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**MEETING MINUTES
October 2010**

Recorded by Dave Folderauer

The October 2010 General Business Meeting was held on October 25, 2010 at FOP Lodge 4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Chaplain Merkle led the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Brother Patterson and Sister Patterson were excused. Brother Rommel was sick, and Brother Massey was on vacation. All other elected officers and board members were present. Legal advisor Mike Marshall was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Brother King to accept the minutes of the September 2010 General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother Speed. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ **PRESIDENT WESTON** ~

- September 28 Attended the Baltimore County Council work session.
- September 29 Addressed the In-Service training class and attended a fundraiser for Delegate Steve Lafferty of the 42nd legislative district.
- September 30 Met with County Council candidate Todd Huff.

- October 1 Attended a fundraiser for Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger of the 2nd congressional district.
- October 4 Met with the County Administrative Officer concerning the pension system.
- October 5 Met with Major Burris concerning proposed changes to the transfer section of article seven in the Administrative Manual and attended a fundraiser for Senator Kathy Klausmeier of the 8th legislative district.
- October 6 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- October 7 Attended a meeting of the Health Care Review Committee and attended a fundraiser for State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger.
- October 8 Attended a fundraiser for the Citizens for Better Government campaign.
- October 12 Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- October 14 Attended the Police Assistance and Relief Fund meeting and a fundraiser for County Executive candidate Kevin Kamenetz.
- October 15 Attended a fundraiser for Delegate Sue Aumann of the 42nd legislative district.
- October 18 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- October 19 Attended the State FOP Governors endorsement and the Law Enforcement Assistance Connection fundraiser supporting the National Law Enforcement Museum Project.
- October 20 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- October 21 Met with 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
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David J. Folderauer, Sr. Lodge Secretary <i>PC 4 - IST</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	Mike DiCara Vice Chairman <i>PC 6</i>
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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>
James P. Rommel, Jr. <i>K9</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

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- Council candidate Cathy Bevins.
- October 25 Visited the funeral home with the Burger family; attended the General Membership meeting.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- October 7 Attended a meeting of the Health Care Review Committee with Labor representatives.
- October 14 Completed our Pre-General Election Campaign Finance Report and attended a fundraiser for Baltimore County Executive Candidate Kevin Kamenetz.
- October 18 Worked at the Lodge, attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- October 25 Worked at the Lodge and attended the General Membership Meeting.

~ 2nd V. P. ROSE ~

- September 28 Met with a member about a retirement issue; attended the County Council work session.
- September 30 Met with Todd Huff, candidate for County Council in the third district.
- October 4 Worked on the new website design with the company representative.
- October 5 Met with Major Burris to discuss a policy change proposal; attended a fundraiser for Senator Kathy Klausmeier.
- October 7 Attended a Health Care Review Committee meeting; met with a member and his commander about an IAS complaint; attended a fundraiser for Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger.

- October 8 Attended a fundraiser for the Citizens for a Better Government.
- October 14 Attended a fundraiser for County Executive Candidate Kevin Kamenetz.
- October 18 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- October 19 Attended the press conference for the announcement of the Maryland State Lodge endorsement of Bob Ehrlich for Governor; met with two members about department issues; attended the LEAC fundraiser for the National Law Enforcement Museum.
- October 25 Attended the General Membership meeting.

~SECRETARY FOLDERAUER~

- September 29 Attended a meeting of the Elections Committee.
- October 18 Worked at the Lodge, attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- October 25 Attended the General Membership Meeting.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- September 20-22 Attended the State Conference in Ocean City.
- September 23 Attended a meeting for a Speed Camera policy.
- September 27 Attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting and the General Business meeting.
- October 18 Attended the Executive Board of Directors

Bereavements

**Retired Brother
Roland L. Unger**

**Retired Brother
Henry "Ed" Hess**

**Herbert L. Ellingson, Sr.
Father of Brother
Herbert L. Ellingson, Jr.**

**Helen Hunewill
Step-Mother of Brother
Thomas "Scott" Hunewill**

**Charles T. Herring
Brother of Retired Brother
Charles "Joe" Herring**

**Virgil W. Miller
Father of Sister
Lisa M. Covington**

**Joshua M. Burger
Son of Brother
James "Mark" Burger &
Grandson of Retired
Brother Joseph "Al" Burger**

**Phyllis Wright
Sister of Retired Brother
James T. Chenworth**

**Baltimore Police Officer
Thomas R. Portz, Jr.**

meeting.

- October 25 Attended the General Membership meeting.
- Several members contacted the Lodge to inquire about ballistic vests. They had gone to the quartermaster to get fitted for new vests because their vests were expired and they were turned away due to budget reductions. The County has since been able to secure a grant for ballistic vests and has advised

that if any members' vests are expired, they will receive a notice from the Department advising them to go to the quartermaster to get fitted for a new one. If you do not respond to the notice, your command will be notified to send you for a fitting. In addition, if your vest is about to expire or does not fit properly, you should report to the quartermaster to be measured and a new vest will be ordered.

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

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on October 18, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Sister Patterson was excused, Brother Scally was working, and Brother Bergin was 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

BULLROAST COMMITTEE
~Ken Schubert~

- The Annual FOP Lodge 4 Bull & Oyster Roast will take place on March 27, 2011 at Tall Cedars hall in Parkville.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
~Lou Lagna~

- A by-law has been proposed and can be reviewed on page 6 of this newsletter. It will be dis-

**LODGE 4
"FALLEN HEROES"
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Applications for the Fall, 2011/ Spring, 2012 scholarships are available now by contacting Lodge 4. Eight (8) \$3,000.00 awards are made each year.

The deadline to return the completed application with required attachments is February 1, 2011.

Contact the Lodge 4 Office for more information.

cussed at the November General Membership meeting.

DONATION REVIEW
~Paul Merkle~

- The Donation Review Committee considered two items and declined to support the requests as they did not satisfy the guidelines.

HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE
~Steve Comegna~

- The benefit guides and rate structures for the upcoming benefit year have been distributed. Members are reminded that our benefit year structure is changing effective January 1, 2011. Our benefits will now run on a *calendar* year basis.

**LEGAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**
~Dave Rose~

- There have been no changes to the status of any pending suits against the County. The Smith

administration continues to appeal every decision to the next level.

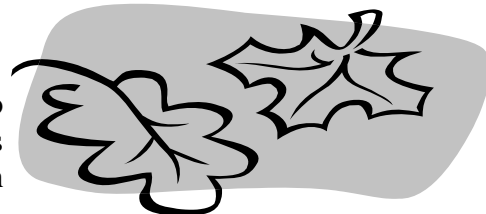
- Members have continued to utilize the Lodge 4 Estate Planning program. We have had fifteen members submit paid receipts to the Lodge for a reimbursement.

PENSION COMMITTEE
~ Cole Weston ~

- The Pension Board of Trustees met on October 12, 2010 and approved 16 service, drop, and vested retirements. Two ordinary disabilities were also approved.

**POLICY REVIEW
COMMITTEE**
~Dave Rose~

- The committee has received one new policy to review this month. There were no issues.
- There still has been no agreement on a policy for handling speed camera violations. Members should not write anything in a form 12L in reference to an alleged speed camera violation. The agency will use this against you in court. The LEOBR only protects you in a criminal matter. Speed camera violations are civil. The law requires the department to submit a letter to the District Court and transfer the liability to the driver. Once the transfer of liability is completed, members can decide whether to pay the fine or contest it in court.



**POLITICAL ACTION
COMMITTEE**

~Steve Comegna~

- In accordance with the motion made and approved at the September 2010 General Membership Meeting, the Political Action Committee requested that the Executive Board of Directors approve three (3) PAC expenditures. Those expenditures are as follows:
- To purchase three (3) tickets to a fundraiser being held by Baltimore County Executive Candidate Kevin Kamenetz on Thursday October 14, 2010. The ticket cost \$150.00 each for a total PAC expenditure of \$450.00
- To donate \$1500.00 to the write-in campaign of Baltimore County Council Candidate Julian Earl Jones, Jr. (District # 4).
- To donate \$1500.00 to the re-election campaign of State Delegate and F.O.P. Brother Steve DeBoy (District 12A).
- The Executive Board of Directors approved each of the above expenditures.
- The Political Action Committee met on Monday October 18, 2010. The following motion was presented to the Executive Board of Directors:
- To purchase one (1) ticket to a fundraiser being held by Baltimore County Executive Candidate Kevin Kamenetz on Thursday October 28, 2010. The ticket cost is \$500.00.
- This motion was presented to the Executive Board of Directors on Monday October 18, 2010. The motion received a proper second. It was discussed and voted upon. The Executive

Board of Directors approved this motion.

- This motion was presented to the General Membership on Monday October 25, 2010. The motion was made, received a proper second and was voted upon. The General Membership approved this motion.

NEW BUSINESS

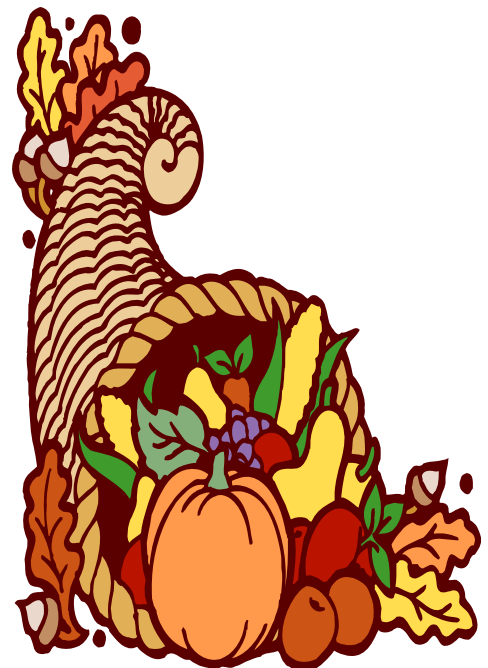
- Treasurer Caskey advised that if members were turned away from the Quartermaster when attempting to get a new ballistic vest, you should go back. The Department has indicated that they are going to allocate money to these items. See the Treasurer's report in this issue of the newsletter for more details.
- A motion was made by Brother Scally to support Baltimore County Question A in the November 2 election. The motion was seconded by Brother Lagna and passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Treasurer Caskey to eliminate the pager program. The motion was seconded by Brother King and passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- At the beginning of the meeting, business was suspended so that County Council candidate Kevin Kamenetz could speak to the membership. Mr. Kamenetz thanked our membership for our support and expressed a desire to have a good working relationship moving forward. A member asked a question about the pension system and Mr. Kamenetz acknowledged that concessions have already been

made by the labor groups. He stated that he intends for the current defined benefit structure to stay in place. Another member asked about the retiree subsidy case. Mr. Kamenetz stated that he intends to sit down with the Executive Board of Directors to resolve that case as well as several others currently outstanding.

- Councilman John Olszewski, Sr. also addressed the membership to thank us for our years of support.
- Brother Bergin informed members about the upcoming Polar Bear Plunge and asked that members wishing to participate contact him.
- During the month of October, the Lodge sent one (1) flower arrangement and ten (10) sympathy cards to bereaving members. One fruit basket was sent to a member who was hospitalized. Six (6) "Thank You" cards were received.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.



**AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #4**

WHEREAS: The duties of the Treasurer have evolved over time and,

WHEREAS: The Lodge has employed professionals to review business records on a regular basis and,

WHEREAS: The procedures for dispersing funds and recording expenditures have changed as a result,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution be revised to read:

SECTION 5:

TREASURER...He/she will sign all checks drawn against the funds of the lodge, with exception of check written to the Treasurer. Checks written to the Treasurer will be signed by the President or person authorized by the President to sign the checks. No checks will be issued without a proper receipt that designates what the expenditures are for, and furnish statements from where the expenditure was made. One statement/receipt shall be retained by the Treasurer until that month's financial paperwork is completed, and is ready to be sent to the accountant. That statement/receipt shall reflect the amount of money paid on that expenditure along with the check number that was written for that statement/receipt. At the end of each month the Treasurer will combine all of the statements/receipts, copy of the checkbook registry for that month and combine those items with the appropriate bank statements in an envelope for the lodge's accounting firm for review. This monthly review will continue each month ensuring the Treasurer's check book a 30 day review by the lodge's accountant.

He/she shall deposit in the name of the lodge, all funds paid to him/her from every source, in such bank or banks as may be selected by the Treasurer. It shall be his/her duty to keep accurate account of all monies received and expended by him or her, and shall report on the prior month's financial gains or losses at the General Business Meeting; to include the amount of funds deposited and dispersed for that month. The Treasurer shall have his/her financial paperwork ready for audit or settlement at the expiration of his/her term in office or if directed to do so by the President or the Executive board of Directors by way of a proper motion.

He/she shall deliver to his/her successor in office all monies, papers, documents, or other property of the lodge in his/her custody or possession as Treasurer within 30 days after the expiration of his/her term of office. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, in conjunction with the President and or Lodge Secretary, to open a savings/checking account in the name of the lodge (Baltimore County Lodge No. 4 of the Fraternal Order of Police, Inc.) as necessary to conduct the financial responsibilities of the lodge. The Treasurer shall at his/her discretion transfer funds from the checking account to the savings account and vice-versa, as needs arise.

At no time shall the checking account balance be below Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) on hand in U.S. Currency. If the balance falls below Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) the President and the Executive Board of Directors will be notified immediately by the Treasurer.

The Scholarship funds for the Fallen Heroes Memorial Scholarship Fund will be written by the Treasurer from the Lodge Treasurer's check book.

The Treasurer shall countersign, with the President or other person authorized by the President as a signing party on the lodge's checking account, all checks for the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) or more.

The Treasurer shall also be the Chairperson of the Finance and Investment Committees.

Submitted on 10/1/10 by

Dave Rose
2nd Vice President

Bob Caskey
Treasurer



President Weston with Craig Floyd, Chairman and CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund at the fundraiser for the Law Enforcement Assistance Connection, Inc. This event was held at Michael's Café in Timonium on October 19, 2010.

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)

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
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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

Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4

annually awards eight (8) \$3,000.00 "Fallen Heroes Memorial Scholarships" for the children of Baltimore County Police Officers.

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The December

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
December 27, 2010
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The January

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
January 24, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road