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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christopher J. Piazza

Hope you and your families are well. It was great to see all of the members that made it out to our March meeting. Eddie Canlon out-did himself once again with his St. Patrick's Day meal. The St. Joseph's pastry was a great touch! You don't want to miss out on April meeting. We are expecting the PBA at this meeting. So, we would love a great turnout at this meeting all in a safe and responsible setting. If you haven't already and are interested in getting vaccinated, please monitor our emails as we will provide dates and times for locations for members of the service.

As always, we need your support to continue the good that we are doing. First, you can help by paying your dues timely and as always, our 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.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we will require two (2) separate checks for 2021 Annual Dues and Additional 2021 Courtesy Cards. If you feel comfortable with the internet you can always pay online at our website 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 PRESIDENTS LINES - Joseph Molloy

As this China Virus Restrictions are gradually reduced, please make an effort to patronize your small businesses in your area and be generous with your tips to their employees, especially the ones that advertise in our newsletter! Hopefully we are on the downside of this plague. There are several different choices for getting vaccinated available for all our members and spouses.

As usual Canlon did a wonderful job catering our St. Paddy Meeting. We had a great turnout considering the restrictions. Please come to our next meeting on April 21st and bring a friend.

Our 2nd Annual Richard Comnesso Golf Outing will be held at Bunker Hill Golf Course on September 24,2021

FINISH THE WALL TRUMP STARTED!!!



TREASURERS LINES - Henry Cartmell

It was great to be able to resume our monthly meetings and enjoy old friendships. I want to thank all who have renewed their membership for 2021 and the new members who have joined our association. I hope all is going well with you and your families. We hope to plan a couple of outdoor meetings as the weather improves and we have scheduled the annual golf outing for September. The association is in good financial condition and is hopefully looking forward to a happy, healthy and less stressful year. Stay safe and well.



RECORDING SECRETARYS LINES - Paul Gallo

On March 11, 2021 a board meeting was convened. During this meeting the board approved a \$1,000.00 check for our annual insurance policy. Also approved was \$580.00 for a new computer program which will provide the membership with an easy access to pay dues and have an up-to-date roster to inform the members of important notifications. The annual golf outing will be held on September 24, 2021 at Bunker Hill golf course in New Jersey. Jack Hellman will be the chairperson and he presented some of the details to be handled by the board members. Jack does a great job for this event and makes the organization a nice profit. The board will be selling 50/50 tickets again and we hope all members purchase tickets. This is our only fund raiser so please help. Stay safe and see you at the next meeting.



SGT. AT ARMS - Jack Hellman

Well, another season has passed us by. I hope you all were unscathed by all the bullshit we had to put up with and that you all got your shots. We had our March meeting, and all went well. We practiced the China Virus protocols to stay safe as possible .

At next month meeting we will be presenting a check to the PBA Widows and Children Fund, generated from the proceeds of our golf outing. I'm working on this year's 20th Annual and 2nd Year Richard Comnesso Memorial Golf Outing to be held at Bunker Hill on September 24th. Last year was not only successful but, a great tribute to a great and dedicated guy! Please let me know if you plan to attend or participate in any way e.g., Hole Sponsor, take chances or volunteer in any way. Remember this is our main fundraiser that helps support our members e.g., Scholarship Fund, meals and donations. Please stay well and protect your Family.



TRUSTEE - William Kelly

I am happy to report that my wife and I have completed both rounds of our vaccinations.

It started with a wrong turn which brought us in front PRHS where they were giving vaccinations and nobody was there, so we wound up with leftover shots at the end of the day. We were fortunate. My wife had no reaction to either shot. I, on the other, hand slept for two days after the second shot. Now I'm fine and well rested.

Now that we're vaccinated, we want to begin enjoying life as it was, gathering with friends, going out and traveling. I strongly feel we need to proceed with some caution, as we try to get back normal. Social distancing and mask wearing is still in order till we get past this.

If you haven't gotten your vaccinations yet, I highly recommend that you do. It will go a long way to getting back to the life we had and that will be a good thing.

Be well and stay safe.



TRUSTEE - John Ross

Hello Everyone, I hope this message finds you and your families well. It was great to finally see everyone in person, once again, at our March meeting. It was a really good turnout and again, it was great to see those who showed up. We missed those who couldn't make it. We had two Great speakers, John Tabacco and Vito Fosella, both of whom are running for their respective offices. Both were very informative, and I wish both of them Good Luck in their endeavor. Again, I hope everyone, and their families are well and hope to see you all again at our next meeting. Stay safe.



TRUSTEE - William Harpo Silvestri

With the somewhat easing of the Covid restrictions, our first general membership meeting for the year 2021 took place as scheduled on March 17, Saint Patrick's Day. Under the circumstances it was, I believe, well attended. It was good seeing our fellow brothers and sisters once again.

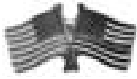
In line with the Saint Patrick's Day celebration, our caterer, Canlon's, provided us with a delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, and shepherd's pie, along with a variety of breads, including a very tasty Irish soda bread. Of course, we had our usual libation to go along with our sumptuous meal. This was followed by the delicious Saint Joseph's Italian pastry provided by Buono Bakery. They don't get any better.

In attendance were two guest speakers, John Tabacco, who has entered the race for NYC Comptroller and Vito Fossella, who has thrown his hat into the ring for Staten Island Borough President. Both were well received.

In closing, I want to wish our entire membership good health and God's blessings in the days ahead. Stay safe and make sure to get your Covid vaccine shots without delay.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Vincent Montagna



GLA ---- Remember these letters???? Well it's coming back again in a High Tech fashion. You lock your car with your remote. Guess what? The bad guys are sitting nearby and are capable of **CLONEING** or **COPYING** the remote's security code when you push the door lock button. You complete your errands and return to your car, or I should say where you parked your car, and it's gone. **GLA** . Take corrective action manually lock your car doors by pressing the **LOCK BUTTON** when you exit! This does not send out the security code. By doing this you will not be the next **GLA** victim.

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Vito Fossella



John Tabacco

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Non-conforming applications will be discarded

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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 College or University on a full-time basis (taking at least 12 credits) for the 2020-2021 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 application will be discarded.

VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE

Applicants must be attending the education facility during the application year. Proof of enrollment must accompany the application

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

For the 2020-2021 school year, a \$1000 College Scholarship In Memory of President Richard Comnesso 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 prior to the drawing date. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE DRAWING.

Cut along dotted line

NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION – 2020--2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



(PLEASE PRINT)

SPONSORING MEMBER OF THE NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: ___ Home Phone: () _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip _____ Year Joined Org: _____

APPLICANT

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: ___ Home Phone: () _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip _____ Date of Birth: _____
Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____ Relationship to Sponsor: _____
School Attending: _____ Date: _____ Give a brief statement about your
Community Involvement: _____

MAIL APPLICATION TO: NYCPD Verrazano 1013 Association, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 061725, Staten Island, NY 10306

Top 10 Scams For 2020 And 2021

1. **Debt Collection:**

Most of the complaints under this category involve debt collectors. Consumers tell of receiving calls from harassing collectors who are threatening and will repeatedly call attempting to collect a debt. Other complaints that fall under this category involved credit/debit card fees, pay day loans, credit repair companies and unauthorized use of credit/debit cards. Some of these complaints involved hidden fees and billing disputes as well.

2. **Fake Government Officials**

If you received an email, letter or phone call from a government agency (typically the IRS or FBI) and it instructs you to wire, Western Union or MoneyGram money someplace, or follow a link and enter information - don't believe it! The U.S. government would never instruct anyone to use those methods to pay any bill or carry out a financial transaction, particularly with an overseas bank or agency.

3. **Identity Theft, Phishing and Pharming**

Scammers gain access to your confidential information, like social security numbers, date of birth and then use it to apply for credit cards, loans and financial accounts. Typically, the victim receives an email that appears to be from a credible, real bank or credit card company, with links to a website and a request to update account information. But the website and email are fakes, made to look like the real website.

4. **Phone scams**

This includes telemarketers violating the Do Not Call list, Rob dialers, scammers calling up pretending to be from a bank or credit card company. The National Do Not Call Registry (U.S.) or the National Do Not Call List (Canada) offer consumers a free way to reduce telemarketing calls. Scammers call anyway, of course, and they've even found a way to scam consumers by pretending to be a government official calling to sign you up or confirming your previous participation on the Do Not call list! A good example of this is the "Your Microsoft license key has expired" scam call - which you can hear and read about on this page.

5. **Loans Scams / Credit Fixers**

False promises of business or personal loans, even if credit is bad, for a fee upfront. Or a scam that promises to repair your credit for a fee.

6. **Fake Prizes, Sweepstakes, Free Gifts, Lottery Scams**

You receive an email claiming you won a prize, lottery or gift, and you only have to pay a "small fee" to claim it or cover "handling costs". These include scams which can go under the name of genuine lotteries like the UK National Lottery and the El Gordo Spanish lottery. Unsolicited email or telephone calls tell people they are being entered or have already been entered into a prize draw. Later, they receive a call congratulating them on winning a substantial prize in a national lottery. But before they can claim their prize, they are told they must send money to pay for administration fees and taxes. The prize, of course, does not exist. No genuine lottery asks for money to pay fees or notifies its winners via email.

7. **Internet merchandise scams**

You purchase something online, but it is either never delivered or it is not what they claimed it was or is defective. Online, and other shop from home, such as catalog, mail and phone shopping scams are on the rise.

8. **Automobile-Related Complaints**

Car loans, car buying, car sales, auto repair, fake or useless extended warranties. Some of the complaints alleged consumers paid for repairs and that services provided were shoddy. Consumers reported repair companies that return vehicles to the consumer in a worse condition than how it was initially given to them. Other complaints involved consumers not receiving title to their vehicles at the time of sale

9. **Credit Bureaus and related credit scams**

Credit/debit card fees, pay day loans, credit repair companies and unauthorized use of credit/debit cards. Some of these complaints involved hidden fees and billing disputes as well.

10. **Phishing/Spoofing Emails**

Emails that pretend to be from a company, organization or government agency but ask you to enter or confirm your personal information

NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORGANIZATIONS, INC.

**College Scholarship Application
2020 - 2021**

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

National 10-13 Chapter: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Relationship to Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Applicant's High School: _____

College Attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

**Please Note: Applicant must be entering 1st year of college.
Only one scholarship will be awarded per sponsor, per applicant.**

**Mail completed application and College Letter of Acceptance to Committee
Chairman, Richard Molloy, 52 Champ Avenue, Pearl River, New York 10965.**

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10 Things the Fully Vaccinated Need to Know



| If it has been at least two weeks since you received your last dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, congratulations! You are now considered “fully vaccinated.” You are armed with our best weapon against a virus that has killed more than 2.6 million people worldwide and upended our lives in unimaginable ways.

That is truly something worth celebrating.

But before you toss aside your mask and throw a party, it's important to remember that the coronavirus is still spreading and the majority of Americans have yet to be vaccinated — so precautions continue to be necessary to protect yourself and the people around you.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published some specific guidance about what the fully vaccinated can do and cannot do, and AARP has asked experts to answer other common questions about life after vaccination. Here are 10 things you should know now that you've been jabbed.

1. You still need to wear a mask

Even though COVID-19 cases are down from their peak in January, the coronavirus is still circulating in the U.S., and new and more contagious variants have emerged. So wearing masks and social distancing are still important in helping slow its spread until we can reach herd immunity — when an estimated 70 to 85 percent of the population is vaccinated.

"Until more of the population is vaccinated, masking is important, not just to protect yourself but also other people," says Purvi Parikh, M.D., an allergist and immunologist at NYU Langone Health and an investigator in COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials.

Masking will also help slow the spread of coronavirus variants — and prevent the emergence of new ones — because the virus can't mutate if it is not spreading.

2. You could still catch COVID-19

This is the other reason experts don't want you to put aside your mask just yet. Although all three vaccines authorized for emergency use in the U.S. were found to be highly effective against severe disease and death from COVID-19, there's still a chance you could get infected with the virus.

The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines were about 95 percent effective in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 after two doses in clinical trials. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was 66.1 percent effective in multi-country clinical trials and 72 percent effective in U.S. trials.

"The whole point of a vaccine is that it prevents you from dying or ending up in the hospital," Parikh says. "But you may still get sick."

3. You could infect someone else

There's also a small chance that you could get infected with the virus and not even realize it, and then you could transmit it to someone who is not vaccinated, says Kristen Marks, M.D., an infectious disease specialist at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medicine who leads COVID-19 vaccine trials.

Researchers are still studying whether the vaccines prevent the asymptomatic spread of the virus, she says; early data indicates that they likely do. But the evidence is preliminary, and more research is needed.

4. You can visit friends and family

Fully vaccinated people can gather indoors with others who are also fully vaccinated, without wearing masks or physical distancing if you choose, the CDC says, because the chance of anyone getting infected would be remote.

You can also spend time inside with unvaccinated people from a single household without wearing masks or physical distancing if you choose, the CDC says, as long as no one is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease and no one lives with somebody who's at increased risk as well.

That means you can visit (and hug!) your unvaccinated children and grandchildren. What's important, the CDC says, is to keep two unvaccinated households from mingling. The agency offers this example: If fully vaccinated grandparents are visiting with their unvaccinated daughter and her children, and the daughter's unvaccinated neighbors also come over, the visit should then take place outdoors, with everyone wearing well-fitted masks and maintaining physical distance (at least 6 feet). This is due to the risk the two unvaccinated households pose to one another.

The CDC still recommends avoiding medium-size and large gatherings.

5. You don't have to quarantine after exposure

You do not have to quarantine or get tested after an exposure to someone with the coronavirus, as long as you aren't experiencing any symptoms, the CDC says. If you develop a cough, fever, shortness of breath, diarrhea or other symptoms of COVID-19, however, you should get tested.

6. You should keep your vaccine record card handy

In the future, you may need proof of vaccination to travel, work in certain industries or attend large events, Parikh says. Several other countries already have a validation system in the works, and a number of private companies in the U.S. are working on creating a digital passport that would include your vaccination status. "Obviously, your vaccine card is your main proof right now," Parikh adds

TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR VACCINE CARD WITH YOUR SMART PHONE!!!

COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

We are working with stakeholder groups to get their input on ways we can best provide this assistance, and to enlist their help with outreach to families and communities. FEMA will begin to implement COVID-19 funeral assistance in April.

Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released to potential applicants and community partners as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation.

We are working to set up a dedicated toll-free phone number that can be used to apply for funeral assistance. More information will be available on this page soon.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020. There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

How to Apply

In April, FEMA will begin accepting applications. If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

- **An official death certificate** that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- **Funeral expenses documents** (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- **Proof of funds received from other sources** specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources

How are Funds Received

If you are eligible for funeral assistance, you will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you choose when you apply for assistance

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Staten Island, New York 10306

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2021 MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at the Knights of Columbus
S.I. Council, 22 Hillside Terr, Staten Island, NY 10308

Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday
of the month at 7:15 PM as follows:

— January 20th —

— February 17th —

— March 17th —

April 21st

May 19th

June 16th

July No Meeting

August No Meeting

September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

December 15, 2021 Christmas Luncheon

*** Due to Covid 19 ***

All Events are subject to change or cancellation

Annual Holiday Luncheon Meeting

Noon, Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Nuccis South Italian Restaurant
4842 Arthur Kill Rd (Near the Outerbridge)
Staten Island, NY 10309
(718) 967 – 3600



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

Police Relief Fund

Emergency Medical Squad

The Police Relief Fund and the Emergency Medical Squad is a FREE benefit that all active and retired members of the service receive (this benefit includes spouses, children and parents)

Benefits include, but are not limited to: Ambulance to/from New York City up to 250 miles; medical equipment: oxygen therapy, pulmonary aid supplies, wheel chairs, electrical hospital beds, crutches, canes, tens unit therapy and other durable medical equipment.

Police Relief Fund / 1-718-626-9320

Emergency Medical Sqd 1-718-626-9321

(See our website for benefit information)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

NYPD General Information	1-646-610-5000
Pension Section	1-212-693-5100
Out of State, call Toll Free	1-866-692-7133
PBA Union Office	1-212-233-5531
PBA Health & Welfare	1-212-349-7560
PBA Toll Free	1-877-844-5842
DEA	1-212-587-9120
SBA	1-212-226-2180
LBA & SOC	1-212-964-7500
NYPD License Division	1-646-610-5560
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
GHI	1-800-358-5500
Empire Blue Cross	1-800-433-9592
Medicare "A"	1-800-433-9592
Medicare "B"	1-212-306-7300
Caremark	1-877-722-7911
Ret.Health Ben (Rector St.)	1-212-513-0470
NYC Health Line	1-800-521-9574
VA Benefits	1-800-827-1000
ID Card Selection	1-646-610-5150

IMPORTANT WEB SITES

NYC Pension <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html>