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***MARYLAND STATE
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UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES
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Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES August 2018

- The August General Business meeting was held on August 27, 2018 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

- Past President Caslin, Sgt-at-Arms Massey and Brother Sweren were excused. All other Officers and Legal Advisor Chaz Ball were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- July 26– Met with representatives of Adeo Advocacy to work on organizational marketing.
- July 31– Attended the County Council work session.
- August 6-10 – Vacation.
- August 14– Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting and a fundraiser for Johnny Olszewski Jr.

- August 16– Attended a Political Action Committee meeting and met with Past President Caslin.
- August 17– Participated in the FOP Lodge #4 Golf Tournament.
- August 19-23– Attended the 26th Biennial Maryland State FOP Conference.
- August 27– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting and chaired the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- August 2– Met with our I.T. Professional and oversaw the installation of a new wireless router.
- August 6– Attended the regular legislative session of the Baltimore County Council.
- August 9– Attended the monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Police Assistance and Relief Fund.
- August 14– Attended the regular meeting of the Peer to Peer support group.
- August 16– Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee.
- August 17– Participated in the Lodge #4 Golf Tournament.
- August 19-23– Attended the 26th Biennial Maryland State FOP Conference.
- August 27– Visited Precinct #9, White Marsh, attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting and the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

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Fourword Editors
Don Patterson

~2nd V. P. ROSE~

- July 24 – Met with a member to discuss retirement options.
- July 26– Attended the hearing in Circuit Court for Pfc. Bordner and met with representatives from Adeo Advocacy.
- July 31– Met with a member to discuss retirement options and attended the County Council work session.
- August 2– Visited Precinct #8.
- August 3– Met with Mike Marshall and his law clerk to discuss the Marvin Haw pension appeal.
- August 6– Attended the Baltimore County Legislative session.
- August 7– Met with a member to discuss retirement options.
- August 8– Visited Precinct #1 and attended a ratings appeal with a member.
- August 9– Attended the promotional draft.
- August 10– Presented the Step #3 grievance for the CIB selection process at the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- August 13– Met with a member to craft a grievance.
- August 14– Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting and a fundraiser for County Executive Candidate Johnny Olaszewski Jr.
- August 16– Participated in the meeting of the Political Action Committee.
- August 17– Participated in the Lodge #4 Golf Tournament.
- August 19-23– Attended the 26th Biennial Maryland State FOP Conference.
- August 27– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

SECRETARY PATTERSON

- August 14– Attended the regular meeting of the Peer to Peer support group.
- August 15-17– Prepared for and assisted with hosting the Lodge #4 Golf Tournament.
- August 19-23– Attended the 26th Biennial Maryland State FOP Conference.
- August 27– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- August 27– Reported the July 2018 Lodge #4 finances.

~TRUSTEE PATTERSON~

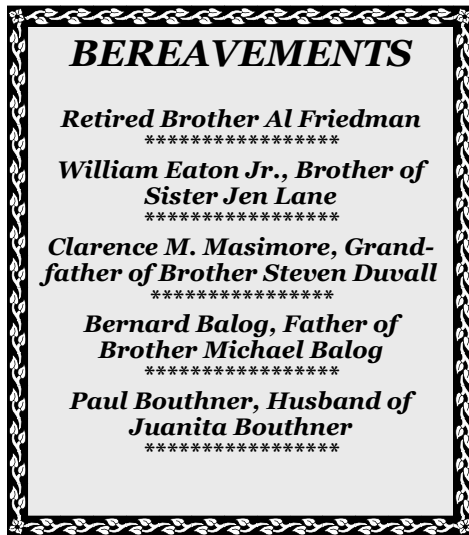
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- August 27– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.
- The State FOP Conference opened on August 20, 2018 at 8:30 am. Candidates for Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller addressed the delegates.
- Day 1 reconvened following the candidates. The normal business was conducted to include reports of officers, previous meeting minutes approval and committee appointments. I was appointed

Chairman of the Credentials Committee. On this day we had 375 registered delegates, 6 alternates, 4 guests and 4 National Officers. 42 Lodges were represented.

- After close of business on day 1, Lodge #4 delegation met to discuss the days business and also the endorsement process. We started by discussing hosting the 2020 State Conference. We then discussed our endorsements. We unanimously voted to endorse Governor Hogan and Comptroller Franchot. There was a motion to endorse Attorney General Frosh and after discussion the motion failed. There was more discussion and a motion was made and passed to make no endorsement for the Office of Attorney General.
- Day 2 began with nominations for host of 2020 Conference. Lodge #4 was the only nomination so we will be hosting the 2020 Conference. More will be discussed about that in the future.
- Nominations for State Lodge Officers opened. President Canales, First VP Boatwright, Recording Secretary Schubert, Conductor Jones, Guard Towers and Chaplain DiCara were all nominated for reelection with no opposition. The Second VP position was left vacant and Mike Young, Lodge #30 and Ed Simmons, Lodge #131 were nominated. The Corresponding Secretary position was also vacant and Lodge #4 Secretary, Donna Patterson was nominated and ran unopposed.
- Day 3 started with Special Guest, Senator Bobby Zirkin speaking.
- The endorsements for Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller were done on the floor. A nominee must receive

60% of the vote to receive the endorsement. Governor Hogan and Comptroller Franchot received 100% of the votes. Mr. Craig Wolf received 61.9% and received the Maryland State FOP endorsement.

- The ballot vote for Second VP had Mike Young receiving 227 votes to Ed Simmons 127.



EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT ~ Ken Schubert~

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on August 27, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. All board members were in attendance as was Legal Advisor Chaz Ball.
- 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 Annual Lodge #4 Golf Tournament was held on Friday, August 17, 2018. A total of 119

golfers participated. Mission BBQ supplied the food and the weather was awesome and everyone had a good time.

- The committee would like to thank Secretary Donna Patterson, Vice Chairman of the Board Mike DiCara, Rob Graff, Ryan Franks, Ryan Massey, Marianne Snyder, Kathy Kraemer and Morrow Lane for assisting on the day of the tournament.

DONATION REVIEW COMMITTEE ~Mike DiCara~

- The Donation Review Committee met and brought forth the following motions which passed.
- To donate \$250.00 to the Hope and Peace Foundation in support of their 2018 9/11 commemorative events being held in the Parkville area and their continued support of veterans and their families.
- To donate \$350.00 to a softball team made up of FOP Lodge #4 members for entry fee into the FOP Lodge #70 softball tournament.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE ~Dave Rose~

- The FOP's Petition to Confirm and Enforce the arbitration award in Baltimore County Circuit Court for the Section 6.1c grievance was heard on May 2, 2018 in front of Judge Souder. On May 3, 2018 she issued an order confirming the arbitration award. The County filed an appeal to the Court of Special Appeals. No briefing schedule has been set.
- The FOP and the County have agreed on an arbitrator in the Health Care Subsidy Grievance.

A hearing has been scheduled for October 19, 2018.

- The step #3 grievance for the specialized assignment process was heard on August 10, 2018 at the Office of Administrative Hearings by Judge Stahl. He issued his decision on August 23, 2018 and denied the grievance. A copy of the decision is being sent to our attorney for review. We have 30 days to appeal to arbitration.
- On August 6, 2018, Pfc Spicer filed a grievance in reference to the selection of a Tactical Flight Officer in Aviation. Pfc. Spicer was not only placed on the eligibility list as being "highly qualified", but the only person that is a fully certified TFO. The grievance was denied at step #1 by acting Captain Lieutenant McManus. In his basis for the denial he writes that Pfc. Spicer was the aviation sergeant's original selection for the TFO position. The Operations Colonel, Jones believed Pfc Spicer was currently a School Resource Officer at the Franklin Precinct and the Colonel did not want to leave an SRO position vacant. Another officer was then selected for the position of TFO. However, Pfc. Spicer was not an SRO. When Colonel Jones was made aware of this misinformation, no change was made because the other officer had already been notified of the selection. Pfc. Spicer immediately filed an appeal to step #2. On August 13, 2018, Pfc. Spicer elected to submit paperwork withdrawing his grievance.
- Pfc. Dennis McCain filed a grievance on August 15, 2018 over the denial of reschedule pay. He works the permanent midnight shift and was involved in a shooting on July 3, 2018. Afterwards he was temporarily

reassigned to a day work, Monday through Friday position in headquarters pending the outcome of the investigation. He submitted the appropriate overtime and mileage for the rescheduled shifts but was informed both would be denied. No reason was given for the denial. On August 28, 2018, Captain Martin issued a grievance disposition in which he denied the grievance and waived it to Chief Sheridan's level. What this usually means is the decision to deny the overtime came from above Captain Martins level. A step #2 grievance hearing at the Chief's level is scheduled for September 18, 2018.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ~Dave Rose~

- The show-cause hearing in the Pfc. Estes case is scheduled for September 18, 2018 in Baltimore County Circuit Court.
- The Department filed a motion to dismiss the show cause and a motion for summary judgment in Baltimore County Circuit Court for the Bordner case. The hearing was on July 26, 2018 in front of Judge Stringer. At the conclusion of the arguments, Judge Stringer denied the county's request to dismiss but did not rule on the show-cause petition. He stated arguments on the petition needed its own evidentiary hearing on the record. The County has submitted its brief for the yet to be scheduled show cause hearing. It is actually the same brief with a title change. Pfc. Bordner's attorney, Clarke Ahlers, has filed a Notice of Collateral Estoppel. His argument is essentially that the Department is attempting to "relitigate" an issue on which the court has already ruled.
- The Ericka Barnes appeal of her

spousal pension benefits was presented at the County Board of Appeals on February 14, 2018. A written decision dated March 1, 2018 was distributed to all parties on March 5, 2018. As expected, the Board members stated there was no appeal issue to their level and ruled that all administrative remedies have been exhausted. On March 29, 2018, attorneys for Ericka Barnes filed a Petition for Judicial Review in Baltimore County Circuit Court. On July 3, 2018, attorneys for Ericka Barnes petitioned the court for a motion to stay the appeal and it was granted. They have since filed a complaint for a Writ of Mandamus on her behalf. Generally, a writ of mandamus is an order from a court to an inferior government official ordering the government official to properly fulfill their official duties or correct an abuse of discretion. No hearing date has been set.

- I met with Mike Marshall and his law clerk on the Marvin Haw pension case. A writ of mandamus was filed in Baltimore County Circuit Court on August 20, 2018. No date has been set.

PENSION COMMITTEE ~Dave Rose~

- At the August 14, 2018 Pension Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees approved thirty-six (36) total retirements, six (6) were from the Police Department.

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE ~Dave Rose~

- The committee members reviewed three (3) new/revised policies this month. No bargaining issues were identified.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met on Thursday August 16, 2018. There were several motions for expenditures and two motions for endorsements. Those motions are as follows.
- To purchase a \$1,000.00 sponsorship to an event for Baltimore County Councilman David Marks (District # 5) on Thursday, September 06, 2018.
- To purchase a \$500.00 sponsorship to an event for Izzy Patoka, Democratic Nominee for Baltimore County Council District # 2 on Thursday, September 13, 2018.
- To purchase a \$500.00 sponsorship to an event for State Delegate Joe Cluster (District # 8) on Friday, September 14, 2018.
- To purchase up to four (4) tickets for an event benefiting the LD 42 Slate on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. The LD 42 Slate consists of Chris West, Candidate for State Senate and Tim Robinson & Nino Mangione, Candidate for the House of Delegates in District # 42.
- Motion to endorse incumbent State Senators J.B. Jennings (District # 7), Dolores Kelley (District # 10) and Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (District # 44).
- Motion to endorse incumbent Delegate Shelly Hettleman, Candidate Jon Cardin in District # 11 and incumbent Delegate Steve Lafferty (District 42A).
- This report was approved by the Executive Board of Directors on Monday, August 27, 2018. The General Membership approved this report at the August General Membership meeting, also on August 27, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brother Rick Bergin asked for volunteers to assist with working the polls for Delegate Joe Cluster. Joe is the son of Retired Brother John Cluster. It is important for us to keep Joe in Annapolis.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- During the month of August, FOP Lodge #4 received thirteen (13) thank you cards. Six (6) flower arrangements were sent to bereaving members. Two (2) fruit baskets were sent to members who were ill. Five (5) memorial donations were made in lieu of flowers.
- Retired Brother Gary Cross, Chaplain of the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police Officers wanted to invite all law enforcement personnel to Cops of Faith, Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers Chapter 143. The group meets at the Lifepoint Church, 1701 Emory Rd., Reisterstown, MD 21136 on the first Saturday of every month from 8:00am to 10:00am. Coffee and light refreshments are provided. For more information you can call Gary Cross at 443-386-8678 or Jacob Roos at 443-974-4154. The email for the group is copsoffaith-fcpo@gmail.com.

RETIREMENTS

**Douglas Kriete
James Dorsey
William Harmon
Donna Benton
Andy Essery
Richard Kesterson
Michael Condon
Chris Watts
Robert Walls
Melvin Pumphrey
Joan Wheeler-Felts**

PROMOTIONS

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LIEUTENANT

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Raymond G. Mullaney
Leonard C. Schroeder**

SERGEANT

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Jason R. Eaton
Anthony S. Johns
James G. McKnight
Justin D. Tester**

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Jason E. Lentz
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Shane M. Sammons
Michael J. Wisniewski**

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**Levi James Deremeik,
Son of Brother Mike
Deremeik**

**Gianna Monet Moore,
Daughter of Brother
Vince Moore**

**Harper Victoria Fruhling,
Daughter of Brother
Michael Fruhling**

**Wyatt John Burkins,
Son of Brother Jason
Burkins**

**Braden Luke Smith, Son
of Brother Matt Smith**

**Brynn Ashley Bieker,
Daughter of Brother
Brenton Bieker**

Do you have a story for the newsletter?

So many of our members participate in meaningful organizations and events that support neighborhoods and charities. Please consider sharing this information with us. We would like to collect photographs accompanied with a brief explanation to share with our membership. It is also important for the public to know what kind of people wear the uniform and work so diligently to protect them.

**Send the information to :
office@foplodge4.org**

ARE YOUR BENEFICIARIES UP TO DATE ?

Please ensure that your beneficiary designees are current. Take a moment to verify that your loved ones are provided for in the manner you intend. The following offices can assist you.

<i>Pension</i>	<i>Retirement Office</i>	<i>410-887-8246 or 1-877-222-3741</i>
<i>Life Insurance</i>	<i>County Insurance</i>	<i>410-887-2568 or 1-800-274-4302</i>
<i>PBA</i>	<i>Police Personnel</i>	<i>410-887-2208</i>
<i>Deferred Comp.</i>	<i>Richard Dinardi</i>	<i>877-677-3678</i>
<i>Baltimore County Employee Federal Credit Union</i>		<i>410-828-4730</i>

Membership Passes to the National Aquarium

The Executive Board of Directors of Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #4 has entered into another 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 October

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
October 22, 2018
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The November

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
November 26, 2018
7:30 p.m.**

at
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