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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

*by Christopher J. Piazza*

Happy New Year... Hope you all enjoyed the holiday season. It was a great time at our December Holiday meeting this year at the beautiful "Li Greci's The Staaten". We had 100+ members that enjoyed the delicious sit down lunch along with coffee and dessert. I would like to thank all our N.Y.P.D. guests for spending the day with us. As customary our Association sent cookies to the (4) precincts for Christmas. Thank you, Jack Hellman and all who assisted. As usual our winter birds are planning their annual trip to the south to avoid the snow and cold. We wish them a safe and healthy winter.

Our four (4) annual scholarships were drawn and recorded at our holiday meeting. The winner of the \$1,000.00 College Scholarship, in memory and honor of deceased and past President Richard Commesso, was **Sophia Bonamo**.

The winner of a \$500.00 College Scholarship, in memory and honor of deceased Lieutenant and past Treasurer Charles Manganato, was **Ryan Ferrigno**.

The winner of the final \$500.00 College Scholarship was **Julia Purrazzella**.

The winner of the \$500.00 High School Scholarship was **Matthew Montagna**.

We have a lot planned for the coming year. So please make every effort to make a meeting. Here's wishing us all a healthy and productive year. I would like to take this moment to Congratulate John Ross for his tireless dedication and being named our 2024 Man Of The Year. We need your support to continue the good that we are doing. First, you can help by paying your dues timely and as always, the success of our association is in its membership. Tell a fellow MOS, refer just (1) new MOS and have them join us for a meal. I am sure they feel the same as I do... "I miss the clowns but not the circus". You would be surprised who you might bump into at a meeting. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

As a reminder, the 2025 dues are \$35.00 and we will continue to require two (2) separate checks for 2025 Annual Dues and Additional 2025 Courtesy Cards. If you feel comfortable with the internet you can always pay online at our website [vz1013.com](http://vz1013.com). Please be reassured this is a safe way to pay your annual dues. We need our brothers and sisters to stick together, especially in today's climate.

Be Safe... God bless you and your family!



## **VICE PRESIDENT / RECORDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Tom Dembinski**

Greetings all and hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

We are still looking for people to come join the Board and help keep our organization growing and to continue into the future.

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## **ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 AT BUNKER HILL**

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## **TREASURER'S LINES - Henry Cartmell**

I hope all had a very Merry Christmas and New Year Holiday Season. We now start 2025 and I would like to thank all who have renewed and new members of our organization. If you have not paid your 2025 dues at this time, a reminder that the annual dues, is now \$35.00.

As a reminders any member who wishes to sponsor a child or grandchild for a College or High School Scholarship must be a paid up member for the two years prior to the submission of an application.

I hope to see you at the monthly meetings and events throughout the year.



## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Vincent Montagna**



### **THE MIND OF RETIRED COP**

### **WHEN COPS RETIRE**

When a good cop leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that 'Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.' and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

POLICE FRIENDS: Will forward this ..

There are those that think they understand. And then... There are cops.

SUBMITTED BY PHIL G.





### **SGT. AT ARMS - Jack Hellman**

Happy new year to all. As you all know (hopefully) our January meeting was cancelled due to renovation of the knights hall. But our February meeting is still scheduled. By now all of our snowbirds are in a warmer climate and enjoying themselves. Please think about all of us holding down the fort and freezing our asses off.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2025, its you guys that keep our organization running. Get well to our buddy Ed Canlon (knee replaced) and around farewell, to John Ross (Florida) and Mike McHugh (Myrtle Beach). I don't know how you guys can give up this this paradise called New York City?.

Well all stay healthy and enjoy that check you receive monthly and EARNED!



### **TRUSTEE - Philip DeLuca**

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Winter is not so good for a lot of people. Everyone is sick and when you get better you get sick again.

We missed our January meeting because of the Knights Hall being redone, came out real nice.

Don't forget donating to our Medicare fight we're still in the courts because of Adam's refusal to give on, let's see what the next mayor does for us, don't forget to vote.

Careful out there.



### **TRUSTEE - Bill Kelly**

I hope everyone is keeping warm because it's been so cold. We have a lot to look forward to with a new year and a new President. Just think it's only 17 days till the pitchers and catchers report and the needed warmth is upon us. I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year and to be safe.



### **TRUSTEE - William "Harpo" Silvestri**

At the risk of being redundant, I and, I'm sure our entire Verrazano 10-13 Board, extend their thanks to Sergeant At Arms Jack Hellman for making our Golf Outing a success once again. While it is true that there are others that help immensely, it is Jack that is, and has always been, the catalyst.

A thanks also to former National 10-13 President Frank Martarella and his lovely wife, Vivian for their assistance in selling Raffle Table tickets. A thank you is also in order for the Richie Commesso family for their generous donation of several gifts for our Raffle Table. And last, but not least, a big thank you to John's Catering for the great job he and his people do each year. All in all, it was a wonderful day, good sport, good food and lots of fun and the weather cooperated too.

On another note, the information on next page is from an email I received from Medicare. It may be of interest to our membership.



## MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT - OCT. 15 - DEC. 7

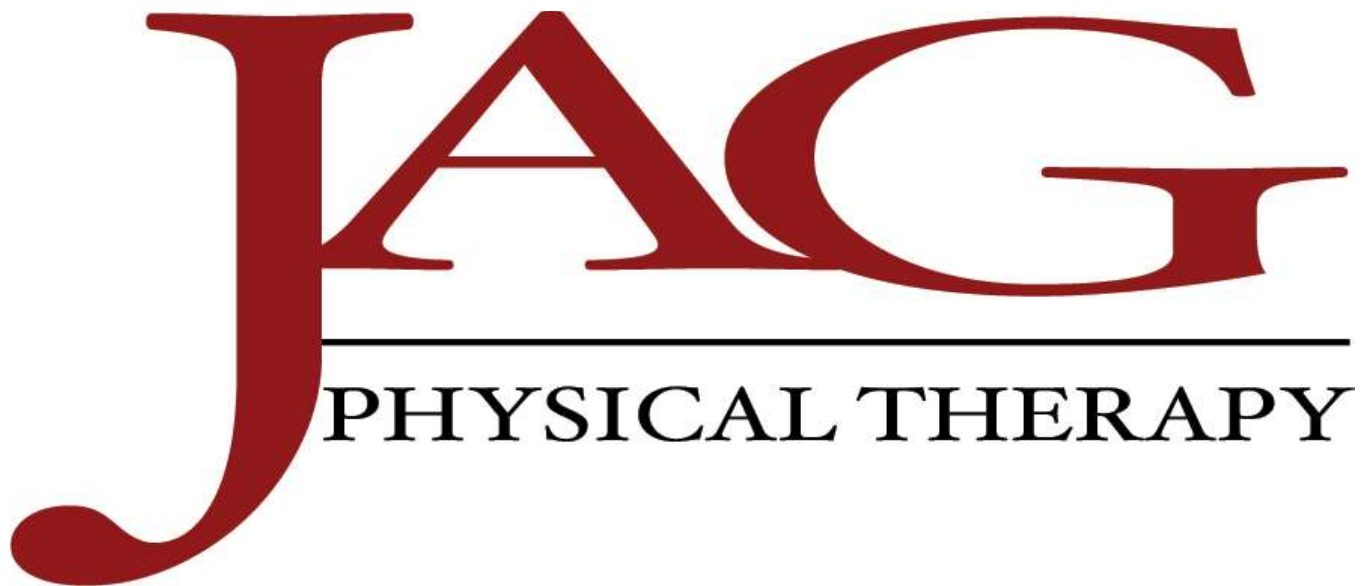
Mark your calendars — Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15! Did you know new benefits are coming to Medicare drug coverage next year?

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***The NYCPD Verrazano 10-13  
Memorial High School & College  
Scholarship Award Application***

**APPLICATION**

Extra Copies of the application may be obtained at our website VZ1013.com or it can be duplicated (see below). Non-conforming applications will be discarded.

**SPONSOR**

Applicants must be sponsored by a member of Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past two (2) years. A sponsor may submit multiple applications for different children. However, a sponsor is limited to only one scholarship award every two (2) consecutive yearly drawings.

**ELIGIBILITY**

A son, daughter or grandchild of a member is eligible for a scholarship and must be attending or enrolled in a paid tuition College or University on a full-time basis (taking at least 12 credits) for the school year. Each child can only win once, but a member can sponsor another child after waiting (2) years. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER APPLICANT IS PERMITTED.** If more than one application is received for the same applicant, all but one will be discarded.

**VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE**

Applicants must be attending the education facility during the application year. Proof of enrollment must accompany the application. High School is for the 1st year only and must be a tuition school.

**NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

For the school year, a \$1000 College Scholarship In Memory of President Richard Commesso and two (2) \$500.00 College Scholarships will be awarded also one (1) High School for \$500.00 will be awarded.

**SCHOLARSHIP DRAWINGS**

Drawings will be on a lottery basis in order to give each applicant an equal chance for selection. Scholarship awards will be drawn at the Verrazano 10-13 Christmas Luncheon in December (Alternate drawing date is the January General Meeting). All applications must be received by October 31st.

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**NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



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**SPONSORING MEMBER OF THE NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION**



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**APPLICANT**

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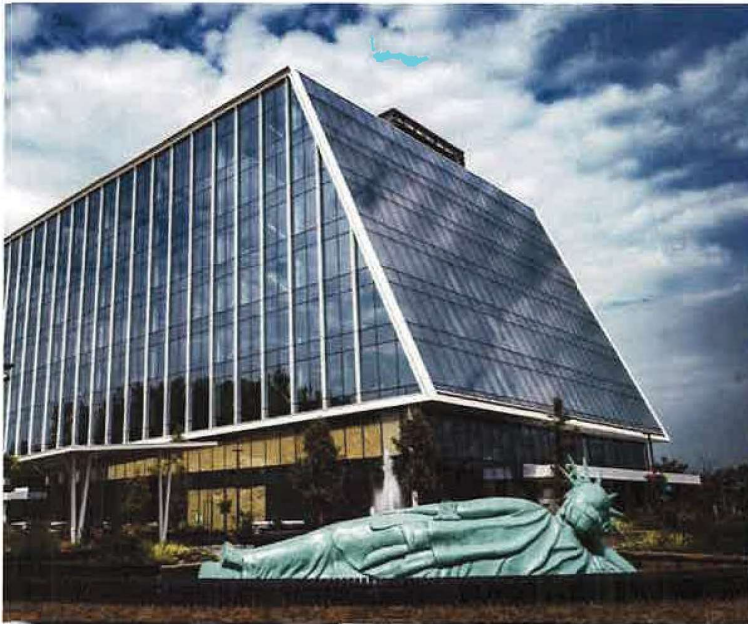


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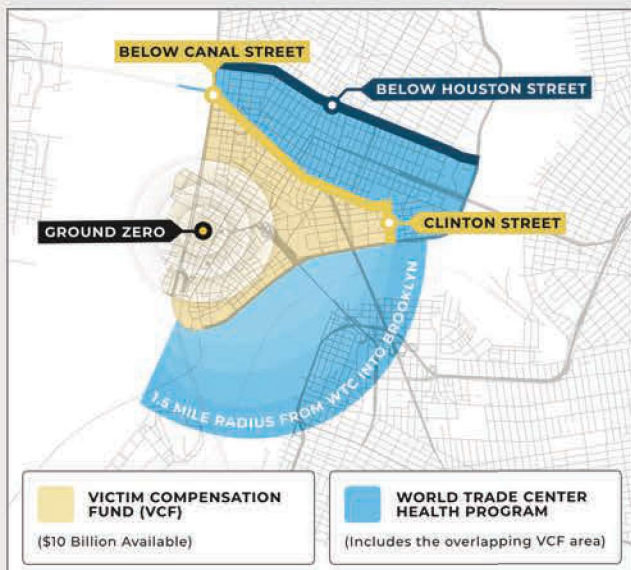
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## **2025 MEETINGS**

Meetings will be held on  
the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:15 PM  
At Knights of Columbus #1662  
Unless otherwise noted

~~January 15th~~

~~February 19th~~

March 19th

April 16th

May 21st

June 18th Outdoors at Nansen's Park

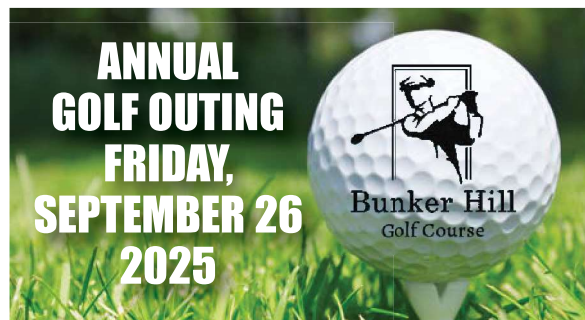
July-August NO MEETINGS

Sept 17th

October 15th

November 19th

December 17th TBD



**Application in this newsletter  
Selection at the Holiday Luncheon  
Presentation at the January Meeting**

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