



# Baltimore RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Issues facing the BRPBA

- I am writing this article on April 15, 2012. At this date, we still have not received a ruling from Judge Garbis on the Pension law suit. Both I and Past President John Lewandowski, spent the entire week from January 30, to February 3, 2012 in Federal Court for the second phase of the trial.

Judge Garbis runs a well-oiled court room. We started court promptly at 9:00 AM and we were usually there until after 5:00 PM. We broke for lunch every day, which was usually only one hour and there were very few other breaks in the entire procedure. Judge Garbis is retired and is elderly, but you would never know it.

I wish I had a crystal ball and could predict how this will all turn out but I don't, so I won't. I am, however, optimistic to some degree. In the fifteen or so days I have spent in Judge Garbis' court room during both phases of this trial, I have come to the conclusion that he is a fair-minded person who will be guided by what he perceives is the law regarding the issues being disputed.

- On another note, Ted Weintraub has stated that he will not seek another term as our representative to the Pension Board. The Executive Board of the BRPBA has voted to endorse the candidacy of Robert Haukdal to replace Ted. Bob has been a member of our Executive Board for some time and has gathered the necessary signatures to have his name placed on the ballot. Bob was assigned to Fiscal Affairs while in the Department and is currently the Deputy Sherriff of Baltimore County. He has assisted me on numerous occasions since becoming

a member of our Board and I have learned to value his judgment and advice. Any time I have assigned him a task, he has always performed it willingly and with the utmost professionalism. I can't think of a person more suited to take on this very important responsibility. Please, when you receive your ballot from the Pension Board, vote for Robert Haukdal. We need someone on this board who will stand up and tell them they are wrong when it is necessary and will then come back to the membership and encourage us to take the cause to City Hall when appropriate. I think Bob Haukdal is that person and he will get my vote.

- Many of you, who were 65 years old as of 2008, received a letter from the State of Maryland stating that you had taken an unauthorized deduction and owed money to the State for back taxes, penalty and interest. I have received at least fifty telephone calls and numerous emails in reference to this problem. I called the State at least five different times and talked to a different person each time. I got five different explanations as to why this had occurred.

Some of our members simply wrote a check to pay for the amount owed, others had their 2011 refund seized.

I asked one of our Board members, Robert Haukdal, if he would look into the matter and he immediately started writing letters to the State Comptroller who directed him to other members of his staff to try to resolve the matter. Bob did a wonderful job. The bottom line is that while the state intended to audit this particular deduction and there are, in fact, some members who may owe back taxes, most do not and the matter will be re-

solved in their favor. The best explanation I received was that there was some kind of computer glitch between the City and the State and the fault was on the State not the City. The state also tells us that this problem will not re-occur in the ensuing years as they have the problem fixed.

- I would also like to thank Retired Major Robert DiStefano for his efforts in this matter. Bob wrote letters to the both to the state and several members of the State Legislature and kept me apprised of his efforts.

Enclosed is a one of the many letters Bob Haukdal received from the State.

*Mr. Haukdal,*  
*We have not been able to determine why the 1099R file was not available, we have determined that the file is available for later years so we do not see that there should be an issue in future filings.*

*Some of the issues that we have run across while reviewing the accounts are the following:*

*Pension claimed on spouse that is not disabled.*

*Pension being split and then claimed by both parties.*

*Social Security entitlements not considered before taking the deductions.*

*Deductions for more than the Allowable amount.*

*All of the letters for Baltimore City have gone out, so any members still having issues should contact our office directly at (410) 767-1966 so we may*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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*address their concerns or questions.*

*Thanks again for all your help in keeping your membership apprised of the actions taken by the Comptroller's office to remedy this situation.*

*Lynn E. Hall  
Assistant Director  
Compliance Division*

I can't tell you how nice it is to have competent and reliable members who are willing and able to assist when I have a need. Thanks again both Bobs. I and the membership owe you.

- I hate to be the one to bring gloom and doom to you, especially at a time when we are all in hard economic times. The City has cut our pension benefits and increased our health care costs. I know many of you have not seen a raise in pension benefits in many years. Get ready for another hit where it hurts most. As many of you know, I have formed a committee comprised of Dan Fickus, Barry Powell, and Paul Blair to Study and attempt to find a way to stem the rising costs of health care. The idea was to join with the other city retirees as well as the city unions and form a coalition of affected groups. Strength in numbers so to speak. I also contacted Charles Williams, President of the Firefighters Retiree Group and he was very enthusiastic about the idea. Joining us also is Mrs. Phyllis Purnell, President of the Retired Teachers Association and Bob Sledgeski, Past President of the Firefighters Union. This is, in my opinion, a very diverse and knowledgeable group of individuals, each of whom brings a lot to the table with their long and vast past experience in dealing with these issues.

Now for the bad news: Mrs. Purnell wrote a letter to the Mayor in reference to the rising cost of health care. She received a response telling her that the costs for employee and retiree health care has risen by \$100 million; the Mayors primary concern is to "bend the curve" on health care costs and her LARGER VISION is to elimi-

nate blight and growing Baltimore's population.

Stating further that while last year's increase in prescription drugs by raising the co-pays and adding a deductible, we could expect more of the same in 2013. Expect more deductibles and co-pays when visiting the doctor's office and higher premiums on your health insurance. The city's goal is now to move all retirees who are in CareFirst into an HMO.

This is a direct quote from Harry Black, the new Director of Finance:

*"The Administration is sensitive to the fact that many of our retirees are past the working age and are on fixed incomes, and so we will be encouraging them to save money by enrolling in the HMO plan(s), which will continue to have low out-of-pocket costs and a strong financial incentive to improve the health of its participants. The fee-for-service health care plan is very expensive for retirees, as well as the city, and is not sustainable over time. We thank you for your service to Baltimore City and appreciate your understanding in that we are doing what we believe will help ensure the long term financial viability of the City."*

Where do we go from here? I am not exactly sure, but you can rest assured that neither I nor the board of Directors and especially the members of the Health Care Committee will simply sit and wait for the hammer to drop.

To the members of the City Council who may read this article, remember you receive the same health care benefits as the rest of us. You will also retire some day. Although your pensions will be considerably higher than ours, if something is not done now to stem the city from eroding our benefits they will only get worse in the future. I can see a time when the City will simply say FORGET YOU. This will also include City Council members and their retirees.

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# LET US THINK ABOUT WHOM WE WILL ELECT FOR THE NEXT TRUSTEE ON THE F&P PENSION BOARD

Ted Weintraub recently declared he will not seek another term as Pension

Fund Trustee. As a result, Thomas P. Taneyhill, F & P Pension Executive Director, has announced the need to elect a new representative for the retirees. Since retired members control only one vote on the eleven-member board, the person elected to represent us occupies a very important position. It is essential that active members of both police and fire, give much thought to whom we elect as our representative.

Past errors and oversights adversely affected the management of our pension funds. The effects of these oversights necessitated our pursuit of legal action against the Mayor and City Council in order to ensure the continuation of the Variable Annuity, a benefit which has returned (on average) a three per cent raise annually over the past 26 years. The cost of the lawsuit has been in excess of \$2 million, a staggering amount which is being funded by assessing the cost of the suit among the active and retired members. The lawsuit has reinforced the fact that the Variable Annuity is a valid contract, as that term is defined by the U.S. Constitution.

What were the errors?

1. Allowing the City to take over \$100 million from our pension by characterizing these monies as excess earnings. This was done by the City to help them meet their annual contribution obligation. Those monies were absorbed within five years by the then-Mayor Martin O'Malley administration. Even though the City ostensibly could not afford to pay their rightful contribution to the pension fund, City government did manage to grant a 9% raise over three years and 3% rise over the next two years to active members.

2. During that same period, the collapse of the tech industry, and its disastrous effect on the stock market, cost our pension system \$444 million in losses.

3. The Actuary for our Pension System, Mr. Doug Rowe of Mercer Inc., had informed the Pension Board from 2002 thru 2006 that the assumption rate of 6.8% annually -- a figure which the City

used to calculate future pension fund earnings -- was unrealistically high and that a return between five and six per cent annually were more realistic expectations. The City's annual contribution to our pension would have had to increase in order to offset the difference between the inflated assumption figure which they used and the actual earnings, a fact that was presented to the Director of the F&P Pension, the Board and to Mr. Gallagher, the Baltimore City's Budget Director, who chose to do nothing. The failure of the City to meet its financial obligation to our pension system continued for years until it could no longer be kicked down the road.

4. The retired members were not informed of the shortfalls, yet our pension continued to fund the Baltimore Police Department's DROP, which allows active members to retire after twenty years of service with a 50% pension. If they stayed, they could receive their pension up to three years while still receiving their active pay. The three-year pension would accumulate until they retire in escrow at 8.25% annually. The pension system paid out 180 million dollars to support the DROP since its inception. DROP, however, was instituted to retain experienced police officers; thus the reasoning for a 20-year retirement at 50% is difficult to comprehend.

5. Since 1989, there were 3,308 police and fire retirements; there are currently 6,100 police and fire retirees and the cost for our annual pension benefits is \$189,838,563, of which the City's contributions are \$89,799,377 and \$16,898,836 is from the Access Earnings. The number of retirees has almost doubled; this will have a financial marked effect on our Pension for years to come. If the number of retirees remained at between 3308 and 3400, the cost of our Pension benefits would be not 189 million but about \$102 million. As I have told the City and the Greater Baltimore Committee, "the Cost of any service or product is labor". The same hold true in pensions. Politicians are not money managers.

6. Classifying \$135 million in our pension as "excess earnings" allowed the City -- during the years 1997 thru 2002 -- to "allocate" it as their contribution.

During the same time, raises for active members were granted at 9% a year for three years and the budget for overtime was increased annually at an additional \$16 to \$30 million annually. Also, during that same time period, the Mayor reduced the property tax by \$30 million, the Baltimore City Public School system found itself \$58 million over-spent and unfunded, and the stock market-related loss of \$444 million to our pension investments all occurred. During the 2008 recession alone, the pension fund lost about \$777 million.

7. City Council Bill 306 allowed for the removal of the paid up benefit funds, which is about \$500 million and which insured our post retirement pay increases; it also provided for the Variable Annuity to be moved to the general pension fund. The City says that it will guarantee future funding for our pension pay increases, an assurance which we had contractually realized in 1984.

When it comes time to vote for our new representative, we need to select someone who has been with us throughout this entire fight; someone who has the financial experience and who has regularly attended the F&P Pension Board meetings and understands its workings and someone who understands the mistakes that were made over the years. Don't elect anyone on the basis of friendship or personal association. Elect someone who has the vision, the will and the knowledge to fight for our current and future benefits -- benefits we have earned with the work of our lives.

Your BRPBA Executive Board has voted to support and recommends one of our Board Members: Robert Haukdal, a retired member, who also has a B.S. Degree in Accounting, and who possesses the requisite skills and strength of character to do what needs to be done now and in the future.

To both active members who will retire in the future and those currently retired, take heed of what has happened to this point: at stake is the future security of us and our families.

John C. Lewandowski  
Past President of the BRPBA

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# THE FIRE & POLICE PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

By Robert Haukdal, BRPBA Board of Governors

Soon you will receive a ballot from the Fire and Police Retirement System for the election of a retiree representative to the Board of Trustees. I will be on that ballot and I ask for your vote.

The F&P Board consists of eleven members and has the responsibility for the proper operation of the system. Only four of the trustees are elected by the members of the F&P, one active member of the police and fire departments and one retiree from each of the two departments. The Comptroller for the City of Baltimore is a member and is, of course, elected to office by the citizenry.

Three trustees are appointed by the mayor and the other three hold their position by virtue of the jobs they have with the City upon appointment of the mayor, i.e., the city budget director, and the fire and police chiefs. It should be noted that traditionally, the police commissioner delegates his seat to the deputy commissioner of administration.

Thus, being outnumbered, it is paramount for the police and fire department active and retired members of the board to do their best to hold the health of the retirement system in the forefront.

To that end, it is essential for the retiree and active board members to have an

excellent relationship with the Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association and the FOP, as it will be necessary for those organizations to gain the support of the mayor and city council to ensure that legal and financial obligations are met. And as a member of the BRPBA, I do have that relationship.

Upon my retirement in 2005 after 36 years of service, I joined the BRPBA and regularly attend general membership meetings. Nearly four years ago I started to attend BRPBA board of trustee meetings to become more involved in the organization and three years ago I became a member of the board.

Several years ago I was appointed to the BRPBA retirement committee by past President John Lewandowski and continue to serve on the committee headed by President Nick Caprinolo; and I am very honored that the BRPBA Board of Directors voted unanimously to endorse me for the retiree position on the F&P Retirement System Board of Trustees.

I joined the FOP in the very early 1970's while assigned to Central District and regularly attend meetings. I also served on a special ad hoc investigative committee.

When I retired from the department, I was a lieutenant and the acting director of the Fiscal Section. As acting director, I managed the Department's \$290,000,000 budget. Career assignments also included the Central, Northern and Southeastern Districts, E&T, IID, the Administrative Bureau and CID. My education includes a B.S. in accounting and I am currently the Colonel/Under-sheriff for the Baltimore County Sheriff's Office.

My long time interest in the administration of our pension system motivated me to develop a computerized spreadsheet that projected a member's pension and DROP benefit on a monthly basis for a three-year period. I was proud to provide individual projections for dozens of members to help them plan the best time to retire. I still do projections for a few active members. I have also attended F&P Trustee meetings to obtain a better knowledge on how the system works.

We all have the same goals to safeguard, grow and strengthen our pension. I hope you will trust my experience, education and desire to represent you and give me your vote.

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## MECU SHARES ACCOUNTS

This story has nothing to do with your pensions, but does cover a financial matter that you may not be aware of.

The Municipal Employees Credit Union (MECU) has a form of life insurance which under certain conditions (I will explain the conditions later) can pay your family money upon your death. In addition, if a member of your family had or has a Shares Account with MECU, the same benefit can be obtained in the event of their death.

Here is how it works: In order to be eligible, you must have been a member of MECU by 1990. If you joined after 1990, you are not eligible. For a family member, they must have been a member since 1984 and owned a separate Shares Account and the account(s) must have had a minimum balance of \$1000.00. Now let's assume that you stayed active in the Credit Union and/or your family member stayed active: Upon your or their death, you or your legal beneficiary MUST notify MECU of

the death. MECU will then use a formula to determine how much money that account is entitled to in the form of insurance. There is no predetermined amount, but based on the criteria of the age of the Shareholder, how long they have been a Shareholder, how much money is in the account, etc. If based on the aforesaid, you would be eligible. But, there are things you MUST remember –

- The share account must never fall below \$1000.00 in value;
- The account must be active. That is to say you can never close the account and then reopen it. It must be continuous; and,
- Last but not least, it is your or your beneficiary's responsibility to notify the Death and Disability section of MECU of the passing away of the insured. They will not seek you out. You must call them at 443-263-4384. You will probably have to furnish a Death Certificate.

The insurance only applies to Shares Accounts. If you have a Shares Account and decide to transfer the money into a CD or Money Market, both of which pay higher interest rates, you will lose the insurance if the Shares Account falls below \$1000.00 in value.

As many of you may be aware, I recently lost my wife. She did have a Shares Account at one time. However, on the advice of a tax lawyer, I closed her Shares Account in order to lessen the size of her estate so that she could qualify for Medicaid if she continued to live. Big mistake. She lost her eligibility for the insurance. There is a Pennsylvania Dutch saying that kind of says, "Too late we get smart". I plead guilty.

I guess the bottom line is - keep your accounts active. I hope this helps you.

Regards,  
Ted Weintraub

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# DISTRESS FUND NEWS 2012

In November and December of 2011, the Distress Fund mailed food gift cards to Widows we have helped through the Distress Fund. Below are examples of Thank You Cards we received which could not be done without your generous donations and purchasing of raffle tickets:

*Dear Mr. Daryl Buhrman and Members of the BRPBA.*

*Thank you for your continuous generosity. The food gift cards will come in handy this holiday season.*

*Wishing you and your family a peaceful and blessed holiday;*

Anonymous

*Thank you so much for the gift cards. They really helped me out. It was either pay my rent or buy groceries. I cannot thank you enough.*

*Sincerely,*  
Anonymous

*Thank you Daryl so much.*

*You don't know how much this means to me and my family. I would also like to thank the BRPBA. I would like to wish you and your family a blessed holiday.*

Anonymous

*These words are so true [referring to card] and I feel so blessed that you thought of me and other widows and families to send us gift cards. It helps a lot, as everything else has. God bless to all of you in the BRPBA*

Anonymous

## DISTRESS FUND CALL BOX RAFFLE

We will be raffling off the Call Box again at the December 19th meeting. In addition, there will be various other police memorabilia items. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00.

## DISTRESS FUND RAFFLE 2011 RESULTS

This past year, the BRPBA Distress Fund held two raffles. The first was for an old Call Box and Base, which was generously donated to us by John C. Barnold, Jr. (Thank you again, John).

Active Police Officer Detective Brian England sold over 400 tickets (Thank you, Brian). The lucky winner was Sgt. Michael Baptist, Ticket # 01861.

This raffle made almost \$2,000.00 to be used to help our members and widows who live on a small pension.

The second raffle was our yearly raffle. It was quite a success.

- Special thank you goes out to Tom Crowther who sold over 800 tickets.
- Bernard "Tom" Joyce purchased 575 tickets himself.
- Another special thank you goes out to Martin Kimball who donates \$100.00 a month to the Distress Fund out of the kindness of his heart.
- Ten of our members sold over 100 tickets. Thank you all!
- Thank you to all BRPBA members who purchased or sold tickets this year.
- Thank you to Sam and Dawn Walters of The CopShop and Dawn's Embroidery for their generous purchase of \$1,950 in tickets.

## DISTRESS FUND RAFFLE 2012

Our 2012 Raffle will be mailed out later this year. The Raffle drawing will be held Dec. 19, 2012 during our annual Christmas meeting.

This year there will be more chances to win:

- (3) \$500.00 winners
- (4) \$200.00 winners
- (10) \$100.00 winners

The prices for each ticket will remain just \$1.00 each.

## 2011 RAFFLE TOP SELLERS (100 or over)

1. Tom Crowther – 812
2. Bernard Tom Joyce – 575
3. Earl Kurth – 140
4. Mike Cichowicz – 135
5. Deborah Thompson – 130
6. Jerry Lansman – 110
7. Shari Taylor-Dorsey – 110
8. Arthur Welsh – 101
9. Cathy Calhoun – 100
10. Terry Arrington - 100

## 2011 RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Bill Haight
2. B. Tom Joyce
3. Bob Limmer
4. Patricia Clauss
5. Martin Peterson
6. John and Bonnie McCormick
7. Earl Kratsch
8. Joseph Lombardi
9. Elizabeth Schmidt
10. Mary Jane and John Reintzell
11. Mary Landsman
12. Cindy Rehak
13. Roger Carroll
14. Michael Henry, Sr.

## HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP:

In the past year, the BRPBA Distress Fund has helped eight (8) widows with outstanding medical bills, other outstanding bills, new hearing aids and glasses, etc. Remember, their pension was cut in half when they lost their spouse.

We also helped two (2) members who had devastating fires in their homes with displacement for many months.

***Special thank you goes out to Sam and Dawn Walters for their thoughtful donations to our two members whose homes caught fire.***

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## BRPBA IS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

For those of you who are unaware of the history of the formation of the Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association, Inc., this year marks our 40th Anniversary.

On November 11, 1972, Retired Detective Joseph C. Folio, Sr., with the help of the Active Police Union #1195, formed a Board of temporary Officers which became known as Local #2561 AFL-CIO, Baltimore City Retired Police Association.

We began recruiting retired members and held our first meetings at Steelworker's Hall, November and December, 1972. The appointment of a Board of temporary Officers was formed and thirty-one (31) members were signed up:

1. K. Withers
2. A. Simonsen
3. H. Kachnowich
4. G. Junk
5. G. Schwellenberg
6. J. Buenger
7. S. Culatta
8. T. Rose
9. R. Griffith
10. J. Lonakonis
11. W. Kuchmas
12. K. Dorsey
13. L. Scrivens
14. W. Grabowski
15. J. Harper
16. W. Ray
17. W. Adams
18. J. Babka
19. J. Edwards
20. J. Antlitz
21. R. Rogers
22. W. Johnson
23. C. Wenzel
24. C. Gonce
25. M. Scavone
26. P. Keiewald
27. L. Grabowski
28. C. McKinney
29. J. Wheltle
30. J. Folio
31. R. Bridenbach

Of the original list of 31 members, only Clifton Gonce, Walter Grabowski, John Lonakonis, Robert Rogers and Michael Scavone are still alive.

An election was held in February, 1973 and the below listed members were the 1st Elected Officers of the Retired Association.

*President:* J. Folio (1973-1974)  
*1st Vice President:* C. Wenzel  
*2nd Vice President:* A. Strebeck  
*3rd Vice President:* L. Grabowski  
*Treasurer:* K. Withers  
*Secretary:* S. Culatta  
*Board Members:*  
J. Wheltle, M. Scavone, A. Simonsen  
*Trustees:*  
C. McKinney, W. Grabowski, W. Adams  
*Sgt. At Arms:* C. Gonce

From the early months of 1973, we held our meetings at the Old Fire House on Southern Avenue until 1981, when we moved to our present location.

Our membership at that time was around 225 (it is now over 1800). During the Police strike, our Board and Membership voted not to endorse the action and after the Union was disbanded, we continued on as the Baltimore City Retired Police Association

and again in 1989, we officially changed our name to the Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association, Inc. so that we had no conflict with the original Baltimore City Retired Police Organization started by the PBP System. We would like to thank all of our members who have been with us for over twenty-five years. Please see the full list following this article.

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### *Interesting tidbit:*

We came across a Police Department Salary Scale dating back to September 25, 1968.

### *Something to show how things have really progressed:*

Patrolman - end of 5th year: \$9,084.00  
Sergeant - end of 2nd year: \$11,100.00  
Lieutenant - end of 2nd year: \$12,840.00  
Captain - end of 2nd year: \$14,880.00  
Deputy Chief - Flat Salary: \$17,279.00  
Director - Flat Salary: \$17,279.00  
Chief - Flat Salary: \$18,900.00  
Deputy Comm. - Flat Salary: \$22,050.00

The above information was submitted by Donnell Lorenz and Patrick Youells.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### **2ND - WESTERN DISTRICT REUNION.**

The Western District Reunion II will occur on May 19, 2012 - 14:00 -18:00 at The FISHHEAD CANTINA, in Arbutus - \$36.00 each. D.J. Mark Bishop will be in attendance.

*Meals Include:*  
Buffalo/Old Bay Wings, Italian Meatballs, Caesar Salad, Lasagna, Crab Balls, Chicken Chesapeake, Pit Beef,

Turkey, ALL Domestic Bottle Beer, Coffee, Soda, Tea, etc.

Please send Check to:  
Ernie Wright  
247 Altamont Ave  
Catonsville, MD. 21228  
Call: 410-440-3753.

The "FINAL" cut off date for obtaining the tickets you need is Thursday, May 10, 2012.

## HATS OFF TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WITH 25 OR MORE YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

Harry C. Allender  
 Bernard Amrhein  
 Frederick Archer  
 Carroll Babka  
 Joseph Bachike, Sr.  
 Ralph Baker  
 Francis Banahan  
 Peter Barnes  
 John Barnold, Jr.  
 Lawrence Barrow  
 Lawrence Barry  
 Edward Belt  
 Ira Berry  
 Melvin Block  
 Christian Boetker, III  
 George Boyd  
 Harry Brechtel  
 John H. Brown  
 Rollins Brown  
 Jack Brownawell  
 August Buchheit  
 John Buettner, Sr.  
 Herman Bullinger  
 William Burch  
 James Cadden  
 Samuel Cannon  
 Ernest Carter  
 Calvin Cason  
 Edward Chlan  
 James T. Clark  
 Robert Cohen  
 Martin Colleran  
 Guy Covert, Jr.  
 Robert Crall, Sr.  
 Vincent Cusimano  
 George Dennsteadt  
 Robert DePaola  
 John Duffy  
 Donald Duvall  
 William Ernest  
 Robert Ewing

William Feeley, Jr.  
 Alfred Fischer  
 Sterling Fletcher, Sr.  
 Richard Flynn  
 Charles Fosbrink  
 Forest Fox  
 Victor Fricke  
 Howard Fromm  
 Joseph Funk  
 Richard Gallion, Sr.  
 Melody Gerst  
 Clifton Gonce  
 Norman Gooden  
 John Goodrich  
 Walter Grabowski  
 Gregory Hardesty  
 William Harris, Jr.  
 John Harrison, Jr.  
 Carl Herget, Jr.  
 Norman Hess  
 William Holsey  
 Herbert Hoover  
 Donald Hoppe  
 Robert Hosier  
 Francis Howard  
 Joseph Humberson, Jr.  
 Theodore Jakelski  
 Wardell James  
 George Kidd  
 John Klima  
 John Korona  
 John Kotrla  
 Carl Krauss  
 Louis Lassara  
 Raymond Leitner  
 William Lejewski  
 James Lerner  
 Samuel Lhamon  
 Lawrence Lingner  
 John Lonakonis  
 Donnell Lorenz

Alvin Martin, Jr.  
 James McGuire  
 William Miller  
 Leland Morris, Jr.  
 Albert Muscalli  
 Charles O'Brien  
 James O'Brien  
 Richard Orwig  
 George Phillips  
 John Pierce  
 Sharon Poole  
 Donald Ports  
 Pasquale Possidente  
 Leroy Prediger  
 Edward Puskar  
 Charles Richter, Jr.  
 John Riggins  
 Shirley Rote  
 William Rush  
 Donald Ryan  
 Francis Ryan  
 John Sauer  
 Michael Scavone  
 Charles Scharmann  
 John Schuster, Jr.  
 William Senseney  
 Marvin Seyfer  
 Edward Shanahan  
 Walter Sheppard  
 Thomas Siecinski  
 Joseph Siegmund, Jr.  
 Harry E. Smith  
 Raymond Staniewski  
 Allan Stephens  
 George Stiemly  
 Paul Stout  
 Albert Stuiakis  
 Philip Sukeena  
 Joseph Swann  
 Stephen Tabeling, III  
 Richard Taylor

Warren Todd  
 William Treger  
 Elmer Turner  
 Harry Twigg  
 Louis Vello  
 Arthur Vidler  
 Phillip Walter  
 Paul Wancowicz  
 Gilbert Wankmiller  
 Jerome Weaver  
 William Wedemeyer  
 Bernard Wehage  
 Theodore Weintraub  
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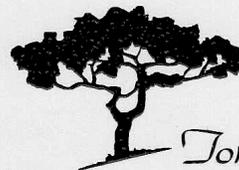
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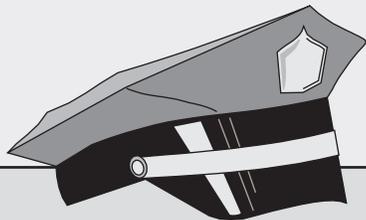


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## IN MEMORIAM

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Wife of member Nicholas Palmere  
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