



The Fourword

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ROLL CALL

MARYLAND 2022

Deputy First Class Kenny Olander
Frederick County Sheriff's Office
March 2, 2022
COVID19

Deputy First Class Glenn R Hillard
Wicomico County Sheriff's Office
June 12, 2022
Gunfire

Deputy Sheriff Corey D. McElroy
Garrett County Sheriff's Office
December 21, 2022
Automobile Crash

MARYLAND 2023

Officer Daoud Alexander Mingo
Baltimore City Police Department
Date of Injury -October 27, 2015
Succumbed to injuries-
December 13, 2023



*Greater love
has no one
than this,
that he lay
down his life
for his
friends.*

ROLL CALL BALTIMORE COUNTY

Officer Edward Kuznar
December 9, 1969

Officer Charles Huckeba
July 6, 1977

Corporal Sam Synder
August 23, 1983

Officer Robert Zimmerman
November 14, 1986

Sergeant Bruce A. Prothero
February 7, 2000

Detective John W. Stem Sr.
October 19, 2000

Sergeant Mark F. Parry
January 21, 2002

Lieutenant Michael Howe
August 11, 2008

Officer Jason Schneider
August 28, 2013

Officer Amy Caprio
May 21, 2018

Each year during the month of May, we reflect upon the tragic loss of life sustained by our Law Enforcement family. Nationally, during calendar year 2022, two hundred seventy-four (274) officers died in the line of duty. In 2023, one hundred thirty-eight (138) officers died in the line of duty.

On May 3, 2024, the 39th annual Maryland Fallen Heroes Day was observed at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. The staff at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens are committed to honoring Maryland's Public Safety Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, as well as providing comfort and support to their families. Eight of the ten fallen heroes from the Baltimore County Police Department are interred at this location.

The Baltimore County Police Department honored its fallen officers on May 10, 2024, at our Police Memorial in Towson. Please remember these officers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

On May 15, 2024, the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial service took place in our Nation's Capital.

Never forget their passion for making this county, state, and nation a better place in which to live. Never forget their commitment to the Constitution of the United States of America, and to the enforcement of our nation's laws. Continue the work they started; support their families, and each other in their loss. It is our sustained diligence to the profession of law enforcement that validates the sacrifice of our fallen comrades.



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County



MAY 2024
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police was held on Monday, April, 22, 2024, 4:00 p.m. at Lodge #4. President Rose called the meeting to order. Brother Tony DiCara led the membership in prayer and President Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of officers was conducted, Chaplain Kraemer was on vacation and Past President Folderauer was excused. All other board members were present as was Legal Advisor, Kieran Dowdy. A motion was made by Brother List to accept the minutes from the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Brother King.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Dave Rose

- March 26 - Met with a member to discuss pension options; Attended the retirement planning meeting at Lodge 4; Attended a State FOP Executive Board meeting to discuss the impact and needs of first responders at the scene of the Key Bridge collapse.
- March 27- Met with a member to discuss retirement options.
- March 28- Spoke with members at in-service training; Attended the Baltimore County Association of Women Police meeting.
- March 29- Met with a member to discuss retirement options.
- April 1- Attended the State FOP Legislative committee meeting.
- April 2- Met with Colonel Conger to discuss possible shift rotation changes.
- April 3- Met with a member to discuss retirement options; Met with a representative from CIC Wealth.
- April 4- Spoke with members at in-service training; Spoke with the 170th Recruit Class and signed up 22 new FOP members.
- April 5- Met with a member to discuss retirement options.
- April 6- Discussed the status of our priority legislation with Delegate Szeliga and our lobbyist.
- April 8- Responded to Precinct 2 for a pursuit and AG Office response; Attended the Executive Board of Director's meeting.
- April 9- Attended the Pension Board of Trustee's meeting.
- April 11- Spoke with members at in-service training; Attended the County Executive's budget message.
- April 12 & 13- Attended the State FOP meeting in Kent Narrows.
- April 15- Negotiated with the County Administration about the contract.
- April 16- Attended the Police Foundation Awards Program.
- April 17- Attended the ceremony to swear in retired Major Lilly to Colonel of the Department of Natural Resources Police; Met with counsel to review the draft agreement with the administration.
- April 18- Spoke with members at in-service training; Met with a member to discuss retirement options; Attended an Executive Board of Director's meeting to present the tentative agreement.
- April 19- Spoke with members at in-service training; Attended the Executive Board of Director's meeting; Met with a member to review retirement options.
- April 20- Attended the FOP Bull Roast.
- April 22- Met with County Attorney James Benjamin to discuss the military grievance; Attended the General Membership meeting.

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First Vice President Mike DiCara

- April 2- Attended a meeting of the Legal Advisory Committee.
- April 4- Signed up new Officers from the 170th Recruit Class prior to field training.
- April 5- Attended a meeting of the Legal Advisory Committee.
- April 8- Attended the April meeting of the Executive Board of Directors.
Attended a meeting of the Department's 150th Anniversary Committee.
- April 11- Attended the Department's 150th Anniversary Celebration.
- April 16- Attended the Police Foundation Dinner.
- April 17- Attended a Contract Negotiation meeting.
- April 18- Attended a special meeting of the Executive Board of Directors.
- April 20- Attended the 2024 FOP Bull Roast.
- April 22- Attended the April General Membership meeting.
- April 23- Attended a meeting between Lodge Leadership and Chief McCullough.
- April 30- Attended a special meeting of the Executive Board of Directors.

Second Vice President Ryan Massey

- April 2- Chaired Legal Advisory Committee meeting from complaint filed by Brother Jess.
- April 4- Attended Lunch with Attorney Jason Schultz and a member.
- April 8- Attended MD State "Big Lodge Meeting". MD State Lodge Legislative meeting on "SINE DIE".
- April 12- Attended Negotiations Meeting (Zoom).
- April 16- Attend Police Foundation Awards Dinner.
- April 17- Attended Negotiations Committee Meeting.
- April 17- Attended Swearing in Ceremony for Retired Major Lilly.
- April 18- Special EBOARD meeting (Tentative Agreement presented to the EBOARD).
- April 18- Attended Midnight Roll Call.
- April 22- Chaired Legal Advisory Committee meeting for a request for funding an attorney for Brother Andre Baldwin Internal Affairs case.
- April 22- Attended General Membership Meeting.

Treasurer Caskey

- Reported Lodge #4 finances

Executive Board of Directors Chair Steve Comegna

- The Executive Board of Directors met on April 8 and April 18th.
- There were three motions brought before the Board during these meetings and all passed.
- The first motion brought before the Board was to donate \$400 to the Lawmen Softball Team. They are competing in a local tournament on May 16 & 17, 2024. The team is comprised of local area FOP members.

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- The second motion was to spend up to \$3000 to split the cost of the “Happy Hour” at the State Meeting on Kent Island.
- The third was to make a \$250.00 donation to the Congenital Heart Walk event in Philadelphia on May 18, 2024. The request was made by Brother Mike Deremeik on behalf of his son, Declan.
- Twenty-Two recruits were added to FOP Lodge #4.
- April 11, 2024 was a 150th Anniversary event at HQ, with a reception held afterward at the Timonium Fairgrounds.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Bull Roast– Donna Patterson

- The Annual Bull Roast was held on for Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Boumi Temple Shrine 5050 King Ave. The Committee would like to thank all the volunteers that worked to help make the event a success. The event made a profit of \$1,922.00. The 2025 bull roast will be held on March 30th. Mark your calendars.

Events - Don Patterson

- The annual golf tournament will be held on September 6th at Rocky Point with a 9:00 a.m. start. Cost is \$125/person and \$500/foursome.

Expenditure Review – Matt Krauch

- Matt Krauch was appointed committee chair after Carroll Bollinger stepped down. A meeting will be convened later this month to conduct the monthly review.

Finance- Bob Caskey

- A new 501C3 account will be set up for handling scholarships, training, and education, etc.

Grievance- Mike DiCara

- There is no update on the Step 4 promotional grievance of Brother Sean Brennan.
- The final steps of completing the COVID Grievance settlement continue. The County Office of Law sent the final written agreement on 4/19. It will be reviewed by our attorneys at SBWD prior to being signed by President Rose. Once it is signed, the process of updating Workday to reimburse our members’ time will begin.
- President Rose and Brother Saywack continue to meet with the County Office of Law to finalize the details of the Military Pension Credit Grievance.

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Healthcare Review Committee - Mike DiCara

- The County Executive included in his FY'25 budget the \$25 million increase to employee healthcare needed to cover the cost of consolidating pre- and post- 2007 employee healthcare into the Pre-'07 rates.

Legal Advisory - Ryan Massey

- April 2- The committee met and conducted interviews in Brother Jess and Sweren's complaints into actions by Brother Schubert. Brothers Jess and Schubert were interviewed. Brother Sweren sent notification that he was not available on the scheduled date. The committee is finalizing the findings and will submit a report. All committee members attended the meeting.
- April 5- The committee met with Retired Brother Andre Davis. Davis was requesting a "name clearing hearing" in reference to an IA case that he was accused of departmental violations. Legal Counsel Chaz Ball was present and answered committee members' questions. The committee is still looking into this request.
- April 22- The committee met to discuss requested legal funding for Brother Andre Baldwin to use outside counsel for his pending IA case. After discussion, the committee decided not to fund his request for legal representation. His interactions with Chaz Ball were not out of the ordinary.
- A trial board is scheduled for May 7, 2024 (Brother Eugene Jang).
- Wilkens Use of Force Incident - Attorneys/Trial Dates:
 - Roos- Oana Brooks (status conference May 29, 2024)
 - Graham-Moore- Brandon Patterson (status conference May 29, 2024)
 - Desmond- Granville Templeton (pending)
 - Zach Small- Brian Thompson (July 15, 2024)

Legislative - Ryan Massey

- The Legislative Session has closed for the year.

Memorial-Donna Patterson

- The County Memorial was held on May 10, 2024. A reception followed at Charles Village Pub. The service and reception were a huge success. Special thank you to Brian Shea from Tactical Financial for contributing to the reception, Chief McCullough, Colonel Conger, and Colonel C. Kelly also contributed to the reception. Next year's memorial will be held on the second Friday in May.

Military Affairs - Mahindra Saywack and Dave Rose

- The County is appealing the Judge Fader decision of Brother Hamby's case. All parties are still working on a settlement.

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Negotiations - Dave Rose

- Negotiations were concluded.

Pension - Dave Rose

- The Pension Board of Trustees met on April 9, 2024. A total of 15 retirements were approved and 6 were from the police department.

Policy Review- Mike DiCara

The Policy Review Committee received the following projects for consideration:

- P23-13 Exculpatory Evidence
- P23-15 Gabriel Automated Incident Response Program
- Attorney General-IID Media Release Protocol Change
- P24-16 Performance Enhancement Process Eligibility Criteria
- P24-15 Monetary Awards

No bargaining issues were identified in any of these policies.

Political Action- Mike DiCara

- No endorsements will be made in the Circuit Court Judge(s) race.

Retiree Matters- Carroll Bollinger

- No COLA will be given in 2024. The County's annual requested contribution in 2024 is \$199 million.

Scholarship -Tim Caslin

- See page 7 and 8 for a complete list of 2024 "Fallen Heroes Memorial Scholarship Awards" recipients.

Wellness - Rob Graff

- The next Peer to Peer meeting is scheduled for May 30th at 4:30 p.m.
- A motion was then made by Brother Toland, and seconded Brother List, to approve the Reports of Officers. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Legal Counsel-Chaz Ball

- Several Trial Boards are coming up in the next couple of months.

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Scholarships– Tim Caslin

The Scholarship Committee received (68) applications for the 2024 “Fallen Heroes Memorial Scholarship Awards”, which are now given to qualified students for ACADEMIC achievement or FINANCIAL need, WITH academic achievement. All of the recipients should be recognized for their academic excellence.

Lauren Brooks, daughter of Brother Michael Brooks. Lauren is a Freshman at Nova Southeastern College, Major – Chemistry. Award - \$1,500

Lily Burton, daughter of Brother William Burton. Lily is graduating from Ashley High School and Cape Fear Community College on the same day. She will be attending Liberty University. Major – Public Health. Award - \$1,500

Jace Calhoun, son of Brother Darren Calhoun. Jace is graduating from Manchester Valley High School and will be attending Western Michigan University. Major – Aeronautical Science. Award - \$1,500

Leah Conger, daughter of Brother Joe Conger. Leah is graduating from Harford Technical High School and will be attending Salisbury University. Major – Nursing. Award - \$1,500.

Dalton Dacheux, son of Brother Jonathan Dacheux. Dalton is a Freshman at York College of Pennsylvania, Major – Biology. Award - \$1,500

Alyssa Delcher, daughter of Brother William Delcher. Alyssa is graduating from Bel Air High School and will be attending Stevenson University. Major – Criminal Justice. Award - \$1,500

Abigail Eubank, daughter of Brother Michael Eubank. Abigail is a Freshman at Stevenson University. Major – Nursing. Award - \$1,500

Ava German, daughter of Brother Matthew German. Ava is graduating from Spring Grove Area High School and will be attending York College of Pennsylvania. Major – Early Childhood Education. Award - \$1,500

Sydney Goorevitz, daughter of Brother Jason Goorevitz. Sydney is graduating from Hereford High School and will be attending Salisbury University. Major – Political Science. Award - \$1,500

Mckayla Green, daughter of Brother Brian Green. Mckayla is graduating from Southwestern High School and will be attending Elizabethtown College. Major – Biology. Award - \$1,500

Nicholas Hardesty, son of Brother Charles Hardesty. Nicholas is a Junior at Penn State Berks. Major – Psychology. Award - \$1,500

Hannah Harpster, daughter of Brother Robert Harpster. Hannah is graduating from Dulaney High School and will be attending University of Maryland. Major – Art Education. Award - \$1,500

Leah Iman, daughter of Brother Steven Iman. Leah is a Freshman at Lancaster Bible College. Major – Elementary Education. Award - \$1,500

Abigail Kern, daughter of Brother James Kern. Abigail is graduating from Bel Air High School and will be attending University of South Carolina. Major – Sports Management. Award - \$1,500

Scholarships—Continued

Adalia Kolsevich, daughter of Brother Michael Kolsevich. Adalia is graduating from Dalls-town Area High School and will be attending Kutztown College. Major – Elementary Educa-tion. Award - \$1,500

Gabriel Kolsevich, son of Brother Michael Kolsevich. Gabriel is a Freshman at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. Major – Music Composition. Award - \$1,500

Taylor Mead, daughter of brother Gregory Mead and Sister Alayne Mead. Taylor is graduating from Westminster High School and will be attending McDaniel College. Major – Pre-Med Award - \$1,500

Angelina Mussini, daughter of Brother George Mussini. Angelina is a Junior at the University of Maryland. Major – Environmental Science and Policy. Award - \$1,500

Charles Nerad, step-son of Brother Joe Conger. Charles is graduating from Bel Air High School and will be attending UMBC. Major – Communication Studies. Award - \$1,500

Garrett Rees, son of Brother Joshua Rees. Garrett is graduating from Rising Sun High School and will be attending the Merchant Marine Academy. Major – Marine Transportation. Award - \$1,500

Of Special note Scholarships:

Lodge 4 has once again received a generous donation from the Walton and Butler Family Gift Fund, in memory of deceased Brother Richard Walton. The following students have been se-lected as this year’s recipients. Each will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship.

Laura Gorman, daughter of Brother Matthew Gorman. Laura is a Junior at Towson University. Major – Nursing.

Caleb Keller, son of Brother Chris Keller. Caleb is completing his 1st year of medical school at Edward College of Osteopathic Medicine, on the campus of Virginia Tech.

Jenna Koller, daughter of Brother George Koller. Jenna is completing her 1st year of graduate school at Chatham University. She is studying for a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Margaret Smith, daughter of Brother Michael Smith. Margaret is a Junior at Stevenson Univer-sity.
Major – Accounting. Goal – to be a CPA

New Business

- When retiring, hand carry your retirement paperwork to the pension office. You will receive a receipt that the pension office has your paperwork.
DO NOT email your paperwork.

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Kathy Kraemer

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Wife of Brother Jim Chaconas

George Nizer, Jr.
Father of Sister Karen Nizer

Brother John Lein

George B. “Woodie” Woodward, Jr.
Father of Brother Kyle Woodward

Brother Robert “Bob” Engle

Brother Richard Czyzewski
Father of Brother Michael Czyzewski

RETIREMENTS

Terry Norris

Orlando Lilly

Bryen Glass

Brian Beall

Marcy Chemelli

Jen Berg

The June

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
June 24, 2024
4:00 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The July

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
July 22, 2024
4:00 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road