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42nd Annual Bull, Oyster & Shrimp Roast



Sunday

March 24, 2013

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Tall Cedars Hall
Parkville, MD**

\$35.00 per person

(Reservations are being accepted)

Music, Wheels, Raffles

Food by Atlantic Catering



Open Bar



Music by Wherez Dave

**For Tickets & Information
Contact Lodge 4 at (410) 668-0004**



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County





**MEETING MINUTES
October 2012**

- The October 2012 General Business Meeting was held on October 22, 2012 at FOP Lodge 4. First Vice President Comegna called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain Merkle gave the invocation. First Vice President Comegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- President Weston, Treasurer Caskey, and Brothers Rommel and Scally were on vacation. Brother Patterson and Sister Patterson were working. 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 Grumbach to accept the minutes of the September 2012 General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother Siedlecki. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ **PRESIDENT WESTON** ~

- September 26 Addressed the in-service training class.
- October 1 Attended the FOP Lodge #69 golf fundraiser.

- October 3 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- October 5 Met with County Councilman Quirk.
- October 9 Attended the County Council work session.
- October 10 Addressed the In-Service training class.
- October 11 Attended the Police Assistance and Relief Fund meeting, and met with Chief Johnson.
- October 15 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- October 16 Met with attorneys from SB&W to discuss the James Laboard case.
- October 17 Addressed the in-service training class and met with our labor attorney to review the cases against the County.

~ **1st V. P. COMEGNA** ~

- October 15 Worked at the Lodge office and attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- October 16 Attended a “Special Meeting” of the Maryland State FOP Lodge. The meeting was held in Anne Arundel County at F.O.P. Lodge # 70.
- October 17 Completed, reviewed and transmitted our 2012 Pre-General Presidential campaign finance report.
- October 22 Worked at the Lodge office, attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee, a meeting of the Executive Board of Directors and the General Business Meeting.

~ **2nd V.P. ROSE** ~

- October 1 Met with the Administration to discuss issues with the Taser camera.

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Paul A. Merkle Chaplain <i>Retired</i>	L. Timothy Caslin Past President <i>Retired</i>

EXECUTIVE BOARD of DIRECTORS

Kenneth F. Schubert Chairman <i>Retired</i> (410) 416-2800	Mike DiCara Vice Chairman <i>PC 4</i>
Thomas G. Scally <i>CID - Arson</i>	Louis J. Lagna <i>Retired</i>
Donna Patterson <i>PC12</i>	Patrick Zito <i>PC 7 - Traffic</i>
James P. Rommel, Jr. <i>K9</i>	Ryan Massey <i>CID - Homicide</i>
Joe Caskey <i>CID - Homicide</i>	Kathy Kraemer <i>PC 6</i>

LODGE STAFF

Juanita Bouthner—Administrative Assistant
Nancy Skinner—Administrative Assistant

LEGAL ADVISORS

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Bereavements

**Retired Brother
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**Darlene Gethers
Sister of Retired Brother
John Krebs**

**Donald E. Einolf, Sr.
Father of Brother Donald
E. Einolf, Jr.**

**Mary C. Bolgiano
Mother of Retired Brother
Richard Bolgiano**

**Deborah Ledley
Sister of Brother
Bill Ledley**

**Vada Mantheiy
Grandmother of Brother
Samuel Houston**

- October 5 Met with Councilman Quirk.
- October 9-10 Attended in-service training.
- October 11 Met with Chief Johnson.
- October 15 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- October 16 Met with Mike Marshall to discuss upcoming cases.
- October 17 Attended a trial board for Ofc. Grue.
- October 18 Attended a trial board for Ofc. Grue and attended a fundraiser for John Olszewski, Sr.

- October 22 Attended the General Business meeting.

SECRETARY FOLDERAUER

- October 15 Worked at the Lodge office and attended the Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- October 22 Worked at the Lodge office, attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee, a meeting of the Executive Board of Directors and the General Business Meeting.

~TRESURER CASKEY~

- In October, I worked at the Lodge on several occasions. I compiled the receipts and the checkbook ledger to send to the accountant. I documented the financial status of the Lodge and submitted it to President Weston to be read into the record during the General Membership meeting.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

~ Kenny Schubert~

An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on October 15, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. Sister Patterson, Brother Joe Caskey and Brother Scally were working. All other elected officers and Board members were present. Legal



**Association of
Baltimore County
Retired Police
2013 Meetings**

- January 8, 2013**
- March 5, 2013**
- April 2, 2013**
- May 7, 2013**
- September 3, 2013**
- November 5, 2013**

**All meetings are held at
Parkville Heritage
Gardens at 7:30 p.m.**

counsel Mike Marshall was also present.

- A Board meeting was also held on October 22, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Sister Patterson and Brother Patterson were working. All other 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

**DONATION REVIEW
COMMITTEE**

~Paul Merkle~

- The committee met on October 15 and the following motions were made and discussed:
- To donate \$250 to the Charles N. Armetta Memorial Fund as established by the Harford County Municipal Lodge 128. Ofc. Armetta died accidentally on September 8, 2012.
- To donate \$300 in lieu of buying

tickets to the Law Officers Association of Baltimore County Shrimp Feast held on November 2, 2012.

- All motions passed.

**LEGAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

~Dave Rose~

- The Legal Advisory Committee received a request from Montgomery County FOP Lodge #35. The Montgomery County Government has mounted an aggressive campaign to get the voters to approve Question B. If Question B passes, FOP #35 will lose part of their 30 year collective bargaining law. The outcome will be the loss of “effects” bargaining for FOP members in Montgomery County. FOP #35 is trying to raise \$100,000 to purchase cable time, send out one mailer to voters and launch a meaningful internet campaign. They have already committed significantly more than that amount of money defending their ballot petition in court and in their campaign. They are requesting a contribution of \$1000 or more to help them halt the first attempt to repeal local collective bargaining rights for police officers in Maryland. If this succeeds in Montgomery County, it may encourage other jurisdictions to do the same or worse. They are asking for PAC donations to “Citizens For Effective Law Enforcement Against Question B” (A.K.A. CFELE). Donations to ballot question political committees are unlimited and do not count against an existing PAC’s aggregate limit for contributions. In speaking

with President Weston and First Vice President Comegna, who chairs the PAC Committee, donations for ballot questions do not have to come from PAC fund. Donations can come from the General Fund.

- The Maryland State FOP Board unanimously approved a \$10,000 grant on October 16, 2012 at a special meeting. A motion was made to donate \$1,000 from our general fund to FOP #35. The motion passed. The committee recommendation was presented to the Executive Board of Directors on October 22, 2012 and it passed.
- On October 11, 2012 we received most of the documents our labor attorney requested under the Freedom of Information Act in reference to the loan that was approved by the Pension Board of Trustees of the Employees’ Retirement System. In reviewing the documents, our attorneys did not see any documents indicating the County has met the IRS requirements and

NOTE TO MEMBERS:

The December General Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, December 17, 2012. This is the THIRD Monday of the month.

there is no signed document indicating the terms of the loan. We will be sending the County a pre-litigation demand letter stating we have identified these deficiencies in the loan and demand the County comply by a certain date or we will file suit.

- On June 28, 2012 the County filed an appeal of Judge Cox’s Circuit Court decision in the Absence Control Policy case to the Court of Special Appeals. No hearing date has been set.
- Oral arguments were made on September 7, 2012 at 9:30am in the Maryland Court of Appeals for the Retiree Subsidy case. We are waiting for a decision.
- The fee petition for the Blake case was scheduled for November 7, 2012 at 2:00pm in Feder-



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al District Court in Baltimore. (\$445,876).

- The Stanley Siedlecki case was scheduled for October 30, 2012 in Baltimore County Circuit Court. It has been postponed. It is now scheduled for January 22, 2013 at 9:30am.
- The Employee Relations Act case was heard on September 9, 2011 at the Court of Special Appeals. We are still waiting for a decision.
- The Brandt Bradford case is scheduled for November 15, 2012 at 10:00am at the Board of Appeals.
- The James Laboard case has been scheduled for December 11, 2012 in Baltimore County Circuit Court.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~Cole Weston~

- The Pension Board of Trustees met on October 9, 2012 and approved 31 service, drop, vested, early retirement, and lump-sum death benefits.

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The committee received five (5) policies for review this month. One policy needed to be addressed with the Administration.
- On October 1, 2012 we met with the administration to ask several questions and identify several problems with the draft policy for the Point of View Video System (PVVS) for the Taser that we received. There was an exchange of ideas and explanation of problems from both the Administration and the

FOP. Everyone realized that these issues need to be addressed before any pilot program can begin. On October 12, 2012 we received a revised draft policy from the Administration. The committee members met to discuss the policy and respond. On October 17, 2012 I met with Col. Burris to present the proposal. The committee has informed the Administration that we are against any use of the PVVS.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met on Monday October 22, 2012. The following motions were presented to the Executive Board of Directors on October 22, 2012:
 - To purchase two (2) tickets to a fundraiser for State Senator Ed Kasemeyer on Thursday October 25, 2012. The total cost is \$500.00.
 - To purchase two (2) tickets to a fundraiser for Baltimore County Councilman Ken Oliver on Thursday October 25, 2012. The total cost is \$500.00.
 - To purchase two (2) tickets to a fundraiser for State Senator Kathy Klausmeier on Thursday November 8, 2012. The total cost is \$500.00.
 - To purchase a sponsorship to a fundraiser being held by Baltimore County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins on Thursday November 8, 2012. The total cost is \$1000.00
- These motions were approved by the Executive Board of Directors. This report was presented at the General Business

Meeting by Brother A. DiCara. The report was approved by the General Membership.

OLD BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Secretary Folderauer to waive the last reading of the bylaw to be amended. The motion was seconded by Brother Chris George and passed. A motion was then made by Chairman Schubert to accept the amended bylaw. The motion was seconded by Brother Jagoe and passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Brother Grumbach reminded members of the November 6 Retiree's meeting.
- Members were invited to FOP Lodge 34 for a cigar/scotch tasting on November 12, 2012.
- During the month of October, the Lodge sent six (6) cards, four (4) flower arrangements, and made two (2) donations in lieu of flowers for bereavements at the member's request. Ten (10) "Thank You" cards were received.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm



The December

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
December 17, 2012
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 28, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road