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October 2023 **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On October 7, Hamas attacked Israel by defeating a physical barrier and killing innocent women and children. The survivors of the initial slaughter were dragged back to Gaza as hostages. No one is safe from terrorism. It's a fantasy to think it will never happen here. As law enforcement officers, we are responsible for being ever vigilant and armed.

To pivot back to the Shields, we have Candidates Night on October 25, where we will raffle off a 55-inch TV. The larger the turnout, the bigger our voice will be heard. Additionally, the Brinks Memorial will be on October 20 in Central Nyack.

Fraternally,

Christian J. Cortelli
President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023-2024

<i>10/20/23</i>	<i>4:00 PM</i>	<i>Brinks Memorial Ceremony Mountainview Avenue, Nyack (at NYS Thruway entrance)</i>
<i>10/25/23</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>General Membership Meeting Haverstraw Elks Club “Candidates Night” Come and hear from local candidates prior to casting your votes.</i>
<i>11/07/23</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Executive Board Meeting River Court, New City</i>
<i>11/22/23</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>General Membership Meeting Haverstraw Elks Super 50-50 Drawing!</i>
<i>12/10/23</i>	<i>12:00 noon</i>	<i>Kids Christmas Party Haverstraw Elks Bring the kids and grandkids to see a special guest.</i>

Additional information to follow.

No December General Membership Meeting

<i>01/02/24</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Executive Board Meeting River Court, New City</i>
<i>01/24/24</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>



Membership

The October General Membership Meeting, which is our Annual Candidates' Night, will take place on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge, 877 Elks Drive, Haverstraw, N.Y. at 7:00 PM. Please come hear from local candidates for elected offices before casting your votes.

Proposed for Membership

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>
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None to report this month.

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

Proposed by Law Amendments

Article IV, Section 8 Election of Officers. There is a board approved motion to change the current "A person may be elected to the office of President once in their lifetime." The proposed amendment aims to remove any restrictions on the number of times a member may serve in any capacity on the board.

Article 4, Section 7 Election of Officers "For uncontested positions, the Secretary shall cast one vote, otherwise a board of Tellers shall be selected at the October meeting. The proposed change is "For contested positions, a secret ballot will be taken at the November meeting."

Interested in the history of the Rockland County Shields? For a brief history, a list of the founding board members and a list of Past Presidents, visit the "History of the Shields" page on our website at <https://rocklandcountyshields.org/history-of-the-shields/>.



Well Wishes

Get well wishes to member Thomas Rizzo who is recovering from an injury.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following members and their families as they mourn their losses:

Member Theresa (Terry) Foiles (NYPD, Retired) passed away on September 24, 2023, after battling 9-11 related illness. Our deepest sympathy to her loving family and friends as they mourn their loss.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Keith Hansen and his wife Danielle on the birth of their son, Colton Thomas Hansen on September 30, 2023.

Events

Our friends at the Haverstraw Elks are hosting a "Haunted House" on Monday, October 30, 2023. Doors open at 6 PM and the Haunted House begins at 7 PM. Admission is Free!

Thank you!

A Naloxone (Narcan) training took place prior to the September General Membership Meeting. The training was well attended by our membership. Our thanks to Patricia Osterhoudt and Nancy Taylor of The Rockland Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence. The presentation was informative, and all attendees left with the knowledge and tools to help someone in the event of an opioid overdose. We hope to invite Patricia and Nancy back in the future to educate additional members.

Thank you to the Stolzberg-Cortelli Law Office for their sponsorship of the September meeting. Attorney Noah Mittman presented to those in attendance and shared valuable information about both line of duty injuries and off duty accidents.

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