degree emblem.

### **Continuation of Nomination & Election of Officers**

**Trustee Dufrene** reported that the ballots were counted for the office of Warden and **Paul Gisclair (7557)** was elected.

**Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921)** motioned to destroy the ballots. **Lynn Sonier (8906)** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Three-Year Trustee – Malcolm Faucheux (1817) was nominated on May 1. There were no other nominations for Three-Year Trustee. Malcolm Faucheux became Three-Year Trustee by acclamation.

**Trustee Peter Peragine (5530)** motioned that the Secretary cast one vote for all unopposed positions.

**Member Joe Nesser (3729)** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Trustee Dufrene (7350)** then read the report of Election Committee. In addition to the previously elected officers, the following officers will assume their new positions:

Two-Year Trustee – Peter Peragine will move from Three-Year Trustee.

One-Year Trustee – Clark Dufrene will move from Two-Year Trustee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Budget for 2003-2004**

**Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921)** stated that everyone had received the budget from last year. He will include a copy of this year's budget with actual amounts spent for comparison with the dues notice to be sent out. We will discuss next year's budget under new business.

**Trustee Clark Dufrene (7350)** spoke about a previously discussed resolution concerning automatic selection of the Association's designee for delegate to the Supreme Convention. It was decided that the Association could not submit the resolution. If members feel that such a resolution would be beneficial, he suggested that we go back and urge our respective councils to submit a resolution for next year's convention.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Budget for 2004-2005**

**Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921)** stated that the budget for this coming year would basically be the same as this year. The budget is based on receiving \$8,330.00 in dues, which assumes that approximately 50 councils will not pay. The only difference in proposed expenditures is shifting dollars from the postage category to printing category for additional printing costs. The \$5.00 awards came from the excess dues collected above the budgeted \$8,330.00.

If the proposal is approved to purchase computer equipment for training as presented yesterday, we will have a one-time allocation of \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00 in the budget. The treasury of the Association currently has the funds on hand for this purpose but will need approval from the membership to dedicate these funds for training as proposed.

**Treasurer Boneno (11921)** motioned that the membership authorize the officers of the Association to spend up to \$10,000.00 to cover the training project. **Member Ken LeCompte (4156)** seconded the motion.

### **Motion opened for discussion**

**Member Don Davidson (9247)** asked who would be responsible for getting the training program started and will there be a budget developed? **Treasurer Boneno (11921)** stated that the Board members plus some other volunteers will be developing and directing the program. We will also be seeking volunteers to perform the actual training.

**President Faucheux (1817)** requested that incoming President Walker provide some remarks.

**Vice-President John Walker (3779)** spoke on the benefits of training for financial secretaries and his idea is that we have to get "computerized". He stated that the expenditure for training is an investment in our future. His motto for the next two years is "TRY US". "T" is for training which is our goal; "R" is renew ourselves and become stronger; "Y" stands for your organization which belongs to you; "U" is for understanding - who better understands what we need to do; "S" is for

standards – we need to set standards so that everyone is doing the same thing.

He is planning to be active with the State Council Officers during the next two years. The financial secretaries need to be active on all State Council committees. We are just beginning to look at computer training for financial secretaries and we solicit your input. Training is our number one goal this year. “**TRY US**”.

**Member Darrel Meche (8901)** agrees with training for new financial secretaries but does not agree with buying or leasing computers. He stated that a person learns better with “hands on” training; in other words on his own computer. He does not agree with using laptops.

### **State Deputy Arrives**

**State Deputy Steve Thomas (9016)** addressed the Association. He read a portion of the State Deputy’s report he delivered at the convention yesterday dealing specifically with the Financial Secretaries Association. Each council’s link with Supreme continues to be maintained through the efforts of council financial secretaries. He stated that the president of the Financial Secretaries Association has advocated the use of the FSPC computer program. The Association teaches the members that their responsibilities include correct record keeping and to advise and consent in their dealings with their respective Grand Knights. The financial secretary should recognize that the Grand Knight is the elected leader of their council and he should be the one to make the final decision in council business; with one caveat, unless it explicitly goes against Supreme Council by-laws or council by-laws.

This year he charged the Association to bring more education to its members via a tutorial for the FSPC program. In addition, he began the practice of communicating with **Warden Keith Gautreau**. Every time he receives correspondence from Supreme regarding the following: the appointment of a new financial secretary, the resignation of an existing financial secretary, and the reminders of the need to reappoint an existing financial secretary. His purpose was to get the Association actively involved in procedures regarding their own members. From all indications, this practice seems to have made a difference.

His theme for this year was “Leave it better than you found it” and it is incumbent on each one of us to follow this theme. With that goal in mind, your council is better off, Louisiana jurisdiction is better off, the Financial Secretaries Association is better off, and the Order as a whole is better off. He commended us for our efforts because this is not an easy task. He understands our position because he held the office of financial secretary for two years.

His challenge to the Association this year is to complete what we started and grow our membership. All financial secretaries could benefit from the Association. The officers and members of the Association are responsible for properly training new financial secretaries. Show him the right way to do things so that he doesn’t continue to do it the other way.

He spoke briefly on the Form 1845. He sends out a conservation letter for every form he receives. He is working on our behalf to keep members in the Order. He also stated that through our efforts in retentions, the suspension rate is at 27% as compared to previous rates from 50% to 65%. He urged us to properly follow the suspension procedures as set up by Supreme.

Questions – The State Deputy then opened the floor for questions.

**Warden Keith Gautreau (6389)** had the following questions:

1. When a member pays dues a week after we send a Form 1845, what can we do to notify you so that you do not send a letter? **State Deputy Thomas** suggested that we send an email to the State Deputy as soon as possible or just let it go.
2. How is the conservation report form working out? **State Deputy Thomas** stated that the form is still alive. He is receiving some forms 1845 absent that report form. The report form is available on the State

Council website and is still the responsibility of the council retention committee.

**Trustee Peter Peragine (5530)** has a member that is in a nursing home in Texas and can't get information on him. What can he do? **State Deputy Thomas** suggested that he could do a search on the internet for information. If you are trying to get him off of the council's rolls, then send a Form 1845 and follow the procedure to suspend.

**Member Mike Minkus (2952)** mentioned that there are online newspaper obituaries available to obtain death information on members if you know the city that he lived in. He had a question on online search engines used to look for information on individuals. Some of the search engines are free but the better ones have a fee associated with them (license). Could the State Council purchase a license for searches and also have an individual responsible for searches that we could send the requests to? **State Deputy Thomas** suggested that he contact Leroy Cates, State Council Webmaster, as a start to see what is possible.

### **State Deputy Award for Financial Secretary**

**State Deputy Steve Thomas (9016)** presented 2002-2004 award to **Frank Boneno (11921)**.

### **Discussion on Motion on Training (continued)**

**Vice-President John Walker (3779)** addressed a question by **Member Meche (8901)** on the need of a laptop for training if the member has a desktop computer at home. He stated that we do not want to contaminate the files on the member's computer. The laptop would contain a dummy file with fictitious data for training.

**Member Darrel Meche (8901)** stated that we are proposing to spend a lot of money for PC's. He suggested purchase of one or possibly two laptops and use the rest of the money for travel and expenses. He feels that hands on training on a member's own PC is the best route.

**Member Ronnie Thomas (11285)** does not agree with the expense and stated that he feels that the Association will not receive a return on its investment during the next 20 years. He suggested training 5 or 6 members at a central location. He disagrees with placing 5 or 6 laptops around the State for training.

**Member Frank Mineo (1724)** questioned if the bulk of money proposed for training is travel? **Vice-President John Walker (3779)** stated that this was not the proposal. It is for the purchase or lease of computers, purchase of software, and travel.

**Member Calbert Dufrene (8840)** stated that he could go to the library to learn how to use a computer.

**Member Don Davidson (9247)** stated that if we don't do the training program, then there is no benefit of this organization. He feels that we need laptops with people going out to train. Also, his company is replacing their laptops, which are approximately 3 years old, and he feels that this is a possible source for equipment.

**Warden Keith Gautreau (6389)** reiterated the "one on one" training of the FSPC program is a benefit. Training of members may help us to retain present financial secretaries. It is an obligation of this Association to train our members.

**Member Paul Gisclair (7557)** we need to invest the money we have and do something with it. The best investment is training and we cannot wait another year. We need to authorize the officers today to spend some money to do whatever is necessary to provide training for the members.

**Member Darrel Meche (8901)** requested the new financial secretaries to stand up and he sampled their preference of receiving training on their own PC's or to have a trainer there with a laptop.

**Trustee Peter Peragine (5530)** called for a question on the motion.

**President Faucheux (1817)** called for a voice vote on the motion. The result of the voice vote was inconclusive. He then called for a hand vote on the motion. The President counted the votes and declared a draw.

**Member Ronnie Thomas (11285)** stated that the vote was a draw and therefore the motion was defeated.

The motion was declared dead by **President Faucheux (1817)**.

**Member Robert Coco (3208)** motioned that we revote on the last motion by written ballot. **Member Alden Young (4562)** seconded the motion.

**Member Ronnie Thomas (11285)** stated that a new motion has to clearly state what the purpose of the motion is. And therefore the motion is not valid.

**Member Robert Coco (3208)** withdrew his motion. **Member Alden Young (4562)** agreed to withdrawal of the motion.

**Member Mike Tanner (9325)** motioned that we allocate up to \$10,000.00 for training. The training committee will be appointed by the President and will select trainers in various parts of the State. The funds will be used for travel as well as purchase of software and supplies and possibly laptops if deemed necessary. **Member John St. Romain (1217)** seconded the motion.

#### **Motion opened for discussion**

**Member Ronnie Thomas (11285)** moved to table the motion. **Member Rene Duffour (2925)** seconded the motion.

**President Faucheux (1817)** called for a voice vote on the motion to table. The result of the voice vote was inconclusive. The President then asked for members in favor to stand and were counted by the officers. He then asked for those opposed to stand and they were counted.

**President Faucheux** declared that the motion to table passed.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Trustee Joe Nesser (3729)** confirms the Audit report for May 1, 2004 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. The Audit report was respectfully submitted by: Three-year Trustee, Peter Peragine, Two-year Trustee, Clark Dufrene, and Joe Nesser sitting in for One-Year Trustee Ralph St. Ament.

**Trustee Peter Peragine (5530)** presented the Memorial Committee Report of May 1, 2004. The names of Brother Ory White, Jr. (1337), Brother Mervin Melanson (2657), Brother Clarence Preau (2925) and Brother Carl S. Coco (3208) were submitted. The report was respectfully submitted by: Three-year Trustee, Peter Peragine, Two-year Trustee, Clark Dufrene, and Joe Nesser sitting in for One-Year Trustee Ralph St. Ament.

**Trustee Clark Dufrene (7350)** motioned to accept the reports of the Elections, Audit, and Memorial

Committees. Motioned seconded by **Member John Schneider (6211)**. **President Faucheux (1817)** called for a vote. The motion passed.

### **Remarks by the Officers**

**President Malcolm Faucheux (1817)** thanked the members for backing him up during the last two years as president. He visited a number of councils during his term and remarked that the financial secretaries are doing a great job. He also stated that we need to educate financial secretaries to retain councils in our Association.

**Vice President John Walker Jr. (3739)** appreciated the members trust in him by voting for him as president. He stated that he is a pusher and that he would push the members on the board. If a member needs to contact him, send an email. He restated his motto for this coming year, "TRY US". He told the members, that in order for the Association to shine, the members need to challenge the officers and give them things to do on your behalf.

**Secretary Leonce Waguespack Jr. (13349)** stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the Association during the last two years. It has been quite an experience when you take minutes and you realize the volume of items discussed. You also learn names and faces of members. He also thanked the members for electing him Vice-President and pledged to do his best.

**3-Year Trustee Peter Peragine (5530)** stated that he was not too active this past year because of work and illness, but he pledged to help the new president during the next two years.

**2-Year Trustee Clark Dufrene (7350)** thanked the members for wonderful work done as financial secretaries of your councils and welcomed the new financial secretaries aboard. He urged the members to call on the officers for help. He asked for help from the members to have PC's donated to the Association for training. Training is the most important thing we have to address because of the turnover of financial secretaries. Let's get something going with training.

**Warden Keith Gautreau (6389)** appreciated the trust of the membership for being nominated and elected Secretary. He will work with the officers during his term. We have a lot of room to improve and feels confident that we will.

**Ken LeCompte (4156)** thanked the Association for allowing him to present the seminar yesterday. He is currently working on a training outline (cheat sheet) for the FSFC program. He asked for suggestions by email on what to present at the KCLS this year.

**Convention Chairman Paul Gisclair (7557)** thanked the members for electing him Warden and will work with the officers during the next year. He hoped that everyone was satisfied with the arrangements for the convention.

### **Good of the Order**

**Member Jerry Wang (3411)** reminisced on his 43 years as financial secretary. He started out using a ledger and wrote out bills for over 400 members as well as writing insurance. Computers are great. He stated that it took him 40 years to learn the pegboard system and he will not stop using it. He hopes that the Association will allow him to hold a seminar on the pegboard system next year.

**Member Gladwin Ball (5022)** made a plea to the members. His council was approached by Dr. Cash of McNeese State College. Dr. Cash is in the process of trying to get the Sacred Heart Convent in Lake Charles set up as a shrine to Saint Katharine Drexel, who was recently canonized. He asked that if councils are

interested, please send a letter to his council (5022) indicating interest in this project. Another project that his council is working on is a telethon for the benefit of the Charity Hospital System. Any help from councils is appreciated. Correspondence can be directed to Gladwin Ball, 508 North Franklin St., Lake Charles, 70601 and he will direct it to the proper person.

**President Faucheux** requested him to have his council send a letter to the new President of the Association with all of the information.

**Member Ken LeCompte (4156)** made a motion to adjourn. **Member Frank Mineo (1724)** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Vice-President John Walker Jr.** led the association in the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Attest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonce P. Waguespack Jr.".

Leonce P. Waguespack Jr.  
Secretary

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2004-2005**

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