



The Fourword

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BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE 4th ANNUAL REUNION

**ACTIVE & RETIRED – COME OUT AND SEE
OLD FRIENDS**

FRIDAY, September 19, 2014 / 7-11PM

Columbus Gardens

4301 Klosterman Ave, 21236

BULL & OYSTER ROAST

(PIT BEEF/OYSTERS AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS)

OPEN BAR

TICKETS \$37.00 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

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JOHN ARMIGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES June 2014

- The June General Business meeting was held on June 23, 2014 at FOP Lodge 4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain Merkle gave the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- Secretary Folderauer was working, Brother Rommel was sick, Sister Kraemer was on vacation, and Brother Scally was excused. All other elected officers and Board members were present. Legal advisor Mike Davey was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- A motion was made by Brother Grumbach to accept the minutes of the May, 2014 General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother Franks. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- May 21 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- May 22 Attended the County Council Budget Adoption.
- May 23 Met with representatives of FOP #25, Baltimore County Sheriffs, concerning the

County Administration.

- May 27 Addressed the In-Service training class, and attended a market update presented by representatives of J.P. Morgan.
- May 28 Attended the Parkville Community Business Association meeting.
- May 30 Attended the Baltimore County Police Department Promotion Ceremony.
- June 4 Addressed the In-Service Training class, and attended the Mid-Atlantic Plan Sponsors Pension Conference.
- June 5 Attended the officer transfer draft.
- June 9 Met with two different worker's compensation attorneys concerning Baltimore County workers compensation claims.
- June 10 Attended the membership meeting of FOP #76, Maryland State Police.
- June 12 Attended a Political Action Committee meeting.
- June 13 Attended a "Brady List" seminar at FOP #5 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- June 16 Attended a Political Action Committee meeting, and the FOP #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- June 17 Addressed the 139th Recruit Class, who joined the FOP.
- June 18 Addressed the In-Service training class, and attended the graduation ceremony for the 139th recruit class.
- June 22 Attended a fundraiser for Delegate John Cluster from the eighth legislative district and Councilman David Marks from the fifth council district, and attended a fundraiser for Delegate Joe Boteler, who is

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EXECUTIVE BOARD of DIRECTORS

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LODGE STAFF

Juanita Bouthner—Administrative Assistant
Nancy Skinner—Administrative Assistant

LEGAL ADVISORS

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IAS Cases Michael Marshall

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running for delegate in the forty second legislative district.

- June 23 Met with a member who has a work related injury and was told to consider a "voluntary" demotion, which has since been tabled. I also chaired the general membership meeting.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- May 22 Attended the Baltimore County Council's budget adoption.
- June 12 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee.
- June 12-13 Attended the National FOP's Urban Policing Committee meeting in Philadelphia. The State of Maryland gave a presentation on the passage of our "Brady Bill" and our legislative process.
- June 16 Worked at the lodge and attended meetings of the Political Action Committee and the Executive Board of Directors.
- June 23 Worked at the lodge, attended a meeting of the Legal Advisory Committee and attended the June 2014 General Business Meeting.

~2nd V. P. ROSE~

- May 22 Attended the transfer draft for supervisors and new promotees and met with the President of the Federation of Public Employees (FPE).
- May 25 Met with the leadership from FOP Lode #25.
- May 27 Addressed in-service training along with President Weston, attended a J.P. Morgan market update presentation and met with Councilman Quirk.
- May 29 Attended a fundraiser for Delegate Kevin Kelly in Allegheny County.

- June 4 Attended a hearing at the Court of Appeals for the Absence Control Policy case and attended the Mid Atlantic Plan Sponsors Pension Conference in Baltimore City.

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- June 7 Attended the Police Emerald Society's "Paddy Wagon" party at FOP Lodge #34.

- June 8 Responded to a police involved shooting at Precinct #8.

- June 9 Met with two worker's compensation attorneys to discuss issues involving our membership.

- June 10 Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.

- June 12-13 Attended a meeting at Philadelphia FOP Lodge #5 to discuss Brady issues.

- June 16 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.

- June 17 Addressed the recruit class with President Weston and signed them up as new members of the FOP.

- June 23 Chaired a Legal Advisory Committee meeting and attended the general business meeting.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- June 9 Worked at the lodge.

- June 12 Attended a PAC meeting at the lodge.

- June 16 Worked at the lodge and attended the EBOD meeting.

- June 23 Worked at the lodge.

- June 17 - 6/20 Attended a seminar for Rights of Police Officers.

- June 23 Attended a Legal Advisory meeting and the General Membership meeting where I reported on the financial status of the lodge.

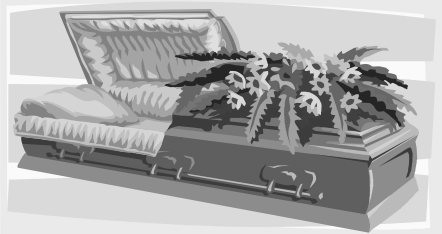
Bereavements

**Retired Brother
Robert C. Swartz**

**Ross Doucett, Jr.
Father of Brother
Gary Doucett**

**Joseph A. Lewis
Father-In-Law of Brother
Clifford Saunders**

**Edna Haugh
Grandmother of Brothers**



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SECRETARY FOLDERAUER

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- June 20 Recorded a radio commercial for Brother Ranier Harvey.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

~ Kenny Schubert~

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on June 16, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Brother Lagna was on vacation. All other elected officers and Board members were present. Legal counsel Mike Marshall 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

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

~Don Patterson~

- The Lodge 4 Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 22, 2014 at Rocky Point Golf Course in Essex. Shotgun start at 0800 hours. The price is \$90.00 and will include greens fees, cart, continental breakfast before play, hotdogs at the turn, beverages during play, lunch following play and prizes. To reserve your foursome, call the lodge at

410 668-0004.

DONATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

~Paul Merkle~

- The committee met on June 6, 2014 and approved the following motions:
- Motion to donate \$500 to the Friends of Police Exploring Inc to assist Explorers from Baltimore County in attending their national meeting July 14 – 19, 2014
- Motion to sponsor (\$250.00) the Chrome City Ride to benefit the Benedictine School, being held on July 27, 2014
- Motion to donate \$100.00 to the R Baby Foundation to support research into the infant illness.
- Motion to donate \$525.00 for the annual picnic at PC12 for those assigned to work 4th of July events sponsored by two board members.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- There were no grievances filed this month. However, we were able to work with the command staff to resolve two issues that

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Meetings 2014

September 2

November 4

All meetings are held at
Parkville Heritage Gardens
at 7:30 p.m.

could have evolved into grievances. There was an issue in Precinct #2 involving a callback when the member took 8 hours CL that same day but was called in after the scheduled shift had been concluded. The initial denial of the callback was due to a computer glitch that did not allow for a call back to be entered when CL was taken. The leave marking was changed to OL to allow for this to be entered.

- Additionally there was an issue involving supplemental pay which was resolved with the commander.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The County has filed an appeal of the October 23, 2013 Board of Appeals decision in the Brandt Bradford case to the Circuit Court. At this time there is no hearing date.
- We have no trial boards pending. The one we did have pending was settled.
- The County's appeal to the



Maryland Court of Appeals decision in the Absence Control Policy case was heard on June 4, 2014. We are waiting for a decision.

- On June 23, 2014 a Legal Advisory Committee meeting was held in reference to a request by Brother Doug Jess. Brother Jess requested funding for legal fees in reference to a charge of Article 2909 Harassment, in Pennsylvania. At the meeting the committee members had an opportunity to listen to Brother Jess' request and ask questions. In addition, the committee reviewed the police report, Pennsylvania statute language, and his attorney's fee arrangement paperwork. At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was made to not approve funding because the incident was "off duty" and not "job related". There was a proper second and the motion passed unanimously.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- At the June Pension Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved 25 total retirements. Four (4) of those were from the police department.

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The committee received two (2) new policies to review this month. There were no issues. The policy issue from last month involved the carrying of a firearm while suspended when a member has a handgun permit or is authorized by another agency to carry under HR218. It was determined that a member who

qualifies to carry a firearm under one of the above two provisions is, in fact, eligible to carry while suspended.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met several times since the May 2014 General Business Meeting. With the approval of the Executive Board of Directors, the committee made the following expenditures for candidates that were endorsed by our lodge:
 - Brother Rainier Harvey, candidate for the House of Delegates in District 44B, an \$800.00 expenditure for a radio spot to be aired on Radio One channels on Monday June 23, 2014.
 - To transfer \$6000.00 to the Baltimore County Freedom Slate.
 - To sponsor a fundraiser being held by a newly formed slate that contains Brother John Cluster (Delegate District # 8) and Baltimore County Councilman David Marks. The cost was \$1000.00.
 - To sponsor a fundraiser being held by State Delegate Joe Boteler (District # 42B). The cost was \$300.00.
 - The committee had one request to

sponsor an event in July. The event was held by State Delegate John Olszewski, Jr. on Tuesday July 15, 2014. The cost was \$500.00. The committee made a motion to the board to purchase this sponsorship. The executive board approved the motion, as did the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brother King inquired as to how Senator Frosh got an FOP endorsement. President Weston advised that in the primary election, the Maryland State FOP lodge did not make endorsements, but individual lodges were able to do so. Both the Prince George's County lodge and the MD National Capital Park Police lodge endorsed Senator Frosh, and therefore, the FOP logo may have been seen on some of his advertisements.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- During the month of June, FOP Lodge #4 sent three (3) cards and flower arrangements to bereaving members. One (1) donation was sent in lieu of flowers at the family's request. Six (6) thank you cards were received.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.



The August

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
August 25, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

at
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9304 Harford Road

The September

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**Monday,
September 22, 2014
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