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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Commesso

The snowbirds will be leaving for all points south shortly. Hopefully they will be here long enough to vote no on the Constitutional Convention. This is probably the most important issue I have faced since being a member of the Verrazano 10-13. Frank Martarella, President of the National 10-13 stressed at one of our meetings what this matter would mean to us. We all know the climate of the city and their feelings toward the Police Department. This goes all the way up to Albany and our Governor. Please get out and vote and let all your friends and family know the importance of this issue. Many of our retired brothers depend solely on their pension and social security to live on. Let's go from the silent majority to a voice that can be heard.

A good time was had by all at our annual golf outing. Jack Hellman was once again the glue that held everything together. Joe Molloy, Paul Ferrigno, Vinnie Montagna, Joe Manfra and Carlo Imperato were extremely instrumental in insuring that everything ran smooth. Jack's nephew Evan of John's Pizza provided the food that everyone loved. A special thanks to Dana Ford and the Cognetta family for supplying a new car for a hole in one. Once again, no one cashed in. Maybe next year one of our members will get lucky. The 50/50 was won by member Joe Seletti who was present. The tournament was won by member Jay Imperatrice whose father grew up with my father in Greenwich Village. His uncle Pete was my father's best man.

I am looking for someone who will be able to help with the newsletter. I would forward the articles to you. Some of them would have to be retyped and bring them to Luke's Printing on Hylan Boulevard. With all the other duties of President, I cannot give full attention to this. There are four newsletters a year that are sent out. Please let me know if you can be of any help.

For those of you who know Paul Ferrigno, he just had a knee replacement and is recuperation nicely. Paul went to Edgar Nursing Home for rehab and should be home Sat October 21. If anyone want to call or drop a line.

A reminder to all that our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held again at Nucci's South on December 20 at 12:00 noon. For those of you who haven't been to one of these luncheons you are missing a great meal and lots of fun. We will again keep this as "ON THE ARM". The only cost to you will be a \$5.00 tip and a \$5.00 50/50. There will be gifts this year to all those in attendance.

Paul Gallo, our Recording Secretary attended the National 10-13 Convention. He is reporting the results in his column in this newsletter.

A reminder to all, if you have a scholarship request for one of your children or grandchildren, please forward the same to our P.O. Box 061725 by the end of November. No requests will be honored after November 30th.

Just a reminder, our meetings are held the 3rd. Wednesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus hall in Great Kills. Come join us and learn what's going on from one of our many speakers.



VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES - Joseph Molloy

Here's hoping that everyone had a great summer. The Annual Golf Outing was great in spite of the lower turnout from last year. After the food truck was delayed because of an accident on the Outerbridge, they made in just in time. Having it catered by John's Pizza was a great labor savings for the volunteers. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food. In case you snowbirds are still around, the next meeting will be Wednesday October 18. Get up off your butts and come to the meet-

ing. We have been having guest speakers to inform us on what is going on in the city. Please forgive the oversight not reporting the passing of Tony Angotti. He was a true friend and brother in arms to many and will be missed by all who knew him. In the future we will be setting up a special "In Memoriam Section". Please notify Jack Hellman with any recent deaths of any members.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Vincent Montagna

Whether financially or socially the golf outing, I thought was a great success. We've seen many faces both new and from the past. At our age this is very rewarding. Thanks to Jack Hellman and his nephew Evan who catered the event, the food was great. Not having to get involved in that area left the workers time to deal with the preliminaries. The weather was very cooperative and a great time was had by all. More of youse (sic) guys should come out next year and

get some exercise and enjoy long lost friendships.



RECORDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Paul Gallo

The National 10-13 convention was held in the Catskills this month and the following is a recap of topics which may affect many of our members.

Police ID Cards now expire in 8 years. If you retired prior to 2002 your photo is not in the computer and you will need to visit Police Headquarters at 1 Police plaza. For those of you who have applied for HR218, a valid photo ID card

is required.

The national 10-13 ID Cards will be mailed in December.

Bill in Albany, if you are treated for depression, Alzheimer's, Demeanor, the doctor will have to notify the Police Department and your guns will be removed. This bill is pending.

Past President Tony Perrone stated visits to Albany are important for our Cola and Health care benefits, with our relationship with Legislators.

Constitutional Convention: The November ballot will include a question on the back to allow Albany to possibly reduce our Pension and Health Care. The benefits we worked so hard for can be reduced or taken away. All members and their family and friends must vote "NO" to protect our benefits. Right now they are protected by law. All City Unions, Police, Fire, Teachers, AFLCIO etc will encourage their members to vote "NO". The question will be on the back of the ballot and only a NO or YES vote will count. All members should ask family and friends to vote "NO" to protect our benefits.

If passed each of the 63 Districts will appoint 3 delegates and the Governor will appoint 16 for a total of 205. They will decide in 2019 what benefits we will lose and they will be implemented in 2010. GET OUT AND VOTE.



SGT. AT ARMS - Paul Ferrigno

Hi guys and gals, a great time was had by all at out 16th. Annual golf outing. The weather cooperated a bit more this year than last when it was extremely hot. Attendance was good, but below what we had the previous year. All and all it was a nice and enjoyable day. It was made possible particularly by the efforts of our President, Richie Commesso and Trustee Jack Hellman. Other Board Members and a couple of non Board Members also contributed in making it a joy-

ous occasion.

On another note, I can't stress enough the importance to all New Yorkers and us in particular that we get out and vote in the upcoming election. On Election day, November 7, there will be a question on the back of the ballot asking voters to approve a Constitutional Convention. It is imperative that we vote "NO" on this issue. Our pension and benefits would be in jeopardy if this issue is approved. Get the word out to family and friends that reside in New York to also vote "NO". It's up to us to get it done. Otherwise the politicians will have a field day with no regard to our interests. Hopefully I will get to see you at our next meeting.



TRUSTEE - Carlo Imperato

A few days ago, I heard a report on FOX News that a Police Officer stated that he would not return home in uniform for any reason. He was afraid someone would see him entering his residence and was fearful for his family's safety.

When we were Police Officers, we were proud of our service and were respected for it. However in today's world, many people believe the Police are the bad guys. The press is against us, the NFL is protesting our actions, and the Mayor of NYC wants his son to be cautious around us.

Sharyl Attkisson, a prominent best-selling investigative reporter, has written "The Smear", which takes you to the modern machine, exploring how operatives from corporations and politics have manipulated a complicit mainstream media to spread disinformation, rumor and dirty tricks, and how this machine controls what we see, how we think and how we vote.

Please read this amazing book for the sake of your children and their children.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - Jack Hellman

Now that summer is over and we all are getting ready coming winter, let's try to enjoy the fall season. You know raking leaves, painting, caulking windows and such. Well number one, will be taking care of yourself! Sitting hours in the doctors or dentists office and meeting old buddies there. If you should hear of any of them who are ill or have passed away, please let me know so that we can reach out to the families. Lastly let me give thanks to all who participated in

our annual golf outing held on August 25. Not only the golfers and workers but also those who took a chance in the 50/50 raffle held. A special thanks to the sponsors of the tee and greens. You should all remember, all monies go to charitable causes and the members themselves. Let me end this novel by saying the flu season is upon us. Don't be lazy and say I never get sick. Go get your flu shot as soon as possible! DO NOT FORGET TO GET OUT AND VOTE NO TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.













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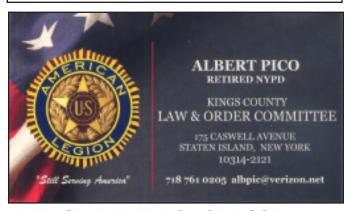




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MEDICARE ISSUING NEW ID CARDS IN 2018

REMOVING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT AARP, MARCH 17, 2017

Medicare 10 cards will remove Social Security numbers in 2018. Medicare is preparing to stop using Social Security numbers for identification next year and will send new cards to patients with Medicare 10 numbers. The move is required by a law enacted two years ago to discourage identity theft.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently updated its web page to help health care providers prepare for the change. The agency plans to begin mailing the new cards with Medicare beneficiary identifiers (MBIs) in April 2018. During a transition period through 2019, providers can use the MBIs or health insurance claim numbers (which are based on Social Security numbers) on transactions such as billing and claims.

The 2015 law, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, requires CMS to remove Social Security numbers from Medicare cards by April 2019.

"We're now figuring out the best way to mail the cards," the agency advised providers. "We'll keep you posted about critical information so you can be ready to ask your Medicare patients at the time of service if they have a new card with an MBI."

CMS plans a "wide-scale outreach" to let beneficiaries know that they need to bring their new Medicare cards when they get care and how to get MBIs if they lose their cards.

AARP's Fraud Watch Network ambassador, Frank Abagnale, advises consumers not to share Social Security numbers unnecessarily. "And don't carry your Medicare card unless you are on your way to a health care appointment," he wrote last year. "Instead, make a copy and black out all but the last four digits."

<u>DID YOU FAIL TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN</u> 2013, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017?

If so, you do not meet our membership eligibility requirements for:

Submitting a Scholarship Application

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IF A MEMBER DIES - INFORMATION TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR FAMILY (Hopefully Not Needed For A Long Time)

Too often spouses and families are left in a quandary upon the death of a loved one. Few situations in life are more stressful than when a spouse passes. All too often we have a difficult time focusing on the issues at hand and need guidance to get the deceased affairs in order. The following is a general guide for the widow(er) or the decease's family regarding important notifications that must be made by the surviving spouse and information you should have on hand when a retiree dies.

I. PREPARATIONS BEFOREHAND

- GATHER ASSETS This doesn't mean piling them all together. It means getting a list of all the assets at the time of the decedent's death, along with copies of statements, deeds, etc. This information is needed for probate. It's also essential for filing federal and state estate tax returns, if required.
- REVIEW IRAs If the surviving spouse is the beneficiary, decide whether to roll an IRA over to the surviving spouse.
- GET GOOD ADVICE and get it now. The money you pay to attorneys and other advisers to resolve issues NOW can be much lower than if you deal with problems AFTER a person's death.
- In case of couples, usually most of the property is held in joint names and the survivor obtains same "by operation of law" However, there may be some items which were held in the name of the deceased only, and in that case it would be necessary to go to Probate Court to transfer ownership of that property, unless listed in a trust.
- GET ORGANIZED NOW When someone dies, one of the big problems for beneficiaries is locating the things necessary to settle the estate. Make sure you know before the death occurs where to find the following documents and information. (This is just a partial list)

Will

Living Will

Trusts

Deeds (if any)

Safe-deposit boxes (location of boxes, contents and keys)

Life insurance policies

Funeral and burial instructions

Names and addresses of creditors and debtors

List of assets and where they are located

List of all advisers (attorney, accountant, insurance agent, stockbroker, etc.)

II. STEPS TO BE TAKEN AFTER DEATH - Notifications to be made:

1. NYC Police Pension Fund (either in writing or by telephone)

233 Broadway, 25th Floor New York, New York 10279

Attention: Retiree Death Benefits Unit Telephone (212) 693-5607/5919

Contact the appropriate Union for a possible existing life insurance policy and also for continuation of optional benefits, if qualified.

- Police Officers Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) at (212) 233-5531
- Detectives Detectives' Endowment Association (DEA) at (212) 587-9120
- Sergeants Sergeant's Benevolent Association (SBA) at (212) 431-6555
- Lieutenants and above Superior Officers Council (SOC) at (212) 964-7500
- 2. Contact the NYC Health Benefits Program for Special Continuation of Coverage application (coverage for life) located at 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York 10006 (212) 513-0470.
- 3. Contact the NYPD Operations Unit located at One Police Plaza at (646) 610-5580, for pall bearers (Funeral Director will usually do this for you) for all five boroughs, all of Long Island and Upstate New York, but not beyond Dutchess County.
- 4. Contact Social Security: (800) 772-1213 (Funeral Director will usually do this for you)
- 5. Contact Fraternal Organizations to arrange for visitors, Color Guard and possible insurance benefits
- 6. If a veteran, notify the Veterans Administration at (800) 827-1000 for: Grave marker, Funeral Allowance and Flag (Funeral Director will usually do this for you). If can't find discharge papers or DD 214, you will need date of Enlistment, date of Discharge, Branch & Serial Number. If deceased had 100% disability for 10 years, spouse is entitled to an additional benefit.

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7. Notify your Church or Temple for announcements and to arrange for funeral. (Funeral Director will usually do this for you). Health Insurance: COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985) COBRA has a safety net. If spouse or dependent was covered under deceased's health plan they may continue coverage under COBRA for up to 36 months. New York State in 2001 amended the Administrative Code to continue Health Care Coverage for Surviving Spouses for Life (Download Information Regarding this Amendment). This enables the deceased's spouse and/or dependents to receive coverage at the group rate. The City and the Line Organization health benefits stop at the death of the members. The rate, though high, is cheaper than the non group rate. Call: NYC Employee Benefits (212) 513-0470

THINGS YOU WILL NEED DEATH CERTIFICATES - Death Certificates are necessary in every step to the successful administration of a decedents estate. (Usually Funeral will obtain certificates as part of his service at current cost). They are usually needed for:

Pension Bureau Veterans Administration (if a veteran)

Motor Vehicle Bureau if auto was in deceased's name. 1 for each insurance policy

Court (If probate is needed)

Your State Department of Revenue to obtain non-tax certificate if real property is involved.

Bank accounts held in Trust for another 1 for each account if property held in a Trust

Personal Records

Note: If estate is probated, some of the above will take a Letter Testamentary instead of a Death Certificate.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (With Official Raised Seal): Social Security, (not necessary if surviving spouse already receiving benefits) Veterans Administration, if a veteran.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY or LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION: Motor Vehicle Bureau, if auto is in the deceased's name. One for each bank account Brokerage house account (share of stock or bonds, etc. that were in the deceased's name alone)

DISCHARGE PAPERS: DD 214 - (Original needed) Social Security, if spouse was not already receiving benefits. Remember that service time counts toward qualification. They will Photostat. Veterans Administration, if a veteran

PAID FUNERAL BILLS: 1 copy for Pension Bureau 1 copy for Probate Court 1 copy for IRS, if taxable estate.

OTHER THINGS THAT MAY APPLY (usually after burial)

Cancel any leases. (If your parent or loved one rented a home, cancel the lease after clearing out the furnishings) Inform insurance companies

File life Insurance claims for any policies on the person's life, and request that the insurers send you Form 712, Life Insurance Statement (This is a stateonent about the life insurance that must be filed willi the estate tax return).

Make sure the car insurance company conlinues to cover the person's car unlil it's sold or transferred to a beneficiary.

Make sure the homeowners policy continues to provide adequate coverage for the person's things until removed from the home. Notify companies the person did business with.

Cancel credit cards, and close charge accounts.

Have airlines to transfer frequent-flier miles to the primary beneficiary. (Each airline has different policy concerning this issue. Check with carrier about rules)

Consideration should also be given to making pre-death funeral arrangements. This provision, no matter how painful, should be discussed by couples and by parents with their families. Too often, spouse and children spend much too much money on a funeral and do so without really knowing what were the deceased's wishes in this regard (Place of burial, Cremation, etc.)

Consideration should also be given to having a "Family Durable Power of Attorney" (Someone to take over your finances if you become incapacitated or incompetent)

There are no words of comfort at such a difficult time, however, if you have all the necessary information at the ready it will expedite any claim that is pending, make the process run smoothly, and your stress level can be minimized.

Attached is a List of Phone Numbers that you can print out and put with your important papers.

Operations Desk	646-610-5580	SBA Health & Welfare	212-431-6555
NYCPD General Info	646-610-5000	RSA	516-564-1861
Pension Section	866-692-7733	LBA-SOC	212-964-7500
I D Card Section	646-610-5150	GHI	800-358-5500
Employee Benefits	212-513-0470	Empire Blue Cross	800-433-9592
PBA Health & Welfare	212-349-7560	Medicare Re-Imbursement	212-513-0470
PBA Caremark Drug Plan	877-722-7911	Medicare	800-633-4227
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APPLICATION

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SPONSOR
Applicants must be sponsored by a member of the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past three (3) consecutive years. A Sponsor may submit multiple applications for different children. However, a sponsor is limited to only one scholarship award selection every three (3) consecutive yearly drawings.

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 2017 school year. Each child can only win once, but a member can sponsor another child after waiting three (3) years. High School students must be attending a tuition-paying school.

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER APPLICANT

Only one application per applicant is permitted. If more than one application is received for the same applicant, all but one application for that applicant 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 SCHOALRSHIPS AWARDED

For the 2017 school year, three (3) College scholarships and one (1) High School scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each.

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 by the Scholarship Committee at the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association holiday meeting in December. They will be drawn in full view of the members present (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.

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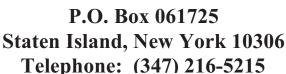
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2017 MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at the Knights of Columbus S.I. Council 22 Hillside Terrace Staten Island, NY 10308 718-317-0343

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

January 18thJuly - No MeetingFebruary 15thAug No MeetingMarch 15thSeptember 20thApril 19thOctober 18thMay 17thNovember 15thJune 21stDecember 20th

Police Relief Fund Emergency Medical Squad

Holiday Luncheon

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Police Relief Fund / 1-718-626-9320 Emergency Medical Sqd 1-718-626-9321 (See our website for benefit information)

Annual Holiday Luncheon Meeting

Noon, Wednesday, December 20, 2017 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

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