

March 2010 Retired Association Meeting

Call to Order:

Prayers: The membership prayed for Brother James “Gus” Shelton who died on February 1, 2010.

We also prayed for a complete and speedy recovery for Brothers John Parker, Bill Corcoran and Spud Blake.

Brother Tom Jenson has a son who is an active member. Tom Jr. was in a terrible on duty departmental accident on some black ice. He is in Prince George’s Hospital in the critical care unit. We can all be very proud of our second generation police officers. The sons off retired members Paul Mazzei and George Swope, Paul Jr. and Jason along with other active members have not left Tom’s or the family’s side.

Pledge of Allegiance:

New Retirees: Regina Taylor, Anthony Ratcliff, Laura Letterer Wilson, Daniel Wood

Seldom Scene: John San Felice, Mike McGraw

Minutes: Reading of the minutes was waived.

Treasurers Report: The Treasury has \$19,312

Old Business:

1) Lunch with Charlie: Lexington Park, Lone Star Steak House on March 10 at 1100 A M; Prince Frederick, the Crystal Palace March 17 at 1130 AM; the Country Buffet in Annapolis on March 24 at 1100 A M.

2) Pension: The Plan lost 2.2% in January.

3) The HR 218 Right to Carry a Firearm seems to have a solution. Brother Rusty Watson, who supervises the Prince George’s County range, will issue a range card that will take the place of the card previously issued by the Maryland State Police. The retired officer may qualify at the Prince George’s County Police range, the Prince George’s County Community College program with Brother Harry Adams, or in Charles County with Brother Jeff Henderson. The range card issued by Brother Adams or Henderson is to be brought to Brother Watson at the Prince George’s County police range along with a notarized affidavit. The affidavit is available on line at the www.fop89.org web site. Remember there is not a notary at the range. Have the affidavit notarized before you get to the Prince George’s County Police range.

- 4) There has been a problem getting through to and a response from Benefits. They have had two employees leave the office. The problem with Medicare co pays being asked for and the continuing problem of labs and radiologist locations billing members above the Cigna payment are being addressed. Benefits does continue to do a good job once they are on the problem.
- 5) The National FOP newsletter offers no help in the ongoing attempt to have the Wind Fall Elimination Tax on Social Security benefits repealed.
- 6) The section of the IRS code that allows for the retired public safety officer health care deduction is 402(l).
- 7) The Myrtle Beach Reunion is March 10 through March 14.
- 8) The June Florida Reunion closing date is fast approaching June 17 through June 20. President Canales and I will be arriving on June 16. Remember this is an all inclusive trip with food and drinks included in the room fee.
- 9) Brothers Bruce Evarrt and Denny Campbell addressed the membership on their efforts to research the history of the department and the FOP. They are especially interested in old photographs and news articles.
- 10) Please keep your email address current with the Retired Association to receive up to the minute news when it occurs.

FOP [news](#): President Vince Canales reports:

- The FOP and the active members are still working without a contract from last July. The FOP has two federal lawsuits, three unfair labor practices, and three grievances filed.
- The FOP is going to arbitration on the health care co pay issue and has filed a HIPPA complaint on the smoking surcharge.
- The Lodge will be renovating the downstairs bar. The downstairs will be closed. The upstairs bar will be open on days there is not a rental event in the hall. The dates will be posted in the Lodge and on the web site. The start date is not yet determined.

New Business:

- 1) The Retired Association received a thank you card from Brother Dave Gainer for remembering his father, Dave Gainer Sr. a retired United States Park Police motorman after Dave Sr. passed away. The card included a photograph of Dave Sr. in uniform on his motorcycle.
- 2) Check out the web site under Job Opportunities for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Prince George's County Community College Police Department.

Committee Report: The Finance committee had an appeal on the amount to be given for the Myrtle Beach Reunion. The Committee raised the amount from \$200 to \$300.

The committee voted to fund Treasurer Win Kinports trip to the Florida June Reunion to say thank you for his continuous service to the National, State, and Prince George's FOP since 1955. Brother Kinports turns 80 on April 7.

The Retired Association will pay for any meals taken to the Jenson family at the hospital not covered by other donations.

Officers Reports: Maryland State Lodge President John Rodney Bartlett was in Memphis for a National meeting.

Raffles: 50/50 was won by Brother Dave Van Dyke \$119. Dave donated the entire amount to Brother Kinports for the trip to Florida.

The March Attendance Award was at \$250. John Haas was not in attendance and did not win.

Attendance: 56

Good of the Order: Nothing

Dinner: Too Blessed to be Stressed offered Southern Smothered Chicken, garlic mashed potatoes with gravy, southern green beans, rolls, Caesar salad, assorted cakes, and iced tea.