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NEXT MEETING

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Thursday June 20th
Noon

@ The Coral House

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday July 4th Independence Day

Monday September 2nd Labor Day

Thursday September 12th, Meeting The Coral House, 12 - Noon

Thursday October 3rd Rosh Hashanah

Saturday October 12th Yom Kippur

Monday October 14th Columbus Day

Thursday October 31st, Meeting
The Coral House, 12 - Noon

Sunday November 5th Daylight Saving Time End

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everybody. I hope everyone is enjoying a great spring. The temperature is perfect and the humidity and mosquitos have not arrived yet. Truly the best time of the year. May was a busy month as it always is. It started off with the FOP Memorial in Hicksville on May 4th. As always, FOP President Mike Essig and his team did a great job with the memorial service. It was a tremendous turnout, it seemed like one of the largest in recent memory. I am very proud to attend every year. Later in May, on the 23rd the Nassau County Police Department held its Police Memorial at HQ in Garden City. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for this one. All the floral arrangements were beautiful and in abundance. The moment the ceremony started the skies opened up and it poured. Commissioner Ryder and his ceremonial unit persevered and once again did an exceptional job despite the weather. Truly an honor to be in attendance and honor the fallen. Both events are moving.

I want to thank everyone for the terrific turnout on May 25th at LI National Cemetery for the annual Memorial Day grave dressing. Members of both this organization and FOP Lodge #69 placed flags on thousands of our veteran's graves in section 2A. It's amazing how the cemetery transforms after the flags have all been placed. Thank you to FOP Lodge #69 President Mike Kuzma.

Unfortunately we have some sad news too. As you are all aware we lost Fr. Joseph D'Angelo on May 21st at the age of 81. Fr. Joe was a staple at the LI Shields for many, many years. Fr. Joseph D'Angelo was ordained on June 1st 1968. He became a Police Chaplain in 1984 and served several federal, state, county and village law enforcement organizations. In 1990 Fr. Joe was appointed a NCPD Chaplain. A position he cherished and truly flourished in. Fr. Joe always made himself available to anyone who needed him and always listened and gave great advice.

Fr. Joe was involved in so many organizations that he literally spread himself very thin. About a year and a half ago I was at a meeting with the NCPD Columbia Association and Fr. Joe was there. He pulled me aside and we had a nice conversation, but he wanted me to know that he was sorry for not attending recent Shields meetings. I assured him that it was not an issue and we are in great hands with Reverend Anderson, Fr. Chris and the always dependable Rabbi Berkowitz. I also let him know that he is always welcome in our organization and that he will forever be a part of the LI Shields. May his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed rest in eternal peace.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time on May 31st and June 1st at the Games for the Physically Challenged. It was a long and spectacular day and well worth spending time there. Rich Petito always pushed for us to volunteer and get involved with this event. It was amazing.

The NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees had a huge victory in the 1st Appellate Court. The Court unanimously upheld the City's appeal on Judge Lyle Frank's decision to deny Medicare Advantage. The City, of course, is appealing to the 2nd Appellate Court, which is the highest court in NYS. Hopefully because the 1st appellate court was unanimous, the 2nd division will not even entertain it, but they may. Also, if you are not aware, we have two bills in the NYS Senate we are trying to get passed. If these bills get passed then our health care becomes state law and cannot be changed. The bills are S.08388 sponsored by Senator Harckham and A.07866 sponsored by Member of Assembly Zebrowski.

The legal fees do not go away. We will have \$100 lottery ticket board at the June 20th meeting and continue to sell raffles with all monies going to the Public Service Retirees. We will have the drawing at this meeting. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Our upcoming meeting is Thursday June 20th, 12 noon at the Coral House in Baldwin. This will also be our scholarship awards presentation.

I hope to see everyone there,

Mike Villa, President



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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Decency is More Valuable than Silver or Gold

One does not see Morgan silver dollars very often these days. It is interesting to note that the face that is stamped on the obverse of the coin – is not simply "Miss Liberty," but a real person whose handsome profile of the was that of a Philadelphia school-teacher, Miss Anna W. Williams; there was at the time a painter, Thomas Eakins, a friend of the Henry Williams family of Philadelphia, who introduced George T. Morgan (an engraver assigned to the Philadelphia Mint) to Miss Anna Willess Williams, Henry William's daughter.

Anna herself was an art student and understood the importance of finding a suitable model. After much persuasion by Eakins and her other friends, and the promise that her role as a model for a coinage design would be kept secret, she consented to help out in the venture. Altogether there were five sittings at Eakins' home in November of 1876. Williams' complexion was fair, her eyes blue, her nose Grecian and her hair, said to be her "crowning glory," was of golden color, abundant in quantity and light of texture. It was worn in a becoming coil. (Morgan later decided to add a cap as ornamentation befitting the "goddess" of Liberty.) In those days modeling was not considered an acceptable occupation for a woman, giving a nosey newspaper reporter all he needed to "scoop" the story. And, as luck would have it, the printed article that followed was seen as sufficient cause to have her fired from her teaching job. Miss Williams was besieged with thousands of letters and visitors, which troubled her greatly. There were even offers of lucrative stage engagements, but Anna rejected them in favor of continuing her career, teaching kindergarten philosophy at the Girls' Normal School.

Later on there was an engagement, but she never married. She retired from the school system when, in December, 1925, she sustained a fall and was confined to bed. There was no improvement. On April 17, 1926, a stroke claimed the life of the famous "Silver Dollar Girl."

Is it not strange that so effective a work as the Morgan dollar became a painful tragedy due to the attitudes of the day which burdened this innocent young woman with deadly shame? Such is the work of this world where prejudice and idle gossip scatter wreckage in every direction while pride and self-righteousness seem to thrive. One of the effects of law and order is the protection of the innocent and the willingness to expose evil before lethal results are foisted upon people who don't deserve such.

Truth, caring, upbuilding, generous giving – are some of the signs of a society where honesty and protection offer refuge from evil spirits that diminish the joys of life and open the way to good things! People involved in law enforcement take their places among all who value life and work to keep the peace – even in such details as treating all citizens with respect and dignity.

Yours in the fellowship, J G Anderson, chaplain

"Tribute to Father Joseph D'Angelo"



Fr. Joe was a global spiritual humanitarian. His kind demeanor made it easy for anyone to approach him and receive his wise counsel. At any gathering, one can observe how people felt comfortably in discussing with Fr. Joe any issue one had on his/her mind. Regardless of one's personal faith, Fr. Joe was a friend to all.

His humbleness and wisdom were the fundamental principles of a spiritual leader. Offering counsel to those who are going thru challenges in life, required a deep understanding of the complexities of life, in order to offer a sound suggestion..

To all of us who had the privilege of meeting Fr. Joe, one of his many legacies can be summed up by the words of the Prophet Micha:

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God." (Ch 6, v. 8)

May the soul of Fr. Joseph D'Angelo be bound in the bond of eternal life. May his name continue to bring blessings of peace upon all mankind.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Harry (Tzvi) Berkowitz

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2024 Shields Long Island Dues Renewal

Name	DOB
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2024 Dues \$40 (\$45 after 12/1/18)	
Raffle Tickets \$20	
Challenge Coins	# X \$10 each
Extra Membership Cards	# X \$2 each
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RETIRED TRANSIT POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION







Join us once again for the 2024 METS – YANKEES SUBWAY SERIES GAME

TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2024 7:10 PM GAME

Tickets are in Section 128, Third Base side, one section closer to Home Plate.

Tickets are \$165 per seat, only a \$2.00 increase from last year.

If interested, please contact Tom Greer 631-902-8911

or email to https://hybrox.org/hybrox

E-mail is needed so I can forward the tickets to you when released.

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



Grave Dressing
LI Shields & FOP Lodge 69 at LI National Cemetery



Remembering Brian Moore



Remembering Timmy Motto



Remembering Mark DiNome



Remembering Phil Cardillo



Remembering Jonathan Diller

PO of the Month



Mike Villa & Larry Lombardo With P.O's of the Month Christopher Aresta & Christopher Boddy.

Good Evening,

I would like to thank the American Legion for honoring Officers from this department with this year's American Legion Law and Order Award, and congratulate this evenings other honorees.

This year's recipients are Police Officer Christopher Aresta and Police Officer Christopher Boddy

Police Officer Aresta has been a member of the Malverne Police Department for just over 1 year now coming to us from the New York State Police where he had over 4 years experience as a Trooper Police Officer Boddy is a 2.5 year veteran of the MPD having served with the NYPD for 3 years prior to joining our ranks.

On Friday August 25, 2023 at approximately 02:50 a.m. Officers Aresta and Body were conducting routine patrol within the Village of Malverne. While on Cornwell ave. Officer Aresta observed a black Chevrolet Traverse with no front license plate make a turn from Wolf ave onto Cornwell Ave. officer Aresta observed that the vehicle did have a rear NY registration plate, but no front plate. He also observed that the vehicle

had a defective passenger side taillight. The vehicle then proceeded to go North on Franklin Ave. At this time Officer Aresta did turn on his emergency lights and siren in an attempt to initiate a vehicle and traffic law stop for the above listed infractions.

The operator of the vehicle did pull into the Sunoco on Franklin ave and upon approaching the drivers side, Officer Aresta observed the driver making furtive movements and reaching towards the rear of the vehicle with an object in his hand.

At this time officer Aresta observed that the vehicle was occupied by an additional female and male passenger. In the front center console area Officer Aresta could see a pair of walkie talkies, a headlamp and a pair of wire cutters. While interviewing the driver he stated that they were looking for the front seat passengers cousin who lived in Malverne, but could not provide an address. While separately interviewing the front seat passenger she gave a conflicting name of the person they were looking for. Officer Aresta then asked the rear seat passenger to roll down his window and it was observed that there were mechanics gloves on the floor of the rear seat.

At this time Police Officer Boddy arrived on the scene and began to interview the driver and noticed that the VIN number for the vehicle was covered by a piece of paper. When asked about this the driver replied that he covers it so he doesn't get tickets in the city. A check of the VIN number revealed that the license plate did not match the plate on the vehicle.

When questioned about this inconsistency the driver admitted he had the correct plate in the rear of the vehicle and asked to get it and put it on the vehicle. Officer Aresta asked for permission to search the rear of the vehicle and after given permission he found a loaded bright green 9 mm handgun.

All three occupants of the vehicle were removed from the vehicle and denied any knowledge of the loaded firearm and were placed under arrest.

While searching the rest of the vehicle incidental to arrest, Police Officer Boddy did find a loaded black revolver and also a backpack that contained psilocybin mushrooms and a black metal knuckle knife and also found a pry bar in the seating area.

The officers also recovered two separate Pennsylvania license plates that belong to different vehicles.

At this time the three defendants, 2 male and one female were transported to the NCPD 5th precinct for processing.

During processing it was found that the rear seat passenger had just been recently released from prison after having served 18 years for a homicide conviction.

While the exact purpose of these people's visit to our Village is unknown, it is believed that they were looking to commit crimes within Malverne.

Due to the keen observation and diligence of these two officers three dangerous subjects have been taken off the street along with two illegal firearms. This is just another example that while the residents of malverne are safe and secure sleeping in their beds, the Officers of the Malverne Police Department are out on the streets patrolling and keeping our Village Safe.

I would like to congratulate Chris and Chris on this well-deserved recognition and thank them for their dedication and service to the Village of Malverne by honoring them as the recipients of this year's American Legion Law and Order Award.



Malverne Chief Aresta with P.O.'S of the month

GOOD TO KNOW

Peter J. Caso, Esq.

The summer travel season is about to kick off. Many will be traveling by air and, as news stories have shown, numerous delays and cancellations can be expected. This is where the "airline rep scam" comes into the picture.

When faced with one of these many delays, today's traveler will seek some solace from their dilemma by making their complaints on social media with the possibility of shaming the offending airline, with the hopes it will cause the airline to resolve the problem. Airlines are active on social media and typically engage with aggrieved travelers by direct messages, these types of posts are also prompting scam artists to jump in as pseudo-airline representatives.

After posting their frustrations on social media, the scammer swoops in to offer assistance. They will ask for personal information, such as a phone or via a direct message to continue the conversation to resolve the matter. This often involves an offer to rebook your flight reservation and a request for your credit card number. Unwittingly, the traveler divulges personal and credit card information. The information is exploited and funds are lost

To protect yourself be aware that there are telltale signs when a scammer is posing as an airline representative. When direct messaging check the site you are on. Airlines validate their accounts with a gold verification mark on X or a blue verification mark on Facebook and Instagram. If you do not see either of these it is a bogus site.

Another thing that should raise your suspicion is when the scam rep contacts you from a personal account instead of the official airline account.

Some other indicators that the account is fraudulent would be things like the misspelling of the account name or demonstrating odd conduct, like reposting your complaint. Also, any time someone asks for a password or payment information over social media, your internal fraud alarm should go off.

Should you be contacted by someone claiming to be an airline representative verify their authenticity. If unable to do so, steer clear and don't respond. If you want to be proactive, you can file a report directly with the social media platform and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). You can also alert the airline, so they may also take appropriate action.

The safest way to file a complaint or request assistance from an airline is to use the airline's official webpage or app. It may not be as personally satisfying as airing your grievance on social media, but you will be doing so in a more secure environment and outside of the realm of these predatory scammers.

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