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NEXT MEETING

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Thursday April 18th
Noon
@ The Coral House

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday April 22nd
Passover

Sunday May 5th
Orthodox Easter

Sunday May 12th
Mother's Day

Saturday May 25th
Grave Dressing
@ Long Island National Cemetery

Monday May 27th
Memorial Day

Friday May 31st
Saturday June 1st
Games for the Physically
Challenged Mitchell Athletic Complex

Sunday June 16th
Father's Day

Thursday June 20th
Membership Meeting Scholarship Awards
Presentation Noon at the Coral House

Thursday July 4th
Independence Day

Monday September 2nd
Labor Day

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LongIslandShields.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone that celebrates Easter, had a very Happy and Blessed Easter. It came early this year which means that Passover is only about three weeks away. Wishing all that celebrate Passover to have a very happy and Blessed Passover as well. I spent Easter weekend in Florida this year with my wife and son who is attending the University of Tampa. It was different from what I have been accustomed to, but a great weekend nonetheless. I will be able to see my other son this month as he is studying abroad this semester in Spain. I will be departing for Madrid the day after our April meeting. Lots going on for me.

Sadly, the cover of this issue of the Call Box is a reminder of how precious life is. As the details unfolded on the events of this past March 25th it not only makes me very sad but it makes me extremely angry. It's incredible how emboldened these criminals are. No fear of penalty or punishment for their actions. Rap sheets a mile long, a gun collar last April and still on the streets to kill again. This time a Police Officer. A totally avoidable death. Angry, on how our elected politicians are callous and indifferent to the job we did and so many continue to do, but yet, they will not hesitate for a photo op at a Police Officer's funeral. Obviously not all our elected officials, but we know the ones I'm referring to. There are great politicians who support us and always have our backs, but it seems they are outnumbered by the woke progressives.

I applaud the Diller family for asking the NYS Governor to leave the wake. She can say what she wants, but she was told her presence was not wanted there. Also, the Manhattan DA was asked to leave. A huge hand goes to out SBA President Vincent Vallelong who straight forward told the anti-police City Council members to stay away from PO Diller's wake and funeral. This was directed at Speaker Adams, Public Advocate Williams "and their cohorts should stay home."

I would be remiss if I didn't mention PBA President Patrick Hendry who has been a rock for the Diller family. He has been there and will continue to be there every step of the way for Stephanie and Ryan until these mutts are in prison for the rest of their lives. I saw Stephanie's eulogy on line and can't believe it's been two years since the killings of Police Officer's Wilbert Mora and Jason Rivera in the 32nd pct. The same words sadly will fall on deaf ears, "How many more police officers and police officer's families have to make the ultimate sacrifice before we start protecting them"

Police Officer Jonathan Diller paid the ultimate sacrifice doing what we have all done hundreds of times over, and he never hesitated. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Thank

you Commissioner Caban for promoting Police Officer Diller posthumously to the rank of Detective 1st grade. Godspeed. Sadly, this past February 16th we lost one of our long time members and former board officer, Vinny Rapaciuolo. I never had the pleasure to work with Vinny while on the job and only know him from when I came on the board in 1995. Vinny was a quiet soft spoken man who had the kindest words. May he rest in eternal peace.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers two of our members who were recently hospitalized, but are now home and recovering. Dan Murray and Frank Commarata both were hospitalized and are on the mend. Stay strong and healthy.

We have a couple of events coming up and if you're available, why not come out and get involved. Our annual grave dressing at Long Island National Cemetery will take place on Saturday May 25th at our usual section, AA, located in the south east part of the cemetery. We meet there at 7am. Luke Johnson called the cemetery and they said the gates will not open till 7am. Last year if you recall, The Shields along with FOP lodge #69 dressed thousands of graves in both sections AA and AAA. It was a very productive morning and we're looking forward to the same this year.

In June we will be providing security at the games for the physically challenged at Mitchell Field. The games will hold on May 31st through June 1st. In past years the LI Shields has provided security for the games. Just keep in mind that it's not a traditional security job. It's more of a presence on the field and providing some direction.

Marianne Pizzatola and the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees are still hard at work and continue to need donations. As you all know, we fund our attorneys. They are hard at work answering and preparing to answer all the appeals the City keeps making on their losing decisions. We must continue to fight the fight. At our next meeting we are going to raffle off a \$100 lottery ticket board, with every penny going to the Public Service Retirees Organization. If you wish to make additional donations, please send them to the address below. Please be as generous as your means allow.

The NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees
C/O JSH Accounting Services LLC, PO Box 143538
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Next meeting: Thursday April 18th - Noon
Mike Villa, President



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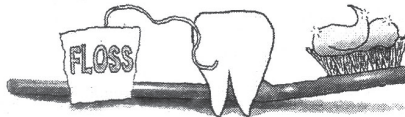
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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

NO SIDELINE ATTRACTION

I have noticed for some time, now, how so many items touted by YouTube on the internet attract a lot of attention by making use of the word, "*Terrifying*" Six typical examples just this evening as I write for the Call Box included - "Seven Minutes Ago! James Webb Telescope Receives Alarming Signal from Andromeda Galaxy" - "Scientists' Terrifying New Discovery in Egypt - the Ultimate Discovery" - "Hubble Telescope's Latest Data on Betelgeuse SHOCKS Astronomers" - "Joe Rogan: Before his death Nikola Tesla revealed a TERRIFYING Secret". - "What They Discovered Underwater Shocked the Whole World". - and - "20 Terrifying Discoveries In Egypt That Change Everything."

The "clickbait" reader-capturing/attracting device is an aspect of the worldwide web scene that grabs the attention of people who are looking for information or entertainment or even something serious on their computers - and get **snared** into spending hours looking at strangely attractive stuff!. The technical label for this business is SEO, or "search engine optimization," meaning getting the most readers to "click" on to an item to out-do other group's or individuals' popularity. This is often attached to advertising fees that the writers and owners are paid.

But what stood out for me was the obvious attraction-power that "Terror" has! Obviously, the people who compose these short presentations that cover the gamut of such items as historically wierd things, attractive women, scientific articles, or political bombasts... and more

- are looking to make some money by their efforts.

If it's that ensnaring, then terror and shocking things must be a powerful item; and it makes money for the presenters who get paid to use it. One problem that must be faced is that the majority of this fear-mongering stuff is based on little to no proof. The stories are thrown out into cyberspace with no attention paid to facts. Often - the things are creations of imagination with no substance to them; many are bold-faced lies!

People like excitement and entertainment and advertisers are willing to pay good money to have a fleeting moment of a possible customer's attention. That's why "clickbait" is so popular; it makes people click on things out of the blue, wasting time... and even believing fantastic, poorly-researched, or even outright bold falsehoods.

We can be thankful that law enforcement personnel do not waste good wages on time-wasting and costly side shows. To keep the peace and foster the best attitudes of citizenship costs precious and often limited funding. Every time the news tells of a life saved or a good will gesture performed it's likely that the spirit of faithful service - as exemplified so often by shield-bearing co-workers and friends - is at the root of what is healthy, beneficial, and of remarkable value. Keep the faith!

Yours in the fellowship,
JGAnderson, chaplain

I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who made an additional donation on top of their dues. It goes a long way with our scholarship program and aids in keeping costs down.

Thank you:

1. Richard V. Annunziatoto - \$120
2. Rick Rottkamp - \$100
3. Robert Sasso - \$100
4. Mike Villa - \$100
5. Kenneth Niepert - \$60
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15. Joseph King - \$27
16. Chris J. Lawrence - \$20
17. Sean McCarthy - 20
18. Robert E. Morris - \$15
19. Kevin T. Costigan - \$10
20. Robert Figoski - \$10
21. Daniel Hogan - \$10
22. Robert Kiselewski - \$10
23. Anthony Limoli - \$10
24. Michael Russell - \$10
25. Al Pignataro - \$7
26. Gary Boulanger - \$5



THE SHIELDS of Long Island Inc.

PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

Luke Johnson
99 MEYERS AVE.
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2024 Scholarship Application

COMPLETE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TO SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN LUKE JOHNSON Must be Received BY JUNE 1, 2024

QUALIFICATIONS: You must be a fully paid member for the PRESENT and TWO PRIOR YEARS. Your dependent child must be entering the first year of an Accredited Undergraduate College during September 2024. Only one child per family may win (per year) however more than one child per family may apply. Submit a \$20 check made out to The Shields of Long Island for each child. Awards will be chosen by lottery. Students attending college tuition free are not eligible.

Member: _____ Shields# _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Child's Name: _____

Relationship & applicants SS#: _____

School Name & Address: _____

Registrar's Phone #: _____

Dependent child for the purpose of our scholarship award includes the actual child or grandchild of a member (as defined by law). Any child who the member is a legal guardian, adopted or otherwise, or a child who resides with a member and is totally dependent of the member's financial support.

SPECIAL NEEDS AWARD

Handled Confidentially. This award will be presented to a dependent child of a fully paid member for the present and two prior years, who is developmentally and/or physically challenged. The child must be attending a state recognized, be it at work, training or school program, for the Developmental and/or Physically Challenged. Previous award recipient are not eligible.

Submit applications and a \$20 check to The Shields of Long Island, indicate for the Special Needs Award. Must be received by June 1st, 2024



State Assemblyman Brian Curran presents Lynbrook P.O. OF THE Month with a Proclamation for their Excellent Police work



County Legislator Bill Gaylor honors Lynbrook great police work



Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach speaks highly of his
Lynbrook Police Dept

**New York State Council
Knights of Columbus
Blue Mass and Communion Breakfast**



Sunday, April 21, 2024

*Mass / Breakfast In Memory of Detective Peter Figoski
EOW: December 12, 2011*

Mass 9:30 am

*St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church
88 Anchor Ave. Oceanside, NY 11572*

*Celebrant: Rev. Bret Stockdale
Associate Chaplain, NYS Council Knights of Columbus*

Communion Breakfast 11:00 am

*St. Mary's / Maris Stella
Knights of Columbus #2228
78 Hempstead Ave. Lynbrook NY 11563*

Tickets: \$100 for a table (10 people), \$15 per single ticket.

For ticket information please contact:
Will Tishuck 630-777-6977 or Al Carfora 516-641-8511

Deadline April 12, 2024

*This Mass is in support of our Active Officers.
We also offer a "thank you" to those who retired from service
and we pray for those who died in the line of the duty.*

PO of the Month



Police Officer Kevin Hoffman, while on patrol in uniform and assigned marked Lynbrook Police Department, Radio Motor Patrol, 563, on Peninsula Blvd near Merrick Rd, in the Village of Lynbrook, when he observed the defendant, Luis A. Morales, operating an electric motorcycle, without an assigned license registration plate affixed to the vehicle and while not wearing a helmet. Due to this, a traffic stop was initiated. Upon further investigation, it was determined that Defendant Morales's driver's license privileges had been revoked due to a total of 19 suspensions, showing 17 scoffs on 7 dates. This was an arrestable situation.

Moments later, Police Officer Hoffman, accompanied by Police Officers Patrick Scanlon and Brandon Lavista, approached Defendant Morales, and attempted to place him into custody. As they did this, Morales attempted to flee, however, Police Officer Scanlon was able to grab Morales and bring him to the ground. While on the ground the defendant continued to resist arrest and struggle with Officers Scanlon and Hoffman. During this struggle, Morales freed his left hand and reached into the front pocket of a knapsack he was wearing and removed a handgun. Officer Scanlon observed the gun, and alerted Hoffman and Lavista of its presence by

repeatedly yelling the word gun. Police Officers Scanlon and Hoffman were able to wrestle the gun away from the defendant and slide it far from the mele. At the same time, Officer Lavista skillfully deployed an electric control device into the defendant. While under the control of the electronic control device, Officers Scanlon and Hoffman were able to place the defendant into handcuffs and bring the struggle to an end.

The recovered gun was a loaded Tisas, Zigana, PX-9, 9mm handgun, equipped with a 20-round capacity magazine which contained 17 rounds and 1 chambered bullet. Subsequent to arrest, a small ziplock bag containing a crystal rock like substance believed to be methamphetamine was also recovered. Lynbrook Police Officer's Kevin Hoffman, Patrick Scanlon and Brandon Lavista are to be commended for demonstrating tremendous courage while also displaying incredible restraint, risking death or serious physical injury, while affecting the arrest of Luis Morales. Each of these three officers are married and between them, have 8 children. Thank God their excellent work. It has allowed them to be here today to accept this award and more importantly to be alive for their 3 wives and those 8 kids!

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

2024 Shields Long Island Dues Renewal

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email address _____

2024 Dues \$40 (\$45 after 12/1/18) _____

Raffle Tickets \$20 _____

Challenge Coins # _____ X \$10 each _____

Extra Membership Cards # _____ X \$2 each _____

Extra Decals # _____ X \$2 each _____

Donation - Thank you! _____

Total – Check payable to: Shields Long Island _____

Please include in the return envelope this dues renewal form, your check, your raffle ticket stubs, and your membership renewal form.

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Please include your contact cell phone number also. It is very important!

Mail checks to: Tom Greer 508 Harbor Rd, Cold Spring Harbor NY 11724

Thank you for your interest. Only 100 tickets will be available, so hurry and reserve yours now.

Tom Greer, Executive Secretary

GOOD TO KNOW

Peter J. Caso, Esq.

As discussed in some of my past articles, a Will is important in estate planning. A Will dictates how you want your assets and funds distributed among the family and friends you leave behind after passing.

However, before any of these things can be transferred, the Will must first go through a process called probate, where it is validated, the estate is inventoried, and then assets are distributed according to the decedent's wishes.

There is a legal workaround to have certain retirement and financial accounts transferred outside of the probate process by the use of Transfer on Death Beneficiary.

The Transfer on Death (TOD) designation lets someone receive assets at the time of their benefactor's death without going through probate. A TOD designation also lets the account holder or security owner specify the percentage of assets each person receives, which helps the executor distribute the person's assets after death.

Beneficiaries of a TOD must be aware of the assets they will inherit so they may prepare accordingly ahead of time. TODs ensure an investor's securities and security-related accounts are passed on to the person or people they want them to be passed to without going through a lengthy probate process.

The Uniform Transfer on Death Securities Registration Act lets owners name beneficiaries for their stocks, bonds, or brokerage accounts. When someone registers with a stockbroker or bank, they are the owner of that account. They can then name beneficiaries and percentage allocations on the beneficiary form provided by the broker or bank.

Individual retirement accounts, 401(k)s, and other retirement accounts are not TOD accounts. These have named beneficiaries, with regulations determining when you can begin making withdrawals, how much you can withdraw, or how they are taxed. A TOD simply transfers all assets associated with an account to the people named.

One consideration to keep in mind with TOD accounts is that the assets are still considered part of the estate of the deceased. That means that creditors can seek to have debts repaid before beneficiaries have access to the assets.

The important takeaway is that a TOD is a designation that allows the deceased's assets to pass directly to their beneficiary after they die. The account owner specifies the percentage of assets each beneficiary is to receive, allowing their executor to distribute the assets without first passing through probate. But be aware, if the estate has large outstanding debts, creditors could delay the distribution of those assets until the debts are satisfied possibly reducing your TOD designated benefit.

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