



# Fraternal Order of Police

Coastal Carolina Lodge 12  
Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2023

## **Lodge Meeting Opened:**

Brother Chaplain Budner performed the opening prayer

1900 hours proclaimed open by Brother Secretary Jim Tolman

Oath of Allegiance

**Out of Order:** Nothing to report

## **Rollcall of Officers:**

### **Officers Present:**

Brother Tim Troxell – Vice President  
Brother Jim Tolman – Secretary  
Brother Chris Shick – Second Vice President  
Sister Jade Pike – Recording Secretary  
Brother Wayne Wells – Sergeant At Arms  
Brother Bob Budner – Chaplain

### **Absent:**

Brother KC Canterbury – President  
Vacant – Treasurer

**Reading of the minutes:** Digital or paper copies are available for review and can be sent if requested.

Motion Made to Accept Minutes: Brother Ed Gavin  
Seconded: Brother Petres

## **Acceptance of New Applications for Membership:**

Thomas Sabella – NYPD / Fire (Retired) – Sponsored by Brother Chris Schick  
Mitchell Gitter – Pelham Manor PD Retired – Sponsored by Brother Jim Tolman  
Donald G Dibari – NYPD Retired – Sponsored by Brother Jim Tolman

Michael S Dougherty – Baltimore Co. PD / Carroll Co. SO (Retired) – Sponsored by Brother Jim Tolman  
Tommy A Hunt III – Horry County SO – Sponsored by Brother Jim Tolman

Motion Made to Accept Applications: Brother Chaplain Budner  
Second: Brother Mike Costello

### **Officers Reports:**

President – Brother Canterbury: Nothing official submitted in his absence. Attended the State E-Board meeting with VP Troxell. Working with VP Troxell in an attempt to deal with and straighten out the issues with the Treasurer position since Brother Bell's passing.

Vice President – Brother Troxell: Attended the State E-Board meeting with President Brother KC Canterbury. Working with Brother KC Canterbury in an attempt to deal with and straighten out the issues with the Treasurer position since Brother Bell's passing.

Secretary – Brother Tolman: Attended the State E-Board meeting with Brother Troxell and Brother KC Canterbury. Mailed out the new membership cards and stickers. Had issues with the first mailing so had to go back and do a bulk mailing at a different post office so they should be received soon. Working on recruitment and secretary duties.

Treasurer – Vacant: Vacant position

Second Vice President – Brother Shick: Working on recruiting and normal duties of the station.

Recording Secretary – Sister Pike: Working on recruitment and regular duties of the station.

Sergeant In Arms – Brother Wells: Attended Christmas Party and helped clean up. Took leftovers to MBPD and MBFD. Dropped toys off at recruitment stating. Talked to a number of members to check on them that are sick and in distress.

Chaplin – Brother Budner: Nothing to report.

Officer Reports will be accepted as given and added to the record as informational

### **Committee Reports:**

**\*\* Currently no active Committees to report on \*\***

Memorial Committee: We need to start establishing this committee and getting the service prepared. This is a duty of the Chaplin's station.

### **Bills:**

Position is currently open and President Canterbury and VP Troxell are currently trying sort through everything to establish what has and has not been paid. \*\* More to be reported on in Good Of The Order.

Brother Canterbury spoke with the insurance company Chubs & Sons. After explaining to them what has been going on the agent said for us to not worry about them at the moment and go ahead and put them on the back

burner and pay whomever else needs paid first and worry about them later. Brother Canterbury spoke with the storage company and have gotten them squared away and now has them on automatic draft. Not sure about the other bills.

Motion Made by Brother Mike Costello to pay whatever outstanding bills that need to be paid.  
Second: Brother Petres

**Discussion:** None

**Communications:**

From the Board – Cards are in the mail and should be received in the mail soon.

From the Floor – Nothing to report

**Sick and In Distress:**

From the Chaplain - Nothing to report

From the Board – Chaplain Budner, George Freese, and Jimmy O’Brien are all in attendance and feeling better. Willie Worth’s wife to have an eye operation soon.

From the Floor – Nothing to report

**Unfinished Business:** Formally presented SAA Brother Wayne Wells his Member Of The Year Plaque for 2022 since it was not available at the Christmas party.

**New Business:**

From the Board: Nothing from the board.

From the Floor: Brother Don requesting a \$500 donation to support the Police Unity Tour and their cause.

Motion to donate the \$500 by Brother Mike Costello  
Second by Brother Vinny Ferriola

**Good of the Order:**

**From State Meeting:** State is not doing well financially. The initial budget had a roughly \$40K short fall. Fundraising has gone down at the state level and Bingo has stopped and they are struggling to reopen due to staffing concerns. The state board was able to cut that down to a \$4K deficit. When the new budget comes out it will be provided. Legislative Update has shown that the governor has put in place a \$2K income tax credit for first responders. Additional literature can be located with VP Brother Troxell.

**Locally:** Brother Bell was not upfront, honest, and forthright with the board about how bad off he really was so we were not able to step in sooner to help get things caught up and straightened out within

the treasury. It appears that not much was done from July / August on. We have come across a number of dues checks dues and bills that nothing has been done with so we are trying to get that corrected so bear with us through this process. Our Fundraising and phone solicitation stopped around November, which is in line with the state so we do not have money coming in. We need to figure out some type of fundraising that we can do. Anyone with any ideas please let us know. One of our large expenses as a lodge is our Christmas Party. We need to determine if it is really worth spending \$3,000 just for the people that are sitting in this room. We need to make cuts and that may be somewhere where we may have to look.

The Treasurer position is currently open so we are taking applications for anyone that is interested in the position. It is currently a mess and it will be a bear and some work at first but we will help any way that we can.

President Brother KC Canterbury sent the following account balance information:

Operational Account	\$19,647.67
Officer in Distress / Educational Fund	\$45,136.63
Legal Defense	\$ 4,830.62
Fund Raising Account	<u>\$29,236.58</u>
	<b>\$98,851.50</b>

These numbers have not increased in several months. Our Operational "Checking" Account decreased due to our Christmas Party. For the members that are active and on bank draft we are working on getting these drafts caught up and back on track. The December draft will be debited from your accounts this coming week, the January draft will be debited in mid February, the February draft will be debited at the end of February, and the March draft should be back on track. There will be some growing pains but will be trying to get things back on track. Brother Canterbury has been in contact with our accountant and has made him aware of where we stand currently and we are trying to get things ironed out to take to him.

Brother Drew RosaForte is looking for volunteers to assist with the Special Olympics Polar Plunge this Saturday if anyone would like to assist.

Chaplain Budner is resigning and stepping down from his seat as the lodge Chaplain so his position will be open as well. We will be accepting nominations for the position of Chaplain and Treasurer at the February and March Lodge meeting and the election will be held at the April meeting.

The National FOP Conference is coming up in Las Vegas. Rooms are currently around \$150 a night. We normally send a delegation but we may need to look at either sending a limited delegation or not sending one at all after we see where we are financially and if we are able to resume fundraising.

We need to start trying to get more people to attend the meetings and eat at Red Robin or we will have to look at finding somewhere else to meet through the summer.

Brother Wayne Wells would like someone to inventory and audit the store and the merchandise that we have to see for the lodge.

Brother Troxell made a motion that Brother Wells goes to the storage locker to inventory what products we have to sell within the storage locker. Motion was seconded by Brother Jimmy O'Brien. Unanimous

Meeting Attendance: 20

**Closing Prayer:** Performed by Chaplain Budner

**Lodge Meeting Closed**