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LODGE 4 ELECTIONS

Nominations for elected positions for the Executive Board of Directors for Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4 will be accepted at the September General Membership meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Lodge office building located at 9304 Harford Road on Monday, September 28, 2009, and will start at 1930 hours.

The following positions are available for nomination, in addition to five of the ten positions on the Board of Directors:

President
Second Vice President
Treasurer
State Trustee

First Vice President
Lodge Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms
Chaplain

A member must have attended four general membership meetings to be eligible for nomination. Eligible members are encouraged to run for office and all members are encouraged to participate in the election by completing the ballot that will be mailed to your home.

FOP Lodge 4 would like to thank the following sponsors of our annual Fall Golf Tournament:

- ◆ Councilman John Olszewski, Sr.
- ◆ State Farm Insurance, Ron Schlicht
- ◆ Monumental Life Insurance
- ◆ Wolf Professional Security
- ◆ All Sights Travel
- ◆ Law Office of Montella E. Smith
- ◆ Sports Clips
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- ◆ Retirement and Investment Group
- ◆ HMS Insurance Associates
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- ◆ Royal Farms
- ◆ Bass Machining, Inc.
- ◆ J&K Automotive Service
- ◆ Whiteford, Taylor, & Preston, LLP
- ◆ Baltimore County Employees Federal Credit Union



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





MEETING MINUTES

August 2009

recorded by

Dave Folderauer

The August 2009 General Business Meeting was held on August 24, 2009 at FOP Lodge 4. First Vice-President Comegna called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. Chaplain Merkle led the invocation. First Vice President Comega led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Weston, 2nd Vice President Rose, and Brother Lagna were on vacation. Treasurer Caskey, Sister Patterson, and Brother J. Caskey were absent. Brother Massey was working. 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 Bergin to accept the minutes of the July 2009 General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother Patterson. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- July 28 Attended the County Council work session and met with a member concerning retirement planning.
- July 29 Attended a fundraiser for Delegate John Olszewski, Jr.

of the sixth legislative district.
• August 5 Visited the funeral home with the Mullaney family.

• August 6 Visited the funeral home with the Dula family and attended the funeral service for Past President Ken Mullaney.

• August 11 Attended a Pension Board of Trustees meeting.

• August 16-20 Attended the 59th Biennial Conference of the National FOP in Long Beach, CA.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

• August 16—20 Attended the 59th Biennial Conference of the National FOP in Long Beach, CA.

• August 24 Worked at the Lodge office and attended the Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

~ 2nd V. P. ROSE ~

• July 28 Attended the range for Phase II qualification.

• August 4 Met with an officer to file a grievance concerning pension contributions.

• August 5 Attended a viewing for Past President Mullaney.

• August 6 Attended a viewing for the father of Brother In-skeep.

• August 11 Attended a member's Worker's Compensation hearing; attended a meeting with Major Evans regarding the Disciplinary Matrix.

• August 16—20 Attended the 59th Biennial Conference of the National FOP in Long Beach, CA.

**~SECRETARY
FOLDERAUER~**

• August 16-20 Attended the

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ELECTED OFFICERS

Cole B. Weston
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
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David J. Folderauer, Sr. Lodge Secretary <i>K9</i> (410) 382-2075	Robert W. Caskey Treasurer <i>CID-Robbery</i> (443) 956-2615
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W. Donald Patterson State Trustee <i>Materials & Facilities</i>	Richard J. Bergin Sergeant at Arms <i>VNS - CDVIT</i>
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Paul A. Merkle Chaplain <i>Retired</i>	L. Timothy Caslin Past President <i>Retired</i>
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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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Thomas G. Scally <i>CID - Arson</i>	Louis J. Lagna <i>Retired</i>
Donna Patterson <i>Planning & Research</i>	Patrick Zito <i>PC 7 - Traffic</i>
Mike DiCara <i>PC 6</i>	Ryan Massey <i>Homicide</i>
Joe Caskey <i>Homicide</i>	Tony DiCara <i>PC 12</i>

LODGE STAFF

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

LEGAL ADVISORS

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IAS Cases Michael Marshall

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Kathryn Greenbeck
Fourword Editor

Association of
Baltimore County
Retired Police
Meeting

November 3

59th Biennial Conference of the National FOP in Long Beach, CA.

- August 24 Worked at the Lodge office and attended the Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- August 16-20 Attended the 59th Biennial Conference of the National FOP in Long Beach, CA.

~TRUSTEE PATTERSON~

- July 29 Attended a fundraiser for Delegate John Olszewski, Jr.
- August 16—20 Attended the 59th Biennial Conference of the National FOP in Long Beach, CA.
- August 24 Attended the Executive Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.
- At the FOP National Conference in Long Beach, CA, there were several important issues discussed.

There were 11 Amendments presented for changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. The first was a proposed change to the per diem for members performing duties for the Grand Lodge. Currently the per diem is not less than \$60 per day and not more than \$100 per day.

The proposed change was to allow the National Board of Trustees to set the per diem and receive reimbursement for expenses. Lodge 4 voted to reject this change, as did the delegates at the conference.

The second amendment was to make a change to how a state's National Trustee will be elected and installed. Lodge 4 voted to accept this amendment, as did the delegates.

Amendments 3 through 9 were proposed changes to salaries for all the National Officers. The change was to have the salary determined by the National Board of Trustees instead of the delegates. Lodge 4 voted to reject all of these amendments, and the delegation did as well.

Amendment 10 had to do with duties of the National Secretary and it was ruled out of order.

Amendment 11 dealt with conducting business after the vote at the end of the conference. The amendment was revised to reflect that all business will be conducted prior to the vote to assure there are enough delegates on the floor for a quorum. The delegation voted to accept this amendment.

There were 2 opposed elections for National Officers. The first was the office of Vice President. Incumbent Dave Hiller was opposed by Kentucky's State President Martin Scott. Hiller defeated Scott 1910 to 726. In the other race, our State President, Rodney Bartlett ran against incumbent National Secretary Pat Yoes. Yoes de-

Bereavements

**Retired Brother
Kenneth Mullaney
Past President
FOP Lodge 4**

**Retired Brother
Matthew A. Dula**

**Retired Brother Frederick
H. Tarburton, Jr.**

**Robert O. Inskeep
Father of Brother Gary R.
Inskeep**

**Arlene Clark
Mother of Sister Laura
Clark and Aunt of Brother
Adam C. Yowell**

**Veronica K. Sweeney
Mother of Brother Dereck
A. Donovan**

**John T. Sappington, Sr.
Father of Brother John T.
Sappington, Jr.**

**Dinah Friedman
Mother of Brother Alfred
L. Friedman**

**Delores M. Erhardt
Mother of Brother George
A. Erhardt, Jr.**

feated Bartlett 1797 to 846.

In the election for the site of the 2013 National Conference, Cincinnati received 1107 votes, Dallas received 880, Virginia Beach received 638 and Louisville received 23. The National FOP Conference in 2013 will, therefore, be held in Cincinnati, OH.

**FOP Lodge 4
"Fallen Heroes"**

Memorial

Scholarship Awards

*Applications for the Fall,
2010 & Spring, 2011
scholarships are available
now. Contact Lodge 4 for
details.*

At the opening ceremonies of the conference, Sgt. James Crowley of the Cambridge, MA Police Department thanked the National FOP for their support in the issue he had with the arrest of the Harvard Law Professor, Henry Gates.

**~EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS REPORT~
~ Kenny Schubert~**

- An Executive Board of Directors Meeting was held on August 24, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. President Weston, 2nd Vice President Rose, and Brother Lagna were on vacation. Treasurer Caskey, Sister Patterson, and Brother J. Caskey were absent. Brother Massey was working.
- 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

**DONATION REVIEW
COMMITTEE**

~ Paul Merkle ~

- A motion was made to donate \$200.00 to the Law Officers' Association of Baltimore

County. The motion passed.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

~ Dave Rose ~

- The class action grievance filed for the interest charged to several officers for back pension contributions was scheduled for a hearing at Step #3 in front of the Labor Commissioner, George Gay on September 1, 2009. Due to a conflict with the County's witnesses, the hearing date was postponed and will be rescheduled later in the month.
- On August 4, 2009 I met with another officer who received a letter stating he owed back pension contributions plus interest. A grievance was filed and submitted to the Labor Commissioner.
- The retiree subsidy grievance is scheduled to be heard in Circuit Court on September 25, 2009. The FOP won the case in arbitration on July 15, 2008. The County subsequently filed a Complaint to Vacate the Arbitration Award in Baltimore County Circuit Court on August 14, 2008.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

~Tom Scally~

- A motion was made by the committee to admit Christopher Miller as an Associate Member, sponsored by Richard Miller. The motion was seconded by Brother Cortes and passed unanimously.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~ Cole Weston ~

- The Pension Board of Trustees met on August 11, 2009 and approved the following retirements for Baltimore County Employees. Twenty-two (22) DROP/service/vested retire-

ments, one (1) accidental disability, three (3) ordinary disabilities, and four (4) over-sixty work extensions were approved.

**REPORT OF LEGAL
COUNSEL**

~Mike Marshall~

- Brother Stanley Siedlecki's case is scheduled to be heard in the Court of Special Appeals on October 7, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by First Vice President Comegna to spend \$3950 to update the Lodge 4 web site. The motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Secretary Folderauer advised that all positions for Line Officers and 5 positions on the Executive Board of Directors will be up for re-election at the September, 2009 General Membership meeting.
- During the month of August, the Lodge sent five (5) flower arrangements and nine (9) sympathy cards to bereaving members. Two (2) fruit baskets were sent to members sick or in distress. Four (4) donations were made in lieu of flowers (at family members' request) in the name of a member or loved one. Thirteen (13) "Thank You" cards were received. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

*Members are reminded
that all acknowledgments
of bereavements and those
sick or in distress are the
result of notifications
from family members
and/or coworkers.*

Grand Lodge News...

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 08/19/2009

NEWEST FOP MEMBER: SGT. JIM CROWLEY

Cambridge Police Officer Joins Fraternal Order of Police

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, swore in the newest member of the Fraternal Order of Police, James M. Crowley in front of the assembled delegates and guests at the organization's 59th Biennial National Conference in Long Beach, California.

"It's a great pleasure to welcome Jim Crowley to the brotherhood of the Fraternal Order of Police," Canterbury said. "We are proud to have him as an FOP member."

Crowley, a sergeant with the Cambridge Police Department in Massachusetts, responded to a call about a possible break-in, which resulted in the arrest of Henry L. Gates, Jr. The event triggered a national debate on the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

The newest member of the FOP had this to say to his brother and sister officers, "The past month has been very difficult for my family, my friends and my colleagues back in Cambridge, and it's no exaggeration to say that it wouldn't be as easy for me to handle this without the support from the Fraternal Order of Police."

"Jim Crowley exemplifies the kind of professionalism that every law enforcement officer aspires to," Canterbury says. "We are very happy he decided to join our great organization."

Crowley was a special guest of the FOP at the Opening Ceremonies of the organization's Biennial National Conference and briefly addressed the delegates to thank them for the support he received. Following his swearing in, Sgt. Crowley was in attendance at the conference as a full member of the FOP.

For more information, please contact the FOP's National Legislative Office at 202-547-8189 or via e-mail at natlpop@fop.net.

The October

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
October 26, 2009
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 23, 2009
7:30 p.m.**

at
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