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RDNY NEWS

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2024

JACK BAILY'S

2128 FLATBUSH AVE., BROOKLYN, NY 11234

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Spring has sprung. Looks like we may have dodged a New York winter again. Maybe there is something to this global warming thing.....Let's not go there. If you missed our March St. Patrick's meeting at O'Neill's, you missed out on another great time. The Brooklyn North Detectives FOP Lodge #275 Pipe Band lead us off with some great bag pipe music and a wonderful rendition of Amazing Grace which was a perfect song for the evening's presentation to ADA's Lasak and O'Boyle for the prosecution of the murderer of PO Anastasio Tsakos from Highway 3. Even though we were celebrating the conviction of a cop killer, and everyone was enjoying themselves, there was a solemn mood in the air remembering the harsh realities of police work. We had over 100 people attend the meeting including DA Katz who spoke highly of everyone involved in this prosecution from the Highway personal to the ADA's and everyone in between. We had a big turnout from Highway and CIS. It was great to meet all of them. I thought they would have worn their leather, but they wore suits instead. Just kidding, I'm sure they get that all the time. Hopefully when they retire, they will consider joining the RDNY. On that note, when I discuss Anastasio Tsakos, I refer to him as a Police Officer. When in fact I should be acknowledging him as Detective First Grade Tsakos. Soon after his death then Police Commissioner Dermot Shea promoted PO Tsakos to Detective 1st Grade Tsakos. As I stated in my presentation, the RDNY couldn't be prouder to consider him one of our own. Aside from the Highway guys and the FOP pipers we had a handful of past ARDY recipients, members of the Queens DA's Office, past and present, from the DA herself, her executive staff, senior staff, ADA's and paralegals. We also had a huge turnout of our membership which is always great to see. O'Neill's treated us like royalty, as they always do. The Corned Beef and Cabbage and Shepards Pie was top shelf, as was the chicken parmigiana. I told you I would make them an offer they couldn't refuse! Thanks to everyone that attended and to my Board for all of their help in pulling it off without a hic-cup.

While I'm on the topic of meetings, let's talk about our April meeting. I've been talking about hosting meetings in some new spots to accommodate those of you who don't live near any of our previous meeting venues. Last year we were in Staten Island which worked out fantastic and I'm looking to repeat that later this year. So, the only spot left that the RDNY hasn't been to is the City of Brooklyn. Well, that ends April 10th, 2024, at Jack Baily's, 2128 Flatbush Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11234. We will be honoring Retired Chief of Detectives James Essig. To all our Brooklyn, Staten Island, New Jersey, and Queens resident members that have not attended meetings because of the inconvenience, please come out and join us. I guarantee a good time. Bring a friend, even if they aren't a member, I'm sure they will join after they see what a great organization the RDNY is. And we will be supporting a fellow retired detective; Jack Baily's is owned and operated by one of our own. If we get a good turnout, we will add Brooklyn to our meeting destinations. I'm feeling good about this, it's not personal, it's business.

Upcoming events: April meeting in Brooklyn; May meeting – TBD; June – fishing trip (see flyer); July Golf Outing – contact Jack Freck; August – summer break!!!

Please check our website, www.RDNY.org for updated info and pictures from some of our events. Join our Facebook group and stay up to date on what's going on and connect with your old friends. Just keep it clean and respectful or Chris will have you sleeping with the fishes. If you haven't paid your 2024 dues yet, please do so. Liz and I are putting together the hit list, and we will be sending out "reminder" letters to those of you who owe. You don't want to wake up with a horse's head in your bed, so please pay your dues. It's also not too late to purchase Jet Blue ticket raffles. \$5 each. Get in touch with me if you want some. No limit. Winner will be chosen at the golf outing along with the new \$1000 Mechanic and Associates scholarship. 4 separate winners for that one.

I would like to thank my Board and past Presidents for everything they do to keep this organization running and for helping me out. I get a lot of calls and emails from members telling me that they love the organization and what a great job I'm doing. I always tell them it's a team effort; I just happen to be the one at the top right now and couldn't do it without their help. I'm just following the lead of those before me and what I think the RDNY should be. So, thank you to everyone that has taken the time to appreciate the organization. Pass the word to your fellow retired detectives and try and make a meeting or two threw out the year. Stay safe and healthy. Collect those pension checks for as long as possible. Keep your beneficiaries up to date. Make a will. Meet with an elder attorney, it's never too early.

See everyone soon. Enjoy the Spring.

Rich Santangelo, *President*

"TALKIN WILDE" OPEN YOUR EYES

You wonder sometimes if people are awake when you see things that others are oblivious to. We just had St. Patrick's Day and I hope you all had a great day, but during the parade, the Mayor gave an interview by St. Patrick's Cathedral about how the crime in the City, including the Subway, is low and down from previous years. Apparently, Gracie Mansion gets no newspaper delivery or no cable news. Just recently on the A train during rush hour in Brooklyn, a male who entered the station without paying, attacked a male on the train and then pulled out an illegal handgun. By the way, the train was crowded with people whose lives were put in jeopardy. The male being attacked did not know his attacker and managed to take the gun from the mutt and shot him in the head. The perp was taken to the hospital in critical condition and no one else on the train was hurt. The man he attacked was arrested at the scene by NYPD Officers who responded. After the incident being investigated by B'klyn DA's Office, he was released after showing self-defense. If this person did not take action what could have happened to other people on the train? An incident like this happened about a year ago in Manhattan when a male threatened to kill people on a train and an ex-Marine took him down by the neck and the

perp died. The ex-Marine was indicted by DA Bragg in Manhattan and the case is still pending. I guess the difference is the DA's. Both cases are self-defense. Both acted in self-defense to themselves and others. I guess DA Bragg doesn't get the paper either. If you live here, you hear and see crime is rampant in this city and in the transit system. Every day you hear about youngsters being shot and innocent bystanders being hurt. Just recently, twin sisters were attacked in a B'klyn Bodega after they shook off a male's advances and he attacked them with a knife killing one of them and stabbing the other in the arm. He fled the scene. I'm sure NYPD will find him like they do with all the other incidents. My point is how do you with a straight face say crime is down? Open your eyes, Mayor. Start buying the Post or watch Fox News or just ask the people in the communities where these crimes are happening. And by the way, when they interviewed him on St. Patrick's Day he was surrounded by NYPD Security. Go figure. I guess he heard some boos from the spectators when he walked in the parade!

SOMETHING WORKS! WHY CHANGE?

We, who retired years ago, saw the drop in crime that made this city the Greatest City in the World. And now we have seen how the crime has come back. This is not the fault of the present members of the NYPD. It is the fault of the liberal politicians who have made the NYPD jobs more difficult than ever. If all the ways we handled crime were still in effect, NYC would still be a great city and its citizens would not have to fear crime in the streets and subways. The NYPD was great when it was in charge and the only ones who didn't like it were the criminals. The Police Commissioner was in charge of its Police Officers and how crime was addressed. Now they have people overseeing the Police Dept who have been arrested or have had not so friendly contacts with police and I'm talking about people in this Administration. Including the City Council and Advocate. You think they like the police. When the NYPD was allowed to handle crime, it was safe on the streets and subway. Then the Politicians changed the rules starting with bail reform and not processing cases. Including fare jumping in the subways and not prosecuting shoplifters or just about any other crime they considered no big deal. Because it didn't happen to them!

FOOTNOTE

Governor Hochul sent 750 National Guard Troops and 250 Officers from State Police and MTA to address subway crime. There have been 5 shootings on the subway since January 4 to March 16, 2024. All committed by fare jumpers. Nobody sent the National Guard to George Floyd riots. We never needed them before until these politicians changed the rules. Also, National Guard are not allowed to carry their weapons or ammo.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

A Democratic Assemblyman, Charles Levine, has decided he is going to repeal a law about adultery on the books since 1907. The law states that if you are convicted of adultery, you can get 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine. Five people since 1907 have been convicted of this crime. I wonder if they appealed it or just walked away happy. The thing that gets me, the bill was overwhelmingly approved by the Assembly and will be introduced to the State Senate for approval. This at a time when we have criminals not being prosecuted for robbery, assault, rape and every other crime. How come they don't look into laws that if you murder someone under 18 years old and are convicted you should go to jail for life? After all, you never gave the victim the right to live their life. We have more laws that they should pay attention to, like when you kill a Police Officer. You should pay the price and not have the Parole Board decide if you are a nice guy and should be released. What about the Officers' life and family? Forty-one cop killers were released in NY since 2017, when then Governor Cuomo changed the Parole Board. Assemblyman Levine is 76 years

old and I hope he hasn't got a problem with Mrs. Levine. If you read the papers, I could see a lot of these politicians hoping this law is appealed.

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