



# The Fourword

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## LODGE 4 "FALLEN HEROES" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Applications for the Fall, 2015/Spring, 2016 scholarships are available now by contacting Lodge4. Nine (9) \$3,000.00 awards are made each year.

Applications for these awards are open to the sons, daughters, adopted children, step-children or legally court-appointed wards, who are citizens of the United States. The applicant's parent or guardian shall have been an Active or Retired member in good standing of Baltimore County Lodge No. 4 for at least one (1) full year prior to the date of application for the current year scholarship awards. The applicant must be or will be a full-time student at a recognized college or university.

The deadline to return the completed application with required attachments is February 1, 2015.

## Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4

does not conduct telephone solicitation.

Citizens and organizations that wish to support Baltimore County Police Officers and their families may send donations to the following funds:

### Police Assistance Relief (PAR Fund)

Please consider helping those who help others. Your tax deductible 501(c) 3 contribution supports Police Officers and their families when they are most in need.

**Make your check payable to the "PAR Fund", and mail to**  
FOP Lodge 4  
9304 Harford Road  
Baltimore, MD 21234

### Baltimore County Police Memorial Fund

Your tax deductible 501(c) 3 contribution supports the fund which is dedicated to maintain a memorial to honor those officers of the Baltimore County Police Department who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the community. **Make your check payable to the "Baltimore County Police Memorial Fund", and mail to**  
FOP Lodge 4, 9304 Harford Road,  
Baltimore, MD 21234

### Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4

annually awards nine (9) \$3,000.00 "Fallen Heroes Memorial Scholarships" for the children of Baltimore County Police Officers.

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Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES  
September 2014

- The September General Business meeting was held on September 22, 2014 at FOP Lodge 4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Sister Kraemer gave the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- Chaplain Merkle and Sergeant-At-Arms Massey were on vacation. Brothers Franks, Rommel, and Joe Caskey were working. 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 Folio to accept the minutes of the August, 2014 General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother Grumbach. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- August 27 Attended the Baltimore County Circuit Court Preliminary Injunction hearing for the Lieutenants' promotion test.
- August 28 Met with a representative of Intercontinental Real Estate in reference to pension investments.

- September 2 Addressed the In-Service training class and attended the Retired Officers' Association meeting.
- September 4 Met with Bob Long, a candidate for the 6<sup>th</sup> legislative district, met with Nick D'Adamo, a candidate for the 6<sup>th</sup> legislative district.
- September 6 Attended a fundraiser for Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and a fundraiser for the Make-a-Wish foundation.
- September 8 Addressed the first line supervisor class.
- September Attended the Health Care Review Committee meeting.
- September 10 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- September 11 Attended the Police Assistance and Relief Fund meeting.
- September 15 Attended a meeting of the political action committee, the executive board of directors.
- September 16 Attended a fundraiser for Delegate Lafferty of the 42<sup>nd</sup> legislative district.
- September 17 Attended a fundraiser for Senator Ed Kase-meyer of the 12<sup>th</sup> legislative district, addressed the In-Service training class, and attended a fundraiser for Councilwoman Vicki Almond.
- September 18 Attended the bi-annual meeting between Chief Johnson, his bureau chiefs and members of the FOP #4 Executive Board.
- September 19 Attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Active/Retired Police reunion.
- September 22 Chaired the FOP Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

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ELECTED OFFICERS

Cole B. Weston  
**President**  
(443) 956-2679

Steven G. Comegna <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> <i>F.O.P. Lodge 4</i> (410) 409-0293	David M. Rose <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b> <i>F.O.P. Lodge 4</i> (443) 956-2643
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David J. Folderauer, Sr. <b>Lodge Secretary</b> <i>RATT</i> (410) 382-2075	Robert W. Caskey <b>Treasurer</b> <i>CID-Robbery</i> (443) 956-2615
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W. Donald Patterson <b>State Trustee</b> <i>PC12</i>	Ryan Massey <b>Sergeant at Arms</b> <i>CID - Homicide</i>
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Paul A. Merkle <b>Chaplain</b> <i>Retired</i>	L. Timothy Caslin <b>Past President</b> <i>Retired</i>
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EXECUTIVE BOARD of DIRECTORS

Kenneth F. Schubert <b>Chairman</b> <i>Retired</i> (410) 404-2788	Mike DiCara <b>Vice Chairman</b> <i>PC 4</i>
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Thomas G. Scally <i>CID - Arson</i>	Lou Lagna <i>Retired</i>
Donna Patterson <i>PC12</i>	Patrick Zito <i>Retired</i>
James P. Rommel, Jr. <i>PC11</i>	Ryan Franks <i>CID - Gun Squad</i>
Joe Caskey <i>CID - Homicide</i>	Kathy Kraemer <i>PC 6</i>

LODGE STAFF

Juanita Bouthner—Administrative Assistant  
Nancy Skinner—Administrative Assistant

LEGAL ADVISORS

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Phone (410) 685-2022  
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**Fourword Editor**  
Kathryn Greenbeck  
Precinct 8

~ 1<sup>st</sup> V. P. COMEGNA ~

- August 27 Attended a Circuit Court Injunction Hearing, in reference to the Lieutenants' promotional exam grievance.
- September 2 Attended the Baltimore County Retiree Police Officers' Meeting.
- September 4 Had meetings with Bob Long and Nick D'Adamo. They are both candidates for the House of Delegates in District # 6.
- September 9 Attended a meeting of the Health Care Review Committee.
- September 11 Met with State Delegate Kathy Szeliga (District # 7).
- September 14 Attended a fundraiser for George Harman, candidate for Baltimore County Executive.
- September 15 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and attended the September 2014 Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- September 18 Attended the bi-monthly meeting between Chief Johnson and the F.O.P. Executive Board of Directors. I also attended a fundraiser for Joe Di-Cara, candidate for Baltimore County Council in District # 7.
- September 22 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and attended the General Business Meeting.

~2<sup>nd</sup> V. P. ROSE~

- August 27 Attended the Circuit Court hearing for the Preliminary Injunction for the Lieutenants' Exam.
- August 28 Met with an investment representative.
- September 2 Attended the Re-

tired Officers' Association meeting.

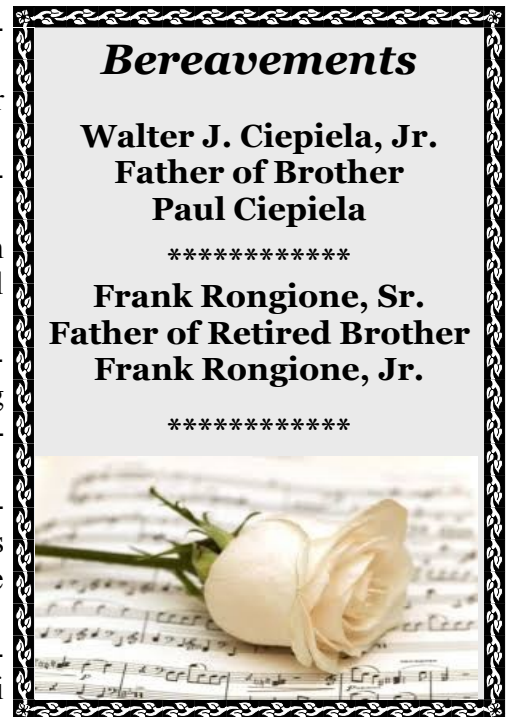
- September 4 Met with a member to discuss retirement options.
- September 5 Attended the Make-a-Wish Foundation fundraiser.
- September 8 Made a presentation at First Line Supervisor School and met with Colonel Evans.
- September 9 Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting and met with a member to discuss retirement options.
- September 15 Met with a member to discuss retirement options and attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- September 16 Attended a fundraiser for Councilwoman Vicki Almond.
- September 22 Attended the general business meeting.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- September 18 Attended the Chief's meeting.
- September 15 Attended the EBOD meeting.
- September 22 Attended the General Membership meeting, where I reported on the financial status of the lodge.

**SECRETARY FOLDERAUER**

- Nominations were taken at this meeting for the 2015 National FOP Conference, to be held in Pittsburgh, PA, as well as nominations for election to the Executive Board of Directors.
- September 15 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- September 22 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and the General Business Meeting.



**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

~ Kenny Schubert ~

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on September 15, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Sergeant-At-Arms Massey was excused. Brother Lagna was working. 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**

**HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE**

~Steve Comegna~

- The labor representatives of the Health Care Review Committee met on Tuesday September 9, 2014. Our consultant from CBIZ updated us on some of

the upcoming changes from the Affordable Care Act. He also gave the committee his assessment of the proposed rate projections for calendar year 2015.

**LEGAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

~Dave Rose~

- The County has filed an appeal to the Circuit Court of the October 23, 2013 Board of Appeals decision in the Brandt Bradford case. At this time there is no hearing date.
- The County's briefs to the Court of Special Appeals in the Retiree Subsidy case were submitted August 1, 2014. The FOP briefs are due September 19, 2014. A hearing date has been set for November 3, 2014.

**PENSION COMMITTEE**

~Dave Rose~

- At the September Pension Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved 17 total retirements. None of those were from the police department.

**POLICY REVIEW  
COMMITTEE**

~Dave Rose~

- There were eighteen (18) new policies to review this month. The committee had no issues with most of them. One did deal with secondary employment. A meeting was scheduled with Colonel Evans and Colonel Burris on September 25, 2014.

**POLITICAL ACTION  
COMMITTEE**

~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met on Monday, September 15 and Monday, September 22, 2014. The committee continued to discuss our ongoing endorsement process, as we approach the November 4, 2014 General Election. The committee made two more endorsement recommendations to the Executive Board of Directors and the General Membership. The committee also dealt with several fundraiser requests. Those requests were framed as motions and presented to the Executive Board of Directors. Those motions were as follows (each vote in committee was unanimous):
  - Motion to endorse Candidate Nick D'Adamo Jr. in the 6<sup>th</sup> District House of Delegates Race.
  - Motion to transfer \$500.00 to the campaign fund for Nick D'Adamo Jr.
  - Motion to endorse State Delegate Kathy Szeliga (District # 7) in her re-election campaign.
  - Motion to purchase a \$500.00 Gold Sponsorship to an event being held by State Delegate Kathy Szeliga (District # 7) on Monday October 06, 2014.
  - Motion to purchase a \$250.00 Silver Sponsorship to an event being held by State Senator Kathy Klausmeier (District # 8) on October 16, 2014.
  - Motion to purchase a \$1000.00 sponsorship to an event being held by Baltimore County Councilman Tom Quirk (District # 1) on September 27, 2014.
  - Motion to purchase a \$1000.00 PAC Level Sponsorship to an event being held by the Mary-

land Republican Party 2014 House Victory Slate on October 02, 2014.

- Motion to purchase a \$250.00 ticket to an event being held by State Delegate and State Senate Candidate John Olszewski Jr. on October 06, 2014.
- Motion to purchase a \$1000.00 sponsorship to an event being held by Baltimore County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (District # 6) on October 15, 2014.
- Motion to purchase a \$250.00 ticket to an event being held by State Senator Bobby Zirkin (District # 11) on October 02, 2014.
- Motion to allow the FOP Lodge # 4 Political Action Committee to expend funds, between now and the General Election, on any candidate(s) that have been endorsed by FOP Lodge # 4 or the Maryland State Lodge, with the approval of the Executive Board of Directors. (These expenditures will be reported at the October 2014 General Business Meeting and printed in the next edition of the "FOURWORD.")
- Finally, after considering the Candidates for Baltimore County Executive, the Political Action Committee took no position in this race.
- Each motion was approved by



the Executive Board of Directors. This report was presented to the membership at the September 2014 General Business Meeting. Each motion was read. Each motion received a proper "second". The motions were individually discussed and voted upon. The expenditures were approved by the membership.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Brother Bergin requested help from members to work the polls for Brother John Cluster on November 4.
- Brother Al Friedman made a motion to endorse George Harman for County Executive. The motion was seconded by Brother Bob Speed. Brother Richard Scott spoke in favor of the motion, and for change in Baltimore County. Second Vice President Comegna spoke about the electability of Mr. Harman and explained why the Political Action Committee did not endorse anyone for County Executive. Secretary Folderauer stated that the Political Action Committee takes the endorsement process seriously and made an informed decision. Brother Shubert reminded members that we did very well with our endorsements in the County Council primary races around the County. The motion was voted upon by the members in attendance and failed. A Division of the House was called and there were 17 Ayes and 23 Nays, confirming that the motion failed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Secretary Folderauer announced the order of the names that would appear on the election

ballot.

- Members were advised that if anyone needs any of the old blue chairs in the Lodge, to feel free to take some, as the Lodge now has new chairs.
- During the month of September, FOP Lodge #4 sent one (1) card and flower arrangement to a bereaving member. Two (2) donations were made in lieu of flowers

at the request of bereaving members. Nine (9) thank you cards were received. Two (2) fruit baskets were sent to members for hospitalizations.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**FOP Lodge #4**  
**2014 Candidate Endorsements**

**Baltimore County Council**

First District	Councilman Tom Quirk
Second District	Councilwoman Vicki Almond
Third District	Delegate Wade Kach
Fourth District	Candidate Julian Jones
Fifth District	Councilman David Marks
Sixth District	Councilwoman Cathy Bevins
Seventh District	Candidate Joe DiCara

**Baltimore County Circuit Court Judges**

Judge Colleen Cavanaugh  
 Judge Julie Glass  
 Judge Paul Hanley  
 Judge Justin King

**Baltimore County Clerk of the Circuit Court**

Julie Ensor

**Maryland State Senate**

Sixth District Delegate John Olszewski, Jr.  
 Eighth District Senator Kathy Klausmeier  
 Eleventh District Senator Bobby Zirkin  
 Twelfth District Senator Edward Kasemeyer  
 Forty Second District Senator Jim Brochin  
 Forty Fourth District Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam

**Maryland State House of Delegates**

Sixth District	Candidate Nick D'Adamo, Jr.
Seventh District	Delegate Kathy Szeliga
Eighth District	Delegate John Cluster
Tenth District	Delegate Adrienne Jones
Eleventh District	Delegate Dan Morhaim & Delegate Dana Stein
Forty Second District	42A Delegate Steve Lafferty 42B Delegate Sue Aumann

The November

**FOP Lodge 4  
GENERAL  
BUSINESS  
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,  
November 24, 2014  
7:30 p.m.**

at  
FOP Lodge 4  
9304 Harford Road

The December

**FOP Lodge 4  
GENERAL  
BUSINESS  
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,  
December 22, 2014  
7:30 p.m.**

at  
FOP Lodge 4  
9304 Harford Road