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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Hannukah. My family gatherings this year were the worst that I can remember. Most of my family stayed in their own homes sick with COVID. We made the best of it regardless. I'm sure many of you had a similar experience. The good news is that the Shields was able to have the annual Kid's Christmas party at the Elks again! I want to thank Dan Ryan for organizing the event and of course Tim Connolly Sr. for making sure that there was enough pizza for all of the kids. Thanks to Ed Weireter for flying the helicopter, Mike Murphy for driving Santa in his beautiful NYPD Highway car, and last but not least Don DiBari for bringing the Christmas magic. Jack Coleman and Mark Murphy also helped keep everyone served with food and drinks.

As many of you know, this is the end of my term as President of the Shields. It has been an absolute honor to serve on the executive board in different positions over the past few years. I want you all to know that you have the best group of men and women running this organization behind the scenes. Everything they do is in the best interest of the Shields and its membership. If you don't know who they are, just look at the top heading of the newsletter. Every one of them deserves recognition for keeping the Shields running and for making my job look easy.

I'd also like to remember those members whom we've lost in the past 2 years, Fidelis Ad Mortem. And wish luck to the new members that have joined our ranks in the past 2 years.

Lastly, Good luck to our new President Christian Cortelli, 1st VP Mike Fennessey, Editor Bob Davan, and Clarkstown trustee Chris Brigando. I know we're in great hands and I look forward to seeing what great things lie ahead for the Shields.

Now I'm going to spend some more quality time with my family and have a big, tall, ice-cold glass of Yuengling.

Fraternally,

Keith Hansen



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

01/04/2022	7:00PM	<i>Executive Board Meeting Kennelly's Congers</i>
01/26/2022	7:00PM	<i>General Membership Meeting Instillation of the New Officers Haverstraw Elks</i>
02/01/2022	7:00PM	<i>Executive Board Meeting Kennelly's Congers</i>

Membership

Proposed for Membership.

<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
Denise Schoenleber	Rockland County Sheriff's Office	Troy Spong
Eric A. Roemish	Rockland County Sheriff's Office	Troy Spong
Jenni Mercurio	Rockland County Sheriff's Office	Troy Spong
Christopher Dillon	Rockland County Sheriff's Office	Troy Spong
Donald Harris	Rockland County Sheriff's Office	Troy Spong
Amanda Harris	Rockland County Sheriff's Office	Troy Spong
Thomas R. Stevens Jr	Rockland County Sheriff's Office	Troy Spong
Thomas M. Albin	South Nyack PD-Ret	George M. Albin Jr
Jermaine Clark	NYPD 88 Pct-Ret	Elizabeth Walker
Andrew M. Berkowitz	NYPD Intel Bureau	Colm Dawson
Patrick Sweeney	NYPD Bronx Warrants-Ret	Michael Sweeney

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



Promotions

Town of Ramapo

Lieutenant Christopher Franklin to Det. Lieutenant
Sgt. Michael Gannon to Lieutenant.
Sgt. Christopher Youngman to Lieutenant

Retirements

Rockland County Sheriff's Office

Lieutenant Richard Knapp from the Corrections Division after 32 years of service.

Town of Ramapo

Dispatcher Peter Mair on his retirement after 31 years of service.

Good & Welfare

Congratulations to Trustee at Large Tim Connolly Jr and wife Diane on the birth of their grandchildren. Daughter Danielle and Husband David welcomed David Timothy. Daughter Michelle and husband Frank welcomed Gabriella Mary. Everyone is doing well. Great grandpa is Tim Connolly Sr.

On November 7th, 2021 the Rockland County Veterans Coordinating Counsel honored fellow Shield's member Chip Hayes by appointing him Veteran of the Year for 2022. Chip said, "It was a great honor for me, but could not have achieved it without the cooperation of all who assisted me in my Veterans endeavors". Congratulations Chip.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the following as they mourn their losses.

Member #1064 James Fraser Sr. passed away 10/29/2021 in Goodyear AZ. Jim was an Army Veteran. He retired from the NYPD, where he served from 8/1/1966 - 5/18/1979. He joined the shields on 3/1/1971 and was Vice Pres 1980-1981
Jim is survived by his daughter, Dana Youhas, his grandson, Dominic Youhas, and his two brothers, Bill Fraser, and John Fraser.

Katherine Roberts-Ret. Rockland County Corrections Officer passed away November 10th, 2021. She worked at the jail Rockland County Jail for 27 years. She is survived by her two children Sarah & Travis.



Upcoming Events

The Stony Point Seals 23rd annual plunge will take place on Sunday February 13th, 2022. The plunge will be at the seawall in Grassy Point NY from 10a-2p.

Please visit their website for more information and to support this worthy event.

<https://www.stonypointseals.com>

The Penguin Plunge is scheduled for March 6th, 2022, from 12 Noon – 2 pm at Memorial Park in Nyack. This year's event will benefit two local kids, two-year-old Jhenae Fairclough and five-year-old Teagan Walsh.

For any information on the children, these events or any future events, please contact Barbara Noyes (South Nyack PD) at 917-846-6763 or see their website at www.penguinplungeny.com or Facebook page www.facebook.com/penguinplungeny

Miscellaneous

Thank you to the Shields members who volunteered their time to make the children's party a huge success. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Ramapo Police Officer Burr and K9 Remi, & Suffern Police Officer Ingui and K9 Thorn on their graduation from the Orange County Sheriff's Office K9 Narcotics training.

Submitted by past president Mark Murphy:

NYSP - Pistol Permit Recertification:

As per New York State Law, pistol permit holders need to recertify every five (5) years via the New York State Police website. January 2022 will be the fifth anniversary of the enactment of this requirement. Below is the website to check your status and to recertify. Remember, it is your responsibility to recertify your permit whether you receive a notification letter or not.

You should have your Pistol Permit and your New York State Driver License or Non-Driver ID handy when using the website. <https://firearms.troopers.ny.gov/pprecert/welcome.faces>

Thank you to the following for their donation to the 2022 Scholarship Fund

Dominick Muggeo* John Comparetto* Michael Churns* John Hoy* Murry Cohen* James Edmonds
Wendy Friedman* James Lasser* Mario Alexandre* Thomas Kelly* Bill Ryan* Raymond Redmond
Eugene Sullivan* Thomas P. Lenihan* James J. Doyle* Michael Bongiorno* Terence Gilroy* John Casper
Tom Parker* Robert J. DeMartino* John Castrello* William Clarke* Charles Miller III

Happy and Healthy New Year. Be Vigilant & Stay Safe.

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