



# The Fourword

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On July 23, 2021 you will receive a negotiated \$3,000 premium pay included in your regular paycheck. This premium pay is well earned and deserved for the fantastic job you do and the dangers we all face every day we come to work.

For many of us, this premium pay is needed to make ends meet in our daily lives with the rising costs of everyday goods, vacation, personal rewards, and inflation. These are very justifiable needs. What they are not, are excuses not to save for the future. We must remember to plan for our future and the future of our families. In other words, "Pay yourself first". Use some of the premium pay to increase your contribution to the deferred compensation plan or in some cases to start contributing to a plan now. Don't procrastinate and waste another year of valuable appreciation with the power of compounding interest and returns.

A recruit graduating the academy who starts contributing with \$50 per pay with six months on the job and increases his/her contribution by only \$25 per pay on each year he/she receives a step increase will be contributing \$250 per pay by his/her eighth year. To assist with these yearly increases, the FOP has worked with representatives of Nationwide for the ability to have automatic increases. You can simply go in and set an increase and time frame that makes you comfortable and let the system do the rest.

Please take this opportunity to plan for the future. The web site for the deferred compensation plan ([www.baltimorecountydc.com](http://www.baltimorecountydc.com)) is easy to access and navigate. It has many tools to help educate you on investment basics and asset allocation. You can also make changes to your current plan, exchange between funds and increase your contribution. If you do not choose to utilize the offered plan, contact a professional advisor to structure a plan with which you feel comfortable. The most important thing is that you have a plan and start contributing now.

Dave Rose  
President



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





## MEETING MINUTES May 2021

- The May General Business meeting was held on May 24, 2021 at the Tall Cedars Lodge. President Rose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain DiCara gave the invocation and President Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- Brothers Weston, Comegna and Hodnicki were excused, all other board members were present. Legal Advisor, Mike Davey was present.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- A motion was made by Brother Krauch to accept the minutes of the April meeting. A second was made by Brother Speed. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### ~ PRESIDENT ROSE ~

- April 27- May 4 Vacation.
- May 2 Spoke with Colonel Landsman about the arrest and suspension of one of our members; spoke with 1<sup>st</sup> VP Massey about the incident involving one of our member's suspension.
- May 5 Spoke with members of the Advanced Supervisor class

about grievances; Spoke with the members in attendance at in-service training.

- May 7 Delivered the wreaths to our fallen heroes at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens for the Fallen Heroes Ceremony.
- May 8 Responded to the multiple officers involved shooting / active shooter incident at Pc 2.
- May 10 Met with a member of the Republican Central Committee; Spoke with Chief Hyatt about the Pension Board meeting.
- May 11 Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- May 12 Spoke with the members in attendance at in-service training; Met with Lt. Chemelli and Lt. Greenbeck; Spoke with members at Pc 1 roll call.
- May 13 Met with a member to discuss pension options; Met with the Planning Unit to discuss upcoming legislative changes that may affect policy; Attended the virtual presentation of the Police Department Budget to county council.
- May 14 Participated in the Baltimore County Police Memorial.
- May 17 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- May 18 Discussed Council Bill #48-21 with our labor attorney; Spoke with the members in attendance at in-service training.
- May 19 Met with 2 members to discuss retirement options; Discussed COVID -19 policy with Major Conger; Spoke with our four officers from Pc 2 who were involved in the Maury Road incident.
- May 20 Met with Captain Canter about stand-by pay
- May 22 Attended a retirement celebration for Kathy Kraemer
- May 24 Met with representative from Breakthru Beverage to re-

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**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
FOP Lodge#4  
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PC-4  
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**Lodge Secretary**  
Retired  
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Robert W. Caskey  
**Treasurer**  
CIB  
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W. Don Patterson  
**State Trustee**  
Retired

Kathy Kraemer  
**Sergeant at Arms**  
Retired

Anthony DiCara  
**Chaplain**  
Training

Cole B. Weston  
**Past President**  
Retired

## EXECUTIVE BOARD of DIRECTORS

Kenneth F. Schubert  
**Chairman**  
Retired  
(410) 404-2788

Ryan Franks  
**Vice Chairman**  
PC-1

Thomas G. Scally  
Retired  
David Sweren  
CIB  
Joe Peach  
Training  
Robert Graff  
PC-6

Carroll Bollinger  
Retired  
Chris Hodnicki  
CIB-GET  
Matt Krauch  
CIB-VCU  
Steve Comegna  
PC-3

## LODGE STAFF

Nancy Skinner—Administrative Assistant

## LEGAL ADVISORS

Schlachman, Belsky, Weiner and Davey, P.A.  
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IAS Cases Michael Davey

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**Fourword Editor**  
Don Patterson

## *The Fourword*

ceive a donation of \$1000.00; Attended the general membership meeting

### **1st V. P. MASSEY**

- April 27 - Attended Frank Boston Virtual Fund raiser. Meeting with Colonel Davis in reference to Criminal Investigations involving our members.
- April 28 - 21 Attended In-Service Training.
- April 29 - Met with member to give assistance. Attended Blue Guardians Meeting.
- May 4 - Attended the Baltimore County Police Retired Police Association Meeting.
- May 5 - Attended New Sergeant School and In-Service Training with President Rose.
- May 7 - Delivered Wreaths to Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens for MD Fallen Heroes Day.
- May 12 - Attended In-Service Training with President Rose. Met with President Chemelli and VP Greenbeck of The Association of Women in Police. Attended Roll Call at PC1 with President Rose.
- May 17 - Attended Monthly Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- May 18 - Attended In-Service Training with President Rose.
- May 20 - President Rose and I met with Captain Canter about new Detective Training policy. Attended Roll Call at PC2 with President Rose.
- May 24 - Attended the General Membership meeting.

### **2nd V.P. DICARA**

- May 14<sup>th</sup>: Attended the 2021 Baltimore County Police Fallen Heroes Ceremony.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>: Attended the May

meeting of the Executive Board of Directors.

- May 24<sup>th</sup>: Attended the May general membership meeting.

### **SECRETARY PATTERSON**

- May 11- Attended a meeting of the State Lodge Executive Board of Directors via zoom.
- May 17- Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- May 24- Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

### **TREASURER CASKEY**

- Treasurer Caskey reported on Lodge #4 finances.

### **TRUSTEE PATTERSON**

- May 11- Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- May 17- Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- May 24- Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

### **RETIREMENTS**

**John Eltringham  
Danny Goldsmith  
Shane Moroz  
Jeremy Twigg  
James Kalinosky  
Steve Goodin  
Timothy Fiedler  
John Roeseke  
Frank Enko  
Brian Wolf  
Michael Piccolo**

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

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held May 17, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Past President Weston, Brothers Scally and Sweren were excused, all other board members were in attendance either at the lodge or via zoom. Legal Advisor Mike Davey was present via zoom.
- 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 Friday, August 13, 2021 at Rocky Point Golf Course. Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$100.00 per player. Call the lodge to reserve your foursome. Please get your money and team members names as soon as possible.

#### **BY-LAW COMMITTEE ~Ryan Massey~**

- The vote on the Bylaw in reference to dues was voted on and unanimously adopted at the general membership meeting.

**DONATION REVIEW  
COMMITTEE**  
~Ryan Franks~

- The Donation Review Committee met and brought forth the following motions.
- To make a \$1000.00 donation to the Associated Italian American Charities 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Dinner Dance. This has been an annual donation and it will again be made in Sister Amy Caprio's honor with the proceeds funding a scholarship for a local high school or college student in Sister Caprio's honor. The lodge will also receive a half page advertisement in the published program in addition to having a sign at the event to be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Martin's Hunt Valley Mansion. Requested by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Mike DiCara.
- To make a \$1000.00 donation to the Garrett Tazwell Bakhsh Memorial Fund. Donations made to the Garrett Tazwell Bakhsh Memorial Fund will help fulfill the goal of building a lacrosse fieldhouse at Coker University in Garrett's memory. Requested by Brother Steve Comegna.
- To make a \$500.00 donation for the annual "COPS Ride" that supports the Maryland Chapter of the Concerns for Police Survivors (COPS). The ride was cancelled for the second year in a row due to COVID; however, the request was made to support the Maryland Chapter of COPS to help them meet their local obligations that have not ceased due to COVID. Request made by the Committee.
- To make a \$200.00 donation to the Memorial Fund of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office FOP Lodge # 144. Lodge 144 is requesting donations via the State Lodge for assistance in raising \$8,000 to place a physi-

cal gravesite memorial for Fallen Cumberland Police Officer August Baker. Officer Baker died in the line of duty in 1907. His gravesite was recently re-discovered. Request made by the Committee.

- Motion Made and passed Prior to the May board meeting;
- \*\*\*On May 7, 2021 the Donation Review Committee made a motion to the EBOD to donate \$2,000.00 to the bank account established by Salisbury Police FOP Lodge # 111 for donations that will be donated directly to Corporal Heacock's family. Corporal Heacock of the Delmar Police Department died on April 28<sup>th</sup> as a result of fatal injuries that he sustained during a call for service for an assault on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- All motions were approved by the Executive Board and presented to the General Membership and was approved unanimously.

**HEALTHCARE REVIEW  
COMMITTEE**  
~Mike DiCara~

- The Committee did not meet this month.

**LEGAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**  
~Ryan Massey~

- PFC T. Allen trial board is rescheduled for 6-28-21 and 6-29-21.
- PFC K. Mallette trial board is scheduled for 8-03-2021.
- PFC Taylor Trial Board pending scheduling.
- PFC W. Johnson is scheduled for 9-22-21 & 9-23-21.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
~Dave Rose~

- The Olszewski Administration submitted bill #48-21 to County Council on May 3, 2021. This bill will make the legislative changes required to enact the provisions we negotiated in regard to military pension credit and the joint and survivor benefit. There will be discussion on the legislation on June 1, 2021 and the vote will be June 7, 2021. I have spoken to members of council about the effects on our members.

**NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE**  
~Dave Rose~

- We have submitted the necessary documents requested by our actuary to begin the process of developing DROP proposals to discuss with the administration.

**PENSION COMMITTEE**  
~Don Patterson~

- At the May 11, 2021 Pension Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees approved twenty-nine (29) total retirements, seven (7) were from the Police Department.

**POLICY REVIEW  
COMMITTEE**  
~Dave Rose~

- The committee reviewed two new or revised policies. I met with member of the Planning Unit to discuss upcoming legislative changes and the effects on policy and the MOU. I discussed future COVID procedures with major Conger.

**POLITICAL ACTION  
COMMITTEE**  
~Mike DiCara~

- The Political Action Committee did not meet this month.

**SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE**  
~Dave Rose~

- FOP Lodge #4 has an APP. We have partnered with the National Lodge to use their easy to use system. To find us, simply download the National FOP APP and search for Baltimore County FOP Lodge #4. We will be using this APP to instantly send out information to the membership. This along with our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts is yet another way to improve communication.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- During the month of May, FOP Lodge #4 received five (5) thank you cards. Three (3) memorial donations were made in lieu of flowers. Two (2) fruit baskets were sent to sick or injured members. Four (4) flower arrangements were sent to grieving members.
- There was some question as to why there were no bereavements in the last couple of newsletters. Due to the large amount of activities by our lodge officers and the members there was no room. Hopefully I covered all of them in this newsletter.

**BEREAVEMENTS**

**Retired Sister Deborah  
Sabotka**  
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**Retired Brother Steve Russo,  
Uncle of Brother Brandon  
Rogers**  
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**Retired Brother Jim  
Holthaus**  
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**Retired Brother Ralph  
Bridges, Father of Sister  
Andrea Palmerino and  
Brother Dominic Bridges,  
and Father-in-Law of Brother  
Scott Bockstie**  
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**Retired Brother Gary  
Michael**  
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**Charles R. Gebhard, Father  
of Secretary Donna  
Patterson and Father-in-Law  
of Trustee Don Patterson**  
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**Phyllis Gebhard, Mother of  
Secretary Donna Patterson  
and Mother-in-Law of  
Trustee Don Patterson**  
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**Ronald Evelyn, Father of  
Sister Sherri Evelyn**  
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**Anna Hannigan, Mother of  
Retired Brother Sam  
Hannigan**  
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**Peter C. Iacovo, Father of  
Brother Max Iacovo**

**BEREAVEMENTS**

**Cynthia Maddox, Wife of  
Brother Randy Maddox**  
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**Gary T. Swem, Father of  
Brother Jason Swem**  
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**Diane C. Hare, Mother of  
Sister Alisha Helphenstine  
and Mother-in-Law of Brother  
Pat Helphenstine**  
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**Charles Rasch Jr., Father of  
Retired Sister Lisa Rasch-  
Smith and Father-in-Law of  
Retired Brother Steve Smith**  
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**Aman Sihota, Father of  
Brother Amneet Sihota**  
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**Edward Wisniewski, Father of  
Brother Matt Wisniewski**  
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**Sandra (Hicks) Davis, Mother  
of Retired Sister Kim Hicks-  
Wright**  
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**Ronnie Louis Jackson,  
Brother of Sister Cynthia  
Jackson-Booth**  
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**John David Eltringham Sr.,  
Grandfather of Brother John  
Eltringham 3rd**  
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**George Oursler, Father of  
Retired Brother George  
Oursler**  
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**Membership Passes to the National  
Aquarium**

The Executive Board of Directors of Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #4 has a one year business partnership under the Corporate Membership program with the National Aquarium. We have four passes for use by our members.

If you are interested in using the passes:

Call the Office at (410) 668-0004 between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

You will need to choose a **date**. If they are available on the date, we will reserve and send you a confirmation via **non-county email**.

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 26, 2021  
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 23, 2021  
7:30 p.m.**

at  
FOP Lodge #4  
9304 Harford Road