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Annual Baltimore County



Public Safety Day

Saturday, September 27, 2014

10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

North Plaza Shopping Center
8966 Waltham Woods Rd, Parkville, MD

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The Baltimore County Police & Community Relations Councils, Inc.



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MEETING MINUTES
July 2014

- The July General Business meeting was held on July 28, 2014 at FOP Lodge 4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain Merkle gave the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- Second Vice President Rose and Brother Franks were on vacation, Brothers Rommel, Joe Caskey, and Massey were working. All other elected officers and Board members were present. Legal advisor Dan Udoff 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 June, 2014 General Membership Meeting. A second was



made by Brother King. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- June 24 Met with representatives of Nationwide Deferred Compensation Plan to discuss performance and policies.
- June 25 Met with the President and representatives of the Blue Guardians.
- June 30 Attended the funeral of Kristin Kohnle, wife of Brother Dan Kohnle.
- July 2 Visited the funeral home with the Higdon family.
- July 10 Attended a Political Action Committee meeting and met with members of the Blue Guardians and the County administration.
- July 21 Attended a Political Action Committee meeting and the FOP Lodge #4 Board of Directors meeting.
- July 22 Met with County Executive candidate George Harman.
- July 23 & 24 Attended a Labor Law and Labor Arbitration seminar.
- July 28 Attended the funeral for Eileen Kelly, met with Chief Johnson concerning the promotional announcement class action grievance, and chaired the FOP Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- July 10 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee.
- July 15 Attended a fundraiser for State Delegate (and State Senate Candidate) John Olzewski, Jr.

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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) 404-2788	Mike DiCara Vice Chairman <i>PC 4</i>
Thomas G. Scally <i>CID - Arson</i>	Lou Lagna <i>Retired</i>
Donna Patterson <i>PC12</i>	Patrick Zito <i>Retired</i>
James P. Rommel, Jr. <i>PC11</i>	Ryan Franks <i>CID - Gun Squad</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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Association of
Baltimore County
Retired Police
Meeting

November 4, 2014

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

- July 17 Attended the bi-monthly meeting between Chief Johnson and the Executive Board of Directors.
- July 21 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and attended the July 2014 Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- July 22 President Weston and I met with the Republican Candidate for Baltimore County Executive, George Harman.
- July 27 Visited Precinct 4.
- July 28 Attended the July 2014 General Business Meeting.

~2nd V. P. ROSE~

- June 24 Worked a polling place for Councilwoman Vicki Almond.
- June 25 Met with a representative from the Blue Guardians.
- July 1 Met with a member to discuss an Internal Affairs issue.
- July 8 Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- July 10 Met with members of the Blue Guardians and the County Administration.
- July 14 Attended a meeting with Chief Johnson, Colonel Evans and a member about a transfer.
- July 15 Attended a fundraiser for John Olszewski, Jr.

- July 17 Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting with Chief Johnson.
- July 21 Met with a member about a transfer issue and attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- July 22 Responded to PC 9 for the officer involved shooting.
- July 23 Met with a member and Colonel Burriss to discuss a transfer and the lieutenants' promotional exam issue.
- July 25-August 1 – Vacation.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

- July 4 Helped to prepare a cook-out for our members working 3-11 shift and assigned to the fireworks detail at PC12.
- July 10 and 21 Attended PAC committee meetings.
- July 28 Attended a grievance committee meeting and attended the General Membership meeting, where I reported on the financial status of the lodge.

SECRETARY FOLDERAUER

- July 10 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee.
- July 21 Attended a meeting of the Political Action Committee and attended the July 2014 Executive Board of Directors Meeting.
- July 28 Attended the July 2014 General Business Meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS REPORT

~ Kenny Schubert~

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on July 21, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Treasurer Caskey was excused. Brother

Bereavements

**Retired Brother
Richard K. (Kirk) Higdon**

**Kristin Kohnle
Wife of Brother
Dan Kohnle**

**Eileen Kelly
Mother of Brothers
Brian Kelly and Retired
Brother William Kelly,
and Grandmother of
Brothers William Kelly III
and Samuel Houston**

**Genevie Ann Bury
Mother of Retired
Brother Charles Bury, Jr.**

**Nancy Shipley-Lutz
Mother of Brother
David Shipley**

**Ruth Sardeson
Mother of Retired
Brother Stuart Sardeson**



Rommel and Sister Kraemer were on vacation. All other elected officers and Board members were present. Legal counsel Mike Marshall was at at hearing and unable to attend. Motions that were made, after receiving a proper second,

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were discussed, voted upon, and appear in this issue under the appropriate committee reports.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

~Don Patterson~

- The Lodge 4 Golf Tournament was held on Friday, August 22, 2014 at Rocky Point Golf Course and was sold out.

DONATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

~Paul Merkle~

- The committee met and made the following motions:
- Motion to donate \$ 100.00 to the Semper Fi Fund on behalf of a member who will be participating in the Marine Corps mara-

thon. The event is to be held on October 26, 2014.

- Motion to be a Wish Sponsor at the second annual Summer Celebration benefiting Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic with a donation of \$1000.00, which provides a table for eight guests at the event on Saturday, September 6, 2014.
- We received thank you letters from the Benedictine Sisters and the St. Baldrick's Foundation for the recent donations from FOP Lodge 4.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The grievance committee met to discuss the upcoming lieutenant promotion test. It appears that the Administration did not follow the procedures regarding

notification to candidates that the application process was open. There are approximately 23 eligible sergeants who are affected. The committee approved a motion to support the filing of a class action grievance. That recommendation was presented to the Executive Board of Directors. The Board voted unanimously to file the grievance. On July 30, 2014 a grievance was filed and sent to the Director of Human Resources George Gay.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- The County has filed an appeal to the October 23, 2013



Board of Appeals decision in the Brandt Bradford case to the Circuit Court. At this time there is no hearing date.

- The County's appeal to the Maryland Court of Appeals decision in the Absence Control Policy case was heard on June 4, 2014. On July 30, 2014 we received an unfavorable decision. The court reversed the Court of Special Appeals and ruled in favor of the County Administration.
- The County's briefs to the Court of Special Appeals in the Retiree Subsidy case were due August 1, 2014 and were submitted.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- At the July Pension Board of Trustees meeting the Board approved 41 total retirements. Two of those were from the police department.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met on Thursday July 10, 2014 to discuss the results of the June 24th primary elections and to format plans for moving forward into the November 4, 2014 General Election.
- The committee reviewed our endorsements for the primary election. We endorsed twenty-five (25) candidates for various local offices. Twenty-three (23) were winners in their respective races.
- The committee also continued with the endorsement process. We examined the 7th District Baltimore County Council race. The committee examined the two primary winners, their re-

sumes, their organizations/campaigns and the results of their interviews. The committee voted unanimously to endorse Joe Di-Cara in the November General Election.

- The motion to endorse Joe Di-Cara was presented to the Executive Board of Directors on Monday July 21, 2014. The Executive Board was also unanimous in their vote to endorse him.
- At the July 2014 General Business Meeting, the membership concurred with the committee and the board. The vote was again unanimous for the endorsement of Joe Di-Cara for Baltimore County Council in District # 7.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- President Weston informed members of several upcoming events.
- The 4th Annual Reunion of active and retired members will be held on September 19, 2014.
- A crab feast fundraiser to benefit Jason Schneider's family will be held at Buc's Club on September 20, 2014.
- Public Safety Day will be held at

the North Plaza Shopping Center in Parkville on September 27, 2014.

- Brother Bob Speed asked why the Lodge 4 message board was removed from our web site. President Weston advised that it was removed because (1) a very small number of members are utilizing it and (2) a large number of non-members were attempting to access it. The Executive Board of Directors, as well as the general membership, previously voted on the matter.
- Brother Chris Maher informed members of his success in getting elected to the Democratic Central Committee and thanked members for their support.
- During the month of June, FOP Lodge #4 sent five (5) cards and flower arrangements to bereaving members. One (1) donation was sent in lieu of flowers at the family's request. Three (3) thank you cards were received.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.



The September

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
September 22, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The October

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
October 27, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

at
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