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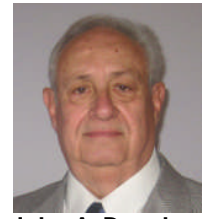
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



John A. Donohue

Two years ago the members of the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association gave me the opportunity of representing them as President. A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since that November day in 2012. As President, I had to make decisions; some were welcomed warmly while others were not. However, believe this: Everything I did was not based upon my personal feeling but was done for the good and betterment of the Organization.

I can't say enough in this column about the dedication and work on your behalf by those members identified in the left hand column of this page. You gave me a Board to be proud of. Two years ago, I did not know most of them but we could not have functioned as an Organization without them. It was through the efforts of people like Sergeant-At Arms **Joseph Cammilleri** who never said an ill word about anyone and was able to keep our meetings on an even keel; Secretary, **Joseph Bonamo** who imparted much needed information to the members; Vice-President, **Richard Comnesso**, who gave me the leadership guidance needed to make many of my decisions; and Treasurer, **Charles Manganato**, was the work horse of this Organization. He not only watched over every dollar but was the Organization's main record keeper. Most of you did not hear a lot from our Trustees: **Joseph Cammarata**, **Jack Hellman**, and **Joe Molloy** along with our Board Advisor **Anthony Franzese** but when I needed them they were also there.

Unknown to many, **Charlie Manganato** and **Jack Hellman** were my main confidants and my go to guys. In fact, I consider them my right and left hand. We would converse almost on a daily bases about the needs and direction of the Organization. I always knew that I would get a straight answer to my questions. If I wanted to know what was happening all you had to do was ask **Charlie** and if you needed anything, **Jack** did it. **Rich Comnesso** was the glue that bound us all together.

Another thing most of you don't know about is the dedication of our Chaplain, **Pastor John Carlo** who always found the time to attend a Police Officer's funeral or give confidential advice when called upon. When information had to be disseminated to the members all I had to do was call upon **Thomas Zablocki** and/or **Edward Reuss**. When I needed a legal opinion,

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John Friscia always came through. When volunteers were needed, I called upon the “Mall Walkers,” **John Feis, Joe Manfra, Al Polizio, Frank Polizzi** along with the “Snow Birds,” **Don Vinci, and Ed Jordan.** Lastly former Recording Secretary **Ellen Bjorkstrom** and **Gary Glessing** should be included in the mix.

When it came to our 501 (c) 3 status, I guarded it very closely. Through it we were able to solicit grants, get reductions on postage, and sales tax relief. Members who attended meetings found that this coupled with our austerity program allowed our senior members, those over 60, a meal reduction along with a free Holliday meal and those who reached their 80th birthday, with 5 years continuous membership, free membership (they are identified on page 6). It also allowed us to purchase shirts to identify our members as former Police Officers when they responded to an emergency situation, police rallies, and I’m sorry to say funerals on Staten Island.

Many in our Organization chastised me for causing 10-13 disunity with other 10-13’s. My decision was based entirely upon our 501 (c) 3 status and our inability to join a PAC (Political Action Committee) by City, State, and Federal regulations. FYI, I attempted to unify all the 10-13s around the country by calling for an informal exploratory meeting between myself and the presidents of the two largest 10-13 organization throughout the country. I had a proposal to put on the table what I believed would be palatable to all. The president of the larger organization agreed to the meeting and even offered his office space. The president of the other organization sent a response to my letter citing personal feelings and he chose to give a catharsis on his role and that of his organization. Thus the meeting never took place.

Since this will be my last Newsletter, I would like to thank all of you for the understanding and support you gave me these past two years and wish all health, happiness, and success in your future endeavors. I would also like to wish the new Board of Directors success (They are identified on pages 4 & 12).



VICE- PRESIDENT Richard Comnesso

Another year has just about flown by. I cannot believe that we are entering 2015. It was a very successful year for your Verrazano 10-13 Association. Our golf outing was a success once again. We were able to provide golf shirts to all that attended and also shirts to all who have come to our meetings. Our Christmas luncheon was a huge success with approximately 90 members attending. The big surprise of the luncheon, which was held at Nucci's South, was that the organization picked up the tab. Everyone was pleased with this. The menu was fantastic! It seems like everyone took home a doggie bag. All this was made possible by our status as a 501c3 organization. It was great to have **Assistant Chief Edward Dellatorre**, Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Staten Island join us. The President **Vic Grillo** and Vice President **Erik Pistek** of the Brooklyn, Staten Island 10-13 were also present. Several of us joined them at their Christmas meeting at the Hibachi Buffet.

As most of you know by now, I was again elected as President of the Verrazano 10-13 Association. I thought I was finished with the everyday running of things. My wife Irene thinks I am crazy for taking this challenge on again. I explained that I have a well-oiled Board of Directors. **Joe Molloy** is my Vice President. **Charles Manganato** is the Treasurer. **Paul Gallo** is the Recording Secretary. **Joe Bonamo** is the Corresponding Secretary and **Joe Camilliere** is my Sgt. at Arms. We have three Trustees **Jack Hellman, Carlo Imperato, and John Donohue** that are actually going to work and keep our organization on top.

I can't begin to thank **John Donohue** for his efforts. He is the one who actually got the 501c3 status going for us. He worked tirelessly in procuring the grants that enabled us to supply shirts and food for the members. He is the one who put the newsletter so efficiently and eye pleasing in place. I am banking on his help in the coming two years.

What a time to be on the job. If you do your job right, you will have some no nothing idiot filming you, not knowing what started it. Nobody wants to see anyone killed, but you must remember that both "alleged" victims were criminals. Both of the officers were found not guilty in a court of law. There was no outcry when O.J. Simpson was found not guilty.

Just a reminder, get your dues in and come and join us at our monthly meetings.



TREASURER Charles Manganato

As the New Year begins it's time to review the past year for the various happenings and accomplishments. First, the golf outing was a minor success in that the weather was not conducive to playing Golf and still we

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had a decent turnout which enabled us to make a small profit. Second, due to recent grants received, the club was able to purchase shirts for its golfers and membership at no cost to them. Third, also attributable to the aforementioned grants, the club was able to reduce the door price of the meetings and meals to \$5.00 from \$10.00 for the last four months of the year. In addition it allowed us to provide the Holiday Luncheon for free with a small donation for the tip to the waiters. Lastly, we increased our Life Memberships to 15 for our members and signed up 20 new members for the club while holding the membership dues to \$25.00 a year.

A recent review of our attendance at our monthly meetings revealed that 152 individual members attended at least one meeting last year. That comes out to almost 50% of our total membership, which is better than the previous year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our outgoing president, **John Donohue**, for his unending dedication to the club and his tireless time and effort toward making this organization better. I hope to see all of you at our monthly meetings (the third Wednesday of each month) and hope that the New Year treats all of you well.



SECRETARY Joseph Bonamo Sr.

October 15th meeting: Our **Chaplain, Pastor John Carlo**, opened the meeting with a prayer. President **John Donohue** introduced former **Staten Island Borough Commander, Anthony Mara**. He spoke on the challenging conditions facing our current Police Officers. **US Congressman, Michael Grimm**, a former Police Officer, stopped in to say hello. **Jack Hellman** gave out shirts to the members who missed the last meeting. Vice President **Rich Comnesso** reminded everyone that Organization elections are in November.

Treasurer **Charlie Manganato** reminded every on that 2015 dues are due and that he has already has received over 25 applications. I reminded everyone that it is that time of year to think about your Health Plans. If you are contemplating changing, don't procrastinate. The 50/50 was won by **Phil DeLuca**. The Trustees announced that they recommend approval of three Donations, two to Police officers killed in the line of duty and one for the daughter of a Staten Island, Police Officer. The membership passed the motions unanimously. Coffee & cake was served and the meeting ended,

November 19th meeting: **Thomas M. Deger, Director** and **Gerard Cook, Sergeant-in-Charge** of the **Police Relief Fund Benefit Program** were our guests. President **John Donohue** presented them with a \$2,000.00 check from our organization. **John Donohue** decided not to run for reelection and **Richard Comnesso** accepted the nomination as his successor. Then elections took place. As a result the new board looks similar to the old board with some changes. **Richard Comnesso** replaced **John Donohue** as President. **Joe Malloy** became Vice-President and was replace as Trustee by **Carlo Imperato**. **Charles Manganato, Joseph Bonamo Sr, Joseph Cammilleri,** and **Jack Hellman** remained as Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Trustee. Subsequent to the elections President **Richard Comnesso** appointed former President **John Donohue** to replace outgoing Trustee **Joseph Cammarata** and **Paul Gallo** as Recording Secretary. He will request that they be formally certified by the membership at the January 21st, 2015 meeting. **John Feis** was the 50/50 winner.

December 17th we had our holiday luncheon meeting. **Assistant Chief Edward Dellatorre, Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Staten Island** was our guest speaker. He spoke on the impact of drugs in our community. Other guests were **Brooklyn/Staten Island President Vic Grillo & Vice President Eric Pistek**. Scholarship recipients were selected (see page 5) and **Jack Hellman** presented **John Donohue** with a plaque from the membership. The 50/50 was won by **Vincent Montagna**

**JOIN or RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN 2015**

A membership application is located on page 18

In the event you failed to submit a membership renewal application in 2011 to 2014, this Newsletter contains a dual year membership application. Membership continuity is required in order to qualify for a High School or College Scholarship (3 years continuous membership) or Longevity benefits (80 year old registration fee waiver - 5 years continuous membership).

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2014 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This year we lost five members of our Organization.



P.O. John Nevins & Ted Loschiavo



Det. William Frickenstein



Sgt. Albert Zarr & Peter McPolin

Police Officers: **John V. Nevins, Jr. (1928-2014)**. Jack joined the NYPD in 1952 and was assigned to multiple Brooklyn precincts. In 1966, he retired from the 78th Precinct as a Police Officer after serving 25 years and **Ted Loschiavo, (1943-2014)**. Ted was appointed to NYPD in 1968 and was assigned to several Brooklyn Precincts. He then was assigned to BCI and finished his career in MISD. He retired in 1988 after 20 years of service. Detective **William M. Frickenstein (1940-2014)**. Bill joined the New York Police Department in 1967 and was assigned to several Brooklyn precincts before being transferred to the Staten Island District Attorney's Squad. He rose to the rank of Detective and retired after 30 years of service. Sergeants **Albert Zarr (1943-2014)**. Al joined the NYPD In 1967 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He retired from the NYPD in 1985 and **Peter J. Mc Polin (1961-2014)**, Peter joined the NYPD in 1984 and served as a patrolman in Manhattan before a transfer to the Staten Island Emergency Service Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1989 and served in the 120th, 122nd and 123rd precincts. He was forced to retire in 1995 after suffering a line-of-duty injury while subduing a suspect in Bay Terrace



In their memory three College Scholarships and one High School Scholarship was selected by lottery by Assistant Chief Edward Dellatorre, Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Staten Island and awarded by President John Donohue on behalf of the membership to:

- College: Recipient **Michael Sanbeg**, attending SUNY Oneonta, sponsor - **Donald Sanbeg**.
- College: Recipient **Jennifer Donohue**, attending St John's University, sponsor - **John Donohue**.
- College: Recipient **Alexandra Mangus**, attending St Thomas Aquinas, sponsor - **John Feis**.
- High School: Recipient **Daniel Castalano**, attending Moore Catholic, sponsor - **Donald Vinci**.

2014 LIFE MEMBERS

The NYC Verrazano 10-13's Constitution and By-Laws under MEMBERSHIP, Article V(B)(4), defines a **LIFE MEMBER** as a retired police officer who has attained the age of eighty (80) and has five (5) years of currently uninterrupted membership with this Organization. Said member shall no longer be required to pay annual dues. ARTICLE (V)(D)(f) further indicates that their new reduced dues & membership status will be reflected during the next fiscal year's dues cycle and that during that year their name will be published in the Newsletter.

Based upon the records of this Board of Directors the following members have reached their 80th Birthday in 2014 and are exempt from paying annual dues now and in the future. This status will remain in effect as long as they submit their yearly Annual Membership Application/Renewal form. They are:

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Thomas Boyd

Joseph DeCarlo
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Louis Fiori
George Heintz

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Joseph Kessler
Edmund Jordan
Joseph Manfra

William O'Neill
Albert Pico
Patrick Stringer
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LIFE MEMBERS: MUST SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & OMIT DUES PAYMENT
(THIS YEARS APPLICATION IS LOCATED ON PAGE 18)



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THE OCTOBER MEETING

(AROUND THE ROOM)



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In October, former Staten Island Borough Commander, Chief Joseph Mara, and United States Congressman Michael Grimm, stopped by to speak about the problems facing law enforcement today. Former Captain and now our Chaplain, Pastor John Carlo, spoke about his availability to our members in need. After which all greeted old friends



Police Relief Fund

In November, Thomas M. Deger, Director and Gerard Cook, Sergeant-in-Charge of the Police Relief Fund Benefit Program spoke about the role of the Police Relief Fund and how it functions to assist MOS by providing free services to active and retired police officers along with their spouse's children and parents. They went on to thank our members for their continued support over the years. They also informed us that our letter writing campaign was instrumental in alleviating their staffing problem.

See the back cover for details.

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THE NOVEMBER MEETING

(AROUND THE ROOM)



President Donohue presented **Thomas M. Deger, Director** and **Gerard Cook, Sergeant-in-Charge** of the **Police Relief Fund Benefit Program** with a check from our organization in the amount of \$2,000.00 to purchase needed supplies as our appreciation for the work they are doing on our behalf for the active and retired uniform members of the NYPD.

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THE DECEMBER (HOLIDAY) MEETING **(AROUND THE ROOM)**

MEET THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2015 – 2016



Left to Right: **Vice-President – Joseph Malloy; Recording Secretary – Paul Gallo; President – Richard Comnesso; Corresponding Secretary – Joseph Bonamo Sr; Treasurer – Charles Manganato; Sergeant-at-Arms – Joseph Cammilleri - Not Pictured with group. (See the next picture).**



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President John Donohue and incoming President Richard Commesso welcome holiday meeting guests (left photo) Assistant Chief Edward Dellatorre, Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Staten Island and (right photo) A. Vic Grillo Jr, President of the Brooklyn/Staten Island 10-13 Association

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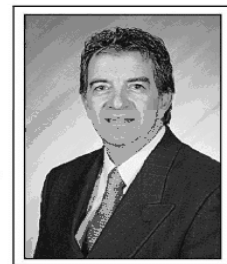
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month at 7:15 PM as follows:

January 21 st	July – No Meeting
February 18 th	Aug – No Meeting
March 18 th	September 16 th
April 15 th	October 21 st
May 20 th	November 18 th
June 17 th	December-TBA (Holiday Luncheon)

The first meeting in 2016 is: January 20th

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES are now due

**The membership application is located
on page 18**



**Awards Presentation
at the January Meeting
(See Honorees & Recipients on Page 5)**

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

IMPORTANT WEB SITES

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