



Erie County Deputy Sheriffs Badge & Shield Club, Inc.

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APRIL, 2024:

Our April meeting will be held on Monday, April 15th, 2024 at the Knights of Columbus located at 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY. This meeting is for Members and Guests. Please contact Debbie at least one week prior to the meeting at 716-816-5368 (text or call) or email at Nortond8991@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Reminder: Members are \$20 and guests are \$25. All meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Our March meeting was held at Buffalo's Best Restaurant on Southwestern Blvd with 40 members in attendance. Ken Hejna won the 50/50 split club with a jackpot of \$80!

A Message from President Chris Clark:

"We enjoyed a wonderful meal and hospitality from the staff at The Columns Restaurant and Event Center on Transit Road in Elma on Saturday, March 23rd for our 45th Annual Retirement & Awards Dinner. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces joining their families, friends, and fellow employees, paying tribute to our honorees. Approximately 170 attended. Special thanks to all members of the Dinner Committee for putting together a fantastic event.

Sheriff John Garcia spoke, the Sheriff's Office Honor Guard presented the colors, and music was provided by "The DJ Channell", Mr. Johnathan Rogers, Sr. who jumped in at the last minute as our scheduled music provider, Rock'n Rick was rushed to the hospital that morning! The Master of Ceremonies was once again Patrick Hammer, the meteorologist from WGRZ-TV, Channel 2. Patrick does an excellent job as MC and we enjoyed his comments and humor. Our featured sponsor was Pinnacle Travel Staffing - "Your Psychiatric & Correctional Travel Nurse Specialist" owned and operated by Marty Rastelli of Grand Island, who attended the dinner with his family and staff members. This was Pinnacle's second major sponsorship of our dinner. Thank you Marty for your support of law enforcement.

The award winners and retirees are listed in our program book, which was distributed at the event. A special thank you to everyone who placed an ad or sold one.

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Congratulations to Tony Paz's son Tony who was just promoted to Chief in the U.S. Coast Guard!

Keep in mind and send a card off to our long-time past President Al Gennuso, who is under hospice care. His address is: 301 Ogden St., Tonawanda, NY 14150.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob Koch and his family on the passing of his wife Darlene."

The dates of our fundraisers have been confirmed. Please mark your calendars!

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024 – Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 3-6 pm

Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company—4591 Lake Shore Road (at Rogers Road), Hamburg

Thursday, May 16th, 2024 – Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 3-6 pm

5342 Scranton Road in Hamburg (next to the Scranton Volunteer Fire Company)

Saturday, October 5th, 2024 – Meat Raffle Fundraiser – The Meeting Place

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

A special congratulations to our very own longstanding Club Member, Jerry Butler. Jerry is a Navy Veteran who is being honored by the Buffalo-Niagara Honor Flight with a trip to Washington, D.C. from Saturday to Sunday, April 27-28, 2024. Jerry served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 in Communications on the USS Snyder stationed out of the New Jersey Port. He was deployed to the Caribbean waters during the Korean War. Jerry was responsible for receiving communications from the war planes coming in for fuel and repairs from the war zone. Congratulations Jerry and thank you for your service!!

If you have any news items or information that you would like included in the monthly newsletters, please contact Chris Clark or Debbie Norton.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter! See you at the Knights!

Chris Clark
President

Debbie Norton
Corresponding Secretary

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