

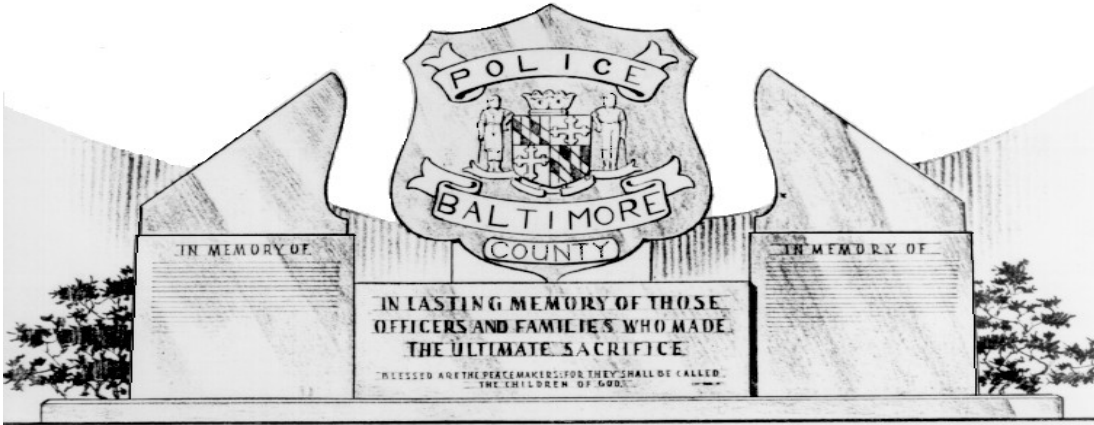


The Fourword

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FALLEN HEROES



*Greater love has no one than
this, that he lay down his life
for his friends.*

John 15:13

ROLL CALL BALTIMORE COUNTY

Officer Edward Kuznar
December 9, 1969

Officer Charles Huckeba
July 6, 1977

Corporal Sam L. Snyder
August 23, 1983

Officer Robert Zimmerman
November 14, 1986

Sergeant Bruce A. Prothero
February 7, 2000

Detective John W. Stem Sr.
October 19, 2000

Sergeant Mark F. Parry
January 21, 2002

Lieutenant Michael Howe
August 11, 2008

Officer Jason Schneider
August 28, 2013

Each year during the month of May, we reflect upon the tragic loss of life sustained by our Law Enforcement family. Nationally, during calendar year 2013, one hundred eleven officers were killed in the line of duty.

On May 2, 2014, the 29th annual Maryland Fallen Heroes Day will be observed at Dulany Valley Memorial Gardens. The staff at Dulany Valley Memorial Gardens are committed to honoring Maryland's Public Safety Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, as well as providing comfort and support to their families. Seven of the nine fallen heroes from the Baltimore County Police Department are interred at this location.

The Baltimore County Police Department will honor its fallen officers on May 9, 2014, at our Police Memorial in Towson. Please remember these officers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

On May 15, 2014 the National Peace Officer's Memorial service will take place in our Nation's Capital. Tribute will be paid to our fallen colleagues for their acts of courage and heroism.

Never forget their passion for making this county, state, and nation a better place in which to live. Never forget their commitment to the Constitution of the United States of America, and to the enforcement of our nation's laws. Continue the work they started; support their families, and each other in their loss. It is our sustained diligence to the profession of law enforcement that validates the sacrifice of our fallen comrades.



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES

February 2014

- The February, 2014 General Business Meeting was held on February 24, 2014 at FOP Lodge 4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Chaplain Merkle gave the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- Sister Kraemer, Brother Joe Caskey and Brother Rommel were excused. All other elected officers and Board members were present. Legal advisor Mike Marshall 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 January, 2014 General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother King. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- January 29 Met with members of the Office of Human Resources concerning promotional announcements and addressed the In-Service training class.
- January 30 Three separate meetings with Chief Johnson, Senator Zirkin, and States Attorney Shellenberger in reference to

the Exclusionary Rule and Brady bills that were submitted in Annapolis this legislative session.

- January 31 Chaired a Negotiation Committee meeting.
- February 4 Attended a Health Care Review Committee meeting.
- February 6 Attended the Retiree Health Care Subsidy case hearing in the Baltimore County Circuit Court.
- February 7 Chaired a Negotiation Committee meeting.
- February 10 Attended the Maryland State FOP Legislative committee meeting.
- February 11 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- February 12 Attended the Senate Judiciary hearing for SB-436, the exclusionary rule bill.
- February 17 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting for FOP Lodge 4.
- February 19 Addressed the In-Service training class and visited the funeral home with the Bergin family.
- February 24 Chaired the General Membership meeting.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- January 28 Met with President Weston and John Ripley, the President of Baltimore County's Federation of Public Employees.
- January 31 Attended a Negotiations Committee Meeting.
- February 4 Attended a Health Care Review Committee Meeting.
- February 7 Attended a Negotiations Committee Meeting.
- February 17 Worked at the lodge office and attended the

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Association of
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Meetings 2014

May 6
September 2
November 4

All meetings are held at Park-
ville Heritage Gardens at 7:30
p.m.

Executive Board of Directors
Meeting.

- February 18 Formatted and made our campaign finance deposit for January 2014.
- February 20 Transmitted our January 2014 campaign finance deposit.
- February 21 Attended a retirement celebration for Brothers Jeff Boller and Michael Schmitz.
- February 24 Worked at the lodge office, attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and attended the General Business Meeting.

~2nd V.P. ROSE~

- January 29 Attended a meeting with representative from the Department of Human Resources.
- January 30 Attended a meeting with Chief Johnson, responded to the officer involved shooting in PC 7 and met with Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger.
- January 31 Attended Negotiations Committee meeting.
- February 3 Attended a state Legislative Committee meeting in Annapolis.

- February 4 Attended in-service training.
- February 5 Attended in-service training.
- February 6 Attended the hearing in Baltimore County Circuit Court for the retiree subsidy case.
- February 7 Attended a Negotiations Committee meeting with our retained actuary and economist.
- February 10 Attended the Maryland State Legislative Committee meeting in Annapolis.
- February 11 Attended the pension board of trustees meeting in Towson and testified in Annapolis on House Bill 599.
- February 12 Testified in Annapolis in favor of Senate Bill 436.
- February 13 Participated in a conference call regarding the State FOP agenda in Annapolis.
- February 17 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- February 18 Testified in Annapolis in favor of House Bill 598.
- February 19 Testified in Annapolis in favor of Senate Bill 686.
- February 24 Attended the Political Action Committee meeting, the Executive Board of Directors meeting and the General Business meeting.

~TRESURER CASKEY~

- February 8 Worked at the lodge.
- February 17 Worked at the lodge and attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- February 24 Worked at the lodge, attended a PAC meeting, an impromptu meeting of the Executive Board, and the General Membership meeting, where I reported on the financial status of the lodge.

SECRETARY FOLDERAUER

- February 7 Attended a Negotiations Committee Meeting.
- February 24 Worked at the lodge office, attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee, attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting and attended the General Business Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

~ Kenny Schubert~

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on February 17, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Past President Caslin was on vacation. Secretary Folderauer was working, Brother Rommel was excused and Brother Lagna was sick. 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

**DONATION REVIEW
COMMITTEE**

- The Donation Review Committee met and the following requests were considered and brought to the Board:
- Motion to donate \$2,000.00 to Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens toward the events on Fallen Heroes Day, scheduled for Friday May 2, 2014.
- Motion to sponsor Vickie

Warehime for \$500.00 in this year's Police Unity tour in honor of Officer Jason Schneider.

- Motion to purchase 10 tickets to the Fourteenth Annual Baltimore County PAR Fund Breakfast on Friday Mar 7 2014 for a total expenditure of \$300.00.

HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE

~Steve Comegna~

- The Health Care Review Committee met on Tuesday February 4, 2014. The committee looked at proposed language "clean-up" that was submitted by Baltimore County. After a lengthy meeting the committee sent a counter proposal back to Baltimore County. This proposal also contained acceptance language for the County's proposed Medicare pharmacy co-pays.
- The committee is awaiting a response from Baltimore County Government.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- On February 6, 2014 a hearing was held in Baltimore County Circuit Court in front of Judge Finifter in reference to the amount of overpayment by ap-

proximately 400 of our members for their health care. There was additional testimony regarding interest accrued as a result of the overpayment. At the conclusion of the hearing Judge Finifter stated he would issue his opinion in writing. As a result of the hearing on February 6, 2014, the contempt petition that was filed against Baltimore County, County Executive Kamenetz and Budget Director Keith Dorsey in the retiree subsidy case was withdrawn. Since a new updated ruling will be made on the amount owed by Baltimore County, FOP Lodge #4 may have to file an updated petition if necessary.

- The County has filed an appeal to 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 yet to work out a resolution with the police department since the ruling in Baltimore County Circuit Court by Judge Cavanaugh. Two charges were dismissed by the judge in the Megan Childress case.
- There is no date scheduled for Angela Avent case at the Court

of Special Appeals.

The County has filed for a Request for a Writ of Certiorari with the Maryland Court of Appeals in the Absence Control Policy case. The court has agreed to hear the case. It should be heard sometime in 2014.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- I testified in the Senate and House committees in support of two State FOP bills. These bills involve the Brady list and the exclusionary rule.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

~Tom Scally~

- Brother Scally made a motion to allow Donald Lee return as a retired member without paying back dues. He advised that Brother Lee never received the paperwork explaining the process for joining as a member after retirement and the lodge had no records to dispute his explanation. The motion passed.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

~Don Patterson~

- On May 2, 2014, the Fallen Heroes ceremony will be held at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.
- On May 9, 2014, the Baltimore County Police Memorial Ceremony will be held in Towson, at the Courthouse Plaza.
- On May 15, 2014 the National Police Officers' Memorial Service will be held in Washington, DC.
- FOP Lodge 4 will be getting busses to transport members wishing to attend the National



Memorial in Washington, DC on May 15, 2014.

- Memorial shirts have been made and are on sale at the lodge.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

At the January Pension Board of Trustees meeting the Board approved 23 total retirements. A total of 3 of those were from the police department.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met on February 24, 2014. The following motions came out of committee and passed unanimously by the Executive Board of Directors:
- Motion to endorse Senators Klausmeier (District 8), Zirkin (District 11), Kasemeyer (District 12), and Brochin (District 42) in their re-election campaigns.
- Motion to endorse Delegates Jones (District 10), Morhaim & Stein (District 11), Boteler & Aumann (District 42B), and Lafferty (District 42A) in their re-election campaigns.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

~Tim Caslin~

- Twenty-seven scholarship applications were received. There are 16 finalists which will be reviewed by committee members at the end of March and a decision will be made shortly thereafter.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Second Vice President Rose advised members that the lodge is updating members' email addresses. If you do not currently receive emails from Lodge 4, please send an email to office@foplodge4.org with your name and current contact information and we will update the database with your information.
- Brother George Bandurchin and other members expressed concerns over the new guns the Department has chosen. President Weston advised that any member who has an issue with his or her new gun, should document it on a 12L and forward one copy to Lodge 4 and one copy through his/her chain of command.
- During the month of February, FOP Lodge #4 sent five (5) cards and flower arrangements to bereaving members. Three (3) donations were sent in lieu of flowers at the family's request. Two (2) get-well baskets were sent to members. Nine (9) thank you cards were received.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Bereavements

**Retired Brother
Andrew S. Davis**

**Pamela Cindric
Mother of Sister
Sheryl Cindric**

**Ruth M. D'Angelo
Mother of Retired
Brother Gerald D'Angelo**

**William L. Bergin, Sr.
Father of Retired Brother
Rick Bergin**

**Stephen Butschky
Father of Brother Jason
Butschky and Brother of
Brother James Butschky**

**Gregory Avent
Husband of Sister
Angela Avent**



The April

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
April 28, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The May

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
May 19, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

at
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