

Erie County Deputy Sheriffs Badge & Shield Club, Inc.

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Welcome back everyone!! Hope you all had a wonderful summer and survived the heat wave. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th, 2025 at the Knights of Columbus located at 2735 Union Road (back building), Cheektowaga, NY. This meeting is for Members and Guests. Make sure you 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. Meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Our June meeting was held at the Elma Towne Grille located on Clinton Street in Elma NY. Members were pleased with the menu choices and John Gourlay won the split club!

Club Member Joel Cancilla reported that the turnout was 'light'

for the "ECSO Reunion Get Together" which was held on August 2nd. Everyone who attended had a great time! The 'Reunion' took place at The Annual Wings Flights of Hope fundraiser event which was a big success.

Vice President Bob Koch reported that the Wine Tour was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended. We are looking forward to doing it again in the future.

We will be continuing our fundraising efforts for our Club. Our next venture will be the sale of raffle tickets. Each member of the Club will be asked to sell two (2) raffle tickets at \$10.00 each.

So far, we have two items that will be included in the raffle. One is a Josh Allen signed football which is a very "hot" item. The other is a mandolin donated by one of our club members. We will be attempting to add another two items to make ticket sales more attractive.

We need your participation and ask that you make every effort to do your part and sell at least two tickets. Of course, the more you sell, the more the Club benefits. Please look out for the tickets the next newsletter.

Tickets for the raffle will be drawn at our Christmas meeting on December 15th, 2025.

2025 Officers:

President **Christopher Clark**

1st Vice President Robert Koch

2nd Vice President Michael Sullivan

Recording Secretary Karen Morgan

Treasurer Ken Napora

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Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to the families of Mrs. Ann Fox (Mother-in-Law of Sergeant Scott Evans and Grandmother of Correction Officer Douglas Evans, Jail Management Division); Mr. James J. Macken (Brother of Reserve Deputy Jason Macken, Scientific Division); Mrs. Dorothy Van Wie (Mother of Deputy Thomas Van Wie, Police Services); Mrs. Estelita Maruso McEwan (Mother-in-Law of Sergeant Ernestali Perez, Jail Management Division); Ms. Beverly Ann Peluso (Daughter of Club Member and Retired Court Officer Anthony Peluso); Mr. Ronald Lehning (Father of Lieutenant Jeremy Lehning, Police Services, Father-in-Law of Administrative Assistant Heather Lehning, Administrative Services, and Step-Grandfather of Detective Megan Ess, Police Services); Mrs. Kathleen Battaglia (Wife of Reserve Sergeant Stephen Battaglia, Scientific Division); and Adam Lauricella (Son of Retired Sergeant Richard (Rick) Lauricella, Police Services).

Recording Secretary Karen Morgan underwent knee replacement surgery. She is currently undergoing physical therapy which has been difficult and painful. We wish her a speedy recovery. Hurry back Karen!!

A big shout out to Club Member Louise McFeeley who recently underwent difficult surgery and is finally home recuperating. Wishing you a speedy recovery Louise! We miss you!

We hope you are ready to get back into the swing of club activities. It is important that you make the effort to attend meetings, not only to socialize, but to also to let your voice be heard. Your thoughts and opinions regarding your Badge and Shield Club are important. You matter!

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

See you at the Knights!

Chris Clark President Debbie Norton
Corresponding Secretary

Please check out our Badge & Shield Club website <u>www.Badgeandshieldclub.com</u> and share any newsworthy items or bits of history for the newsletter with us.