



Knights of Columbus

LOUISIANA STATE FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

John Walker, President

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION MEETING

APRIL 30 and MAY 1, 2005

The Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Financial Secretaries Association was held in Kenner at the Pontchartrain Center on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2005.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005

The meeting was called to order by **President John Walker, Jr. (3779)** at 9:15 am.

Warden Paul Gisclair (7557) verified that all present were in possession of a current membership card.

Vice-President Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349) led the Association in the opening prayer.

2-Year Trustee Peter Peragine (5530) led the Association in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Walker then called on **Vice-President Waguespack** for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. **Member Frank Mineo (1724)** made a motion to accept the minutes which were previously distributed and **Member Robert Coco (3208)** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations Opened for Supreme Convention Delegate:

President Walker opened the floor for nomination for delegate to represent the Association at the Supreme Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Two members of the Association had previously indicated that they were interested in attending the Supreme Convention as delegates and were identified as such on the meeting agenda. **Member Carl McGee (8058)** nominated himself and gave a brief summary of his years of service and the various offices he has held in the Knights of Columbus. **1-Year Trustee Clark Dufrene, Sr. (7350)** nominated **Treasurer Keith Gautreau (6389)** and gave a brief summary of Keith's years of service and the various offices he has held also. Ballots were distributed and **President Walker** instructed the members present to vote for one nominee only. While the ballots were collected and counted, **President Walker** gave his opening remarks.

Opening Remarks:

President Walker welcomed everyone to the 100th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Financial Secretaries Association. He thanked **Vice-President Leonce Waguespack, Jr.** for volunteering to serve as the convention chairman and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

President Walker also thanked **Member Kenneth LeCompte (4156)** for providing a package of training materials on the FSPC computer program and presented him with a gift also. **President Walker** then explained that Kenneth would be presenting a training at the conclusion of today's meeting for those interested in learning more about the computer program. **President Walker** also thanked **Member Mike Kurz (1108)** for assisting in the FSPC training at the KCLS in Natchitoches this year.

President Walker briefly discussed the three officers meetings and the one telephone conference that were held this year. He also described his theme for the Association – TRY US. This theme stands for **T**raining, **R**enew **Y**our **U**nderstanding and **S**tandards, and these were the issues he stressed at the KCLS meetings. He also encouraged all members to seek representation as Association Officers.

Committee Appointments:

President Walker made the following appointments:

Audit Committee: 3 Trustees

Memorial Committee: 3 Trustees

Election Committee: 3 Trustees

Parliamentarian: Clark Dufrene, Sr.

President Walker appointed **Joe Nesser (3729)** to fill in for **3-Year Trustee Malcolm Faucheux (1817)** who is at home recovering from heart surgery.

2-Year Trustee Peter Peragine (5530) then informed the members that **Keith Gautreau** had been elected to represent the Association as our nominee for Delegate to the Supreme Convention. Keith thanked the members for selecting him and asked that all members request their council's voting delegates to cast a ballot for him. **Keith Gautreau** was excused so that he could deliver his resume' to the general session for nomination.

Budget Report:

Treasurer Frank Boneno (11921) reported on the 2004 - 2005 Budget. We currently have a balance of \$14,073.62 in our operating account and \$10,133.79 in a CD. A copy of the budget form was given to each member as you came in. This budget form includes the current year's budget and expenses (to date), as well as last year's expenses and a proposed budget for next year (2005 – 2006). **Treasurer Boneno** asked for questions but there were none. A motion to accept the Budget Report as presented was made by **Member John Schneider (6211)** and was seconded by **Kenneth LeCompte**. The motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Officers:

President Walker introduced the other officers present (listed below) and recognized **Member Kenneth LeCompte** as his computer specialist/trainer. As mentioned previously, **3-Year Trustee Malcolm Faucheux** is absent as he is still recovering from heart surgery.

Vice-President: Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (3091)
Secretary: Keith Gautreau (6389)
Treasurer: Frank Boneno (11921)
Warden: Paul Gisclair (7557)
2-Year Trustee: Peter Peragine (5530)
1-Year Trustee: Clark Dufrene, Sr. (7350)

Introduction of New Financial Secretaries:

President Walker called on all new financial secretaries to introduce themselves. The following members were introduced:

- **Bob Montz (2925)**
- **Lester Potts (3857)**
- **Jules Bourgeois (4927)**
- **Paul Coles (6870)**
- **Curley Faulk (8322)**
- **Walter Laderer (9347)**
- **Doug Reed (10455)**

President Walker mentioned that 28 new Financial Secretaries were appointed during the past year and told the new Financial Secretaries to contact any of the officers for assistance they may need with their duties or with the FSPC program.

Bishop Greco Award:

President Walker stated that as a representative of the Association, he will present the State Deputy with our \$500 donation for the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation at tonight's banquet. He then gave a talk on the history of the Bishop Greco Foundation: how it was formed to help seminarians, how matches to donations are provided, and how the \$1,000,000 goal is near. He said that there is a motion on the floor of the General Session to donate \$162,000 of surplus YEP funds to the Foundation. This would enable Dr. Cook (founder of the State raffle benefiting the Bishop Greco Foundation and in poor health) to be told that the \$1,000,000 goal has been reached.

President Walker explained about the Memorial Cards for Masses and the accompanying donations requested for these cards, and stated that it doesn't have to be utilized only for when council members die. He told of one council that makes a donation each month and lists members who they want the masses said for. He also read a letter he received from a seminarian his council has supported who is now working in a mission in Uganda. The letter detailed his daily duties and the adverse conditions in the area that the mission is serving. The letter also illustrated the importance of the mission in the daily lives of the people there as the mission provides a needed link to the Church and its teachings.

Report on Luncheon Arrangements:

Leonce Waguespack reported that the luncheon tomorrow would be held in Room A downstairs and would start at approximately 12:30 pm. Tickets will be handed out after tomorrow's meeting. He mentioned that the officers voted to provide both coffee and donuts at all Saturday meetings whenever costs permit it.

Felix Mendoza (2657), Financial Secretary for 30 years before resigning, mentioned that he is attending the meeting for his council's current Financial Secretary who was unable to attend this weekend and wondered if there were any extra luncheon tickets available. Leonce offered to meet with him after today's meeting to discuss this issue.

Remarks by the Officers:

Vice-President Leonce Waguespack thanked everyone for their support and mentioned that he has enjoyed serving as Vice-President this year. He discussed the appointment process of new Financial Secretaries saying that the Supreme Council must first receive a letter of resignation from the current Financial Secretary. Supreme then sends a letter, a Nomination Form and an Appointment Form to the council. The nomination form must be completed and signed by the council's Grand Knight and all 3 Trustees and the appointment form must be completed and signed by the proposed new Financial Secretary. Because there is often delays, Leonce encouraged any Financial Secretaries who are considering resigning to submit a letter to Supreme which provides a future date of resignation.

Vice-President Waguespack also discussed changes which have occurred on the Form 100. The first change eliminated the "Withdrawal" line but inadvertently deleted the box where the "Date of Birth" was to be provided, so another revision was required. Because of the shipping costs associated with ordering new Form 100's and rather than simply discarding the older versions of otherwise good Form 100's that many councils had sufficient supplies of, Leonce contacted Supreme and asked if we could continue to use the older forms. He was told yes, as long as we did not use these forms for withdrawals and as long as the date of birth information was not required (such as for change of address, etc.). He did state that we need to include the date of the First Degree Initiation when submitting Form 100's for Honorary and Honorary Life Members as Supreme is now including that date on the cards.

Vice-President Waguespack stated that he has been asked by several members why they haven't received their "Years of Service" awards which are presented at our luncheon each year. He explained to all members that he has devised a data base using those records the Association has. He also contacted Supreme and was provided a list of the appointment dates for all current Financial Secretaries. He explained that if a Financial Secretary had a break in service such as occurs if you took the position of Grand Knight for two years and then returned to your Financial Secretary position, then Supreme's records only list the latest appointment date. He also said that any members who have questions or concerns need to see him after today's meeting.

Treasurer Frank Boneno said he wants to ensure that all members are receiving the bills and notifications he is sending out. He noted that he is including all the officers' contact information on the items he sends and requests that members contact one of the officers any time they have a question or problem.

Secretary Keith Gautreau echoed Frank's remarks about seeking help from one of the officers. He said that the Association has officers and other experienced Financial Secretaries throughout the state who will be glad to help those in need of assistance.

Warden Paul Gisclair had no remarks.

2-Year Trustee Peter Peragine stated that he has been around a long time and is retired and is available to help anyone in need. Peter also explained Supreme's new withdrawal requirements and recommended that these procedures be followed. If not, Supreme will not remove the member from your council roster. **Member Frank Mineo (1724)** stated that he received a letter from a member of his council which says he wants out of the organization and asked what is his next step. Peter advised him to simply forward that letter to Supreme. **Member Ralph Formby (10293)** stated that he has a member with a bad address and is unknown by other council members and that he has no way to contact this member. He asked what should he do with this member who is in arrears with his dues. Peter recommended that Ralph follow established suspension procedures.

1-Year Trustee: Clark Dufrene, Sr. stated that he was pleased to be a member of the Financial Secretaries Association and asked that anyone who knew of a current or former Financial Secretary who has died since our last convention please tell him during the break. This information is needed for the Memorials Committee Report.

Member Joe Nesser, appointed to fill in for **3-Year Trustee Malcolm Faucheaux**, said he has been Financial Secretary since 1964, but "lost" 5 years of credit because he served as Grand Knight in 1969 and 1970. Joe also mentioned the New Orleans Financial Secretaries Association and asked any new Financial Secretaries in the New Orleans area to contact Leonce Waguespack so they can be invited to the next meeting. Joe then stated that he feels that the Form 100 is the most important form we have and told how he found out that a member of his council had died by seeing it on his Monthly Council Statement. He also mentioned that the wife of **Member Gerald Wang (3411)** had died in July and that Gerald is living with his son and wasn't able to be here for convention this year after attending 45 years in a row. He asked for those interested in Gerald's new address to see him after the meeting, and ended by showing everyone the "50-Year Member Certificate" he recently received from his council.

Member Kenneth Lecompte thanked **President Walker** for allowing him to be FSPC Chairman the past year and explained that while he would be unable to project the FSPC program on the wall during today's training session he had handouts so that everyone could follow along during his presentation.

President Walker announced that he found out that the General Session didn't get started until 10:00 this morning and that it appears that none of the State Officers will be able to speak to us today.

Nomination of Officers:

President Walker called upon **Trustee Clark Dufrene** to conduct the nomination of officers.

President – Paul Gisclair (7557) nominated John Walker, Jr. (3779). There were no other nominations and nominations for President were closed until Sunday.

Vice-President – Frank Boneno (11921) nominated Leonce Waguespack, Jr. (13349). There were no other nominations and nominations for Vice-President were closed until Sunday.

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

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

Warden – Ralph Formsby (10293) nominated Paul Gisclair (7557) and Aldon Young (4562) nominated Robert Coco (3208). Nominations for Warden were closed until Sunday.

Three-Year Trustee – Keith Gautreau (6389) nominated Clark Dufrene (7350). There were no other nominations for Three-Year Trustee and nominations for Three-Year Trustee were closed until Sunday.

Closing Remarks:

President Walker mentioned that he enjoyed all the phone calls he received from other Financial Secretaries about the job he had and was doing, but he didn't enjoy the calls from Financial Secretaries wanting to resign their position, and he really didn't enjoy the calls he received from some of the State Officers regarding complaints they've received from Grand Knights. These callers asked him to remind the Financial Secretaries of their positions and duties in the local councils. John said his comment was that the Financial Secretary was the council's link to Supreme and that it was our place to comment on any improprieties we noted in the financial transactions of the council and that we were the ones bonded by Supreme. He noted that a couple of Financial Secretaries have resigned this year because of problems which were occurring in their councils regarding the receipt and disbursement of funds. He stressed that our roles and duties are outlined in the Financial Secretaries' Handbook and that if any member did not have one they needed to contact Supreme and request one immediately. President Walker closed by mentioning that of 305 councils in the State we had 28 new Financial Secretaries this year and 30 last year, averaging a turnover of nearly 10% per year, and requested that we all commit ourselves to serving our positions long-term.

Secretary Keith Gautreau asked the members again to ask their delegates to vote for him.

Member Kenneth Lecompte passed out the handouts he had prepared and reviewed several of the features and processes, including instructions on set-up procedures required for various queries and reports.

State Retention Program:

Past State Deputy David Bakeler (1286) addressed the Association and said that the State Deputy had asked him to review the Retention and Suspension Procedures. He recommended that we dispose of all old Form 100's since the new forms do not have the "Withdrawal" option on them. He stated that some Financial Secretaries have even gotten creative and submitted new Form 100's with the "Withdrawal" option drawn onto them. He said that while he may accept these he's sure that Supreme won't, and that Viola at Supreme call him and will send him a copy for him to use when he contacts the Financial Secretary. **PSD Bakeler** also reviewed the new withdrawal procedures, stating that a letter from the member is now required to be sent to the council to forward to Supreme.

PSD Bakeler discussed several other issues. He stressed that the State is currently on a 5-year low on suspensions, and encouraged the Financial Secretaries to continue following the listed procedures. He explained that he has met with the Supreme Treasurer, who is the Supreme Representative at the State Convention this year, and was accused of being "Pro-F.S.". He said he guess he is and told the Supreme Treasurer that he was a Financial Secretary in the past. He said he attributed the low suspensions to the Financial Secretaries doing their job and encouraged us to continue to only list two quarters on the Form 1845. He then asked for questions and asked if there was anything on the State level that he could do to help us. He said that while he sympathized with us getting a new Grand Knight every 1 or 2 years, he asked us to consider Robert Boudreaux in the State Office and how he gets a new State Deputy every 2 years. He also stressed that he has not received any written complaints on any Financial Secretary and that we will have a friend in **State Deputy Don Cabbage**.

President Walker then mentioned that Form 1845 is a 3-part form and asked **PSD Bakeler** for verification that we can use the original and make 2 copies for submission, especially since the advent of the FSPC system. **PSD Bakeler** said we can do this with all forms that need multiple copies with the exception of the Form 100 which must be original since it is a legal document.

PSD Bakeler stressed that some Financial Secretaries are still preparing the Trustees' Report (Semi-Annual Audit) and they need to stop even though many councils prefer the Financial Secretary and/or the Treasurer to do them. He said that as his council's Financial Secretary he insisted the Grand Knight and the Trustees do their job and that we should do ours only.

PSD Bakeler explained the Conservation Report, saying that it was designed to ensure that the member was actually talked to because some suspension forms were for deceased members. It is to make sure the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and the Retention Committee do their jobs, and he is hoping that this form will prove itself unnecessary in the future. A follow-up question from the floor was about an "un-contactable member". **PSD Bakeler** says he will perform a cursory attempt to contact the member himself, but will then support our efforts when he is contacted by Supreme regarding these matters. Other general discussion followed regarding

search options for a member, particularly un-contactable members who may be deceased. These methods can include name-search websites, contacting the General Agent if insured, etc.

Another question from the floor to **PSD Bakeler** referenced a member who won't send a letter requesting withdrawal. **PSD Bakeler** recommended against writing the letter for him and bringing it to him for his signature because the member can later claim he was coerced into signing the letter. And he was adamant that the Financial Secretary not sign the letter for the member. If the member won't sign a letter requesting withdrawal then the only option is to follow the suspension procedures. He also said every Knight should serve as State Retention Chairman as it really makes him appreciate those people who do their jobs correctly.

A question from the floor asked **PSD Bakeler** if the Social Security system could be utilized when searching for a member. He advised using caution doing this because of the current rash of identity theft issues and associated possible legal ramifications.

Another question referenced a disabled member who has been arrested for illegal drugs and the council now wants him out. **PSD Bakeler** said to check the council's by-laws for termination procedures but to be very careful. He also stated that Supreme's Rules of Order requires suspension of a convicted felon. **Member John Ellis (9016)** stated that a council can suspend the member and attach a copy of the newspaper article which describes the conviction to the Form 100. **PSD Bakeler** said that we should get a legal copy of the conviction from the Clerk of Court's Office for \$5 to protect ourselves and our council. Before he left he told a story about an overnight trip he and **General Agent David Brumfield** took with the Past State Deputies and how he locked the two of them in the bedroom so the PSDs could not pull any pranks on them as was historically the case for the newest attendees on these trips. He mentioned how they were able to get a good night's sleep that night.

General Agent Remarks:

General Agent David Brumfield told his side of **PSD Bakeler's** story saying that he was unsure why **PSD Bakeler** was locking the door and that while **PSD Bakeler** may have gotten a good night's sleep he didn't as he was keeping an eye out for **PSD Bakeler**, and then introduced new **General Agent Bob Conway**. **GA Brumfield** explained the importance of the General Agents being promptly notified of member deaths, discussing how uncomfortable it is when an insurance agent makes a call to schedule a meeting with a member only to find out from the family that the member is deceased. He also said they will inform the Financial Secretary any time they are made aware of a death and haven't received notification from the F.S.

GA Brumfield explained the procedure we need to follow when a new member chooses to apply for insurance via the Form 100. Both the original and the second copy are to be sent to the insurance agent, and the back of these pages must be completed when a payment is included. **Vice-President Leonce Waguespack** asked what to do if the new member paid cash since a check needs to be mailed rather than cash. He was told to transfer this into a money order rather than writing a check from the council's account.

Trustee Peter Peragine stated that the Financial Secretary often gets a change of address notification from Supreme via the monthly council statement and asked how Supreme gets its information. **GA Brumfield** stated that Supreme frequently gets this information from checks which have been written to pay insurance. He also asked if there was anything his office could do to assist us and then commented that since there were no comments that things were good.

A comment from one of the members in attendance questioned insurance policies being written before a member has been initiated, saying that the individual then has 90 days to be initiated. **GA Brumfield** said normally this does not pose a problem, but when one of these pre-insured potential members fails to join the order within the time limit he knows that the Financial Secretary receives a letter from Supreme asking for the Form 100, an item the Financial Secretary is often is unaware of the existence of. General discussion on this issue followed and **GA Brumfield** then proceeded to explain the reporting procedures his agency must follow each month per Supreme's regulations.

GA Bob Conway then addressed the Association and said that he wants to get the Form 100 promptly because he sends this information to the State Office so that the member will begin getting the LA Knightline magazine. He also asked if anything his agency could do for the Financial Secretaries in his area.

GA Brumfield then closed his discussion by restating his appreciation for the job the Financial Secretaries do.

Old/New Business:

President Walker asked if there was any old or new business to be brought before the Association. **Member Ronnie Thomas (12285)** asked whether there were any plans to have someone travel to the various areas to provide training on the FSPC program, and how would the costs associated with this travel and training be covered. He also asked if the Association could provide a list for the membership of those Financial Secretaries who were familiar with the program and that would be willing to work with others who are having problems. He said he did not understand anything **Member Kenneth LeCompte** said during his training because he doesn't understand computers. He stressed that it was apparent that **Kenneth** knew what he was talking about, but that those members unfamiliar with computers were at a total loss. **President Walker** said he would work on developing the requested list.

Gordon Gregoire (970) mentioned to the assembled members that his council was celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary this year.

Trustee Clark Dufrene asked again for the names of any Financial Secretary who died this past year.

Vice-President Leonce Waguespack then closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2005

The meeting was called to order by **President John Walker, Jr.** at 9:10 am.

Warden Paul Gisclair verified that all present were in possession of a current membership card.

Vice-President Leonce Waguespack, Jr. led the Association in the opening prayer.

2-Year Trustee Peter Peragine led the Association in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Keith Gautreau verified the roll of members present. The following officers were present:

President: John Walker, Jr.
Vice-President: Leonce Waguespack, Jr.
Secretary: Keith Gautreau
Treasurer: Frank Boneno
Warden: Paul Gisclair
2-Year Trustee: Peter Peragine
1-Year Trustee: Clark Dufrene, Sr.

Officers absent: **3-Year Trustee: Malcolm Fauchaux.**

Old Business:

Trustee Clark Dufrene made a motion to amend the budget, which we approved yesterday, to add \$950 for an "Education" line item. He stated that this would be a one-time line item to purchase a laptop and a projector for the Association. The laptop would be used by the Treasurer and that both items would be available for use during our FSPC training sessions. The motion was seconded by **Member Curley Faulk (8342)** and then opened for discussion. **Member Ronnie Thomas (12285)** questioned the need for both items. **President Walker** explained that at last year's KCLS in Baton Rouge we had to borrow a projector from the State Office to use with **Member Kenneth LeCompte's** personal laptop and the two weren't compatible and didn't work well. He said that at the KCLS training in Natchitoches we borrowed a projector from the college and it worked perfectly, and that because of possible compatibility problems the officers wanted to purchase both items together and to bring this purchase recommendation to the membership. Further discussion took place among the membership. The motion passed with three opposed.

New Business:

President Walker brought up the issue of an Association Hospitality Room. Our By-Laws state that we will attempt to host one for members and their guests on non-election years. We haven't had one in several years, and the question was asked on the convention registration forms as to whether the members were interested in this. If not, then we need to remove this item from our

By-Laws. The responses received were split evenly, so it is now being brought up for discussion. General discussion followed and the decision was made to leave our By-Laws as is and attempt to host one in 2 years as this year is a “non-election” year and the next one will be 2 years from now.

Nomination of Officers:

President Walker called upon **Trustee Clark Dufrene** to re-open the nomination of officers. There were no additional nominations for any of the offices. **Vice-President Waguespack** made a motion to cast one ballot for each of the unopposed offices. The motion was seconded by **Member Ronnie Thomas** and the motion passed unanimously. Ballots were then distributed for the election of Warden and the members were reminded that the two nominees from yesterday were **Robert Coco (3208)** and **Paul Gisclair (7557)**.

Past State Deputy and Current Supreme Board Member Comments:

Past State Deputy and Current Supreme Board Member Jack O'Reilly (4562) was introduced by President Walker. **PSD O'Reilly** said he wanted to stop by and say hello to all the Financial Secretaries and apologize for not being able to attend the KCLS meetings with us last year. He stressed that he was always available to help with any problems we may encounter and emphasized to the members that we already had many resources available to us within the Association. He also stressed that the members needed to ask their voting delegates to cast one of their votes for our nominee Keith Gautreau, and that if they haven't done this yet then they need to get downstairs right now and do it before the vote is taken.

PSD O'Reilly then discussed the “Power of Prayer”, an item he has been emphasizing for several years. He reminded the members his age that as they were growing up the priests used to end Mass by encouraging everyone “to pray for the conversion of Russia” and look what has happened. He also reminded us that a year ago Pope John Paul II named “Evangelization” as the 7th Precept of the Church.

PSD O'Reilly stated that last year **Member Michael Tanner (2395)** had won the Rosary that he and his wife donated to the 4th Degree for a raffle. They had brought the Rosary back from Rome and that it had been blessed by the Pope. He said he had not thought any more about it until Michael came up to him and told him this story last night. Michael was diagnosed with colon cancer 4 days after winning the rosary and that he prayed the rosary daily and today is cancer free. **PSD O'Reilly** asked everyone to continue praying – to pray for the end to the senseless death of unborn children, for the aged, and for our society and country. He then left to a standing ovation. **Michael Tanner** said that while on this subject he wanted to encourage all of us who were nearing age 50 and older to have a colonoscopy, stating that had he had one a year ago he would not have had to have surgery.

Election Results:

Trustee Peter Peragine announced that current **Warden Paul Gisclair** has won re-election and made a motion to destroy the ballots. The motion was seconded by **Kenneth LeCompte** and passed unanimously. Congratulations were extended to Paul.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Dufrene presented the Election results of all officers and stated that he had been elected as 3-Year Trustee and that all other officers were re-elected. The Election Report was submitted by 2-Year Trustee Peter Peragine, 1-Year Trustee Clark Dufrene and Joe Nesser, who is sitting in for 3-Year Trustee Malcolm Fauchaux. **Trustee Dufrene** made a motion that the Election results be placed in the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Member Joe Frances (5935)** and passed unanimously. A list of the new officers is attached to these minutes.

Trustee Dufrene also confirms the Audit report for 2005 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 and that 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 2-Year Trustee Peter Peragine, 1-Year Trustee Clark Dufrene and Joe Nesser, who is sitting in for 3-Year Trustee Malcolm Fauchaux. **Trustee Dufrene** made a motion that the Audit Report be placed in the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Member Joe Frances** and was passed unanimously.

Trustee Peter Peragine presented the Memorial Committee Report of May 1, 2005. The names of Past President Jimmy Jeansonne (3200), Julian Springer (9347), Carl Coco (3208) and Gerald L. Guillory (9294) were submitted. The report was respectfully submitted by 2-Year Trustee Peter Peragine, 1-Year Trustee Clark Dufrene and Joe Nesser, who is sitting in for 3-Year Trustee Malcolm Fauchaux. **Trustee Peragine** made a motion that the Audit Report be placed in the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Member Louis Frey (3246)** and was passed unanimously.

Remarks by the Officers:

Vice-President Leonce Waguespack, Jr. mentioned that he enjoyed working with all the Brother Financial Secretaries and encouraged anyone who needed help to call on him.

Treasurer Frank Boneno thanked everyone for re-electing him as Treasurer because he enjoys doing the job. He hopes that all correspondence from him, including the bills and cards, look professional and that if anyone has any questions to please call him.

Secretary Keith Gautreau thanked the members for voting for him as Secretary and for nominating him as delegate to the Supreme Convention. He encouraged everyone to run for an Association office in the future.

Trustee Clark Dufrene had no comments.

Trustee Peter Peragine stated that he has enjoyed serving as Trustee. He said has discussed with the Supreme Representative from Canada as to why long-term Financial Secretaries are not recognized with a jewel. After mentioning that we were the link between the local council and Supreme, the Representative said he would bring it up and advised Peter to write a letter to the Supreme Secretary expressing his opinion.

Member Joe Nesser thanked President Walker for appointing him this weekend. He also asked for everyone's prayers for **Member Jerry Wang** who is very ill and was unable to make his 46th consecutive State Convention.

Member Kenneth LeCompte asked if there were any questions regarding the FSPC computer program handout he provided. He said that he will be providing training at the upcoming KCLS meetings and provided his home and cell phone numbers and his email address for anyone who had questions and/or problems.

Secretary Keith Gautreau said that he had been asked by a member for the dates of KCLS this year. They will be held in late July in Baton Rouge and Natchitoches.

Warden Paul Gisclair thanked everyone for their support in re-electing him and asked for members to call him if they had any questions or problems.

Treasurer Frank Boneno stated that the next bills he sends out will include a question about whether or not the member is using the FSPC program or another type of program so we can try to get an idea of how many members are using a computer.

President John Walker stated that the Luncheon will be in Hall A and that next year's convention will be in Baton Rouge and is asking for a volunteer to serve as host. **Secretary Keith Gautreau** said he had already been "volunteered" by the State Convention Chairman and would be happy to serve. The convention will be held in the River Center, previously known as the Centroplex. It is being expanded and remodeled and is nearly completed.

Closing Remarks:

President Walker opened the floor to any closing remarks by the members. **Member Ronnie Thomas (12285)** said that everyone here says to ask if you need any help. He is now asking for help. He found out last month that he has kidney disease and his kidneys are only functioning at about a 54% rate and doctors won't start dialysis until functions are down to about 10%. He said there is no cure for this disease, only ways to stop or slow down the progress of it, and that he may need a kidney transplant in 5 – 6 years. He asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

Past President Ralph St. Ament (3634), President from 1984 – 1986, apologized for not making yesterday's meeting due to the bad weather and his poor health. He also apologized for not being at convention last year because his house had flooded 4 days before the convention but expressed gratitude for being able to be here today and see all the "experienced" secretaries he has come to know over the years as well as all the new secretaries. He stated that the office of Financial Secretary was a wonderful office to hold and that we are to assist the Grand Knight and not try to run the council. He welcomed all the new secretaries and thanked everyone for their support.

President Walker said that while everyone scheduled to receive "Years of Service" recognition at the Luncheon is included on the program, he would not be announcing the names of those members receiving certificates but are not in attendance. He would be announcing the names of those receiving plaques of 25 years or more whether they were in attendance or not. He then asked if

anyone knew Edward Andrees from Covington. This member was in attendance yesterday and had registered with the Association and thought that he was registered for all State Convention functions also (a serious misunderstanding). When he was denied admission into the Banquet last night he left the Convention. President Walker will contact him but wants anyone who knows him to call him and try to explain the circumstances.

Treasurer Frank Boneno told the Association that **Member Joseph Jeff David (1998)** was scheduled to receive a 35-Year Plaque but was unable to attend because he had colon surgery two weeks ago and is undergoing chemotherapy, and asked that we keep him in our prayers also.

Member Donald Banowetz (1317) said that past **Financial Secretary Floyd Henry** has Alzheimer's and asked us to keep him in our prayers.

Trustee Clark Dufrene asked that we keep him in our prayers also. Last October he had a defibrillator installed and that his heart is now working at about 50% capacity, and that if it gets worse he may need a heart transplant.

President Walker asked that everyone keep our troops in our prayers and mentioned that Kenneth LeCompte's council is selling "Support Our Troops" magnets and that Kenneth has some with him if anyone is interested in purchasing one.

Vice-President Waguespack led the association in the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Attest

Keith Gautreau
Secretary