



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

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## **MAY, 2024:**

Our May meeting will be held on **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at the **McGruder's Bar & Grill** located at **4995 Broadway, Depew, 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: Members are \$20. All meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Our March meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus on Union Road in Cheektowaga. There were 45 members and guests in attendance. Joanie Adymy won the 50/50 split club with a jackpot of \$87!

Congratulations to our Mounted Division who raised over 1,000 pounds of food and \$2,800 during their Mounted for Meals drive. A big thank you to the Scientific Staff who were generous donors to the cause.

Remember to mark your calendars with the dates of our fundraisers:

### **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 – Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 3-6 pm**

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

### **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 3-6 pm**

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

### **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Meat Raffle Fundraiser – The Meeting Place**

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

#### **2024 Officers:**

##### **President**

Christopher Clark

##### **1st Vice President**

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##### **2nd Vice President**

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##### **Corresponding Secretary**

Debra Norton

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##### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Mark Radder



Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Alfred "Al" Genusso, our dear friend and who was a Club member for many, many years. He was the former President of the Badge & Shield Club from 1986 to 1998. He was a hard-working member who did so much for our Club. He will always be remembered for his gentle manner, his great sense of humor, and his caring ways.

We also remember the family of Mrs. Laura Priore, Mother of Correction Lieutenant Marc Priore and ID Officer Charles Priore, Mother-in-Law of Correction Sergeant Patricia Prior, Sister of Retired Correction Officer Patrick Harmon, Retired Correction Officer Edward Harmon (Deceased), and Grandmother of Deputy Michael Carney, (Jail Management Division).

Please keep Club Member Sam Amato in your thoughts and prayers. Sam is currently living in Cleveland, Ohio after his health began to fail due to a severe case of influenza. He is now near family who can care for him. Please give him a call. He would love to hear from you!

There will be a retirement party held for Payroll Clerk Debbie Nadrowski on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30pm at Bada Bing Sports Bar & Grill. Come out to celebrate Debbie's years of service with the Sheriff's Office and wish her well in her retirement.

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



Chris Clark  
President

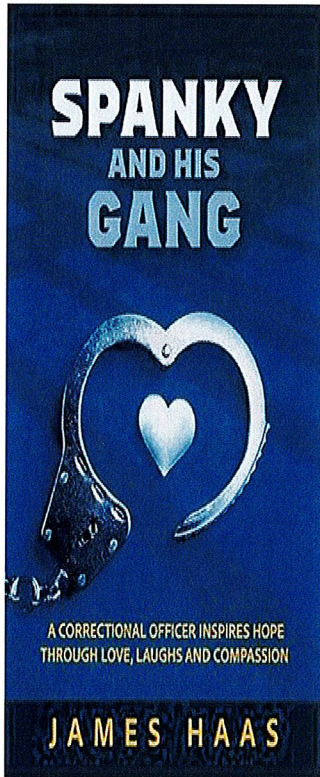


Debbie Norton  
Corresponding Secretary

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.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Badge and Shield member, the late James Haas wrote a book about his career of 34 years in corrections at The Penn. It is selling on Amazon for \$14.99. Jim was truly an amazing individual!

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After a 34-year career working as a correctional officer, Jim shares his behind-the-scenes viewpoint of life inside the prison walls. Stressful encounters, hard-nosed discipline and prison breaks were all part of the job, but what lies at the heart of these tales is the hope he inspired through compassion, love, softball and humor.

As manager of the commissary, Jim had inmates he dubbed "His Gang" that worked for him, and he always tried to set a good example. He got to know inmates' stories and rooted for them to improve themselves after their release. He even made "Spanky Bags" and handed them out to reward inmates that overachieved at work.

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