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September 2020
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

19 years ago, this month we endured the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil in history. Since then, we've lost thousands of brave heroes as a result of the selfless work that they performed at Ground Zero. We are forever in their debt and grateful for their sacrifice. They are gone but never forgotten!

At the June executive board meeting we voted to increase the dues in January 2021. The annual membership dues will increase from $35.00 per year to $50.00 per year. Any members who paid $17.50 in 2020 will be "grandfathered" in and continue to pay $17.50 in 2021. Members who meet the requirements of discounted dues beginning in 2021 will pay $25.00 dues. Thank you to the executive board for recognizing the need to increase dues. And thank you to the membership for your support and advice.

The By-Laws Committee has been hard at work cleaning up outdated language in our Shields Constitution and By-Laws. I will present the proposed amendments to the membership as soon as we are ready to vote on them.

It's still unclear if we will be able to hold our September general membership meeting as of the writing of this message. The Governor still has a 50% capacity limit on the Elks, and I would never want to plan a meeting and have to turn people away at the door if we hit the capacity. I will send out a special e-mail to the membership once I know for sure if the meeting will happen.

I have decided to cancel the Golf Outing which was scheduled for this month. I did not think it was fair to "shake down" the loyal local businesses that have always donated and supported us in the past after many of those businesses had to endure the unprecedented hardships caused by COVID-19. Instead, we will have a Shields 300 club fundraiser in the not so distant future.

Fraternally,

Keith Hansen

Membership

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th, 2020 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge, 877 Elks Drive, Haverstraw NY at 6:00 PM

Proposed for Membership

Proposed	*Agency*	*Proposed by*
Patrick Lenihan	**PAPD NY/NJ**	**Patrick G. Lenihan**
Vincent D. Abbatecola PO	**RCSO**	**Tim Connolly, Jr.**
Sean Regan-Ward PO	**RCSO**	**Andrew Ward**
Cesar Morales PO	**NYPD-Ret.**	**Joe Cain**
Roger Greve PO	**Clarkstown PD**	**Keith Hansen**
Kevin Clark Dep. Chief	**NYPD XO-Ret.**	**Tim Connolly, Jr**
Anthony Stone Lt.	**NYPD Ret.**	**Tim Connolly, Jr.**
Robert Conroy Sgt.	**NYPD, STED, Ret.**	**Joe Cain**
Yolanda Navarro PO.	**NYPD-Ret.**	**Joe Cain**

*******Welcome to any new members. Please see any board member upon arrival at your first meeting in order to be sworn in. **********

Promotions

Clarkstown Police Dept. Congratulations to Matthew Sheehy on his promotion to Sgt.

Retirements

Congratulations to the following:

Edward Caro (Lt. NYPD) after 35 years of service.
Mike Fennessey (Suffern PD)
Dierde Smith (Suffern PD)
Mike Kelly (Clarkstown PD)
Gerard O'Connor (Clarkstown PD)

Condolences to the Following

Charles Lowther (Ret-Rockland County Sheriff's Office) and family on the passing of his mother Charlene.

Member Vincent J. Sullo (NYPD-Ret.) passed away. Vincent is survived by his wife June and children. Vincent served the NYPD from 10/24/1956 thru 12/11/1989.

Member James J. Nicholson (NYPD-Ret) passed away June 10th, 2020.

Member Joe Segelbacher and family on the passing of his brother Conrad Segelbacher.

Member Mike Essig and his family on the passing of his mother Beverly.

Member Thomas Rizzo and family on the passing of his mother Annie (103 y/o).

Bob Dowd and Family on the passing of his Wife Margaret (Peggy) Dowd.

The family of Retired Village of Haverstraw Police Chief Michael Holland on his passing.

The family of Richard Vokes (24th pct.) will be holding a mass for him on September 19 at 10am at St. Aedan's church. 23 Reld Drive Pearl River NY 10965

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

All 2020 General Membership meetings will take place at the Haverstraw Elks
877 Elks Drive, Haverstraw, New York 10927

09/01/2020	***7:00 PM***	***Executive Board Meeting*** ***Kennelly's***
09/30/2020	***7:00 PM***	***General Membership Meeting*** ***Haverstraw Elks***
10/06/2020	***7:00 PM***	***Executive Board Meeting*** ***Kennelly's***
10/28/2020	***7:00 PM***	***General Membership Meeting*** ***Haverstraw Elks***
11/03/2020	***7:00 PM***	***Executive Board Meeting*** ***Kennelly's***
11/25/2020	***7:00 PM***	***General Membership Meeting*** ***Haverstraw Elks***
12/01/2020	***TBD***	***Executive Board Meeting*** ***TBD***
12/20/2020	***TBD***	***Kid's Christmas Party*** ***Haverstraw Elks***

If you have anything newsworthy that you would like published in the newsletter, please e-mail to: rcshieldsnews@gmail.com

Good & Welfare

Thoughts & prayers to former Board members who are going through some tough times.

- Steve Ryan (Former President)
- Jim Finn (Former Orangetown Trustee)

Congratulations to member John Aris, winner of the last 50/50 raffle.

Upcoming Events

Saturday September 12th, 2020 The Rockland County Shield's Cycling Team will be participating in the "Tour de Force" fundraising ride. The event starts at 8am at the Rockland County Court House in New City. Prior to the ride, a wreath will be presented in honor of the fallen members of service. All are invited to attend. The ride will be held rain or shine.

Saturday September 12th, 2020 @ 11am "9/11" Memorial Mass at the Marion Shrine Stony Point.

Sunday September 20th, 2020 "Back the Blue" rally at 11am Bowline Point Park Haverstraw.

Noteworthy

Submitted by Member John Dillon:

A shout out to the following for their support, especially during the Covid-19 crisis.

Luigi O'Grady's Deli & Catering Pearl River, for donating meals to the medical staff working in the emergency rooms of Nyack, Good Samaritan, and Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. They also sent meals to the families who had lost loved ones due to Covid-19.

Barry's Estate Jewelry Rt. 304 Bardonia. Barry is a former United States Marine who fought in Vietnam. As a show of support to First Responders he has a large number of American Flags and "Thank You" signs on display in front of his store.

As we endure the Covid -19 crisis, please follow the advice of the medical professionals.

Practice social distancing.
Wear a mask. (Mouth/Nose covering).
Wash/sanitize your hands.
If you do not feel well seek medical assistance immediately.

Stay healthy, stay strong, stay safe.
All active members, please wear your vests.

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