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LODGE 4 "FALLEN HEROES" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Applications for the Fall, 2009/Spring, 2010 scholarships are available now by contacting Lodge 4. Seven (7) \$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, 2009.

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

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annually awards seven (7) \$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 2008
recorded by
Dave Folderauer**

The September 2008 General Business Meeting was held on September 22, 2008 at F.O.P Lodge 4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Chaplain Merkle led the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Brother Lagna was excused. Legal Advisor Mike Marshall was present. All other elected officers and board members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Brother King to accept the minutes of the August 2008 General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother Wilhelm. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- August 26 Attended a County Council Work Session.
- August 27 Met with Captain Johnson from Personnel Services concerning Line of Duty death benefits.
- August 28 Assisted Debbie Howe during her meetings with the Retirement and Personnel Services sections.
- August 29 Attended the Maryland State Fair Agricultural Society luncheon.
- September 1 Responded to Shock Trauma to meet with the

Serafino family.

- September 2 Addressed the In-Service Training Class. Visited with the Serafino family, and attended the Retired Officers Association Meeting.
- September 4 Visited the funeral home with the Weir family.
- September 9 Attended a Pension Board of Trustees Meeting, and met with representatives of Nationwide Retirement Solutions.
- September 10 Attended a Fundraiser for Delegate John Olaszewski, Jr., addressed the Lieutenants Supervisors School. Addressed In-service Training Class, and responded to a shooting in Precinct 12.
- September 11 Attended a Police Assistance and Relief Fund Meeting, and attended a meeting with representatives from the large FOP Lodges in the state of Maryland
- September 12 Assisted a member with retirement planning.
- September 14 Set up FOP Lodge 4 booth at the Parkville Fair.
- September 15 Attended a Political Action Committee Meeting and the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- September 16 Met with State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger.
- September 17 Addressed the In-service Training Class.
- September 18 FOP Executive Board Meeting with Chief Johnson and the Bureau Chiefs. Assisted a member with a rating appeal.
- September 19 Met with Jim Franzoni from SF& C Insurance. Assisted a member with retirement planning, and attended the Baltimore County

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ELECTED OFFICERS

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President
(443) 956-2679

Steven G. Comegna 1st Vice President <i>PC3 - Traffic</i> (410) 409-0293	David M. Rose 2nd Vice President <i>F.O.P Lodge 4</i> (443) 956-2643
David J. Folderauer, Sr. Lodge Secretary <i>K9</i> (410) 382-2075	Robert W. Caskey Treasurer <i>CID-Robbery</i> (443) 956-2615
W. Donald Patterson State Trustee <i>Materials & Facilities</i>	Richard J. Bergin Sergeant at Arms <i>PC3 - CDVIT</i>
Paul A. Merkle Chaplain <i>Retired</i>	L. Timothy Caslin Past President <i>Retired</i>

EXECUTIVE BOARD of DIRECTORS

Kenneth F. Schubert Chairman <i>Employment</i> (410) 416-2800	James P. Rommel, Jr. Vice Chairman <i>K9</i> (717) 451-7117
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LODGE STAFF

Larry Sibley—Office Manager
Juanita Bouthner—Administrative Assistant
Michele Preston—Administrative Assistant
Regina Ecker—Administrative Assistant

LEGAL ADVISORS

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IAS Cases Michael Marshall

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Michele Lynn Preston
Fourword Editor

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- Community Relations Council • September 18 I attended the bi-monthly meeting between Chief Bull and Oyster Roast.
- September 22 Assisted a member with retirement planning, and attended a General Membership Meeting.

~ PAST PRESIDENT CASLIN ~

- September 2 Attended a Finance Committee Meeting.
- September 15 Attended an Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- September 22 Attended a General Membership Meeting.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- September 3, 10 & 17 I attended meetings of The Health Care Review Committee.
- September 15 I worked at the Lodge Office, attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee, and attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting.

- September 18 I attended the bi-monthly meeting between Chief Johnson and the Executive Board of Directors of F.O.P. Lodge # 4.

- September 22 I worked at the Lodge Office, and attended the General Membership Meeting.

~ 2nd V. P. ROSE ~

- August 26 Attended afternoon roll call at Precinct 9.

- September 2 Attended an Investment Committee Meeting and the Retiree's Association Meeting.

- September 4 Attended the viewing for Cadet Weir.

- September 8 Attended the Golf Tournament for Anna Otto.

- September 9 Met with representatives from Deferred Compensation.

- September 10 Responded to the officer involved shooting at Precinct 12. Attended morning and

afternoon roll calls at Precinct 4.

- September 11 Attended a Lodge President's Meeting in Prince George's County.

- September 14 Worked the FOP booth at the Parkville Fair.

- September 15 Attended an Executive Board of Directors Meeting.

- September 18 Met with Major Evans and Major Cohen in reference to the Disciplinary Matrix.

- September 19 Attended the Police Community Relations Council Bull Roast.

- September 22 Chaired a Legal Advisory Meeting, and attended a General Business Meeting.

~SECRETARY FOLDERAUER~

- September 22 Attended an Executive Board of Directors meeting.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- September 2 Met with Dennis Marketing Group in reference to solicitation.

- September 10 Responded to the officer involved shooting at Precinct 12.

- September 18 I attended the bi-monthly meeting between Chief Johnson and the Executive Board of Directors of F.O.P. Lodge # 4.

- September 22 Attended a Legal Advisory Meeting, and a General Membership Meeting. Reported on the financial status of the lodge.

~TRUSTEE PATTERSON~

- September 15 Attended an Executive Board of Directors Meeting.

- September 22 Attended a General Business Meeting.

5th Annual

“COP OUT”

All proceeds to benefit the
Police Assistance Relief Fund

October 29, 2008

6pm–12am

Portside Pub 11 Margaret Ave. Essex, MD 21221	\$25.00 Per person	Contact Kurt Wilhelm at 410-887-4870 for tickets
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**~EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS REPORT~**

~ Kenny Schubert ~

- An Executive Board of Directors Meeting was held on September 15, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. Brother Caskey was working, and Brothers Folderauer and Bergin were on vacation. All other elected officers and board members were present.
- 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

~ Ken Schubert ~

- The Bull Roast will be held in March 2009. We will have more information in the coming months.

**DONATION REVIEW
COMMITTEE**

~ Paul Merkle ~

- A motion was made to donate \$500.00 (which includes ten (10) tickets) to the LEAC Dinner on October 28, 2008. This motion passed.
- A motion was made to donate \$1,750.00 to Attorney John Austin to continue his representation involving a pension benefit issue with past member Gary Brown. This motion passed.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

~ Dave Rose ~

- No new grievances have been filed.
- We are currently waiting for a trial date in Baltimore County Circuit Court in the case filed

by the FOP against County Executive Jim Smith for violation of the Employee Relations Act after this years binding arbitration award.

**LEGAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

~ Dave Rose ~

- The FLSA case for secondary employment in Baltimore County Public Schools is in Federal Court and we are currently waiting for a trial date.
- The Blake case is set to move forward in Federal Court. We received the "Right to Sue" letter from the Department of Justice, and are moving forward with a motion to amend the suit for a permanent injunction and a claim for damages. Any additional discovery will be conducted by October when attorneys from both sides will meet with the judge to set a trial date.
- We are finalizing discussions with the Labor Commissioner over the Health and Safety Policy. Neither side has conceded their positions.
- We are waiting for a decision on the Siedlecki case. The case was argued in front of Judge Ballou-Watts on June 10, 2008.

**NEGOTIATION
COMMITTEE**

~ Cole Weston ~

- Advised that we will send our letter on October 15, 2008 to inform Baltimore County that we are prepared to open the entire MOU for negotiations.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~ Cole Weston ~

- The Pension Board of Trustees met on September 9, 2008, and approved the following retire-

Bereavements

**Retired Brother
Robert W. Borgmann**

**Retired Brother
Albert Mohr**

**Retired Brother
Ervin H. Ashby, Jr.**

**Retired Brother
Leroy W. Epperson**

**Father-in-law of
Retired Brother**

James A. Mason, Sr.

**Lillian Barbato
Mother of Brother
Richard M. Barbato**

**Margaret Barnes
Grandmother of Brother
George "Jody" Aberts, Jr.**

**Irene Schwartz
Step-Mother of Brother
Ronald b. Schwartz**

**Agnes F. Crabbs
Wife of Retired Brother
Denver "Buzz" Crabbs
Mother of
Retired Brother
William "Mike" Crabbs
and Grandmother of
Brother Ryan M. Crabbs**



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ments for Baltimore County Employees. There were seven (7) DROP/service/vested retirements, one (1) ordinary disability, and approved one (1) over-sixty work extension.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

~ Steve Comegna ~

The Political Action Committee met on Monday September 15, 2008. Bergin and Folderauer were excused (they were on vacation). All other members were present. The committee brought forth six motions, for PAC expenditures at the September 2008 Executive Board of Directors. Those motions were as follows:

- To purchase one (1) ticket to a fundraiser being held by State Delegate Dana Stein (District 11) on September 25, 2008. The event is from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at the law offices of Schnitzer, Segall, Hymer and Billian # 6 Reservoir Circle 21208. The ticket cost is \$100.00 each, for a total PAC expenditure of \$100.00.
- To purchase a Chardonnay Sponsorship to a fundraiser being held by State Delegate Susan Aumann (District 42) on September 26, 2008. The event is being held at 6:00 pm at the Boordy Vineyard 12820 Long Green Pike Hydes, Maryland 21082. The sponsorship cost is \$250.00 for a total PAC expenditure of \$250.00.
- To purchase one (1) ticket to a fundraiser being held by State Senator Edward Kasemeyer (District 12) on October 2, 2008. The event is being held at 8:00 am at the Overhills Mansion 916 South Rolling

Road 21228. The ticket cost is \$250.00 each, for a total PAC expenditure on \$250.00

- To purchase up to three (3) tickets for a fundraiser being held by the Citizens for Better Government 8th District Slate on October 03, 2008. The event is from 7:00 pm until 12:00 am at the Columbus Gardens 4301 Klosterman Ave 21236. The ticket cost is \$40.00 each, for a maximum PAC expenditure of \$120.00.

- To purchase one (1) ticket to a fundraiser for State Senator Kathy Klausmeier (District 8) on Tuesday October 7, 2008. The event is being held from 7:30 am until 9:30 am at DeSantis' Restaurant 9638 Belair Road 21236. The ticket cost is \$100.00 each, for a total PAC expenditure of \$100.00

- To purchase two (2) tickets to a fundraiser being held by State Delegate Bill Frank (District # 42) on Saturday October 18, 2008. The event is being held from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at this home, 211 Felton Road Lutherville, Maryland 21093. The ticket cost is \$40.00 each, for a total PAC expenditure of \$80.00.

- This report contains a total PAC expenditure of \$900.00

These motions received a proper second, were discussed and voted upon. The six motions were approved by the Executive Board of Directors. The motions were presented to the General Membership at the September 2008 General Membership Meeting. Each motion received a proper second, was discussed and voted upon. Each motion was approved by the General Membership.

SOLICITATION COMMITTEE

~ Bob Caskey ~

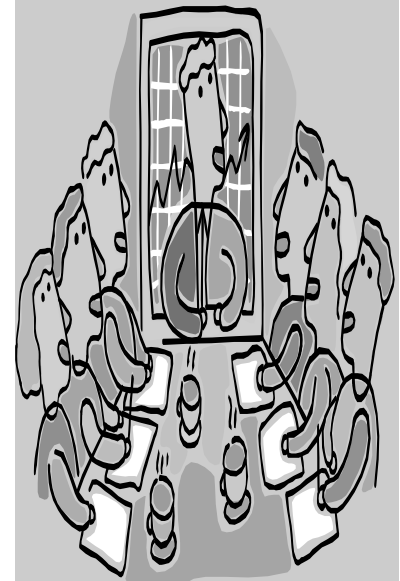
- Advised that Lodge 4 does not conduct telephone solicitation.

GOOD OF THE ORDER :

- During the month of August the Lodge sent four (4) flower arrangements, four (4) fruit baskets, and twelve (12) sympathy cards to bereaving members. six (6) donations were made in lieu of flowers (at family members request) in the name of a member or loved one. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Association of Baltimore County Retired Police 2008 Meetings

November 4



The November

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
November 24, 2008
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, 2008
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road