



# ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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March 2025

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**We made it to Spring!**

**It's Super 50-50 time and the tickets have been sent out.**

The **Super 50-50** supports our Scholarship Program, so please send in those tickets ASAP!!

Talking about scholarships, applications can now be submitted for the **2025 Tim Finn Scholarship Program.**

The application must be submitted **ONLINE** and can be accessed in the monthly email and on our website:

**[www.RocklandCountyShields.org](http://www.RocklandCountyShields.org)**

(Click on the "**Resources**" tab, then click on: "**Forms**")

**LEOSA Reminder** - Our range date is May 15.

**Registration is required.**

Anyone wishing to attend can register at the March or April General Membership Meetings.

All necessary forms are available at the meetings.

We will have a notary present to complete the Affidavit.

**Sadly, the Newark Police buried one of their own on Friday, March 14th. Acts of violence against police must not go unpunished.**

**Active members** - be vigilant, wear your vest, and go home after each tour.

**We pray every day for the safe return of those who protect us.**

**See you at the Elks. Bring a new member!**

**Fraternally,  
Ed Weireter**

**"Buy land, they're not making it anymore."  
(Mark Twain)**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

**ALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS BEING AT 7:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

<b>03/23/25</b>	<b>12:45 PM</b>	<b>PEARL RIVER SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE</b>
<b>03/26/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB</b>
<b>04/01/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING~ HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY! LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN</b>
<b>04/30/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB</b>
<b>05/06/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN</b>
<b>05/17/25</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY ROCKLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE, NEW CITY</b>
<b>05/28/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/SCHOLARSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB</b>
<b>06/03/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN</b>
<b>06/25/25</b>	<b>*6:00 PM*</b>	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THE DECK, WEATHER PERMITTING BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND ENJOY THE EVENING</b>

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

<b>09/02/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN</b>
<b>09/24/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB</b>
<b>10/07/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN</b>
<b>10/29/25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB</b>



# Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. We hope to see you there.

## Proposed for Membership

Darren DeMarco  
Mark Kissel

## Proposed Agency

Sgt., NYPD  
Chief, HVSPCA

## Proposed by

Joe Cain  
Phil Ursillo

\*\*\*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 [HERE](#).

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.

## ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS



## 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)

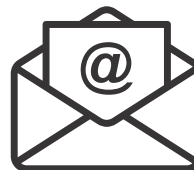
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If you receive any suspicious emails that are not from one of the addresses, please know that it is not from The Shields.

## 2025 DUES NOTICES

2025 dues notices have gone out. 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.





## CONDOLENCES

Member Brian T. Meagher (NYPD, Ret.) passed away on February 26, 2025. Our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Member Robert V. Farren (NYPD, Ret.) passed away on March 7, 2025. Our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Member Edward T. O'Rourke (NYPD, Ret.) passed away on March 8, 2025. Our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

## TIM FINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Online applications for the Rockland County Shields Tim Finn Scholarship Program are now open. Please ensure the application is complete and all supporting documentation is submitted via email only by noon on May 1, 2025. At that time the application site will no longer be accessible. Hard copy applications or supporting documents will not be accepted. The application can be found online at [Shields Scholarship Application](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Shields Vice President John Pinto and his wife Paulette on the birth of their 3rd grandchild, Victoria Brooke, who was born on February 19th. Baby and her Mom, Nicole are both doing well.

## H.R. 218

H.R. 218 qualifications will take place on Thursday May 15, 2025. Sign up will take place at the March and April General Membership meetings.



## LEARN TO PLAY BAGPIPES OR DRUMS

The Rockland County Police Emerald Society, Inc. is offering bagpipe and drum lessons. An information session will take place at the Rockland Irish Cultural Center, 284 Convent Road, Blauvelt, NY on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 PM. For further information, contact Tom Gaynor at 914-924-0524 or by email at [gaynor370@icloud.com](mailto:gaynor370@icloud.com)

## SHIELDS GEAR

Visit Sandy, who will greet you with a smile. You will find her at the apparel table at the General Membership meetings. You can peruse and purchase high-quality Shields apparel. We carry a selection of hats, long and short sleeved T-shirts, hooded and crewneck sweatshirts, 3/4 zips, golf shirts and sweatpants.

