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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Autumn has arrived. My favorite time of year. For all of you who have flown south with the birds, up north the leaves are turning, the air is crisp, pumpkin spice is everywhere, and the holiday season will soon be upon us. Starting with the best holiday of all time – Halloween!! Free candy, who doesn't like free candy? And don't tell my wife but I always buy plenty to give away knowing that we really don't get that may trick or treaters anymore. Plus, I always make sure to buy what I like for the leftovers, no Almond Joy for me. I'm sure I'm not the only one reading this that does the same thing. And before I get emails about Almond Joy, coconut isn't candy, it's a fruit. Carmel is candy. M&M's are candy. Twizzlers are candy. And no one likes getting quarters or even worse, a zip lock bag with popcorn. So don't be that person. A sure way to get your house egged. Don't be cheap, give out the good stuff this Halloween and maybe you'll have some left over too.

On to more important stuff during this holiday season. Is *Die Hard* a Christmas movie or not? I say yes, but Bruce Willis says it isn't. I know he's the star of the movie, but I have to disagree. Please don't email me about this. You can email The RDNY's new president starting in January, Don Alesi.

That's correct, my tenure as president will be coming to an end this year but don't worry the RDNY is in good hands with our new president and his board of officers. The RDNY has been changing leadership every two years for ever and this organization is like a well-oiled machine and will transition without a hiccup. The membership will only gain by having new blood and new ideas starting in 2025.

Our September meeting was a great success. We honored the president of the Retired Sergeants Association, **Bobby Cotumaccio**. Bobby has been the president of the RSA since 2022 and has taken that organization to new heights. Bobby also sits on the Board of the SBA representing retired members, he is the current Executive VP of FOP Lodge 69 and assists everyone with 9/11 illnesses to name just a few of the reasons we honored him. Bobby is truly a cop's cop and a total over achiever when it comes to the RSA. A well-deserved honoree.

Speaking of well-deserved honorees; our honoree for November will be **Chief of Detectives Joe Kenny**. (see flyer) I just hope that by the time our meeting rolls around he's not the Police Commissioner. The way things have been going for the Adams administration you never know. But if the NYPD needs a new PC there wouldn't be a better person to take over than Chief Kenny. I'm just partial to Detectives!!! Hope to see a good turnout for a great boss.

Last month I told you that I took a vacation in Italy and told you about exchanging patches with the Italian police and taking pictures with them. I left out the part about when Chief Cassidy and I were exchanging patches with two officers and one of them happened to be a supervisor similar to the Chief. I also gave them detective shield patches and explained that I was a detective, and that Cassidy was a Chief. You guessed it, they were more impressed with the detective rank than the chief rank. I tried to explain that he outranked me by a lot but they weren't having it. The moral of the story – our gold shield is known and respected worldwide. But you already know this, that is why you are an RDNY member. 😊

We will be mailing out our 2025 dues packages soon. Please renew your membership and encourage some of your friends to do the same.

Our December meeting will be more of a holiday gathering and toy drive. More information as it gets closer.

On October 24th, one of our newsletter sponsors, Gennaro Jewelers in Bellmore, held a "Back the Blue" rally in front of their store. Past President Johnny Wilde represented the RDNY at the event along with others including the DEA and PBA. Gennaro Jewelers are big supports of the RDNY and law enforcement throughout the area and country. If you are in the need of any kind of jewelry, especially police type of merchandise, please support those who support us. Gennaro has a large variety of police type of jewelry along with beautiful regular jewelry.

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That's all I have for you this month. Stay safe and healthy, keep collecting those pension checks and pray for those who are still on the job doing God's work.

I would like to leave you with this little tid bit that I found:  
Boy: "Your dad looks mean."

Daughter: "He's not mean, he's a retired cop, he just looks like that."

Rich Santangelo, President

#### "TALKIN WILDE"

#### ARE YOU SURPRISED?

If you are, you have not been paying attention. What is that old saying, "Show me your friends and I'll tell you what you are"! The Mayor surrounded himself with not the best people for the job, but friends. And how has that worked out for him? They all jumped ship as soon as the heat turned up. If there was any doubt about the charges he is facing, they would have never bailed out. Real friends stand by you when you need help and not abandon you. Just shows you how stand up they were. Even his man Banks who he gave the title Commissioner



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of Public Safety jumped ship. But then again, he knew how the Feds work because he had dealings with them with the last Mayor Putz. He left NYPD as a co-conspirator after a federal probe into him and Mayor DeBlasio who was accused of taking favors and trips from two Rabbis from Brooklyn. But then again, that's similar to what Mayor Adams has been accused of, and they managed to get out from under those charges! But politicians from Nassau County went to jail involving the same two Rabbis from Brooklyn with the same accusations. Go figure. Being retired Detectives, we know that first one in gets the best deal. Who knows. When you flip, you flip. The thing that gets me, the Feds took all of their phones and electronic devices. I guess they never watched the *Godfather* or cop shows that showed you never talk on the phone, take a walk. And never use EZ pass if you don't want someone to know where you went. A bunch of these Administrators, including the Mayor, are former NYPD members. You think if they really did police work they would have known this. But then again, they were politicians when they were on the job. They make the NYPD look bad. The men and women of the NYPD have enough to do to keep this city safe without someone staining their job. This group of Administrators have not only embarrassed the City of New York but also the citizens of NYC. Can't wait to see how this works out. Remember in the last couple of years a lot of contracts took place. Including illegal immigration and the hotels they stay in owned by the Pakistan Government; Food contracts in the schools and many more. Hopefully we will hear it all in the near future if the Feds let the whole story out and politics doesn't take control. If they all were involved, they all should pay the price.

### WHO DISCOVERED AMERICA?

All these years we were told Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492. Well, who started that rumor. And now instead of being Italian he is Jewish. How long did it take for someone to figure that out and why did it take so long to come out? Hey, this woke community is something else. No wonder we can't get along with each other. We can't figure it out. All this time has gone by and now somebody does DNA on supposedly one of his bones and a documentary aired in Spain called Columbus DNA. The info on Columbus came out. Yes, we trust TV and the Media. Right? I guess the world is not round but flat like some people said it was. Even St. John's University has taken Columbus Day off its calendar and calls it a fall mini break instead. No wonder this generation has no common sense. All these years and now they come up with this. Where is the mob when you need them. Nowadays, truth and sense doesn't matter. You can be anything you want, you can be man or woman or even a cat if you want to. All you have to do is say that you are. You can be black, white, yellow, red, brown. It's your choice. Makes no sense but that's the way things are. We got away from the way things are actually. Our politicians make up these stories all the time. They tell you things just to impress you but really are not true. Like being from different cultures that they are not or being involved in the military and that's not true. You don't know what to believe anymore. Look I was brought up Catholic of Irish and German descent. Mother was Protestant. Family member gave me a gift to check my ancestry. Came back 1% Jewish. I immediately contacted my grandkids and told them they have all the Jewish holidays and Catholic holidays off. You are who you are. Respect everybody like you want everybody to respect you.

### BE HONEST

This is a big year for our Country and you have to ask yourselves are you better off now then you were years ago. Reading this, you all have been around a while and have known our City and Country well enough. We have gone through the good times and bad times. Can you remember when our City has been this bad? Especially for our men and women of the NYPD. We had crime and drugs to deal with but we were able to deal with it because of the backing of the people and the politicians. But now, some of the people and politicians are against law and order and are more interested in the criminals. We had enough criminals in our country and cities without letting in more at the border. Let's face it, they have spread out all over our country after they were illegally let in. We have to change this back to the way it was. Look, there are more good people in this country than bad people. But we all have to stand up and be counted this November. You can't just go with the flow. Be honest and look at the whole picture not just one issue. It's not just about you but what you want to leave your children and grandchildren to live with. By the people, for the people is how America started. Let's get back to being the Greatest Country in the World, like us being the Greatest Detectives in the World.

### SUPERMAN RETURNS

In 2016, I was President of the RDNY and I had the privilege of honoring Detective Joseph Lemm who was killed in December 2015 fighting for this country. He was given the nickname Superman not only for his size but for how he looked out for his brothers and sisters in Blue. Never to be forgotten. It seems another Superman has appeared in the Battle with 911 cancer for a few years. His name is Joe Falgiano. He is in a tough place right now but when you visit him in home hospice he has nothing but nice words for you and everybody around him. He is so courageous in his condition. I call him Superman and told him about Det. Joe Lemm. He gave me a thumbs up and I went home to look for a Superman pin that I had for Det. Lemm in 2015. I found one and put it on Joe's RDNY hat and got another thumbs up from him. Keep him in your prayers. NEVER FORGET!

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