



The Fourword

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Congratulations to our Lodge 4 members who were re-elected to the Maryland State FOP Executive Board! We are lucky to have such great members of our own representing the state.



Forty plus members of FOP Lodge 4 had the privilege of attending the 29th Biennial FOP Maryland State Conference in Ocean City, MD.



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County



SEPTEMBER 2024
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police was held on Monday, September 30, 2024, 4:00 p.m. at Lodge #4. President Rose called the meeting to Order. Chaplain Kraemer led the membership in prayer and President Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of officers was conducted, 2nd VP Massey, Brother Jess, and Brother Sweren were working, Brother Scally was on vacation and Past President Folderauer was excused. All other board members were present as was Legal Advisor, Mike Davey. A motion was made by Brother Zito to accept the minutes from the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Brother Bollinger.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Dave Rose

- August 27- Attended the Executive Board of Director's meeting with the Chief and his staff.
- August 28- Met with Vice Chair of the Judicial Proceedings Committee Senator Waldstreicher to discuss upcoming legislation and sponsors for the 2025 General Assembly; Participated in the State Legislative meeting for the Presidential Endorsement position for Maryland.
- August 29- Met with Deputy Administrative Officer Young to discuss Pension Board of Trustees cases; Spoke with members at in-service training; Met with Senator Salling to discuss FOP legislative priorities and his sponsorship on upcoming legislation.
- August 30- Met with a precinct commander to discuss officer performance.
- September 3- Met with two members to discuss retirement options; Attended the Association of Retired Baltimore County Police meeting.
- September 6- Participated in the FOP Golf Tournament.
- September 9- Attended the Executive Board of Directors meeting.
- September 10- Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- September 12- Attended the Zach Small trial in Baltimore City.
- September 13- Met with 2 members to discuss pension options; Attended an Investment Committee meeting; Met with County Attorney Benjamin to discuss the military grievance settlement.
- September 16- Met with members of the Peer Support Unit to discuss legislation in Annapolis.
- September 17- Attended a fundraiser for Senator Klausmeier; Spoke to members of the Baltimore County Retired Employees Association about the pension system; Attended an Executive Board meeting.
- September 18- Attended the Small trial in Baltimore City Circuit Court.
- September 19- Met with Senator Sydnor and Judiciary Chair, Clippinger to discuss upcoming legislation and sponsorship.
- September 20- Met with Simple IT to discuss the lodge network; Met with a county employee to assist with a pension issue.
- September 21-25- Attended the Maryland State FOP Conference.
- September 26- Met with Captain Trivett to discuss a payroll issue.
- September 30- Attended a Negotiations Committee meeting, an Executive Board of Directors meeting, and the General Membership meeting.

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First Vice President Mike DiCara

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| September 3- | Met with representatives from the Office of Human Resources to discuss the scoring of the Lieutenant's written test. |
| September 5- | Presented the Lodge update at In-Service Training. |
| September 6- | Attended the annual FOP Lodge 4 Golf Tournament. |
| September 9- | Attended the September meeting of the Executive Board of Directors. |
| September 11- | Attended a quarterly meeting of the County Healthcare Review Committee. |
| September 12 | Presented the Lodge update at In-Service Training. |
| September 17- | Attended the trial of David Linthicum. |
| September 19- | Presented the Lodge update at In-Service Training. Attended the trial of David Linthicum |
| September 20- | Attended the trial of David Linthicum. |
| September 22-25- | Attended the Maryland State FOP Conference. |
| September 26- | Presented the Lodge update at In-Service Training. Attended the trial of David Linthicum. |
| September 30- | Attended a meeting of the Negotiations Committee. Attended a meeting of the Executive Board of Directors. Attended the September General Membership meeting. |

Second Vice President Ryan Massey

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| September 10- | Attended Cpl. Small Criminal Trial. |
| September 11- | Attended Cpl. Small Criminal Trial. |
| September 17- | Attended special EBOD meeting via zoom. |
| September 17- | Attended Promotion Ceremony. |
| September 19- | Met with Senator Sydnor via zoom. Met with Delegate Luke Clippinger. |
| September 22-25- | Attended the Maryland State FOP Conference. |
| September 26- | Attended Blue Guardians meeting. |
| September 30- | Attended Negotiations Committee meeting. |

Lodge Secretary Donna Patterson

- Nominations were made for 5 of the 10 Board of Directors positions. A ballot will be sent to Active members via and email, Retired members will receive a postcard with a QR code link to an online ballot.
- **Please make sure the lodge has your updated address if you have moved.**

Treasurer Caskey

- Reported on July and August finances. On September 13, 2024, an attempted breach was reported to President Rose. M&T stated no money was removed and we are working on future banking options and security measures.

Executive Board of Directors Chair Steve Comegna

- The Executive Board of Directors met on September 9th, 17th, and the 30th.
- There were eleven motions brought before the Board during the meetings, all passed.
- Three motions will be under the Donation Review committee report.
- Three motions will be under the PAC committee report.
- A motion was made to approve up to \$5,000 for server, internet, and security upgrades to improve the mainframe and server at the Lodge.
- A motion was made to take up 40 delegates to 2025 FOP Biannual National Conference in Miami Beach, Fla. next year.
- A motion was made to provide up to \$2,960.40 to send four FOP members to the 2024 Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement Conference in Harrisonburg, Va. This amount covers registration and lodging.
- A motion was made to provide a pizza lunch for the CIT class on October 31, 2024 when the class visits Prologue. The approximate cost is \$400.00.
- A motion was made to provide the platters to the precincts, the 911 center on New Year's Eve. The cost is \$5,400.
- A motion was made by Brother Stefanski, and seconded Brother Prince, to approve the Reports of Officers. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Bullroast - Don Patterson

- Next year's Bullroast will be on Sunday, March 30, 2025 during the day, time to be determined, at the Boumi Shriners Hall, 5050 King Avenue, Rosedale, MD.

Bylaws - Ryan Franks

- No report.

Donation Review - Ryan Franks

The following motions were passed by the Committee and brought forth to the Executive Board of Directors:

- Motion to purchase a \$1000 Gold Tee sponsorship for the Garrett Tazwell Bakhsh Memorial Fund golf tournament on October 10, 2024. Requested by Sister Natalie Bakhsh. This sponsorship includes individual sign with logo at the Tee Box and social media recognition.
- Motion to donate up to \$250.00 donation to the Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County (FCCBC) for two BCoPD DVC's to attend the FCCBC's annual fundraiser on October 17, 2024. A straight donation will be made in the event none of the DVC's can go on the date of the fund raiser. After this motion was approved by the EBOD the requestor Brother Shawn Vinson advised that the event has postponed until spring. He will advise when the date is selected.
- \$550 donation to purchase one table at the 28 th Annual Baltimore Police Emerald Society's Bull Roast to be held on November 16th, 2024 at the Tall Cedars Hall. Requested by Brother Eric Brennan.

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Events - Don Patterson

- No report.

Expenditure Review - Matt Krauch

- No report.

Finance - Bob Caskey

- No report.

Grievance - Mike DiCara

- No hearing date has been selected for Brother Sean Brennan's Step 4 promotional grievance.
- Sister Brewer's FTO pay grievance has been successfully concluded.
- The Military Affairs Committee continues to meet with County Attorney Benjamin to finalize the tentative agreement to settle the Military Pension Credit Grievance.

Healthcare Review Committee - Mike DiCara

- The labor representatives of the County's Healthcare Review Committee met with the County on September 11th. The following topics were discussed:
- Active Members:
 - Open enrollment for 2025 will take place from 11/1/24 to 11/30/24. For the first time in 17 years, there will be one rate structure for all members. 2025 Cigna rates will be release in the near future.
 - Dental rate is going up 2.4%.
 - Kaiser rate is going up 8.5%.
 - No change to the vision rate.
- Medicare: Retiree First (formerly Labor First) will still manage the plans.
 - Aetna will replace Cigna for the Medicare Advantage Plans.
 - Cigna will still offer the surround plan.
 - There will still be the Cigna high, mid, and low Rx plans.
 - AARP Rx plan eliminated.
- The County will release more information as we get closer to the open enrollment dates.
- Baltimore County is opening a full service medical clinic with pharmacy for County Employees. The center will be located at 305 Washington Ave. in Towson and will open on October 22nd. Further details have yet to be released.

Legal Advisory - Ryan Massey

Trial Boards

- October 22- PFC S. Jones

Criminal Trial

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- Zach Small 5-day criminal trial started on 9-10-24 and ended on 9-18-24. Cpl Small was charged with misconduct in office and 2nd degree assault (two other related charges). This was a judge trial in front of Judge Alpert (retired judge). After hearing all the evidence Judge Alpert rendered a verdict of not guilty on all charges. In summation he didn't believe the incident rose to criminal activity. A phrase that was used during this trial was awful but lawful.
- Criminal cases Roos, Graham-Moore and Desmond have all been dropped.

Legislative - Ryan Massey

- No report.

Membership - Matt Krauch

- Matthew W. Evans of MWE Partnership, sponsored by 1st VP Mike DiCara, applied for an Associate Membership and has been approved after a background investigation.

Memorial - Donna Patterson

- No report.

Military Affairs - Mahindra Saywack and Dave Rose

- Report filed under Grievance committee report.

Negotiations - Dave Rose

- A letter has been filed with the County to open contract negotiations.

Pension - Dave Rose

- The Pension Board of Trustees met on September 9, 2024. A total of 18 retirements were approved and 4 were from the police department.

Policy Review - Mike DiCara

The Policy Review Committee received the following projects for consideration:

- Command Review P24-40, Uniforms - Ballistic Protective Soft Body Armor & Military Service Pins.
- P24-06 Revisions to Unit Responsibilities for Prisoner Escape Investigations.
- P24-45, Addendum to Special Order #2024-02, On-duty Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.
- Command Review P24-31, Policy on Proactive Disclosure and Reporting for the School Bus Monitoring Cameras Program.
- Command Review P22-36, Incidents Involving Foreign Nationals.
- Command Review P23-28, PremierOne (P1) Teletype.
- P22-37, Cannabis Enforcement.
- P23-37, Juvenile Interaction.

No bargaining issues were identified in any of the above policies.

- P24-04, Drug/Substance Policy.
- P23-24, Modified Duty.

Potential bargaining issues were identified in these policies, and a response was sent to the Department.

Political Action- Mike DiCara

The following motion was passed by the Committee and brought forth to the Executive Board of Directors:

- Motion to purchase a \$500 Sponsorship to an event on October 24, 2024 for Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger.
- Motion to purchase a \$250 Sponsorship to an event on October 9, 2024 for Maryland State Delegate Dana Stein, District 11B.
- Motion to purchase a \$300 Sponsorship to an event on October 9, 2024 for Baltimore County Council Chairman Izzy Patoka.

These motions were passed by the EBOD and the General Membership.

Retiree Matters- Carroll Bollinger

- Attended the September retired officers meeting, they thanked FOP Lodge 4 for their continued support by supplementing the food cost.

Scholarship -Tim Caslin

- College scholarship applications for Active and Retired members' children are available. Please contact the Lodge office at 410-668-0004.

Uniforms/Equipment

- No report.

Wellness - Rob Graff

- The next Peer to Peer meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2024 at 8 a.m. at the lodge.
- A motion was made by Brother Krauch and seconded by Brother Prince to approve the Reports of Committees. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Legal Counsel-Mike Davey

- Attending meetings at Internal Affairs at least twice a week.

Old Business

- In order for us to keep our mailing roster up-to-date, please notify us by email (office@foplodge4.org) or call us (410)-668-0004 of your current address and phone number when moving.

New Business

- None.

Good of the Order

- None.

Sick and or in Distress

- Brother Mike Condon has been ill for quite some time, but is slowly improving and has a long road of recovery ahead.
- Brother Lonnie Roberts' wife, Ginny, has been ill since early September. Please think of her as she heads towards therapy.

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)

Please consider helping those who help others. 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
Parkville, MD 21234

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
Parkville, MD 21234

Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4

Ten (10) \$3,000 awards are given annually for the "Fallen Heroes Memorial Scholarships" for the children of Baltimore County Police Officers.

Make your check payable to "Baltimore County FOP Lodge #4 Foundation, Inc." and mail to:

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Chaplain
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Past President
Retired

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OSS

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PC-3

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SOD/TAC

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Retired

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PC-11

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CIB-CACU

Ken Schubert
Retired

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Kathy Kraemer

BEREAVEMENTS

Larry Allen Hicks
Father of Sister Jen Denny and
Father-in-law of Matt Denny

Brother Ronald Long, Sr
Father of Brother Ron Long, Jr.

Brother Guy Gable
Father of Brother Brendan Gable &
Father-in-law of Sister Patty Gable

RETIREMENTS

Dimitri Goodwin

Stephen Jacob

Membership Program to the National Aquarium

The Executive Board of Directors of Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #4 has a one year business partnership under the Corporate Membership program with the National Aquarium. We have four passes for use by our members.

If you are interested in using the passes:

- Call the Office at (410) 668-0004 between 9:00 -3:00 pm
- You will need to choose a **date**. If they are available on the date, we will reserve and send you a confirmation via **non-county email**.
- Passes will only be available on a day-to-day basis.
- Children 4 and under are free.
- Parking: Although the Aquarium does not operate its own parking facility, they have three official parking partners nearby. Tickets pulled from Lockwood Place (124 Market Place), The LAZ Inner Harbor Garage (100 S. Gay St.), and Harbor Park Garage (55 Market Place) can be validated for a discount to Aquarium members.
- Members also receive a 10% discount on merchandise and food.

These passes grant access to the aquarium through the corporate membership entrance which should reduce if not eliminate any waiting in line.

We are pleased to be able to offer this as an additional benefit to the members of FOP Lodge#4.

The November

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
November 25, 2024
4:00 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The December

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
December 23, 2024
4:00 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road