

At the 28th Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police **Biennial** Conference in August, held in Solomon's Island, our Treasurer, Bob Caskey, was selected as Member of the Year. Treasurer Caskey has been serving FOP Lodge 4 elected as the Treasurer since 2001.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

He has helped put your FOP in healthy a financial position to defend you from the attack on law enforcement that is ever-present these days. This was Bob's main objective over twenty years ago. His forward vision was thinking and It has been refreshing to witness it become a reality.

addition to In Bob being honored; Brother Ken Schubert, Sister Donna Patterson and Brother Tony DiCara re-elected to were their positions on the Maryland State FOP Board of Directors. The FOP is only as good as its membership, who are willing to donate their time.

Ken, Donna and Tony have stepped up to serve not only Lodge 4, but every FOP member in the state. They have helped to solidify Baltimore County FOP Lodge 4 as voice in law enforcement issues state-wide, and I thank them for their continued service. $\star\star\star$

Lastly, we are moving the starting time of our General Business Meetings to 4 PM, in an effort to make things more convenient for our cops. If this draws more participation, we will make the change permanent.



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AUGUST 2022 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police was held on Monday, August 22nd, 7:30 PM, at our Lodge. President Folderauer was present, and called the meeting to order. Secretary Patterson was also in attendance. Chaplain DiCara gave the invocation and President Folderauer lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Brother Gonzalez, to accept the Minutes from our June meeting. This was seconded by Brother Krauch, and approved with no discussion. Said minutes have been posted to the Lodge #4 App.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President - Dave Folderauer

- The referendum to get binding arbitration for healthcare on the ballot needed 10,000 signatures. We got about 1,000. We will revisit the effort in two years.
- Through our use of social media, we are trying to keep the public aware of our shortages and the growing crime rate as well as the county's ineptness.
- The Patty/Marvin Haw grievance is finally being scheduled.



REPORTS OF OFFICERS...

- We met with the Director of the Office of Law, along with a County Attorney, to discuss representation on lawsuits our members are involved in.
- We made a donation to this year's Shock Trauma Gala, which will honor Dr. Tom Scalea.
- Past President Dave Rose attended the promotion ceremony while we were in Solomons for the State Conference.
- The Executive Board meeting has been moved to the second Monday at 1:30.
 We also discussed changing the time for the General Business meeting.
- We moved the October meeting to 4:00 PM.
- We are in the process of changing accounting firms.
- We are changing cleaning companies.
- We'll be working at the polls for David Marks, who's been a big supporter.

<u> Treasurer - Bob Caskey</u>

• Reported on the Lodge's finances.

<u> State Trustee - Don Patterson</u>

- The 2020 Maryland State FOP Conference was held August 14-17 in Solomons Island.
- Day 1 Senator Jack Bailey was introduced. He is also an FOP member. The candidates for State office were scheduled to speak. First was Harford County Executive Barry Glassman, who is running for Comptroller. Dan Cox was scheduled, but failed to appear. Congressman Anthony Brown, who is running for Attorney General, spoke next. Regular business resumed and all officers advised their reports were available via the QR code.

- Treasurer Kratsch advised that due to an illness at the accounting firm, he will present the financial report at a later date.
- Mike Davey spoke about the Police Accountability Act. Some counties haven't even selected their board.
- President Boatwright then introduced National President Yoes. He talked about the strength of our organization. We grew over 14,000 members in the last year, even with people leaving the job. He also talked about how important social media is for us. In all the outlets this year, the FOP has had 136,000 mentions. The next closest law enforcement group is IACP with 36,000. We are working hard on Social Security Windfall.
- All committee reports were given and 2 special presentations were made. A Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Darryl Jones and Member of the Year was awarded to our brother, Bob Caskey. Lodge 4 met after and voted for no endorsement for Governor, and to endorse Anthony Brown for Attorney General and Barry Glassman for Comptroller.
- Day 2 President Folderauer had a meeting with Wes Moore before he was given the opportunity to address the delegation. Wes Moore then spoke to all.
- Discussion was held to possibly hold all State Conferences in Ocean City. There will just be different lodges to host.
- Nominations were then made for State Lodge Officers. All incumbents were nominated and were unopposed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS...

- All Lodge reports were given. There was a discussion in reference to the Shock Trauma Gala. Lodge 3 started by making a donation. Most lodges followed and at the end \$30,200 was pledged. BSG Law Group held a raffle for a Yeti cooler and Brother Bill King won.
- Day 3 A presentation by AA County Ladies Auxiliary.
- The Audit Committee gave their report, indicating that all is in order.
- A recommendation was made to change the traditional Presidents' Dinner on the last night of the conference to a Presidents' Luncheon.

- Several local lodges asked for State Lodge endorsements for local elections.
- Installation of officers was held.
- Votes for State endorsements were announced. Wes Moore received 62% of the vote and received the endorsement for Governor. Anthony Brown received the endorsement for Attorney General and Barry Glassman received the endorsement for Comptroller.

Chairman of the Board - Ken Schubert

• Reported on all motions that were made.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

<u>Events</u>: Don Patterson - The Golf Tournament will be held on September 2nd.

<u>Expenditure Review</u>: Doug Jess - There was a discrepancy found on Secretary Patterson's card, which was determined to be fraudulent. The card was replaced.

<u>Grievance</u>: Dave Sweren - The Military Grievance was lost at Step 3. The decision supported us, but the judge felt the County just made a mistake and they should be able to fix it. We appealed to Board of Appeals where we won and our Member was awarded 4 years of service credit. We prevailed on the Substitution Pay Grievance, but the County is appealing. We met with Director Anderson and Major Monahan to discuss potential settlement avenues. <u>Grievance...cont'd</u> - We also prevailed on the Vacation Cancellation / Day Back -Call Back Grievance.

<u>Legal Advisory</u>: Dave Sweren - The CIB Selection / Shadow Discipline case is done.

<u>Pension</u>: Don Patterson – At the August 9, 2022 Pension Board of Trustees meeting, 20 total retirements were approved, including one from the Police Department.

<u>Political Action</u>: Dave Folderauer - The following motions were made and passed;

- 1) To endorse Carl Jackson
- 2) Make a donation to Carl Jackson
- 3) Make a donation to David Marks
- 4) To endorse Bob Long
- 5) Make a donation to Pat McDonough.



OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS...

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A Celebration of life for Brother Joe Caskey will be held on September 4 at Towson American Legion.
- Brother Bob Caskey set up a Public Safety Day at the Baltimore County Fish and Game. The event will be on October 2nd, from 1-5pm. He made a motion to sponsor the event. The motion passed.

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Brother McElfish is home from the hospital.

CLOSING PRAYER

Chaplain Tony DiCara

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A motion was made and seconded to conclude our meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

BEREAVEMENTS

Your Fraternal Order of Police sadly advises of the following loss of members, family or friends:

Brother JOHN T. WEIGLE Father of our Brother, Ryan Weigle



RICHARD M. ROBERTS Uncle of Brother Chris Winters / Brother-in-Law of Brother Phil Marll



JOYCE A. DUNLAP Wife of Brother Doug Dunlap / Aunt of Brother Todd Richardson



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Congratulations to our Brothers below. We wish you all the best in your retirement!

Officer SCOTT DAVENPORT
Sergeant BRIAN ABLES
Officer RICH GARLAND
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Officer NATE MICKLE
Officer PETE SCHMEDES

Additionally, we'd like to wish another 16 Members the best in their new endeavors, as they too are moving on from our Agency.

NEW OR HELPFUL INFORMATION

Meeting Time Change: The October General Business Meeting will be held on Monday, 10/26, at 1600 hrs (4:00 PM). As of now, the November and December meetings will also be at 4:00 PM.

<u>Fourword - Electronic version</u>: The Fourword is available in both a mailed version and an electronic version, which is published to the APP. At times, the electronic version may contain additional images, info or news, that isn't practical to include in print.

<u>HR and Payroll</u>: Police Human Resources and the Payroll Department continue to lose personnel. PLEASE, remember to look at your pay advice and attempt to determine if you are in the appropriate location on the Pay Scale. If you need assistance, or recognize a problem, please contact the Lodge for assistance. The process is slow, but we are making some headway. Additionally, if you can have your Office Assistants or Admin. Personnel send any files and emails to Payroll, requesting a Deliver or Read Receipt, that may assist in keeping track of what emails and Overtime/related slips they should have.

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