

Rockland County Shields 2025



ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

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April 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every year the Tim Finn Scholarship Program awards scholarships at the May General Membership Meeting. The applicant must be the son or daughter of a Shields Member and must be accepted into college as a freshman for the Fall 2025 semester. College bound students are encouraged to apply.

Online Applications are due: May 1, 2025.

We have made arrangements with the Rockland County Police Academy for a special range date for Shields members (Thursday, 05-15-2025, 8:00 AM).

Members who wish to qualify under LEOSA (HR 218) can sign up at the April Meeting. ***Last chance to register!***

A notary will be available to complete the 2025 Affidavit.

There will be a plaque dedication for:

PO Michael Buczek (EOW 10-18-1988)

sponsored by:

Orangetown PBA / Rockland County PBA
NYC PBA / Rockland County Shields

Friday, 05-09-2025, 9:00 AM

Dunkin Donuts
112 North Middletown Road
Pearl River, NY 10965

See you at the Elks. Bring a new member!

**Fraternally,
Ed Weireter**

"Many of life's failures are people who did not know how close they were when they gave up." (Thomas Edison)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

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

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
05/17/25	11:00 AM	ROCKLAND COUNTY POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY ROCKLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE, NEW CITY
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 SUPER 50-50 DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE
<i>NO SUMMER MEETINGS~ SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!</i>		
09/02/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
09/24/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB
10/07/25	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
10/29/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANDIDATES NIGHT HAVERSTRAW ELKS CLUB
11/04/2025	7:00 PM	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING LYNCH'S ON THE GREEN
11/26/25	7:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAVERSTRAW ELKS



Membership

The next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge. We hope to see you there.

Proposed for Membership

Christopher W. Burgard
Tyler Stark

Proposed Agency

NYS Courts, Retired
Suffern PD

Proposed by

Mark Murphy
Christian Cortelli

***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 by clicking [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
RCShieldsNews@gmail.com
RCShieldsMedia@gmail.com

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 if you need to update any of your information.

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



CONDOLENCES

Member James Woodward passed away on March 28, 2025. He was retired from the Stony Point PD and the Rockland County District Attorneys Office. 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 by clicking [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOT_eFhQq85cF6kKDM6IKH8btRNENXyYo9H3SJiChE69d5hQ/viewform?usp=header) or using the following :
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOT_eFhQq85cF6kKDM6IKH8btRNENXyYo9H3SJiChE69d5hQ/viewform?usp=header

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to member George M. Albin, who retired on March 21, 2025 after 20 years with the Port Authority Police. George is the son of Deacon George Albin, Rockland County Shields Chaplain.

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.

SHIELDS GEAR

Visit Sandi, who will greet you with a smile, 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 sleeve T-shirts, hooded and crewneck sweatshirts, 3/4 zip necks, golf shirts and sweatpants.



SUPER 50-50

The SUPER 50-50 tickets have been mailed out. The drawing will take place at the June General Membership Meeting.

300 CLUB

The 300 Club is in the works. If you have previously had a ticket, you will be contacted to purchase your number this year. Unsold tickets will be available via waiting list.

THANK YOU

The Executive Board and Scholarship Committee extend their gratitude to the following for their generous donations:

Chris Perino, William Morange, Louis Anemone, Richard Yankay, Kevin Lauler, Edwin DeLapp, Thomas Sullivan, Mario Alexandre, Christina Honan, Raymond S. Gregg, Patrick Carolan, Margaret O'Neill, Steven Gitter, Patrick Casey, Peter Noonan, Robert Davan, Patrick Cahill, Margaret Roche, Luis Marte, Gary Weisbecker, James Napolitano, Carl DeNonno, Thomas Gallagher, John Seymour, Hilda Kogut, Joseph Salter, Thomas Casey, Thomas Sullivan, James Doyle, Michael Sweeney, William Coyne, Raymond Redmond, Thomas Lenihan, Joseph Powers, Michael Lagiovane, James Hand, Michael Mastrovito, Allan Smolinsky, Walkin Chin, Michael O'Donovan, James Hastings, Eugene Montchal, Niles Davies, Christopher Farrell, Joseph Guerra, Murry Cohen, Alfred Fagan, Andrew M. Berkowitz, John Hughes, Michael Baer, Patrick Brophy, William Callahan, Michael Churns, Edwin Cardona, Frank Gonzalez, John Castrello, Rose Varano, Theresa Roberts, Roger Smith, Christopher Robinson, Brian Verwoert, Robert Ferriello, Antionette White, Paul Valerio, Brian McKenna, Michael Malm, Douglas Bertrand, Daniel McKenna, Pat Dudgeon, Hilda Kogut.



Please consider supporting "Buzzes 4 Bumpy". Tommy Ryan, the son of Orangetown Trustee Dan Ryan and grandson of Bill Ryan, Past President, has been diagnosed with leukemia. Please help support Tommy and the Ryan family during this challenging time.



BUZZES 4 BUMPY

Clarkstown South Highschool
31 Demarest Mill Road, West Nyack, NY
Thursday April 17th, 12pm-4pm

Our dear friend, Tommy Ryan, has recently been diagnosed with Leukemia. In response, we are organizing a fundraiser in his honor. If you're able, please stop by! Buzz cuts will be offered to those willing to show their support for Tommy. There will be food, drinks, and games for everyone to enjoy, and donations will be accepted in support of leukemia research and Tommy's fight.

Anyone and everyone is welcome!
Love you, Tommy. Keep fighting.