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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December 2022

First of all, let me say it was a pleasure serving as your president.

The BOD were very supportive of me and I can't thank them enough for what we accomplished.

I would like to welcome Kathleen McLaughlin our new president and her BOD. I know Kathy will do an excellent job. Let's make it a great start by paying your dues early.

Our December 15th meeting will feature a representative of the PBA to speak about the Medicare Plans.

The meeting will be at K&E Legion at 20 Station Rd Pomona at 1900 hrs

I am asking for support at our installation Dinner on Jan 12 2023 (see flyer on page 2) I want to thank the club and everyone else who donated to the NYC Organization of Public Service Retire to help them fight for us and the result in Appellate Court.....We Won!

I would like to congratulate our loyal supporters US Congressman Mike Lawler, NY State Senator Bill Webber and NY State Assemblyman John McGowan on their victories

John Briganti

President

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Happy Kwanzaa

Happy Festivis (For us Seinfeld Fans)

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and the Alliance of Public Retiree Organizations of New York

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The Hudson Valley 10-13 Association

Cordially invites you to attend the
Bi-annual Installation of our next Board of Officers
for the term 2023 – 2024

Date: Thursday January 12th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Place: Haverstraw Elks Lodge #877

877 Elks Drive

Haverstraw, New York 10927

Cocktail Hour: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Open Bar

Dinner Entrée Choices: Sliced Filet Mignon, Chicken Francaise or Grilled Salmon

Entre choice must be made at time of reservation

Cost per person \$75 (gratuities Included)

Family and Friends are Welcome

If attending please R.S.V.P As Follows:

**Mail a check made out to Hudson Valley 10-13 covering each member of your party
(\$75 per person) ALONG WITH Each Person's Choice of Entre
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**NOTE: If you mailed in your check and need to cancel please contact
Artie Marra at 845-638-0113 (leave a message including your call back number).
Cancellations received by January 10th are no problem .**

or

Email: artie845@optonline.net

**If you plan on going please try to RSVP as soon as possible but before December 28th so the
ELKS Club can order sufficient amounts of each entre.**

**NOTE: In case of inclement weather (snow storm) dinner will be postponed one week to
Thursday 1/19/2023 – Same Time-Same Place)**





Post 13 Trivia

Origins of the PBA

John Young, Patrolman

The newspapers had given them the name "the Black Cavalry" to those who lobbied for the Patrolman's Benevolent Association, back in 1909. The man in Albany was John W. McGloin, who joined the police force on November 20, 1875 and he has been said to be the founder of the P.B.A. He had served as both vice president and its president (1892-97.) He retired in 1908, as a police lieutenant and was given a purse of \$20,000 by the force upon his retirement and hired as the association as their lobbyist in Albany.

The year was 1894, and the reformers and law enforcement groups entered the municipal elections in New York City. It was their fight against the Tammany Hall and the administration that held control of the city since the end of the Civil War. Both of the groups backed the Fusion candidate, William Strong for mayor. One of his first acts after winning the election was to appoint Theodore Roosevelt to be the president of the Police Board of Commissioners.

History repeats itself, as the Fusion ticket led by Rudy Guiliani in 1993 and he appointed another outsider, William Bratton as Police Commissioner. This time, it's a Boston policeman, with over 28 years experience in law enforcement. He had previously served as Chief of Transit Police (New York) in 1990.

During the 1890s, middle-class New Yorkers took a moral view of government, politics, business- almost everything. One hundred years later, the same type of middle class have a similar views- regarding the death penalty, the homeless, and the issue of abortion. Politics was always considered a dirty business and public service was held in low esteem.

Even the daily newspapers seem to cater to the taste evinced by a certain class of readers and patrons for any sensation derogatory to the police. Even some unscrupulous reporters would manufacture "A Police Outrage" or "Brutal Clubbing Affair" that would horrify the whole community. Several of these stories led to an order by Superintendent Bynres for the removal of a patrolman's nightstick. Today, they place cops on "modified assignment."

The patrolmen were recruited from the tenements of New York. Applicants had to be less than 30 years old; a citizen of the United States and a resident of the city for one year; be of spotless character (no conviction for any crime); able to read & write English; and not less than 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches tall and no more than 138 pounds in weight. I would not have made it! He was to be sound of mind & body and able to pass an examination by the Board of Surgeons.

After the above qualifications, police candidates has to pay a fixed tariff of \$300 dollars to their local alderman (now city councilman) for their police position. A sergeant



after passing the civil service test, had to pay \$10,000 to \$15,000 to become a captain, if he wanted to command one of the 35 police precinct with New York. Brooklyn had not become part of Greater New York until 1898 but they probably had similar payments to their local politicians.

Allegations of police corruption made by commercial and reform organizations in the daily newspapers led the New York State Senate to conduct an investigation into the department in March 1894. This investigation became known as the "Lenow Committee" and they conducted public hearing that eventually led to the indictments of several police captains and their wardmen (detectives.) A number of patrolmen were indicted, but most of them were dismissed by the courts.

The first investigation into the police department also produced some interesting readings, with their 6 volumes, 5,000 plus page publication "Investigation of the Police Department of the City of New York, 1894." The attorneys for the Lenow Committee" went on to become Supreme Court judge (John Goff) and another, a crusading District Attorney (William Jerome.)

After the year long investigation, every policeman in New York was tainted as being corrupt by the headline seeking politicians and the daily newspapers. It was just like after the Knapp Commission- cops were ether a beef eater (drug money) or a grass eater (free coffee.)

Two events occurred prior to 1894 that led patrolmen in 35 precincts (31 in Manhattan and 4 in the Bronx) to band together and form a benevolent association. First they wanted to help provide some assistance to the families of cops who had died during an epidemic of the grip (influenza), and then there was their dissatisfaction with a police force that gave a pay raise to the bosses. In 1890, the patrolman's salary was \$12,000 per year and cops working the two-platoon system- 12 hours of patrol and 6 hours of being in reserve in the precinct station house.

The winter, 1890 had been harsh on the east coast, and there was a prevailing malady among the police force within the city. Nearly every cop came down with the flu, probably due to their long hours of patrol and sleeping in those station house dorms. As reported in the Times, 363 policemen of all ranks reported sick daily during the epidemic and the death of a patrolmen from pneumonia. The 1890 epidemic continued during the early part of the year, and the daily sick reports and deaths increased, especially amongst the rank of patrolman.

The police force had about 3,500 members that were distributed to the 35 station houses within Manhattan and the Bronx. The City of Brooklyn had their own force with 18 precincts and 4 sub-stations in 1887. They had 30 precincts with the merge in 1898. The villages in Queen had their own police forces, namely Long Island City, Flushing, College Point, Whitestone, Newton, Jamaica, Richmond Hill and the Rockaways. Staten Island (Richmond County) had its own police department with 4 station houses. They all were consolidated into the New York Police Department in 1898.

The epidemic had a particularly disastrous effect upon the force, with many members contracting tuberculosis and some eventually dying without any benefits. The cops just passed the hat to raise funds and keep their comrades from going to a potter's field and to provide some money for their usually young and large families.

There had been an earlier attempt to provide death benefits with the Police Mutual Aid Association (formed in October 1866), but a high dues assessment caused it break up in the 1880s. The association started when the Metropolitan Police Department (1857-70) walked the streets of New York. Most New York members pulled out of that association,

A Metropolitan Police Benevolent Burying Association (esta. 1871) was started to provide benefits for members of the Metropolitan Police, but the city fathers under Boss Tweed restored the Municipal Police Force. The association has purchased Section 18, Cypress Hill Cemetery (1872-73) and had ownership of 500 plots in the cemetery. The original cemetery deeds were found behind the safe at the P.B.A. Office during a clean-up after the bombing. It appears that they had fallen behind the safe.

In 1894, the board of the burying association included the Superintendent, T.F. Byrnes (President), Inspector John McKellay, Brooklyn (Vice President), Inspector Peter Conlin (Treasurer), and Captain Joseph Eakins (Sec'y) and its Executive Committee that Consisted of Inspector Alexander Williams, Captain Moses Cortright and Captain James Campbell (Brooklyn.)

Back in the 1890s, patrolmen were not buries in Cypress Hill unless they were members of that association and it appears that the organization was under the control of Former members of the Metropolitan. For some reason, many of the cops were of the opinion that the burial of a fellow policeman was a disgrace to the members of the force. I visited Cypress Hill Cemetery back in 1994 and found that most of the plots have never been used. Probably less than 20 internments, if memory serves me right!

Presently the police cemetery is under the control of the Police Department's Honor Legion, and has been since 1951 when the active members of the Metropolitan Police Burying Association voted to turn over to the Honor legion. I know at one time, they were selling plots at Cypress Hill. TO BE CONTINUED

Attention to Roll Call

I understand that founding member, Tim Connelly Sr. is a little under the weather and we're asking that he be remembered in your prayers.

Prayers needed for members Montgomery Delaney (ex-44 Pct) and Philip Loncar (CSPS)

The Board of Officers wishes all our members an Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Next year our March meeting will be in Rockland, April will be in Yonkers and May in Orange County. Stay safe.



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