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On August 22, 2018 at the 26th Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police Biennial Conference the members listed below were either re-elected or elected to represent you and your interest as members of the State Executive Board.

Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police Executive Board of Directors August 2018 – September 2020

State Lodge President	Ismael V. Canales	F.O.P. Lodge #89	Prince George's County
First Vice President	Clyde Boatwright	F.O.P. Lodge #5	Baltimore City Schools
Second Vice President	Mike Young	F.O.P. Lodge #30	MD National Capital Park Police
Recording Secretary	Ken Schubert	F.O.P. Lodge #4	Baltimore County
Treasurer	Earl Kratsch	F.O.P. Lodge #3	Baltimore City
Corresponding Secretary	Donna Patterson	F.O.P. Lodge #4	Baltimore County
Conductor	Darryl Jones, Sr.	F.O.P. Lodge #89	Prince George's County
Guard	Richard Towers	F.O.P. Lodge #77	MD Natural Resources
Chaplain	Tony DiCara	F.O.P. Lodge #4	Baltimore County
National Trustee	Robert Cherry	F.O.P. Lodge #3	Baltimore City
Past President	Rodney Bartlett	F.O.P. Lodge #89	Prince George's County
Trustee Chairman	Robert Kiesel	F.O.P. Lodge #24	Charles County

I want thank Brothers Ken Schubert, Tony DiCara, and Sister Donna Patterson for their willingness to take on the additional responsibility and serve the membership at the state level. The membership of Lodge #4 is fortunate to have your representation concerning the issues that face the 21,000 members of the Maryland State F.O.P.



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES July 2018

- The July General Business meeting was held on July 23, 2018 at FOP Lodge #4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Brother Tony DiCara gave the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- Past President Caslin and Brother Rommel were excused. First Vice-President Comegna and Brother Graff were on vacation. All other Officers and Legal Advisor Mike Davey were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- A motion was made by Brother Grumbach to accept the minutes of the June General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother King. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- June 26– Met with Past President Caslin.
- June 27– Participated in a post 2018 primary election discussion and analysis.
- July 2-6 – Vacation.
- July 9– Met with the Chairman

of Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, Senator Bobby Zirkin.

- July 10– Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- July 11– Attended a Political Action Committee meeting.
- July 16– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- July 18– Met with Past President Caslin.
- July 19– Met with representatives from Nationwide Retirement Solutions.
- July 23– Chaired the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- June 28– Visited Precinct #3 (Franklin).
- July 11– Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee.
- July 12– Attended the monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Police Assistance and Relief Fund.
- July 16– Attended the July 2018 Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.

~2nd V. P. ROSE~

- June 26 – Met with the Commander of Internal Affairs to discuss the status of current cases.
- June 28– Attended the hearing in Circuit Court for Pfc. Estes' show cause petition.
- July 3– Responded to a shooting in Precinct #8.
- July 9– Attended Phase II Training at the range.
- July 10– Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- July 16– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors

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Retired

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Vice Chairman
PC-4

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Retired

Kathy Kraemer
PC-6

David Sweren
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Chris Hodnicki
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Ryan Franks
CIB-Arson

Robert Graff
PC-6

Patrick Zito
Retired

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Don Patterson

meeting.

- July 19– Met with representatives from Nationwide Retirement Solutions.
- July 23– Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

SECRETARY PATTERSON

- July 16– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- July 23– Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- July 23– Reported the June 2018 Lodge #4 finances.

~TRUSTEE PATTERSON~

- July 16– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- July 23– Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meetings.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT ~ Ken Schubert~

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on July 16, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Chairman of the Board Schubert, Secretary Patterson, State Trustee Patterson, Sister Kraemer and Brother Sweren were on vacation. Past President Caslin was excused. All other board members were in attendance. Legal Advisor Mike Davey was also in attendance.
- Motions that were made, after receiving a proper second, were

discussed, voted upon, and appear in this issue under the appropriate committee reports.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE ~Dave Rose~

- The FOP's Petition to Confirm and Enforce the arbitration award in Baltimore County Circuit Court for the Section 6.1c grievance was heard on May 2, 2018 in front of Judge Souder. On May 3, 2018 she issued an order confirming the arbitration award. The County filed an appeal to the Court of Special Appeals.
- The FOP and the County have agreed on an arbitrator in the Health Care Subsidy Grievance. There is no scheduled hearing date.
- The step #3 grievance for the specialized assignment process was originally scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2018 but County Attorney Frankovitch requested a postponement and it was granted by hearing officer Stahl. Mrs. Frankovitch has since left county employment and a new attorney has been assigned to the grievance. A new hearing date was set for August 10, 2018 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ~Dave Rose~

- The County filed a motion to dismiss the Estes show cause petition and motion for summary judgement in Baltimore County Circuit Court. The hearing was held on June 28, 2018 in front of Judge Stringer. At the conclusion of the arguments, Judge Stringer

denied the County's requests but did not rule on the show cause petition. He stated arguments on the petition and the issue of separating the charges into individual hearing boards needed its own evidentiary hearing on the record.

- The hearing board for August 27, 2018 has been postponed. The show cause hearing is scheduled for September 18, 2018 in Baltimore County Circuit Court.
- The show cause petition filed in Baltimore County Circuit Court in the Bordner case is scheduled for July 26, 2018 in Baltimore County Circuit Court.
- Mike Marshall and his staff are working on the Marvin Haw pension appeal to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Marshall did send a letter on February 8, 2018 to the Board of Appeals requesting they set a date. No date has been set.
- The Ericka Barnes appeal of her spousal pension benefits was presented at the County Board of Appeals on February 14, 2018. A written decision dated March 1, 2018 was distributed to all parties on March 5, 2018. As expected, the Board members stated there was no appeal issue to their level and ruled that all administrative remedies have been exhausted. On March 29, 2018, attorneys for Ericka Barnes filed a Petition for Judicial Review in the Baltimore County Circuit Court.

PENSION COMMITTEE ~Dave Rose~

- At the July 8, 2018 Pension Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees approved twenty (20) total retirements, three (3) were from the Police Department.

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The committee members reviewed one (1) new/revised policy this month. No bargaining issues were identified.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. The committee studied the results of the 2018 Primary Elections and discussed the upcoming General Election in November.

NEW BUSINESS

- First Vice President Comegna made a motion to send three (3) members to LRIS's Advanced Course in Police Discipline Seminar in Nevada, November 14-16, 2018. The motion was second and passed.
- First Vice President Comegna made a motion to send five (5) members to the 4th Annual Concerns of Police Survivors National Conference in Oak Brook, Illinois, November 9-11, 2018. The motion was second and passed.
- President Weston made a motion to contract Adeo Advocacy Group for a 12 month period to engage in public relations work for the lodge. The contract is for \$2,000.00 a month for a total of \$24,000.00.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- During the month of July, FOP Lodge #4 received eight (8) thank you cards. Two (2) flower

arrangements were sent to bereaving members. Two (2) fruit baskets were sent to members who were ill.

- Welcome, Luke Daniel Olszewski, Son of Brother Jordan Olszewski.
- There is a tentative date set for the 2019 Sunshine Reunion in Florida. The date is Friday, February 1, and Saturday, February 2, 2019. Further details to follow.
- The September 2018 meeting of the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police Officers will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. There will be an increase at the door to \$10.00. There will be a doctor from Chesapeake Urology as the guest speaker. Also both candidates for County Executive will be there to speak. Could be a long meeting.

BEREAVEMENTS

Angela Minton, Grandmother of Brother Andrew Minton

Howard C. Swinney, Father of Brother David Swinney

Dr. Sam Tsakiris, Uncle of Brother Alexandros Mellos

Donald Ralph Ricketts Sr., Father of Brother Harry Ricketts

Delaney Marie Gaddis, Daughter of Brother Brian Gaddis

Deborah Ann Limmer, Mother-in-Law of Brother Brian Gaddis

Delmar Powers, Grandfather of Brother Kyle Tracey

Allen McMillan, Father of Brother Jonathan McMillan

Edith Martin, Grandmother of Brother Brad Martin

Joan Amelia Johnson, Grandmother of Brother Richard Guerin



"INTEGRITY...FAIRNESS...SERVICE"

BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE 8th ANNUAL REUNION

ACTIVE & RETIRED – COME OUT AND SEE OLD FRIENDS

FRIDAY, September 14, 2018 / 7-11PM

Columbus Gardens

4301 Klosterman Ave, 21236

BULL & OYSTER ROAST

(PIT BEEF/OYSTERS AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS)

OPEN BAR

TICKETS \$40.00 Each

***Proceeds to Benefit the John Armiger Scholarship Fund**

***Limited Number of Tickets Available This Year (250)**

***Reservations with Receipt of Payment**

***Great Opportunity for a Shift/Station Reunion or Recruit Class Reunion**

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LOW**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JOHN ARMIGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**CHECKS MUST BE MAILED TO FOP LODGE 4 –C/O REUNION @ 9304 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD
21234**

PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR THE MAILING OF TICKETS

The September

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
September 24, 2018
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The October

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
October 22, 2018
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road