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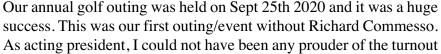
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christopher J. Piazza



we had. Any outing of this size cannot be a success without the help of others. I tip my hat to Jack Hellman, along with the Executive Board who were all extremely helpful in the running of this successful outing. Just to name a few Barbara Gallo assisted with the 50/50. A big thank you to Barbara. Paul Ferrigno helped out with the selling of chances and tallying the monies collected. Paul Gallo, Joe Molloy and Vin Montagna were the "Jack of all trades", giving help where needed. Dana Motors once again donated a new car for the taking if a hole and one was recorded. John Donohue handled the photos of all the golfers at the hole in one, but sadly to say no one won that car again. The profits made from this outing will be going to many charitable causes. I would like to Thank all those who supported us with a donation or with a foursome. Our outdoor September meeting was a big hit. We would like to Thank Nansen Park for their hospitality. We have every intention to continue that tradition going forward although next time we promise to have coffee and cake! Unfortunately, we had to cancel our October's membership meeting but we have every intention on having Novembers. Come and join us, enjoy a good meal and see friends.

As 2021 approaches we as an association are making some financial changes. To assist in better record keeping we will require two (2) separate checks for 2021 Annual Dues and Additional 2021 Courtesy Cards. Most unions do this today and we will be adopting this practice going forward. 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. As always, our success of our association is in its membership. Tell a fellow MOS about us and have them join us for a meal. I am sure they feel the same as I do...

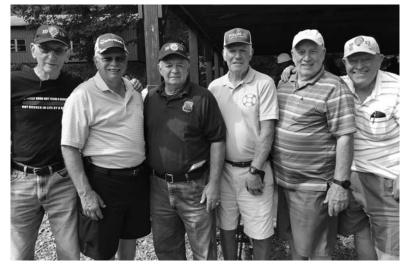
"I miss the clowns but not the circus". You would be surprised who you might bump into at a meeting. We need our brothers and sisters to stick together especially in today's climate.

Be safe and Please Don't forget to Vote!

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES - Joseph Molloy

It gives me great pleasure to announce Christopher Piazza as our interim President and Henry Cartmell as our

Interim Treasurer. I know that they will help bring our organization into the future with a new outlook that will make us stronger and more in tune with our ever-changing world. Our Annual Golf Outing in Memory of our President and dear friend Richie Commesso was a tremendous success. Hats off to Jack Hellman. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in BLUE. They face an almost impossible task safeguarding our city. We plan on having our next meeting on November the 18th at the Knights of Columbus with an abundance of safety measure in place.



**OVER THE HILL GANG 62 PCT** 

Trustee's Paul Ferrigino and Carlo Imperato have decided to resign at the end of this year, they will be sorely missed! Their contributions made running our meetings and Golf Outings a complete success!

#### **BUILD THE WALL!!!**

# TREASURER'S LINES - Henry Cartmell

I hope all are doing well during these trying times. I have been asked and accepted to fill in as interim treasurer of our association pending the election by the membership. I will be working with the board of officers to keep our association running smoothly. I retired in 1986 after working in the

9th Precinct, 122nd Precinct and Highway/Emergency Service, SI. I have been treasurer of various military organizations over the years since retiring from NYPD.

I hope to see you at our next meeting in hopefully in November. Stay safe and well.

#### RECORDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Paul Gallo

The next general meeting is scheduled for November 18th at the Knight of Columbus hall. The board is requesting all members to wear their face masks until we eat and then to put them back on after dinner. This will be the RULE in place until further notice. The age of the membership puts

us in the danger, and we must follow the rules. The board will enforce them. Let's meet and stay safe for our protection and that of our families. There have been some e-mails going around asking for a confirmation of your credit card information for an online order, and or telephone calls requesting the same. Under no circumstance should you give anyone this type of private information. They make the e-mails look very real with logos and headings. This is a scam. So, don't fall for it. The last note is get out and vote for those candidates who support the police. See you all at our meeting going forward.



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



Golf outing, a tremendous success. As a tribute to Richie, Irene was a bit uncomfortable but appreciative for the most part. The October meeting being canceled, postponed many of our expectations. We will make our first \$1013.00 donation to the Tunnel to

the Towers Foundation at the November meeting. Mr. Frank Siller was requested to be present and he expects to accept our \$1013.00 donation. I had been in touch with the MANASOTA 10-13 chapter of Sarasota, Florida. President Tony Marone told me his board and membership like the idea and will be making a \$1013.00 donation as well. On another note.... as I said before .... You drive a car; you have automobile liability insurance. Well, you carry a firearm you should follow suit and obtain concealed carry liability insurance. Looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Luncheon, Wednesday, 16 December. Invitations will have been sent out to all Staten Island Pct Commanders. I have been in touch with Employee Relations Deputy Police Commissioner Bob Ganley, and he is looking forward to breaking bread with us. On that note you may have read where the NYPD Pension fund MAY supplement the VSF. This is false. Both are protected by trustees, State Legislators of both Senate and Assembly and the Governor's signing any proposal. Also, you received an electronic mail referring to "Non-Disclosures Request "claims by you the retired P.O that you are possessing a pistol license will not be disclosed to the general public. Respond to this and claim you feel you may be harassed if anyone knows this!

Looking forward to seeing y'all at the Christmas Luncheon. Be safe out there, it's dangerous.

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Contact Vinnie Imperato Phone: 917 620-4058 Email: vinimperato1070@gmail.com



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

Hope this column finds you in the best of health. As you all know our October monthly meeting was cancelled, due to the

CHINA VIRUS concerns for your welfare. Hopefully we can hold our future meetings. But as usual your health and well-being will be taken into consideration. On a happier note, our Annual Golf Outing in Memory of our past President and dear friend Richard Commesso, was a great success. Special thanks to Richies family and friends for their contributions that made our 19th Annual Golf Outing the best ever! Hats off to the Board of Directors, Trustee's and Family for their work to make this possible! Again, Stay Healthy & Safe.

PS
TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY
TO GET OUT AND VOTE!!!

#### FOND MEMORIES of PAST OUTINGS









#### TRUSTEE - Paul Ferrigno

Our 2020 Golf Outing, In Honor of Our Deceased Past President Richie Commesso, Was A Huge Success. Guests of Honor Included Richie's Wife Irene Along with Daughters Sue And Debbie And Their Husbands. Their Attendance Made It A Perfect Day.

I Would Also Like to Thank Them for The Gifts They Donated for Our Raffle Table.

I Would Also Like to Thank Phil Guarnacio For the Several Items He Donated. Phill Seems To always Come Through.

Lastly, I Want to Thank Barbara Gallo, Wife of Our Recording Secretary, Paul Gallo, For Her Untiring Effort Throughout the Day Selling 50/50 Tickets and Assisting Me with The Sale of Raffle Table Tickets. Thank You, Barbara, You Were A Great Help and It Was Appreciated By all

#### **NYC Health Benefits Program**

If You Are Eligible for Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential and Have Not Already Done So, I Urge You to Do So Now.

Reimbursement for 2019 will be issued in March 2021. You Can Access the Sites Below for Further Information.

**Medicare Part B Reimbursement Schedule for Retirees** 

#### Medicare Part B 2019 Reimbursement

Medicare Part B 2019 reimbursements were distributed in April 2020.

- For those retirees/eligible dependents of a retiree with a Medicare Part B effective date between 2016 and 2019, they were reimbursed at the rate of \$135.50 per month. (\$135.50 x 12 months = \$1,626 annual amount)
- For those retirees/eligible dependents of a retiree with a Medicare Part B effective date prior to 2016, they were reimbursed at the rate of \$109.00 per month. (\$109 x 12 months = \$1,308 annual amount)
- For those retirees/eligible dependents of a retiree with a Medicare Part B effective date prior to 2016, they will receive an additional amount up to \$318. They must submit a **Medicare Part B 2019 Reimbursement Differential Request Form**

#### **IRMAA 2019 Reimbursement**

IRMAA 2019 reimbursements are scheduled to be issued by the end of October 2020.

- Those retirees who are eligible for IRMAA must submit the IRMAA 2019 Reimbursement Application.
- Health Benefits Program staff will be processing 2019 IRMAA forms once the Medicare Part B 2019 payment is issued in April 2020.

#### Medicare Part B 2019 Differential Reimbursement

Medicare Part B 2019 differential reimbursements are scheduled to be issued by the end of March 2021.

- Medicare Part B 2019 differential payments up to \$318 will be issued once the Medicare Part B and IRMAA payments are processed in calendar year 2020.
- Those retirees who are eligible for 2019 Medicare Part B differential reimbursements must submit the Medicare Part B 2019 Reimbursement Differential Request Form
- Health Benefits Program staff will be processing Medicare Part B 2019 Reimbursement Differential Request Form once IRMAA payments are issued in October 2020
- Please note that, if you are applying for IRMAA and eligible for this additional \$318 reimbursement, you do not need to complete the Medicare Part B 2019 Reimbursement Differential Request Form since you will be receiving this amount at the same time the IRMAA payment is issued in October 2020

#### **Medicare Part B Reimbursement**

The City will reimburse retirees and their eligible dependents for Medicare Part B premiums paid, excluding any penalties. You must be receiving a City pension check and be enrolled as the contract holder for City health benefits in order to receive reimbursement for Part B premiums.

For most retirees, the refund is issued automatically by the Health Benefits Program. If you are currently receiving your pension check through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, your reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account. This will be separate from your pension payment. If you don't have EFT or direct deposit, you will receive a check in the mail in June.

The reimbursement amount is based on the standard Medicare Part B premiums. If your Medicare Part B reimbursement amount was less than what you paid in Medicare Part B premiums, excluding penalties, you may be eligible for a Medicare Part B Differential reimbursement. To receive the differential reimbursement, please complete the Medicare Part B Differential Request form (below).

If you were eligible for Medicare Part B Reimbursement for prior years but did not enroll by providing a copy of your Medicare card, reimbursement is limited to the previous three (3) calendar years. To enroll, please complete the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application.

#### Learn More about Medicare Part B Reimbursement

Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application - Reimbursement for 2019 will be issued in April 2020 **2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form** - Reimbursement for 2019 will be issued in March 2021

#### IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement

If you paid more than the standard monthly reimbursement rate for Medicare Part B, as an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA), you may be eligible for additional reimbursement. If you submit the required documentation for Medicare Part B IRMAA reimbursement, your reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account.

Learn More about IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement

IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement Application (for 2019, 2018 & 2017) - Reimbursement for 2019 will be issued in October 2020

IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement Application (2016) - This form must be submitted by December 31, 2020



#### **TRUSTEE - Carlo Imperato**

Black Lives Matter is run by communists; it is not a 501c3. All donations go through" Thousand Currents" in Oakland, California which is a 501c3. One of the principals of this group is Susan Rosenberg, a known terrorist. When arrested, she had 750 Lbs. of explosives in her vehicle and admits to being a professionally trained Marxist. She was active in a far-left revolutionary terrorist group, known as May 19th Communist

Organization" (M19CO) according to FBI. Their purpose was to overthrow the United States Government. M19CO provided support to the Black Liberation Army who carried out an armored truck robbery which resulted in the death of a police officer and a truck employee, as well as the bombing of government buildings. Rosenberg was arrested in1984 with a large cache of explosives and firearms and was then pardoned by President Bill Clinton.

#### **Donations to Black Lives Matter**

Cisco 5 million Dollars Microsoft 1.5 Million Dollars Amazon 10 Million Dollars Gatorade 500,000 Dollars Deckers 500,000 Dollars Unilever 350,000 Dollars Nabisco Ritz 500,000 Dollars Toms Shoes 100,000 Dollars Air B& B 500,000 Dollars

Vote for the future of your children and grandchildren.



#### TRUSTEE - William "Harpo" Silvestri

Most of our members are in that age category where we are susceptible to various scams targeted at the elderly. With that in mind, I visited several online sites to gather, what I consider, to be some useful information. The following is just a small sample of scams out there. Remember also, should

anything sound too good to be true, it probably likely is.

Beware and stay safe.

#### PHONE SCAMS

**IRS Con:** The most common type of phone financial scam is a call from IRS impersonators. If you get a call from someone claiming to be the IRS and asking for personal information, know that it is most definitely a trick. The IRS does not call citizens. If they want to get in touch with you, you will receive communications through the mail. And, the IRS would not threaten you with a fine for not giving up information. If you get a call from the "IRS" hang up immediately.

**Jury Duty Trick:** Thieves have been known to impersonate government officials with the claim that you have missed your jury duty. They will most likely ask you to provide your social security number to prove your identity. It may seem like a no-brainer not to provide this information over the phone, but these criminals can be convincing. Just remember a government worker would never ask for you SSN over the phone or be aggressive towards you. If anyone asks you for your social security number over the phone, end the call.

#### **EMAIL SCAMS**

Lottery/Contest/Unclaimed Money Scam: With this type of scam, phishers will send you an email claiming you've won some sort of prize with the goal of getting you to provide your bank info. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is! Check the "To" address and if it is not yours, it is most likely part of a generic scam targeting thousands. We recommend deleting any emails claiming you won a prize for a contest you did not enter. Bank/Paypal Scam: A popular scam right now is receiving an email from "PayPal" or whomever you do online banking with that your account has been compromised. The email is most likely from a scammer who has copied the same look and feel as the company you do business with. It is very convincing, so beware. Always check the senders email address as it will most likely be slightly off from a legitimate email from the institution. Never click through to links from an email. Type in the company's name in a new tab on your computer and go directly to their site to find their contact information. You can always call the company direct to verify the email you received.

#### **SOFTWARE SCAMS**

**Remote Access Scam:** If you ever get a call or email from someone asking for "remote access" to your computer for whatever the reason (telling you need to upgrade your software, fix technical issues, etc.) do not ever grant permission. The scammers are looking to steal your data or install malware to your computer.

**Anti-Virus Scam:** This is an alluring scam to prey on your sense of virus protection. If you get an email that directs you to a website that warns you of "bugs" on your computer, delete it. They are trying to get you to pay for unnecessary software or they may install malware onto your computer.

Just remember to stay vigilant and protect yourself and your aging loved ones from these scams. Education is important so make sure to talk to your elderly loved one about these scams that try to fraud seniors.

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# GOLF OUTING







# The NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Memorial High School & College 2020-2021 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.

#### **ELIGIBILTY**

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 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 prior to the drawing date. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE DRAWING.

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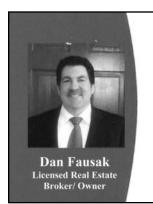
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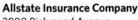
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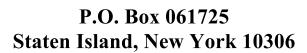
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#### 2020 MEETINGS

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

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

January 15th

February 19th

March 18th

April 15th

May 20th

June 17th

July NO MEETING August NO MEETING

September 16th

-October 21st

November 18th

**December 16th Christmas Luncheon** 

### **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)

### Annual Holiday Luncheon Meeting

Noon, Wednesday, December 16, 2020 **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