



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

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## APRIL, 2023:

Our April meeting will be held on **Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at **Danny's Airport** located at **3715 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY**. This meeting is for Members & Guests. Please contact Debbie at least one week prior to the meeting at 716-816-5368 (text/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/person for members and \$25/person for guests. All meetings begin at 6:30pm.

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

Happy spring to all our members and your families! Our March meeting at B&W's BBQ on Lake Avenue was attended by 40+ members. Dick Sojka won the split club (\$105). It pays (\$) to be a member! Chief Tom Staebell (retired) and I met recently over lunch. Our discussion took us down memory lane, reminiscing about some of the women and men who preceded us in the Sheriff's Office, and others who we had worked for and with.

What we realized in conversation was how many of the men who served as Sheriff of Erie County came from the ranks of the Buffalo Police Department (BPD). Although we named many off the top of our heads, Tom did some research and is continuing with more at the Buffalo History Museum. I recommend a visit to the museum on Nottingham Terrace – it is full of information about our region. Information can also be found at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.

Here is what Tom shares about the sheriffs: Arthur Britt, 1942-1955 (BPD), he was the last Sheriff I know of to live at 10 Delaware Ave.; Robert Glasser 1956-1959 (BPD), upon leaving office was appointed as the head of the state's harness racing commission; Glasser's Undersheriff, B. John Tutuska (BPD) 1959-1969, later Sheriff Tutuska, was tapped to be the Erie County Executive when then County Executive Ed Rath passed away in office; Tom Ryan (BPD) 1969 served a year in B. John's place, lost the election to Chief Mike Amico (BPD) "The Crime Fighter" 1970-1976, a veteran military aviator who also held a law degree; Amico was not retained in the 1976 November election; Ken Braun, who was an Amherst police officer won the job as Sheriff. Braun was a former Marine, a WWII vet like Amico, he served 9 years with the BPD before heading to a

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suburban police force. Braun appointed Tom Higgins as Undersheriff, former BPD Lieutenant. After Braun decided not to run again, Higgins ran and won (1986-1997) a hotly contested campaign against another BPD officer, Stan Bolas. Stan was later appointed the Commissioner of Erie County Central Police Services. Buffalo PD, in a long tradition, has now provided the Office of Sheriff with the County's 54<sup>th</sup> Sheriff, John Garcia.

In addition to the many candidates, both men and women, elected Sheriff from the BPD there are even more BPD members who ran in a general or primary election(s) seeking to attain the job as Sheriff. I have taken my editorial liberties as it relates to Tom's research for this column. Thank you, Chief Staebell, for compiling and sharing this information. We look forward to the fruits of your research from the museum in a future newsletter and welcome our members to contribute to this column.

Our sincere condolences go out to the families of Mr. Frederick Zak, Father of Correction Sergeant Jonathan Zak (JMD); Mrs. Patricia Licht, wife of retired Deputy David Licht (JMD); Mrs. Josephine Reeves, Grandmother of Deputy Joseph Reeves (Police Services); Mrs. Carol Julicher, Mother of Supervising Mechanic John Julicher Jr. (Administrative Services); Mr. William Beardsley, Father of Payroll Clerk Elaine Medina (Administrative Services); and Mrs. Sally Brown, wife of deceased retired Deputy Gary Brown (JMD) and Sister of retired Deputy Harold "Skip" Rundle (JMD).

Please keep those struggling with health issues or who have lost a loved one in your thoughts and prayers.

We have booked the dates for our Chicken BBQ's and our Meat Raffle. They have been added to the updated Monthly Meeting Schedule enclosed with this newsletter. Please sign up to volunteer for these events. These are our only fund raisers for our Club!

See you at Danny's Airport!

Chris Clark  
President

Debbie Norton  
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Please check out our Badge & Shield Club website [www.Badgeandshieldclub.com](http://www.Badgeandshieldclub.com) and share any newsworthy items or bits of history for the newsletter with us.

## **MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE – 2023**

Please mark your calendars and remember to contact Debbie (call or text) at (716) 816-5368 or by email [Nortond8991@gmail.com](mailto:Nortond8991@gmail.com) at least one week in advance if you plan to attend the meetings. Reminder: Meetings are \$20/person for members and \$25/person for guests. All meetings start at 6:30pm.

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members Only) – Buffalo's Best

3700 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, NY

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members & Guests) – American Legion

962 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members Only) – B&W's BBQ

5007 Lake Avenue, Buffalo, NY

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members & Guests) – Danny's Airport

3715 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Chicken BBQ Fundraiser – Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company

4591 Lake Shore Road (at Rogers Road), Hamburg, NY

**Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members Only) – Buffalo's Best

3700 Southwestern Blvd, Buffalo, NY

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Chicken BBQ Fundraiser – (Location to be determined)

**Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members & Guests) – Wings Flights of Hope

3964 California Road, Orchard Park, NY

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members & Guests) – American Legion

962 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members Only) – Santora's Pizza & Grill

1402 Millersport Hwy., Williamsville, NY

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023** – Meat Raffle Fundraiser – Wings Flight of Hope

3964 California Road, Orchard Park, NY (Doors open at 5:00pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Spin at 6:00pm)

**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Monthly Meeting (Members & Guests) – Knights of Columbus

2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY

**\*\* Adult Christmas Dinner – To be Determined \*\***