



Erie County Deputy Sheriffs Badge & Shield Club, Inc.

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MAY, 2026

Our May meeting will be held on **Monday, May 18th, 2026** at **La Bella Sicilia** located at **2909 Genesee Street in Cheektowaga, NY**. This meeting is for **Members & Guests**. Please remember to 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 continued cooperation! Reminder: Members are \$20 and Guests are \$25. Meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Our April meeting was held at **Danny's Airport** in Cheektowaga. We had a total of 44 members and guests in attendance. The food was excellent. The split club was won by John O'Donnell with a jackpot of \$105!

Ruby Davis-Joseph reported that their "Mounted for Meals" fundraiser was held at the **Broadway Market** in Buffalo in March to benefit **The Response to Love Center**. They were able to raise \$504 and 186 pounds of food. Thank you Ruby for all your efforts.

Please mark your calendars:

There will be a fundraiser for Dawn & Luke Roller held on **Saturday, May 2nd, 2026** from 6pm to 10pm at **Wings Meeting Place** in Orchard Park. The theme is "Kentucky Derby Party" with prizes for the best Derby Hat. Tickets are \$30 each (\$10 under age 10). Draft beer, wine, pop, pizza, & live music provided. Dawn was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer and her son Luke was diagnosed with high risk neuroblastoma. Please come out to support this family who are showing insurmountable strength and courage as they journey through this difficult time in their lives.

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The Italian-American Police Association of Western New York (IAPA) will be hosting their **Annual Outing on Wednesday, June 24th, 2026** from 2:00pm to 10:00pm. Presale tickets are \$30 and \$35.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online for will call at

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(716) 816-5368

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www.iaapwny.org Call (716) 570-3299 for tickets or information. Also, Club Members Charlie Tirone and Sam Amato have tickets for sale.

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From Club Member Joel Cancilla:

"I'm looking for input on the interest in returning to an Annual Badge & Shield Picnic. Last year, I invited all members of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to gather as a reunion of all current and retired employees of all divisions. The gathering was held at the WINGS-Flights of Hope Annual Fundraiser in August and was attended by several non-members and members.

The work involved in running our own picnic is very expensive and time-consuming. Holding our Annual picnic at the WINGS Benefit will eliminate the need for several volunteers, selling tickets, ordering food, beverages and will help raise money for a GREAT Organization. This picnic would be a chance to connect and reconnect with current and retired members of the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

As a Club, we are in need of increasing our membership and I'm looking for suggestions to do just that. One suggestion I received was that any employee of the Sheriff's Office that attends the Annual Picnic this year, and signs up for membership, the first-year membership would be free.

We need volunteers for a committee to begin planning our Annual Picnic. Club Member Ken White has already volunteered his services to create a banner which will be prominently displayed at the venue. Please contact me at joel.cancilla@gmail.com with your interest, suggestions, or concerns."

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The proposal to have some of our meetings in the morning (breakfast) or afternoon (lunch) was made. We need to hear from you if this is something that you would like to see happen. You have a voice in this Club and if you are unable to make the meetings, please express your thoughts by contacting either Chris or Debbie so your voice can be heard.

From our President Chris Clark:

"I am sorry to report that Robert (Bob) Bykowski, our Sgt. at Arms passed away April 3rd, 2026. Bob was an active member of the Sheriff's Scientific Staff for many years, retiring as a Lieutenant. He was also involved in the Boy Scouts of America where he helped many a youngster learn to fish, camp, and use a rifle. He always was willing to volunteer with Club activities and support our mission.

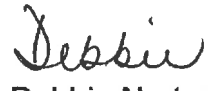
Bob was a wonderful, caring man. From his humble beginnings in Kaisertown, to his military service, and years of volunteering in the community, to beginning and running his own successful company. He was so giving. He loved Sharon and now, peacefully, they are once again together.” Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Bob Bykowski.

Thank you to Steve Macey who has graciously stepped in as our Sergeant-at-Arms.

If you have any news or information you would like to see included in the monthly newsletter, please contact Chris or Debbie.

See you at La Bella Sicila!


Chris Clark
President


Debbie Norton
Corresponding Secretary

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