



# Erie County Deputy Sheriffs Badge & Shield Club, Inc.

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## JANUARY, 2023:

Our January meeting will be held on **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at **Buffalo's Best** located at **3700 Southwestern Blvd in Orchard Park, NY**. This meeting is for **members only**. Please contact Debbie at **least one week prior to the meeting** at 716-816-5368 (text or call) or email at [Nortond8991@gmail.com](mailto:Nortond8991@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Reminder: Meetings are \$20 per person. All meetings begin at 6:30pm.

To those who have submitted their 2023 membership cards and dues – Thank you!!! For those who have not, please remember to send them in as soon as possible.

We are in the process of finalizing our Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2023. We should have the complete schedule in our next newsletter.

### 2023 Officers:

#### President

Christopher Clark

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Robert Koch

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Michael Sullivan

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Debra Norton  
(716) 816-5368

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Mark Radder

### *A Message from our President, Chris Clark:*

"It is Christmas time, and the holidays always bring back memories, especially those of holidays past, when we were young and some of the traditions our families practiced. Whether it was how we decorated our tree, those homemade cookies, or church services we attended, we all have holiday recollections. Christmas time brings to mind youngsters and how they enjoy the activities around it.

How many times have we heard: "Our youth are our future". A particular Sheriff, Robert A. Glasser (1956-1959), recognized that and began a county wide program known as the "Junior Deputy Sheriff's League". I recently found a beautiful certificate and membership card belonging to my eldest sister. Her "Certificate of Appointment" was dated June 1, 1957, and she was a "member in good standing". The back of the membership card reads: It shall be the duty of all members: to promote good conduct, good sportsmanship, good morals, traffic safety, and kindness to animals; to deal honestly with all people...; to be useful and helpful to all citizens...; to be prompt and courteous at all times; to attend school and religious services regularly; and to respect the rights and property of others.

What is contained on the back of the membership card should be communicated to our youth by their parents long before they are sent off to school. Our young people today need to have engrained in them a good moral compass when they enter our educational system, imparted by adults, and nurtured by educators and first responders, with programs as the Junior Deputy Sheriff's League and the present Sheriff's Explorer Post.

The violence in our schools and on the street can be addressed, one child at a time, by involving every parent, in teaching them the rules on the back of that Junior Deputy Membership card to guide them in the process. In the true holiday spirit let's remember: It does take a village to raise a child." Merry Christmas everyone and best wishes for 2023!"

Our sincere condolences go out to the families of Court Officer Judy Spulecki; and John J. Shields (Brother-in-Law of C.O. Andrew Morrow, Jail Management).

Please contact Debbie if you hear of someone having health issues or an individual who has passed so that we can include them in our newsletter for our support and prayers.

Please continue to pray for those who have lost a loved one or experiencing health issues.

Hope to see you at Buffalo's Best!!

Chris Clark  
President

Debbie Norton  
Corresponding Secretary

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