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BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE

7th ANNUAL REUNION

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

**FRIDAY, September 15, 2017 / 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**

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



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES May 2017

- The May General Business meeting was held on May 22, 2017 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

- All Officers and Legal Advisor Mike Marshall were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- April 25– Attended the 37th Annual Baltimore County Police Foundation Awards Ceremony.
- April 26– Addressed the In-Service Training class and attended the Precinct 7 Police Community Relations Council meeting.
- April 27– Met with the FOP Lodge #4 Lobbyist to discuss elections and legislation.
- April 28– Met with representa-

tives from Prudential to discuss financial educational seminars.

- May 1– Attended the Baltimore County Council Budget overview presentation.
- May 2– Attended the meeting of the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police Officers.
- May 3– Addressed the In-Service training class.
- May 4– Visited the funeral home with the Schubert family.
- May 5– Attended the Fallen Heroes Memorial Service at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.
- May 8– Met with 5th District County Councilman David Marks.
- May 9– Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting and the Capital, Debit Service, Retirement and Insurance Budget presentations.
- May 10– Addressed the In-Service Training class and attended a fundraiser for 2nd District County Councilwoman Vicki Almond.
- May 11– Met with the negotiation team.
- May 12– Attended the Baltimore County Police Memorial Service.
- May 16– Attended the County Council work session and the Police Department Budget presentation.
- May 17– Addressed the In-Service Training class and attended the County Council Budget deliberations.
- May 18– Attended the Bi-monthly meeting between Chief Sheridan, his bureau chiefs and members of the Executive Board of Directors for FOP Lodge #4.
- May 22– Attended the Political Action Committee meeting, the Executive Board of Directors

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Fourword Editors

Donna Patterson
Don Patterson

meeting and chaired the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

~1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- May 1– Attended and played in the Blue Valor Foundation's golf tournament.
- May 2– Attended the meeting of the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police Officers.
- May 4– Attended the monthly meeting of the Police Assistance and Relief Fund (P.A.R.).
- May 5– Attended the Fallen Heroes Memorial Service at Dulaney Memorial Gardens.
- May 9– Attended the Retirement and Insurance Budget presentations.
- May 10– Attended a fundraiser for County Councilwoman Vicki Almond (District #2).
- May 11– Attended a meeting of the Negotiations Committee.
- May 12– Attended the Baltimore County Police Memorial Service.
- May 16– Attended a pre-Tractor Trot meeting at the Maryland Agriculture Center and the bi-monthly meeting of the P2P Support Group.
- May 21– Attended the P.A.R. Fund's Annual Tractor Trot 5K.
- May 22– Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee, the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting and the May Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

~2nd V. P. ROSE~

- April 25– Attended the 37th Annual Baltimore County Police Foundation Awards Ceremony.
- May 1-5– Vacation.

- May 9 – Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting and the County Council Budget hearing on retirement and insurance.
- May 10– Attended the Range for Phase I qualification.
- May 11 – Spoke with students about law enforcement and current trends and attended the meeting of the Negotiations Committee.
- May 12 – Attended the Baltimore County Police Memorial Service and reception.
- May 15 – Met with Kathleen Cahill to discuss the Flanary case.
- May 16 – Attended the promotion draft and the County Council Budget hearing for the Police Department.
- May 18– Attended the lunch for police officers hosted by Matten Roy and attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting with Chief Sheridan.
- May 22– Met with Captain Martin about the use of force policy and attended the Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

~SECRETARY PATTERSON~

- April 25 –Attended the 37th Annual Baltimore County Police Foundation Awards Ceremony.
- May 2– Attended the meeting of the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police Officers.
- May 12– Hosted the Reception following the Baltimore County Police Memorial Service.
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- May 22– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meeting.

~TRUSTEE PATTERSON~

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- May 18– Attended the lunch for police officers hosted by Matten Roy at Lodge #4.
- May 22– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meeting.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- May 22– Gave the Lodge #4 Financial Report.

Retirements

***Dennis Claridge
Mark Carter***

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS REPORT
~ Ken Schubert~**

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on May 22, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. All board members were in attendance. Legal Advisor 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 Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 18, 2017. The start time will be 8:00am at Rocky Point Golf Course in Essex. The cost of the tournament will be \$100.00. Call the lodge to reserve your foursome.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

~Tim Caslin~

- Brother Tom Scally submitted a proposed change to Article IV of the Constitution. The proposed change was read at the April 2017 General Membership meeting and was posted in the April issue of the Fourword. The By-law Committee made a motion at the May Executive Board meeting to not support the change. It was voted on by the Board and the Board concurred with the Committee to not support the change. The vote was 12-6. It was read again and discussed at the May 2017 General Membership meeting. It will be voted on at the June 2017 General Membership meeting and must be passed by 2/3 majority of the members in attendance.

DONATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

~Mike DiCara~

- The Donation Review Committee met and discussed the following motions:
- To donate \$350.00 to the 3rd Annual GBMC Safe Nurses Bullroast to be held on June 10, 2017.
- To donate \$250.00 to the 16th Annual Chrome City Motorcycle Ride to benefit the Benedictine School Foundation.
- To donate \$550.00 to support the Precinct 12 4th of July Fireworks detail cookout.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- On March 9, 2016, we filed a notice of intent to arbitrate as per Article 8, Section 8.3, step #4 paragraph (b) of the MOU in our healthcare subsidy grievance. On June 15, 2016, we met with our labor attorney and healthcare consultant to discuss and prepare for the grievance as we move forward into arbitration. We have tried to arrange a meeting with the County Administration to try and resolve the issue outside of arbitration but the County has not expressed a desire to do so. We have obtained a list of arbitrators from the AAA. The County has communicated to us that they have declined to participate in the arbitration of this grievance. We will move forward with the selection of an arbitrator and proceed with the process.
- We have filed our notice of intent to arbitrate the Section 6.1c class grievance. We have received the list of arbitrators and made a selection.
- The Section 11.1 mileage grievance will not be advanced to step

#4 arbitration.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- Pfc. Spivey's case was transferred to Circuit Court by Assistant State's Attorney Coffin. It is tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2017.
- The Erica Schneider appeal of her discontinued spousal death benefit has not been scheduled.
- We received an unfavorable decision in the Federal District Court Preliminary Injunction for the Flanary case.
- On May 17, 2017, the States Attorney for Baltimore County ruled the shooting of a suspect in Parkville by Brother Downs to be justified.
- Mike Marshall and his staff are working on the Marvin Haw pension appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings. At this time, there is no date set.
- We filed a show cause petition in Baltimore County Circuit Court for the Hannig hearing board. We felt the second version of the charges had inappropriate language added that could be prejudicial to the hearing board members. The hearing for the petition was originally scheduled for June 22, 2017 but the department agreed to use the original language so the petition was withdrawn. The hearing board date was scheduled for June 12, 2017.
- We filed a show cause petition in Baltimore County Circuit Court for the Edwards hearing board. No date has been set.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- At the May 9, 2017 Pension Board of Trustees meeting, the Trustees approved seventeen (17) retirements, four (4) from the police department.
- Stephen Matthews spouse Donna was approved for his ordinary death benefit, pending review for LOD under presumption. The County has the death certificate and autopsy report.

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The committee members reviewed three (3) new or revised policies this month. There were no bargaining issues identified.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met on Monday, May 22, 2017. The committee brought forth four recommendations for expenditure. That motions were as follows:
- To purchase a \$250.00 ticket to an event for State Senator Delores Kelley (District #10 & Vice Chair of Judicial Proceedings) on Thursday, June 1, 2017.
- To purchase a \$200.00 sponsorship to an event for State Delegate Steve Lafferty (District 42A) on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.
- To purchase a \$1000.00 Bronze sponsorship to an event for Baltimore County Councilman David Marks (District #5) on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.
- To purchase a \$250.00 sponsorship to an event for State Delegate Dana Stein (District #11) on

Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

- The Executive Board of Directors approved this expenditure on Monday, May 22, 2017. The expenditure was approved by the membership on Monday, May 22, 2017.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- During the month of May, FOP Lodge #4 sent six (6) cards and flower arrangements to bereaving members. Three (3) fruit baskets were sent to members recovering from illness or surgery. Eleven (11) thank you cards were received.
- Treasurer Caskey made a motion for an expenditure of up to \$14,000.00 to purchase a new copier/printer combination for the lodge.
- Vice-Chair Mike DiCara researched and made a motion for the Lodge to purchase a business membership to the Baltimore Aquarium.

Bereavements

Val Lucadamo, Daughter of Retired Brother Tom Lucadamo

Florence Schubert, Stepmother of Retired Brother Ken Schubert

Lee Brooks, Father of Retired Brother Gerald Brooks

Betty Brown, Mother of Retired Brother Rick Koller

Janet Edith Holler, Aunt of Sister Becky Walsh and Sister-in-law of Retired Chief Michael Gambrell

Beverly Tischner, Wife of Retired Brother Eric Tischner

Reverend George A. Brown, Father of Sister Cynthia Jackson-Booth

Membership Passes to the National Aquarium

The Executive Board of Directors of Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #4 has entered into a one year business partnership under the Corporate Membership program with the National Aquarium. This means we have four transferable passes for use by our members. If you are interested in using the passes: You can call or email the Office at (410) 668-0004, or office@foplodge4.org.

If they are available on the date you have requested they will be reserved for you.

It will be your responsibility to pick up and return the passes.

On the occasions when different members have passes reserved on adjacent dates we ask the parties to communicate and agree upon a drop-off/pickup location for transferring the passes.

Should the passes become lost or stolen while they are in the member's possession we will require the member to pay for the replacement cost.

These passes grant access to the aquarium through the corporate membership entrance which should reduce if not eliminate any waiting in line. We are pleased to be able to offer this as an additional benefit to the members of FOP Lodge #4.

The July

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
July 24, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The August

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
August 21, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

at
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9304 Harford Road