

Erie County Deputy Sheriffs Badge & Shield Club, Inc.

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JUNE, 2024:

Our May meeting will be held on **Monday, June 17th, 2024** at **Danny's South** located at **4300 Abbott Road in Orchard Park, NY**. This meeting is for **Members & Guest**. 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 May meeting was held at Magruder's Bar & Grill on Broadway in Depew. There were 32 members in attendance. Mark Radder won the 50/50 split club with a jackpot of \$90!

A big **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who helped with our two Chicken BBQ fundraisers last month. Although we had to overcome a couple of obstacles, we managed to raise a total of \$2,500 for our Club!

Please mark your calendars for our next big fundraiser:

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)

We are hoping that you will be able to collect donations from your local vendors in support of the meat raffle. To assist you in your efforts, a letter from our President, Chris Clark is enclosed for you to take to businesses in your area requesting a contribution/donation/gift item for the meat raffle. We really appreciate your involvement and assistance in making this event a huge success.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Mr. Ronald Leisten Sr. (Father of Correction Sergeant Ronald Leisten Jr. – Jail Management Division).

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Mark Radder

Please keep Club Member Sam Amato in your thoughts and prayers. Sam is currently living in Cleveland, Ohio with family after his health began to fail. He is doing much better but would still love to hear from you! For those of you who access Facebook, besides following our Club's page, we recommend following the Erie County Sheriff's Office page. It has up to date information on promotions, recent cases, arrests and community involvement.

May is National Law Enforcement Appreciation month. At the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC in a ceremony known as the "Roll Call of Heroes", the names of 282 officers were read including 118 officers who were killed during 2023. An additional 164 officers who died in previous years (before 2023) were also recognized.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the late James Haas wrote a book about his career of 34 years in corrections at The Penn entitles "Spanky and His Gang". It is selling on Amazon for \$14.99. Jim was truly an amazing individual!

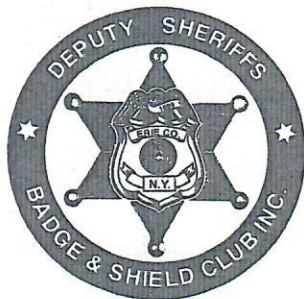
If you have any news items or information that you would like included in the monthly newsletters, please contact Chris Clark or Debbie Norton.

Danny's South will be our last meeting before the summer break. We look forward to seeing you there!


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.



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May 14th, 2024:

Dear friend of law enforcement:

The Erie County Deputy Sheriff's Badge & Shield Club, Inc. is hosting its annual Meat Raffle on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 5 PM at Wings Event Center, 3964 California Road, Orchard Park, NY. We are seeking your support for law enforcement and our fundraising event.

The Badge & Shield Club, Inc. was established in 1956 and is comprised of active, transferees, and retired members of the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the NYS Unified Courts. We are a not-for-profit fraternal organization. Our members are active in many community events and charitable organizations. We host an annual Awards and Retirement Dinner, presenting awards to Officers and community members, each award honoring the four Erie County Sheriff Deputies who were killed in the line of duty. We are keeping their memory alive, recognizing the sacrifice they made, for generations to come. We also honor the women and men who have recently retired from law enforcement for their service and dedication to duty and to our community.

We are reaching out to businesses like you for a donation of an item for a basket raffle or a prize (gift cards, gift certificate, etc.). We will ensure your donation and business are recognized at the Meat Raffle, in signage and announcement. The Badge & Shield Club, Inc. has no employees. All officers and Board members are volunteers. All proceeds from any fundraiser go to the Club, whose major endeavor is providing recognition to the Deputy of the Year, a citizen's award, and our retirees at our annual Awards and Retirement event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at runccc@gmail.com, or our Recording Secretary, Debra Norton at nortond8991@gmail.com or visit our website: www.badgeandshieldclub.com Thank you for your consideration in donating to our cause!

Sincerely,


Chris Clark

President (2020-present)

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