

Membership Meeting Update – February 24, 2020

Portz Scholarship Issue

Fortunately, the problems relative to the Conroy Scholarship as it pertains to the Portz family came to light early enough to address the issue through the legislative process in Annapolis this year. A Bill will be introduced in the current legislative session that will close the loophole that stipulates the scholarship be provided only to those beneficiaries of LOD deaths that occurred if the deceased Officer lived in the State of Maryland at the time of death. Many of our members now live outside of Maryland and this adjustment to the Conroy Scholarship is imperative. We believe that this legislation will be passed and, if so, will become effective on 7/1/2020, and will cover Tommy Portz's children and others.

Detail Days Arbitration

After two days of an Arbitration Hearing relative to the FOP Detail Days that were cancelled prior to the 2019 National FOP Conference in August, the Arbitrator ruled in our favor and all members involved will be made whole. This was an important win for the union, and we are grateful to SBWLaw and everyone who assisted. It is very clear that this action was taken to punish President Mancuso for his outspokenness against the Department. The arbitrator was able to see through the pettiness of this act and chastised the BPD.

2020 Legislative Session

The Legislative Committee continues its diligent work to gather the proper number of Sponsors in order to have our legislation pertaining to Binding Arbitration for Working Conditions introduced. At this point, they remain hopeful that we will be able to obtain a hearing before the Baltimore City Delegation so that our Bill can move forward to a legislative committee hearing.

Trial Board Civilians

Candidates have been announced and are currently being vetted by the Lodge via a private investigator. Results will be forwarded to Attorney Mike Davey who will represent the union in the selection process.

Frozen 23 Leave Days

Labor Chair, Sgt. William MacDonald, reports that a Grievance in this matter was filed at the Step 3 level and has now progressed to a Step 4. Currently, there is ongoing conversation with the BPD in an attempt to resolve this problem with a compromise, without further legal action. Members will be informed as information becomes available.

Outward Bound

Members are again reminded that, when participating in this program, they are not required to participate in any activity that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Election Candidate Interviews

Members will be conducting interviews with Mayoral and City Council candidates seeking Lodge #3 endorsement, on March 6th and 13th.

Blocked Emails

At this point, President Mancuso again has the ability to broadcast emails through the BPD email system; however, it is clear that there is no guarantee this will continue. As a result, it is imperative that

all members make sure that your correct personal email address is on file with the Lodge so that we can reach everyone in the event this again occurs.

IA Records

Members are strongly urged to make sure that any IA cases are expunged from their personnel records after 3 years. It appears that SA Mosby is determined to supply the information reported on pre-trial documents to the Public Defender's Office and those cases that have been properly expunged cannot be included. SBWLaw is examining the possibility of further legal action.

Lounge/Hall Rentals

- Members are reminded that any guests brought to the Lounge are the responsibility of the sponsoring members. If the member leaves the Lounge, any guests must also exit. In order to keep the Lodge fully compliant with Liquor Board requirements, staff will be enforcing all rules and will be asking to see IDs of all present. If you see someone who doesn't belong, please ask to see their ID or ask them to leave.
- There have been recent problems with the condition of the Hall following events. The sponsoring member is responsible for both the behavior of guests and the condition of the Hall at the end of the event. The Hall (and Lounge) belong to our members and it is important that they be treated properly. It is possible that the amount of deposit required to book an event will be raised. If so, members will be advised.

Upcoming Events

- Fallen Heroes Day – Dulaney Valley Memorial Cemetery – May 1, 2020
- FOP #3 Memorial Ceremony – May 3, 2020
- National Peace Officer Memorial Day – May 15, 2020
- COPS Ride – June 14, 2020
- September 13 – 17, 2020 Maryland State FOP Conference – Hosted by Lodge #4 in Ocean City, MD