



The Fourword

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President's Message

Dave Folderauer

I want to thank everyone for their kind words of encouragement as I move forward as President of the organization. It is an honor to represent the professional police officers of Baltimore County. Your new team has an aggressive agenda for this term. One of the bigger issues is securing a DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Program) for those employees without one. We are proud to announce that we are bringing forth a DROP for ratification for the post 2007 hires. If they ratify this DROP, it will provide our younger officers with a financial incentive that will help them in their retirement years.

We are still monitoring and considering options to fight discriminatory COVID testing practices. The county refuses to test all employees. In September of 2021, our membership passed motions making our official position that we are opposed to testing, but if testing is to occur, it is to be performed on all employees. Our members have brought forth many concerns about the Five Medicine company that is performing these tests. Among the concerns: the company lost its license to practice business in DC, the CEO has been sanctioned in the medical community, there is a pop-up storefront in Halethorpe, and the employees are temporary hires. Additionally, the county rushed this contract through 3 days before the end of the state of emergency so that the Baltimore County Council and the community would have no say in the matter.

As the Maryland General Assembly gears back up, we have hired retired Senator Bobby Zirkin to represent Lodge 4 in Annapolis and here at home. Bob has been a friend to our Lodge for many years. He will bring behind-the-scenes insight to many of our concerns about legislation.

Lodge 4 has an App! You have read about it before, but now is the time to download it. Instructions can be found on page 5. The App is only open to FOP members. Moving forward, our goal is for quicker communication using the App's features. We will begin posting meeting minutes, Lodge Officer activities, and my message on the App shortly after our general membership meetings. As we progress, we look to revamp *The Fourword* newsletter to make it more informational and article-centered, eliminating the need for the minutes to be included. For those members that don't know what an App is, we will come up with an alternative so they can still read about our meetings. All this requires By-laws changes, so you will know about it before it happens.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their support. Lieutenant Dave Sweren and Detective Chris Hodnicki have agreed to support me with the everyday lodge business. Please reach out to any of us with your idea, concerns or issues.



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES December 2021

- The December General Business meeting was held on December 27, 2021 at Lodge #4. President Folderauer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain DiCara gave the invocation and President Folderauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- Past President Rose was on vacation and Brother Comegna was 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 Massey to accept the minutes of the November meeting. A second was made by Brother Hodnicki. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT FOLDERAUER

- November 30 – County Council Work Session.
- December 2 – FOP Transition meeting.
- December 3 – Met with Senator Zirkin.
- December 6 – Met with Scott Shellenberger.

- December 7 – Met with MD State FOP President Boatwright.
- December 8 – Met with Lodge 3 President Mancuso and attended the Holiday Reception.
- December 14 – Met with Media Liaison.
- December 15 – Met with Senator Chris West.
- December 16 – Met with County Executive.
- December 17 – Attended Lodge 3 Holiday Reception.
- December 20 – Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- December 23 – Addressed and signed up the Recruit class.
- December 27 – Attended the General Membership meeting.
- Reported that the Lodge 4 transition of power went well.
- Reported that committee appointments will be completed by the next meeting.
- Reported that there will be new committees dealing with vehicles, uniforms, equipment, promotional processes, social events and a Lodge 4 building.
- Reported that Lodge 4 will recognize an Officer of the Year for 2021.
- Reported that Lodge 4 will begin awarding \$25 gift cards to the Officers of the Month from each precinct.
- Reported that Brother Manny Saywack will be the Lodge 4 Military Liaison.
- Reported that Lodge 4 will hire retired Senator Bobby Zirkin to lobby Maryland General Assembly and local legislation.
- Reported that 2 of our members were arrested for DUI. In one case, the member was given an order by an Executive Corps member to submit to a PBT. The member was not on duty,

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PC-4
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Retired
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CIB
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W. Don Patterson
State Trustee
Retired

Chris Hodnicki
Sergeant at Arms
FOP Lodge #4

Anthony DiCara
Chaplain
Training

Dave Rose
Past President
RTCC

EXECUTIVE BOARD of DIRECTORS

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

Doug Jess
Vice Chairman
PC-3

Thomas G. Scally
Retired

Matt Gonzalez
PC-6

Greg Huber
VNS

Ryan Franks
PC-1

Joe Peach

Matt Krauch

Training
Robert Graff
PC-6

CIB-Homicide
Steve Comegna
PC-3

LODGE STAFF

Nancy Skinner—Administrative Assistant

LEGAL ADVISORS

Schlachman, Belsky, Weiner and Davey, P.A.
Phone (410) 685-2022
IAS Cases Michael Davey

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nor was the member in a county vehicle. Legal Advisor Davey said that this is allowed under current law. President Folderauer said that he has never seen this in his 35 years. Orders have only been given to on-duty police officers.

- Reported that much of the communication going forward will be on our social media platforms, specifically the National FOP and Lodge 4 App.

1st V. P. SWEREN

- December 2 – FOP Transition meeting.
- December 3 – Met with Senator Zirkin.
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- December 7 – Met with MD State FOP President Boatwright.
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- December 14 – Met with Media Liaison.
- December 15 – Met with Senator Chris West.
- December 17 – Attended Lodge 3 Holiday Reception.
- December 20 – Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- December 23 – Addressed and signed up the Recruit class.
- December 27 – Attended the General Membership meeting.

2nd V.P. DICARA

- December 2 - Attended a meeting with a representative of Capital Portfolio Management.
- December 9 - Attended a fundraiser for Baltimore County Councilman David Marks.
- December 14 - Attended a fol-

low-up meeting with a representative of Capital Portfolio Management.

- December 16 - Attended a meeting of the Legal Advisory Committee.
- December 20 - Attended the December meeting of the Executive Board of Directors.
- December 27 - Attended a meeting of the Executive Board of Directors. Attended the December 2021 General Membership meeting.

TREASURER CASKEY

- Treasurer Caskey reported on the Lodge's finances.

BEREAVEMENTS

**Retired Brother James
"Jimmy" Miller**

**Retired Brother
Stanley Schultz**

**Retired Brother
Joseph S. Price**

**Calvin Headley, Father-
in-Law of Brother
Brandon Rogers**

**William Jacob III,
Father-in-Law of
Brother Larry Stallings**

**Terry Floyd Morehouse,
Father of Brother
Thomas Morehouse**

Mark Grasso

SECRETARY PATTERSON

- December 8- Attended FOP Lodge #4 Holiday Party.
- December 14– Participated in a State Lodge Board meeting via Zoom.
- December 16– Attended a meeting of the Legal Advisory Committee.
- December 20– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- December 27– Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

TRUSTEE PATTERSON

- December 8– Attended the Lodge #4 Holiday Party.
- December 14– Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- December 20– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- December 27– Attended the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held December 20, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. All board members were in attendance either at the lodge or via zoom. Legal Advisor Chaz Ball was present.
- Brother Comegna swore in President Folderauer. President Folderauer then swore in the rest of the Executive Board and Line Officers.
- Nominations were accepted for the position of Chair of the

Board. Second VP M. DiCara nominated Brother Schubert and Chaplain Tony DiCara nominated Brother Comegna.

- President Folderauer spoke in favor of Brother Comegna.
- A secret ballot was conducted and on three occasions there was a 9 to 9 tie. Brother Comegna then withdrew his nomination. President Folderauer again accepted nominations. Second VP Mike DiCara again nominated Brother Schubert. Brother Jess then nominated himself. The vote was 10-8 in favor of Brother Schubert.
- Chair of the Board Schubert then nominated Brother Greg Huber to fill the open position on the Executive Board.
- Past President Rose spoke against the nomination of Brother Huber to the Board. He advised that there are no minorities on the Executive Board.
- President Folderauer then swore in Brother Huber.
- 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

BULL ROAST COMMITTEE

- The Committee announced they have reserved the date of March 20, 2022 for the Annual Bull Roast. The times will be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$50.00.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

- The Committee is hoping to have a by-law by next month to have electronic voting for all elections and ratifications.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

- There are 3 Military Grievances and 86 COVID Grievances county wide.
- The County has violated the contract in the process of hearing the COVID Grievances. We plan on filing a Class Action Grievance on the process.
- There is a plan to file a Class Action Grievance on the denial of "P" time.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- There are two trial boards going forward. Both are the same member. One is scheduled for January 7, 2022 and one is scheduled for January 17, 2022. One member resigned pending a trial board. One member was approved for funding for filing for disability.

NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

- President Folderauer presented a proposal for a DROP for the post 2007 members. The Board voted to take this proposal to the affected members for a vote.

PENSION COMMITTEE

- At the December 14, 2021 Pension Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved 37 total retirements, 13 were from the Police Department.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

- 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 December, FOP Lodge #4 received three (3) thank you cards. Three (3) flower arrangements were sent to grieving members. Three (3) fruit basket was sent to a member recovering from injury or illness. Two (2) memorial donations were made in lieu of flowers.

RETIREMENT

***Jay Landsman Jr.
Bruce Aris
Robert Campbell
Cynthia Jackson-Booth
Christopher Casey
Lisa Connors
Gould Gibbons
Jeffrey Blunt
Marshall Grunwell
James "JJ" Kern
Richard Duncan
Bradley Lewis
George Erhardt
James Gill
James White
Lisa Edwards
Joseph Blake
Gregory Parks***

Instructions for the Lodge 4 App

- On the **Google Play Store** (Android) or **App Store** (Apple)
- Search for and Download the "**NFOP App**"
- Open the App and select "Sign Up"
- Enter your Personal email address (gmail, yahoo, etc.) NO Department email addresses
- Create a password.
- On the next screen, populate all required (*) fields.
 - o Lodge State = Maryland
 - o Lodge Name = Lodge 4 Baltimore County
 - o Lodge Number = 004
 - o Membership Number = the number on the back of your National ID card

This was just mailed out in December

If you can't find it, call the Lodge and we can track it down for you

- Enter all required info and click "Sign Up", your info will be verified by Clowder/National.
- You'll be automatically assigned to the Lodge 4 App as "Pending" until we can mark you approved.
- You don't need to allow Location Services, but we recommend accepting Push Notifications, so that you'll know you have something to read in the App.
- When you receive a notification from the App, open it. Newer posts and info show at the top of the feed.
- To see the info specific to Lodge 4, select the "My Groups" button toward the top of the page.
- Next, select MD004 and tap the check mark at the top of the page and hit the check mark at the top of the page. This will limit what you see during this session to just the Lodge 4 posts.

You can view all of the National Lodge posts, at any time, by selecting "All Users – National FOP", but selecting MD004 keeps it easier to find our specific info.

Android Users: To see additional features, tap on the three small lines on the left side, toward the top of the page. This will show you a host of other options.

Apple Users: To see additional features, on the first page of the App, tap on the "More" field at the right side, at the bottom of the page. This will show you a host of other options.

F.O.P. LODGE #41



2022

W/ SHRIMP AND OYSTERS

Sunday, March 20th

Tickets:

\$50/Seat OR \$500/Table

Distributed in February

*** Only when paid in full**

Call Nancy at the Lodge

410-668-0004

Tall Cedars of Lebanon

2501 Putty Hill Ave

Parkville, MD 21234

Have Fun and Unwind!

Be Responsible

Plan ahead with:

Uber, Lyft or a Friend

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Game Wheels

Raffles

Prizes

Entertainment by:

DJ Chuck Montgomery

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.

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 DeNardi</i>	<i>877-677-3678</i>
<i>Baltimore County Employee Federal Credit Union</i>		<i>410-828-4730</i>

The February

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
February 28, 2022
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge #4
9304 Harford Road

The March

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will be held on

**Monday,
March 28, 2022
7:30 p.m.**

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