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## President's Message



The summer is gone and we are now looking toward a fruitful Fall. Many questions are still coming in on the "alleged" changes in the VSF. As I have stated in a prior article, there will be no changes for those receiving the VSF. Those of our members who have reached the age of 66 will no longer have the COLA deducted from the VSF. When we receive the final breakdown on how these payments will be made, our membership will be the first to know.

The annual National 10-13 weekend at the Friar Tuck in the Catskills was a great success. I would liked to have seen more of our Verrazano members present, but the ones who showed up gave Tony Perrone and his wife Pat a rousing send off.

This writer presented Tony with a Proclamation from the State Senate and signed by Marty Golden, who is a member of the Verrazano 10-13. I got through the Proclamation until the very end when I caught a glimpse of Tony. He denies it, but his eyes were teary and his shoulders shaking. As usual it was Pat, his lovely wife who held it all together.

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The new Board of Directors for the National was installed and our own Tony DeNatale was elected to the position of National Vice President. I personally was accepted to the position of Sergeant at Arms. Jim Ferguson was elected President, Rich Girardi was elected to Secretary and Tom Mullins was elected Treasurer. Our own Tony Franzese will be an advisor to the National Board.

Tony recently had 2 stents placed in his chest. I spoke with Tony on Tuesday 9/26/06 and he was in good spirits and feeling fine. He scolded the Verrazano 10-13 Association for sending him a basket with all dietetic products.

In the upcoming months, we will be having many speakers at our meetings. We will have members from the Staten Island District Attorney's office, Joe Marcone and others.

Our first meeting from the summer break was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hillcrest Terrace in Great Kills. There is a municipal lot directly across from the hall and those wishing to park there were given quarters for the parking. We were informed that there would be no problems with the parking, but to be sure members fed the meters for an hour.

At our November meeting we will be presenting a check to the Police Relief Fund that will far exceed any prior donation. These monies are coming directly from the annual golf outing held at the Bunker Hill Golf Course.

Our first meeting at the Knights of Columbus was a great success. We had a large turnout and there was room for all. We all thank the Marine Corps league for their hospitality, but we just outgrew their room.



With the cost of the new meeting place and receiving news that our printer was moving to Florida, we searched out a new printer and learned of just what a discount we were receiving. It will cost us approximately twenty five cents a copy more for our publication. The cost of the hall has also risen. To defray the cost, the Board of Directors decided that a raise in the cost of dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00 was in order. Hopefully this will not be a burden to our members.

We will be having our semi annual trip to Bally's Atlantic City on November 10, 2006. I have made arrangements for 2 buses. Our last trip was sold out. Please let me know as soon as possible your intentions and the number of people going. Do not get shut out as seats will go fast. Once again the cost will be \$25.00. You will get back \$18.00 upon arrival. We will have refreshments both going and coming home. You will also receive a free Virginia City steak dinner.

I read with great distress about an officer with 2 years on the job. He "pulled the pin" to join the New York City Sanitation Department. When questioned as to why he would leave NYPD for Sanitation, he stated not only for the money, but also the atmosphere of the department. When told he would be giving up the VSF in years to come, he responded by stating he would make more in the long run with Sanitation. This was unheard of not too long ago.

If anyone has intentions to run for any position on the Board of Directors, please make note to Larry Tavault. He is our Election Chairman and will be at our meeting on 10/18/06.

Just a reminder, please get your 2007 dues in as soon as possible. It is the dues that allow us to operate our organization to the standards you expect.

*Richard Commes*



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Social Security ..... 1-800-772-1213  
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Empire Blue Cross ..... 1-800-433-9592  
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Ret. Health Ben. (Rector St.).. 1-212-513-0470  
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## **NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION**

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NYC Verrazano 10-13  
Association!



## Vice President's Lines

*by Anthony G. DeNatale*

I'd like to welcome back all our members from their summer vacations and say hello to all of our new members who joined over the summer months. Once again the city is buzzing with playoff talk about the Mets and Yankees. Sports, has a panacea effect that seems to help people forget their troubles and whatever may be ailing them. As good as sports are, they can never make us forget the problems we as retirees face when it comes to health issues, and the constant reminder that the city wants to cut into our benefits.

As you all know, the governor vetoed the health protection bill that was before him during the last legislative session. True to form, the governor thumbed his nose at retired police officers and retired firefighters and took a chance that the legislators, even though there were enough votes, would not vote override his veto. Well there was no override vote Pataki's actions went unchallenged. This came as no shock to any of our board members. What continues to shock me is the fact that this bill is being lobbied against by the New York State PBAs. Even though our health insurance are protected under the Administrative Code, the Health Protection Bill is of great importance to us and we must remain united to see that it is signed into law.

The governor did sign into law a bill, making it possible for retired police officers and firefighters to file for accidental disability if they become ill after they've retired and the illness can be connected to working 9/11 sites.

Recently a scenario was given to me by Central Florida 10-13 member Ed Woods, concerning one of their recently deceased members spouse. It seems that right after the member died, the wife had gone to the drug store to pick up her prescriptions, only to find that she was no longer covered under her husband's health and welfare plan. Ed Woods had wondered if there was some sort of grace period where a surviving spouse would be covered. Unfortunately there is no grace period. When the city is notified that a member has died, the money that was put into the respective line organizations fund is taken back by the city, and the coverage stops. What the surviving spouse must do if they want the coverage continued is to immediately notify the respective line organization that they wish to have health and welfare coverage continued and pay the existing COBRA rate.

This past July at our National convention elections were held for all of the National posts. Jim Ferguson who is a member of the Hudson Valley 10-13 was elected president. Jim was an excellent choice and the backing of all our 10-13 chapters and the full support of outgoing president Tony Perrone. Re-elected were Tom Mullin, treasurer, and Richard Gerardi, secretary. Our own president, Rich Comnesso was appointed as Sgt.-at-arms and our treasurer was reappointed as an advisor to the National board. I am proud to say that I was elected National vice president and reappointed as National health and welfare chairman.

Please remember our upcoming meeting dates; November 15 we will have the NYC Police Relief Fund on hand to receive their gift. December 20 is our annual Holiday meeting and December 27, is our Holiday luncheon at the King's Buffet. Remember our new meeting location is the Staten Island Knights of Columbus council, 22 Hillside Terrace.



# Secretary's Notes

by Jack Hellman

## Meeting of October 18

President Commesso called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag, followed by a moment of silence for all sick and departed members. The meeting was well attended at our new hall. For those of you who have not attended a meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, it is very well vented and spacious. There is no smoking allowed in the hall.

We had the pleasure of being addressed by the following candidates for public office: Vito Fosella, Andrew Lanza, Ralph Porzio, Phillip Straniere, Barbara Penepinto and Janell Hyer Spencer. All the speakers were very impressive on their view on police work and thankful to us for the job we did. It is this writer's impression that they were sincere in their statements and deserve a good look come Election Day.

We broke for an exotic dinner prepared by Al Russo, who is probably running out of ideas to feed all of us gloms. The brownies were especially tasty. I could tell by all the diabetics taking their pills on the way out. "Great Meal." Just a reminder, November 15, 2006 will be our next meeting and a turkey dinner will be served with all the trimmings.

When the meeting was resumed, we heard from representatives from HIP and GHI. We were informed that the changeover period for these plans will be in November. In attendance were Geraldine Hennesey and Keith Owen from the PBA Health & Welfare. They were extremely helpful in answering many of the questions of our members. Vice President and Health & Welfare Chairman Tony DeNatale addressed the members on current issues confronting our membership. Rich Commesso then touched on HR218. We are looking into getting someone in New York who will be able to qualify our members. As far as we know, Rockland County is the only area set up for the qualification.

November 10, 2006 will be our semi annual bus trip to Atlantic City. The buses are filling up quickly and we suggest reserving a spot as soon as possible. To those of you who have not joined us and are a frequenter to the city of lost funds, this is probably one of the biggest bargains you can get. \$25.00 gets you a round trip, with refreshments being served on the way down and back. You also get an \$18.00 voucher and a meal at the Virginia City Buffet which is noted as one of the best buffet's in Atlantic City. This is better then getting 5 Marshall jobs in one tour. "Get On It."

The meeting ended with the 50/50, which was won by Sal Vitiello. Sal gave back half the proceeds to the Joe "Buffalo" Bellestri Scholarship Fund. Larry Trevault won second place and also made a donation. For those of you who can't make the next meeting, have a healthy & Happy Thanksgiving.

**NEW MEETING  
LOCATION!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
Staten Island Council  
22 Hillside Terrace**

**This is one block off Giffords Lane in Great  
Kills. There is a municipal parking lot on  
Amboy Rd. with ample parking.**

**ALL meetings start at 7:30 PM on the  
3rd Wednesday of every month.  
NO meeting July & August.**

Wed. .... November 15  
Wed. .... December 20  
**Holiday Luncheon .. Dec. 27 @ 12:30 PM at  
King's Buffet  
2407 Richmond Ave.**



# Treasurer's Report

by Anthony Franzese

At the September meeting, we had the drawing for the 2006 Joseph "Buffalo" Bellestri Memorial College Scholarship. The two winners were John T. Nemeth, son of John R. Nemeth, attending John Jay College and Jena Ribarich, stepdaughter of Frank Murphy, attending Johnson & Wales University. Each student will be awarded \$500.00. Congratulations to both students.

Coming up at our November meeting, we will be presenting a check in the amount of \$3,500 to the NYPD Police Relief Fund. This money was raised at our golf outing where we had 35 sponsors at \$100.00 each. We donate the entire sponsor fee to the Police Relief Fund. A special thank-you to our Unions: the PBA, DEA, SBA, LBA, CEA and to our Fraternal Organizations, Columbia and Emerald Societies, and to GHI. We would also like to thank our advertisers, business associates and members who sponsored a hole. Just to name a few: Finest Fence, City Limits Restaurant, Gregorio's Florist, Carl Vincent Restaurant, Ideal Auto Body, David Diorio and Juan Estrella from Dana Motors, Korean War Veterans, South Shore Rotary, World of Women S.I., On The Job Uniforms, NYCOP.Com, National 10-13 Organization, Hudson Valley and Jersey Shore 10-13, and Casale Jewelers. With this \$3,500 donation from our 4th Annual Golf Outing, the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association donated a total of \$10,000.00 in the past four years to the NYPD Police Relief Fund. A special "thank you" to all who made this possible. Next year will be our 5th Annual Golf Outing, and we hope to exceed this year's donation of \$3,500.00.

On Friday, November 10, we have two buses going to Bally's in Atlantic City. For \$25.00, you get juice and danish for the way down, snacks on the way home, wine, beer and soda, \$18.00 coin voucher and the Virginia City Buffet (the best buffet in Atlantic City). Come and join us and try your luck at Bally's Atlantic City. Bring your spouse, your friends and family members. This trip is open to all who wish to attend. Seating is limited, so call our office and send in your check ASAP.

Our new meeting location was long overdue. The room is much larger than the Marine Corps League, and it is a

NON-SMOKING facility. We had a very large turnout for our first meeting after the summer. The only problem we encountered was the metered parking, but we had plenty of quarters on hand for all who wanted them, and we will have them in the future as well. Don't let the parking meters keep you from attending. Come to a meeting and see for yourself the valuable information you'll receive, guest speakers, new and old friends, not to mention the great hot-food buffet, beer, wine and soda.

I would like to wish all of our members and their families a safe and Happy Halloween and a bountiful Thanksgiving!

## Here's To Your Health!

Anthony DeNatale

### Heart Attack Warning Signs

Each year more than 330,000 people die from heart attacks before reaching a hospital. Whether or not you have a prior history of heart disease, increased awareness and educating our families and friends in the early warning signs of a possible heart attack is of great importance in preventing cardiac arrest. This early recognition can only improve one's chances of survival. Some of these warnings signs are:

- Chest pains lasting from 20 minutes to 10 hours
- Shortness of breath for 10 minutes or more
- Dizziness or fainting
- Tightness in the chest and/or pain radiating from the neck area down through the left arm
- Nausea and/or vomiting

None of these signs should be taken lightly. Quick action either by you or by relatives or friends can be the difference between survival and death. Take the time to go over these signs with your family; it could be the best insurance policy you've ever taken.



# National Convention Weekend



Rich Comnesso and Jim Ferguson present outgoing President Tony Perrone with a plaque from the Senate



Mr. and Mrs. Tony Perrone and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson, the "old" and the "new!"



National VP Tony DeNatale, exiting National President Tony Perrone, new National President Jim Ferguson, National Advisor Tony Franzese, and Verrazano 10-13 President Rich Comnesso



Vice President Tony DeNatale presenting Pat Russo with check for winning the National 10-13 Drawing



Ruth Richards and her group at the National Convention



Chris Gonzalez's family enjoying their evening





Rich Comnesso presents Pat Perrone with proceeds of the 50/50

## *A Little "R&R" at the Comnesso's*



The crowd gathers at the home of Irene and Rich Comnesso for a backyard BBQ



Executive Board takes a dip at the Comnesso's Pool Bottom Center Tony Franzese, Ed Reuss, Harry Morse, Tony DeNatale, Jack Hellman and Rich Comnesso



Verrazano's First Lady, Irene Comnesso

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# SEPTEMBER MEETING





# OCTOBER MEETING



Janele Myer Spencer and Rich Commesso



Rich Commesso, Vito Fosella and Tony Franzese



# OCTOBER MEETING



Rich Commesso and Barbara Penapinto



Andrew Lanza and George Strype



Ralph Porzio addresses the crowd.

Phillip Straniere has his time on the floor.