



# ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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NOVEMBER 2024

## OFFICERS (2024-2025)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT  
Ed Weireter

The Shields hosted [“Candidates Night”](#) at the October General Membership Meeting. We had a great showing and received many positive comments from candidates on both sides of the aisle.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT  
John Pinto

As we move forward, we wish good luck and wisdom to those who were successful in their races.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT  
Lou Falco III

I would like to thank all the candidates who made attending our meeting a priority on October 30th.

TREASURER  
Joe Cain

FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
Jim Sciacca

I remind all members - keep track of their performance, make a note to see if they deliver what they promised, and don't hesitate to send a letter to make your views known.

1ST SGT. AT ARMS  
Mark Swamy

Congratulations to our comrades at [FOP Lodge 188](#) as they celebrated their 40th Anniversary this month!

2ND SGT. AT ARMS  
Mike Fennessey

Our very own 2nd Vice President Louis Falco received the:  
*“Excellence in Law Enforcement Leadership Award”*  
Great job Lou!

EDITOR  
Peg Varieur

CHAPLAIN  
George Albin

DIGITAL MEDIA OFFICER  
Dennis Dodrill

## TRUSTEES (2024-2025)

ORANGETOWN  
Daniel Ryan

Members, check you mailboxes in December. We will be sending out DUES RENEWALS for 2025.

CLARKSTOWN  
Chris Brigando

Please send in dues payments ASAP so we can get those new membership cards and window decals out.

HAVERSTRAW  
Manny Figueroa

Your membership card shows that dues have been paid and you are a member in good standing.

STONY POINT  
Keith Hansen

The By-Laws clearly state: “entrance to the meeting is for members in good standing”.

RAMAPO  
Mike Higgins

TRUSTEE AT LARGE  
Tim Connolly Jr

See you at the Elks.

HEALTH AND WELFARE  
John Dillon

Fraternally,  
Ed Weireter

HISTORIAN  
Mark Murphy

PAST PRESIDENT  
Christian Cortelli

*If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.*  
*(Mark Twain)*

Legal Counsel  
StolzenbergCortelli



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024-2025

11/27/24 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUPER 50-50 DRAWING  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

12/15/24 12 NOON KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE HAVERSTRAW ELKS  
BRING THE YOUNG ONES FOR A VISIT WITH SANTA  
PLEASE BRING A WRAPPED AND LABELED GIFT FOR YOUR  
CHILD(REN).

## NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAYS TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

01/07/25 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN

01/29/25 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB

02/04/25 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN

02/26/25 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB

03/04/26 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN

03/23/25 PEARL RIVER SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

03/26/25 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB

04/01/2025 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING~ HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY!  
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN

04/30/25 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB

05/06/25 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN

05/28/25 7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/SCHOLARSHIP MEETING  
HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB

06/03/25 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN

06/25/25 \*6:00 PM\* GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THE DECK, WEATHER PERMITTING  
BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND ENJOY THE EVENING

**NO SUMMER MEETINGS~ SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**



# Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. The Super 50-50 will be drawn. We hope to see you there.

Proposed for Membership

Proposed Agency

Proposed by

No new members this month

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

Membership applications can be found on our website at <https://rocklandcountyshields.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/RC-Shields-Membership-Application-2021.pdf>

In addition to membership applications, you will find photos, archived newsletters, history of the Shields and the Calendar. We are also on Facebook as Rockland County Shields.

2025 dues notices will be going out in December. Please make sure we have your current address. Please send an email to [RCShieldsnews@gmail.com](mailto:RCShieldsnews@gmail.com) if you need to update any of your information.



## EMAIL ALERT

The Rockland County Shields DOES NOT solicit donations by email. The following emails are legitimate emails used by The Shields:

- [RCShieldsPresident@gmail.com](mailto:RCShieldsPresident@gmail.com)
- [RCShieldsNews@gmail.com](mailto:RCShieldsNews@gmail.com)
- [RCShieldsMedia@gmail.com](mailto:RCShieldsMedia@gmail.com)

If you receive any suspicious emails that are not from one of the addresses, please know that it is not from The Shields.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive this newsletter electronically (via email), please send your request and email address to [RCShieldsnews@gmail.com](mailto:RCShieldsnews@gmail.com). The newsletter will be sent to your email each month, rather than being mailed. If you have not signed up for this yet, we encourage you to do so.





## CONDOLENCES

Member Arthur Zimmerman, Retired NYPD, passed away on November 13, 2024. He was the father of Bob Zimmerman, Orangetown PD (Retired). Our deepest sympathy to the Zimmerman family.

## KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Shields annual kids Christmas party will take place on December 15, 2024 at 12 noon at the Haverstraw Elks. Weather permitting, Santa Claus will make a dramatic arrival. Please remember to bring a wrapped gift that is clearly labeled for each child you bring. Santa will distribute the gifts to the kids. Pizza, soft drinks and kid friendly food will be served. Each year the kids and adults alike are delighted by our visit from Santa. Come and see the joy on the kids faces. Its a great way to spend part of the day.

## SUPER 50-50 DRAWING

Don't forget your Super 50-50 tickets. They have been sent to you in the mail and are available at all general membership meetings. The drawing will take place at the upcoming November meeting. Good luck to all!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Immediate Past President Christian Cortelli, Clarkstown PD on his promotion to Lieutenant.

Congratulations to Mark Swammy, Shields 1st Sgt. at Arms, on his retirement from the Rockland County Sheriff's Department after 35 years of service.

Congratulations to Tommy Rizzo (RCSD) on his retirement. He was sworn in on June 1, 1971 by then Sheriff Ray Lindeman, and went on to serve under Tom Goldrick, Jim Kralik and Louis Falco III. Tom says "the Brinks robbery was probably the most tragic part of Rockland history that he was part of, and that we must never forget those who gave their lives in the name of law and order."

## CYCLING CLUB DONATION

The Rockland County Shields Cycling Club engaged in a ride on November 22, 2024 to present a donation check to the family of NYPD Police Officer Jonathan Diller who was killed in the line of duty while conducting a car stop. Tour De Force and Rockland Shields Cycling Club provide financial donations to families of Police Officers killed in the line of duty.

