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In Memory Retired Colonel M. Kim Ward



Col. Mary Kim Ward, an innovative career Baltimore County Police officer who rose through the ranks to become for many years the highest ranking female officer in department history, died Aug. 7 of ovarian carcino sarcoma.



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES July 2020

- The July General Business meeting was held on July 27, 2020 at the Tall Cedars Lodge on Putty Hill Ave. President Rose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain DiCara gave the invocation. President Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- Past President Weston, Brother Caslin and Brother Warnick were excused and all other Officers and Legal Advisor Chaz Ball were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT ROSE ~

- July 2– Met with Chief Hyatt to discuss items brought up at the General Membership meeting and discussed a K9 issue with an attorney.
- July 3– Discussed the meeting

with Chief Hyatt with the Executive Board of Directors.

- July 7– Met with a member to discuss retirement options, met with Chief Hyatt to follow up from the July 2 meeting and attended the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police Officers.
- July 8- Met with a member to discuss retirement options.
- July 9– Attended Precinct #6 afternoon roll call and spoke with the Commander of IAD.
- July 14 – Attended a Pension Board of Trustees meeting, met with Delegates Kathy Szeliga and Lauren Arian from District #7, attended the Baltimore County Equitable Policing Committee meeting and spoke with the Commander of IAD.
- July 15 – Met with Councilmen Marks and Quirk to discuss upcoming legislation, attended a meeting with House Speaker Jones, Delegate Atterberry and Delegate Clippinger about the Work Group on Police Accountability, discussed an upcoming meeting with Chief Hyatt and met with the District #11 team, Senator Hettleman and Delegates Stein, Cardin and Belcastro.
- July 16 – Met with Chief Hyatt to discuss her reorganization plan, attended the Work Group on Police Accountability and attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting with Chief Hyatt.
- July 17 - Met with a member to discuss retirement options and discussed upcoming legislation with Councilman Julian Jones.
- July 20 - Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- July 21 - Met with a member to discuss retirement options and met with ADEO to discuss our

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education campaign plan.

- July 22 - Attended a meeting with a member and Major Wilson at Precinct #21 and attended Precinct #12 afternoon roll call.
- July 23 - Attended a meeting with a member and Chief Hyatt in her office, participated in a zoom meeting with the State FOP Legislative Committee and Senate President Ferguson and participated in a meeting with Senator Hough and the State Legislative Committee.
- July 24 - Met with a member to discuss retirement options and met with ADEO to discuss our education campaign.
- July 27 - Spoke with several members of County Council about Bill 73-20 and attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

1st V. P. MASSEY ~

- July 1 – Began serving as the 2nd exempt position at the Lodge.
- July 15 – Attended a meeting with Councilmen Marks and Quirk.
- July 16 – Attended the Executive Board meeting with Chief Hyatt and midnight shift roll call at Precinct #6.
- July 23 – Attended a meeting of the Steering Committee for Candid Conversation.

2nd V. P. DICARA~

- July 1 – Met with SOD Captain Cortes about pending issues related to K-9 and Tactical.
- July 3 – Attended a meeting of the Executive Board of Directors to discuss the members concerns

that were brought up at the June General Membership meeting. Also discussed President Rose's July 2nd meeting with Chief Hyatt and her response to those concerns.

- July 7- Met with Chief Hyatt to discuss several issues, including pending legislation before County Council, annual leave accrual and a new departmental tracking system for compliments and complaints.
- July 27- Completed the monthly PAC tracking sheet and attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

SECRETARY PATTERSON

- July 7- Attended the meeting of the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police Officers.
- July 16- Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting with Chief Hyatt.
- July 20– Attended a meeting of the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors.
- July 24- Met with representatives from the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, reference to 2020 State Conference.
- July 27– Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- Treasurer Caskey reported on the lodge's finances.

~TRUSTEE PATTERSON~

- July 7- Attended the meeting of the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police Officers.

- July 16- Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting with Chief Hyatt.
- July 20– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- July 24- Met with representatives of the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, reference to the 2020 State Conference.
- June 29– Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

~ Ken Schubert~

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held July 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Chaplain Dicara, 2nd VP Dicara and Sister Kraemer were on vacation. Past President Weston, Brother Caslin, Brother Warnick, Brother Schubert and Brother Sweren were in attendance via zoom. Legal Advisor Mike Davey was also present. All other board members were in attendance at the lodge.
- Motions that were made, after receiving a proper second, were discussed, voted upon, and appear in this issue under the appropriate committee reports.

RETIREMENTS

**David L. Batton
John J. Lorenz
Michael C. Thayer
Becky L. Walsh
Matthew J. Walsh**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

~Ryan Massey~

- The Grievance Committee had no report this month.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

~Mike DiCara~

There was no Healthcare Review Committee meeting this month.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

~Ryan Massey~

- The POFC. Wilkes trial board has been scheduled for September 23-24, 2020.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- A bill to change the county code to allow lateral officers to complete probation after one year was withdrawn in early July. We are currently working with the administration to resubmit the bill.
- Councilman Julian Jones' "police Reform Bill" will be submitted in July. The bill has many problems. It legislates policy, allows for no exceptions in the use of force and de-escalation situations. We are working with council and others to either defeat or have the bill withdrawn.
- There was a virtual meeting on July 16, 2020 with the Police Reform and Accountability work group in Annapolis. The members spoke with several experts on their suggestions.

- Lodge #4 is working on a strategy to educate the legislators and the public on what we do and the training we receive. Right now there is a lot of misinformation out there that needs to be addressed.
- We met with members from the 7th and 11th districts to discuss material we have been disseminating and to answer any questions they may have. We distributed our position on national Police Reforms to all 32 delegates and senators as well as 140 neighborhood associations.

NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The Memorandum of Understanding for July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 is currently being printed. We will distribute copies to the membership as soon as they arrive.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- At the July 14, 2020 Pension Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees approved twenty-nine (29) total retirements, six (6) were from the Police Department.

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The committee members reviewed three (3) new/revised policy this month. We have an agreement to change the policy to allow lateral officers to transfer at the completion of 1 year. We are currently reviewing the

use of force policy changes. A letter was sent to Chief Hyatt requesting to bargain over the issue.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

~Mike DiCara~

- The Political Action Committee met on July 20, 2020. President Rose presented an invitation to attend a virtual fundraiser for 11th District State Delegate Danna Stein, featuring House Speaker Adrienne Jones. Delegate Stein has been a supporter of our organization in the past and the committee feels that maintaining contact with him and Speaker Jones during the pending LEOBR discussions in Annapolis will be beneficial.
- A motion was made to purchase a \$250.00 sponsorship for the "virtual" event being held on August 5, 2020. The motion passed unanimously and had no opposition at the General Membership meeting.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- We used our social media platforms to put out educational information about our members and the professional job they do. We need information from the membership that shows our members doing a great job or any videos that show you deescalating a situation. The public needs to see this. We need to take charge and promote us better.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brother Hodnicki advised he is looking into an app similar to the one the National FOP uses to help to improve the communication in the organization.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- During the month of July, FOP Lodge #4 received eight (8) thank you cards. Three (3) flower arrangements were sent to bereaving members. Three (3) memorial donations were made in lieu of flowers.
- Lodge #4 would like to welcome Lydia McNulty, newborn daughter of Brother Stanley McNulty.

BEREAVEMENTS

Retired Sister M. Kim Ward

***Michael Edenfield, Son of
Retired Brother Charles
Edenfield***

***Catharine Cherry Meeks,
Mother of Retired Sister Kate
Meeks***

Brother Bob Speed enclosed a photograph of the 1959 Baltimore County Police Recruit Class. The 1959 class never had a uniformed class photograph taken as the agency was transitioning from the old style uniforms, to the current class A style, unfortunately the new styles were not ready at the time of graduation, so the class was sent to their duty stations in plain clothes. The new uniforms arrived approximately two weeks later. The class was never reformed to have a class photograph taken. The only photograph that exist of the full class is this one, which was taken by the Baltimore Sunpaper in front of the old Court House with the Chief and the command staff.

I have confirmed this photograph is of the 1959 class with four members of that class who are still living:

Col. Frank Messina, Retired
Sgt. Dan Waltman, Retired
Ofc. Donald Constable, Retired
Ofc. Harry Ensor, Retired



Class of 1959

The September

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
September 28, 2020
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 26, 2020
7:30 p.m.**

at
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