



# Fraternal Order of Police

Coastal Carolina Lodge 12  
Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2025

## **Lodge Meeting Opened:**

Brother Martin performed the opening prayer

1900 hours proclaimed open by Brother Vice President Troxell

Oath of Allegiance

**Out of Order:** Nothing

## **Rollcall of Officers:**

### **Officers Present:**

Brother KC Canterbury – President  
Brother Tim Troxell – Vice President  
Brother Jim Tolman – Secretary  
Brother Chris Shick – Second Vice President  
Sister Vanderpool – Treasurer  
Sister Jade Pike – Recording Secretary  
Brother Wayne Wells – Sergeant At Arms  
Brother George Martin – Chaplain

**Officers Absent:** None

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

### **December Meeting:**

Motion made to dispense with the reading of the minutes:  
Motion: Brother Ferriola

Point of Order called by Brother Costello. Asked if the (December) minutes had been posted yet.

- They have not because they have not yet been approved.

Point of Order called by Sister Vanderpool. Stated that “Robert’s Rules of Order state that if for any reason the minutes from other meetings in addition to the last meeting have not been read, they are read first and then the next date is read.”

- Brother Chuck Canterbury stated that that was correct unless there was a motion to dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Brother Ferriola to dispense with the reading of the December meeting minutes.

- Sister Vanderpool stated that she had previously requested, at the December meeting, that the November meeting minutes be read aloud but it was tabled due to the recording secretary, Sister Pike, not being present with the minutes at the meeting. She was informed by President Brother Canterbury that we were dealing with the December meeting minutes currently and would get to the November Meeting Minutes.

Second: Brother Oppegard

Discussion:

- \*\* Sister Pike had to step out of the hall to retrieve a computer to review the digital November meeting minutes. Without objection the December meeting minutes were handled.

### **Motion Passed – reading of the December meeting minutes was dispensed**

**November Meeting Minutes:** Tabled from the December meeting as Sister Pike was not there and the January meeting was cancelled.

Sister Vanderpool stated that there could not be a motion made for the reading of the November minutes to be dispensed because she (Sister Vanderpool) already made a motion (in December) for them to be read. President Brother Canterbury informed Sister Vanderpool that her motion (in December) was for it to be deferred to the January meeting.

- Sister Vanderpool's motion was read aloud by President Brother Canterbury from the December Meeting minutes: "Sister Vanderpool made a motion to defer the acceptance of the minutes until they are available at the January 2025 meeting. Which was seconded by Brother Wolverton without opposition"
- Brother Gavin stated that he believes that the December minutes are not correct because he thinks he remembers Sister Vanderpool requesting that the November meeting minutes be read aloud.
- Vice President Brother Troxell informed the membership that he would be tendering his resignation as this is the most contentious that this board has been and things need to change.

Motion made to read only the part (of the November meeting minutes) that pertain to the Treasurer's Report and not everything else:

Motion: Sister Dean

Second: Brother Wright

Discussion:

- Sister Vanderpool requested that the entire November Meeting minutes be read. She stated that she would like "at least the portion regarding the investigative committee read."
- Brother Moran stated that he believes that what she is asking to be read should lay a foundation and context for what is to be discussed later in the meeting but he is not sure what part that would be and does not feel that we need to read the whole meeting minutes.
- Past President Brother Canterbury asked if the discussion that Sister Vanderpool was referring to was in the Treasurer's report and President Brother Canterbury stated that it was not and it was separate.

Substitute motion made that we read that section and that section only:

Motion: Brother Chuck Canterbury

- The passage of the substitute motion will kill the original motion. If there is a second to the motion then you can move to accept the substitute and then it kills the original motion.

Second: Brother Moran

Discussion:

- Sister Dean's original motion is now dead and Sister Dean also withdrew her motion. A proper motion is now on the floor to read The President's report (specifically the portion pertaining to the Disciplinary committee)

**Motion Passed – President Brother Canterbury read his President's Officer Report directly from the November Meeting Minutes. (Published)**

Motion made to approve the November Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Brother C. Canterbury

Second: Brother Wolverton

Discussion:

- Sister Vanderpool stated that she believes a correction is required. Sister Vanderpool stated "Correction is when the Disciplinary Committee was appointed." "At the time the investigative committee was appointed, the first person that was appointed was Brother Wolverton. Then a request was made for Brother O'Brien to join the committee and he said no that he did not wish to do so. After that, Sister Dean was appointed to the meeting or to the committee and then everything sorta came to a stop and you (President Brother Canterbury) asked several times for somebody to volunteer to become part of the committee and Brother Wells raised his hand and said oh ok I'll do it and he was appointed to the committee. So those were the persons who were appointed to the committee at that time." Brother Wells stated "Correction, I never was appointed." President Brother Canterbury stated "He was never appointed and he wasn't voted on as a member of the committee."
- Sister Vanderpool stated "I would ask you to produce the recording, do you have that in there?" (to Recording Secretary Sister Pike)
- Recording was produced and played aloud for the membership (Recording times played were 11:38 – 13:56). It was determined that the November Meeting Minutes correctly reflected the recording and no corrections needed to be made to the existing November Meeting Minutes. Sister Vanderpool acknowledged this by saying, "ok" at the completion of the recording.
- NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

**Membership voted, MOTION PASSED**

**Acceptance of New Applications for Membership:**

Kole Prager – Myrtle Beach PD – Sponsored by Brother Tolman  
Francis Holland – Norwalk PD (Retired) – Sponsored by Brother Tolman  
James Easley – Horry County PD – Sponsored by Brother Tolman  
Frank Reda – Norwalk PD – Sponsored by Brother Tolman  
Steven Sheppard – North Myrtle Beach PD – Sponsored by Brother Tolman  
Bryan Kuhn – NYPD (Retired) – Sponsored by Brother Tolman  
Vincent Raccuglia – Horry County PD - Sponsored by Brother Tolman  
Richard Long – Georgetown PD – Sponsored by Brother Tolman  
Jay Smith – Newberry Township PD - Sponsored by Brother Tolman

Sean Fowler – Horry County SO – Sponsored by Brother Troxell  
James Foutz – Horry County SO – Sponsored by Brother Troxell  
Timothy “Keaton” Capps – Horry County SO – Sponsored by Brother Troxell  
Kevin Cunningham – Horry County PD – Sponsored by Brother Shick  
Larry Suggs – Horry County PD – Sponsored by Brother Shick  
Rachel Arluck – Horry County PD – Sponsored by Brother Shick  
Jim Duff – North Myrtle Beach PD – Sponsored by Brother Shick

Motion Made to Accept Applications:

Motion: Brother Costello

Second: Brother Ferriola

Discussion: None

**Motion Passed**

### Officers Reports:

President – Brother Canterbury: Since last meeting, been trying to get up with a few Council members to see how the raises are looking for Horry County but they are not very talkative at this moment and probably won’t be until they go to budget retreat. Working on recruitment.

Vice President – Brother Troxell: Normal duties of the station

Secretary – Brother Tolman: Working on getting membership card mailings out and getting lodge roster ready for the IT Committee.

Treasurer – Sister Vanderpool: Nothing submitted for publication. \$2000 fine from the secretary of state’s office for the late filing of 2022. 2023 was also late but was able to get it filed without any fine. We still have the 2 matters in front of the IRS because the same two years were not filed in a timely fashion. Received notification that 2023 is still pending as \$3,330.49 with daily interest accruing but who knows where that is going to be because it has been several months since we were told that. 2022 has already been referred to collection but we don’t know how much that is. Done all that I can to make sure that things are filed in a timely fashion. There was a fine of \$1000 for a late filing of a bingo report which occurred before I became treasurer. Contract with fundraiser expired in April of 2024. Issue with Bingo because our operations do not constitute charitable activities. Received payment of six hundred and some odd dollars from state lodge professional fundraiser that went into Operational Account. States that the bookkeeper and accountant don’t provide the needed line items to show where money is going.

Operational Account:	\$ 48,232.32
Educational / Ofc Distress Account:	\$ No total given
Legal Defense Account:	\$ No total given – 2 were not collected
Fund Raising Account:	\$ 37,982.77
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ No total given</b>

Second Vice President – Brother Shick: Working on recruiting and normal duties of the station. SCCJA has changed the way that they are doing training and HGTC now hosts a class of students for 4 weeks of training. I have secured a spot to be able to go every 4 weeks and speak with the class that is about to graduate and go to the SCCJA and meet with the new recruits.

Recording Secretary – Sister Pike: Working on recruitment, regular duties of the station, and met with the Disciplinary Committee

Chaplin – Brother Martin: Brother John Parkinson has Hospice with him now and has requested that nobody bother him. There will be no funeral but a memorial service will be held at a later date. James O'Brien and wife were in a traffic accident in Charleston and hurt pretty badly. Brother Budner's wife has been diagnosed with Cancer and neither she nor Brother Budner are doing bell.

Motion made to give Brother O'Brien \$1000 for his expenses.

Motion: Brother Ed Gavin

Second: Brother Costello

Discussion: None

**Motion passed by unanimous vote**

Sergeant In Arms – Brother Wells: Picked up a couple donations. This last donation that was picked up, was picked up from the same company two weeks prior.

Motion made to accept Officer Reports:

Motion: Brother Wright

Second: Brother Petras

Discussion: None

**Motion Passed**

### **Committee Reports:**

**IT Committee:** Captured a bunch of names. Brother Tolman gave us the new roster and most of the missing e-mails have been captured. Working on the member application. One button doesn't work so we're getting rid of it. Wants to know if we still want to allow members to break up the \$51 membership dues into monthly payments or require payment all at once. Donation section needs input and decision on levels of donation (ie platinum level, gold level, etc.) Member only section just needs to be turned on by Jason. The minutes can be placed in the member's only section. Still need the November new members section. Website has been under construction for over a year, membership would like to know when the member's only section will be up and accessible. Brother Gavin will get an answer on the ETA of the members only site by next meeting

Motion made to reimburse Sister Vanderpool and Brother Gavin \$40 one time for gas expenditure:

Motion: Brother Rosa Forte

Second: Brother Wolverton

Discussion: Article 11 to be reviewed by the Bi-Law committee (when one is established)

**Motion passed**

### **Investigative Committee: Published**

Brother Wolverton advised that this committee was established in November and a handout was distributed to the membership outlining the allegations brought in front of the committee and the committee's findings and recommendation.

Motion made that the minutes and record reflect that the lodge is sitting as "a committee of the whole" for the purpose of reviewing the disciplinary action

Motion: Brother Chuck Canterbury

Second: Brother Dean

Sister Vanderpool presented her defense to the presented allegations:

- Asked if the 2 page report was the totality of the report of the investigation committee - Yes
- Wanted to respectfully point out that section 63-13 of Roberts rules of order, says that the committee must make a report in writing which is signed by every committee member who agrees outlining the course of its investigation and the resolutions. Does not see a description of how the investigation was conducted and don't see where all individuals in agreement serving on the committee signed. For that reason she objects.
  - Past President Brother Chuck Canterbury brought to the memberships attention that Discipline in the FOP is governed by Article 23 of the National Constitution and Bi-Laws which requires the committee to report to the committee of the whole and the committee of the whole will render the decision and Robert's Rules is not applicable because the National FOP has a disciplinary policy in place for members of the FOP.
- States that the original complaint was not in writing and was not sworn.
- States that the state law requirement is superior to and will overturn any bylaws and affords her certain rights and privileges and specifies certain things that must occur. "The investigation must be fair, it must be reasonable, and I have to be afforded certain opportunities and it also provides for an appeal which the Bi-Laws do not.
  - Past President Brother Chuck Canterbury advised the membership that the National Bi-laws have an appeal as well as the state lodge. Both the National and State Lodge Bi-laws trump the local lodge.
- States that she did not receive many of the documents that she requested. Did not receive the copies of the recordings or the hand written notes so that she could review the minutes and see exactly where the minutes stood. Requested that the minutes and documents given to her actually be certified as the documents of the organization which she feels is appropriate. States that she was informed that that was not necessary even though it is stated in the bi-laws as the duty of the secretary and the recording secretary.
  - President Brother Canterbury informed the membership that the minutes of the meetings are deemed certified when they are voted on at the next regular meeting and approved by the membership present.
- States that the Secretary is to preserve and authenticate by signature all documents of the organization and the recording secretary is to record and attest by signature the approved minutes as the official minutes with the date of approval.
  - Recording Secretary Sister Pike informed Sister Vanderpool and the membership that when she sent all of the requested meeting minutes to Sister Vanderpool from her personal e-mail, it was in fact her digital signature attesting to the fact that the enclosed meeting minutes were a true and accurate copy of the minutes that she took, produced, and the membership subsequently approved.
- States that the minutes must be read to the membership to allow for correction and approval and there is nothing in there about letting them go and not reading them. Must post the minutes to the lodge website.

- Sister Vanderpool and the membership were advised that a motion is made at each meeting to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The website is currently down so we are not able to post the minutes to the website but a digital and paper copy is available to the membership for review at each meeting upon request. Sister Pike inquired to Sister Vanderpool what these points had to do with the allegations that have been brought against her.
- States that nobody is supposed to know that there is an investigating committee except for the people that were present at the meeting when the Investigating Committee was assembled. States that there were things that came out after that she felt were quite disturbing. Stated she received a phone call that Brother Wells was in the parking lot talking to people and saying "We're gonna get rid of Stephanie and we need your vote to get that done."
- When asked for evidence backing up this allegation she stated that she did not have any, all she had was that she received a phone call and that person expressed concern about it. She was informed that that would be considered hearsay and would not be admissible unless the person making that statement was present and willing to come forward. Stated she did not report it immediately to President Canterbury because she did not know what his conversation was when she saw him talking to people in the parking lot.
- Past President Brother Canterbury calls for a point of order stating that this is not germane to her defense and it is a side bar complaint and she has no proof of it at this time so we should move on. She should continue her defense.
- Says she would like to state for the record that she has had concerns for a long time about the financial reports and she changed how they were prepared because for the prior two years she did not really see financial reports of any kind, she does not know if anyone else did but she did not see any detailed reports.
- President Brother Canterbury called a point of order and stated that that was not germane to the investigation and please move on.
- Brother Costello states that he feels it would be a travesty if the lodge removed Sister Vanderpool as Treasurer because she shows up. He feels that all of the allegations are true and accurate and she should be disciplined but shouldn't be removed from her position as treasurer. He also requests that when we take a vote it be done by Australian ballot, secret vote on paper.
- Past President Brother Canterbury states that although we are all in agreement that the Lodge Bi-Laws need to be gone through, reworked, and the lodge as a whole has multiple issues that need to be looked into and addressed he has not heard a defense for the allegations or matter at hand. The issue at hand is did the Treasurer violate the bi-laws by disregarding the authority of the President, by explicitly prohibits the Treasurer from spending funds in the name of the organization, and the rule that mandates the expenditure of over \$500 requiring executive board approval and did she violate those three sections? It is his understanding that the committee reviewed the information provided and said that she did violate the bi-laws.
- Sister Vanderpool stated that there was going to be a report in September but we did not have a meeting in September due to the State Conference. At the August meeting, Brother Wolverton made a motion that since there was no meeting in September, everything would be put off till the October Meeting. She states that on October 02, President Canterbury told her to stop everything but there had not been a presentation to the members and the members had not stated that they want to stop it and she was operating under what happened at the meeting according to her recollection. Her recollection was that when the audit was requested, there was a motion and a second and then the President stated that he

wanted it to be done in less than 60 days. When asked how much she think it costs she stated she had not seen it done for less than \$5000. She stated that she had done them before because she was the inspector general for health and human services in New York. She states that she pledged to give the auditor everything that they needed to keep the costs down. She stated that she went forward based on that and did not know that they were going to do the entire audit. She states that she is convinced that this is like anything else, when you get a quote, which is the price you are going to pay. She stated that she kept working at them to get it down less and less and that's how she proceeded with it.

- Brother Wolverton brought up the fact that the lodge was never given a quote and Sister Vanderpool stated that she was never given a quote either. She states that she was presented with the report and she told them that that was great but they never told her how much they were going to charge.

- President Brother Canterbury stated that on October 02 while standing in the parking lot of the gas station he told her to tell them to stop after she informed him that they were almost done with it. He again told her to have them stop because the membership was never presented with a quote as to how much it was going to cost. They were supposed to be getting us a quote so that the membership could vote on it if it was going to be over \$500. He further stated that he again told her to tell them to cease all work until a quote has been provided and the membership has a chance to vote on it. That was not done because on October 24, the membership was presented with the finished report and the bill for \$1900+ which is more than \$500 so she did not do what the membership asked, voted on, and approved.

- Past President Brother Canterbury asked if at any time, prior to the completion of the document, was any member of the executive board interviewed by, have any contact with, have and conversation with, provide any documents to, or provide any knowledge of the FOP as a whole to the accounting firm? The answer was "no". The only contact or conversations were with Sister Vanderpool.

- Brother Wright states that the \$1900 6 page report has absolutely no figures in it, no accounting or account information, and only attacks every member of the e-board except for the treasurer. The report states that all information came from or was advised by the Treasurer. Brother Wright has made a copy available for review by the membership if they so choose.

- Sister Vanderpool stated that she finds it very interesting that she is being "held up for that" when there is all kinds of money, much more than \$500, being spent repeatedly for things that the members know nothing about.

- **Brother Jerry Wright called for the question**

- The report of the Investigative Committee stands as both the motion and the second per the National Bi-Laws

- **Motion made that the vote be conducted by secret ballot: Past President Brother Canterbury**

- **Second: Brother Wright**

- Discussion: None

- **Motion passed – vote will be conducted by secret ballot.**

- President Brother Canterbury showed that the ballot collection box was empty and free of all papers. Sister Vanderpool was given the opportunity to appoint someone to assist with counting the votes and ballots. She stated that she allowed someone to volunteer. Brother Gavin and Brother Troxell volunteered to count the ballots and tally the votes.

- Brother Troxell called last call for all ballots to be cast. After the last ballot was cast Brother Troxell and Brother Gavin began tallying the votes.



- Upon the completion of the completion of the tally of all votes, Brother Gavin returned the certified results to the membership
  - **Yes (Removal) – 26**
  - **No (Remain) – 7**
- Motion made to accept the vote:
- Motion: Brother Freese
- Second: Brother Bobby
- Discussion: None
- **Motion Passed**
- Motion made to destroy the ballots:
- Motion: Brother Costello
- Discussion: Brother Wells will removed the ballots and destroy them
- **Motion Passed**

Committee reports will be accepted as information

**Bills:** None submitted

**Discussion:** None

**Communications:**

From the Board – None

From the Floor – None

**Sick and In Distress:**

From the Chaplain – Nothing

From the Board – Brother O'Brien and his wife are both recovering from being involved in a wreck in Charleston. Big props and a big thank you goes out to Brother Mike Costello for stepping up and going to down to assist them immediately. The E-Board voted to donate \$500 from the Officer in Distress fund to them.

Motion made to reimburse Brother Costello \$53.59 for his travels and helping a brother in need.

Motion: Brother President Canterbury

Second: Brother Rosa Forte

Discussion: None

**Motion Passed**

Brother Hutchinson was having severe pains in his head. When he went to the doctor, he found out that he had a brain aneurism that was leaking. They will be keeping him in the hospital for observation for at least 3 weeks.

Brother Zach Fairfax with the HCSO's son was diagnosed with Kawasaki disease. He needs to travel to Boston Children's Hospital with his wife and their 7 and 2 year olds from 4/15 – 4/21. He has two small

aneurisms in one side of his heart and two small aneurisms on the other side of his heart. On 4/16 he will get extensive lab work and a heart catheter on 4/18 and will remain there to be observed for a few days.

Motion made to donate \$1000 to Brother Fairfax out of the Officer in Distress Fund

Motion: Brother Wolverton

Second: Sister Dean

Discussion: None

**Motion Passed**

From the Floor – Brother Willie Worth has skin cancer and that is why he has not been here in a while

#### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **New Business:**

From the Board: We need to donate money to stay off of the Secretary of State's "Scrooge List"

Motion made to donate \$10,000 to the Special Olympics of Horry County

Motion: Brother President Canterbury

Second: Petras

Discussion: None

**Motion Passed**

State Lodge Communications: None

From the Floor: None

**Good of the Order:** Brother Shick explained the motorcycle Rodeo that raises money for Camp Happy Days which is a camp in Charleston for children with Cancer. Brother Shick would like to see if someone in the lodge would be willing to make a motion to donate some money to the organization.

Motion made to donate \$1000 to the Motorcycle Rodeo and Camp Happy Days

Motion: Brother Costello

Second: Sister Dean

Discussion: None

**Motion Passed**

Date for local memorial has been set for Friday May 9, 2025 at 11:00 at the Government and Justice Center. Lunch to follow. Anyone that would like to volunteer to assist please let Chaplain Martin know.

May 4<sup>th</sup> Sons of the Shelaes will be meeting

Past President Brother Chuck Canterbury and Brother Jerry Wright have volunteered to assist with and advise the Bi-Laws committee whenever it is formed.

Past President Brother Chuck Canterbury recommends that the e-board go through a class that he teaches "You've been elected President, now what"

Windfall elimination act checks will be coming in April 2025 and the monthly pay scale adjustment should take effect in May 2025.

Nominations for the Executive Board will be held at the March meeting

Meeting Attendance: 33  
50/50 \$60 Ticket #4714

Motion to adjourn: Brother Canterbury  
Second: Brother Troxell

**Lodge Meeting Closed**