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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Lieutenant:

The March Delegate and General Membership meeting was held on Wednesday, March 28th, 2018, at the Villa Barone Manor in the Bronx. LBA President Lou Turco chaired the meeting and the following topics were discussed:

“LEADERS OF THE FINEST” AWARDS: At this year’s Leaders of the Finest Award Ceremony, the LBA recognized and honored seven (7) Active Duty Lieutenants for their exemplary performance during highly creditable police accomplishments. I was accompanied by Police Commissioner James O’Neill, 1st Deputy Commissioner Benjamin Tucker, and Chief of Department Terence Monahan, to present the following Lieutenants with the “Leaders of the Finest” Award:

Lieutenant Hariton Marachilian: 84 Precinct

Lieutenant Gabrielle Walls: 88 Precinct

Lieutenant Ryan Dodds: 104 Precinct

Lieutenant Christopher Schmidt: Strategic Response Group 1

Lieutenant Steven Weiss: 115 Precinct Detective Squad

Lieutenant, Special Assignment, Michael Ryan: Office of the 1st Deputy Commissioner

Lieutenant Tarik Sheppard: Office of Deputy Commissioner Public Information

At this meeting, we recognized Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce for his dedication to the Department and his support of the Lieutenants assigned to the Detective Bureau. Also recognized was retired Lieutenant Robert DiMartini for his being the most decorated Member of the Service in the history of the Department. And, finally we recognized the following individuals for their contributions to the Association and the services they provide to the overall membership:

Sergeant (Retired) MaryAnn Pellegriti, SOC Benefits Manager

Lieutenant (Retired) William “Billy” Tone: LBA Information Technology Coordinator

Lee and Flora Reeves: Co-Owners of Intelligent Design Website Solutions

Congratulations to the Award Winners!

CONTRACT: On May 1st, Active members will realize a 3% raise as per the current contract between the LBA and the City of New York. The current contract expires on November of this year. We are closely monitoring the other city unions preemptive discussions with the City to ascertain what topics may be on the table for discussion in the next round of bargaining.

LBA SCHOLARSHIP: The LBA will once again offer scholarships to children of active and retired members (**grandchildren are not eligible**). As of last year, **we have expanded the number of scholarships to be awarded from six to ten.** Awards will be based upon the

student's SAT scores from any single day's testing; merging scores from different days will not be counted. Due to the inability to narrowly and reliably compare/convert ACT scores with SAT scores **we will only consider SAT scores in awarding the scholarships.**

To be eligible, students must be high school seniors, and send a copy of their SAT score to the LBA office (Attn: Gene Loewy) by Friday, June 29th, 2018. You MUST call the LBA Office soon after forwarding the SAT scores to confirm that we did in fact receive them. SAT scores may be E-mailed to LBA@NYPD-LBA.org, Faxed to 212-964-4240, or mailed to Lieutenants Benevolent Association / Attn. Gene Loewy / 40 Peck Slip / New York, NY 10038.

The following scholarships will be awarded:

- Two \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the first place female and male student with the highest SAT scores
- Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the second place female and the second place male student
- Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the third place female and the third place male student
- Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the fourth place female and the fourth place male student
- Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the fifth place female and the fifth place male student

Winners will be notified prior to the July LBA Meeting, and awards will be presented at the July LBA Delegate and General Membership Meeting (date and location are yet to be determined). In case of ties, awards will be split among the highest scores achieved on any single day.

JANUS v. AFSCME, A THREAT AGAINST UNIONS: In my 2017 end of the year article in the LBA NEWS magazine, I mentioned that organized labor narrowly escaped a Supreme Court decision, Friedrich vs. California Teachers Association, that had the real potential to negatively impact organized labor nationwide. The Supreme Court decision on this case ended with a 4 – 4 deadlock; this was due to the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia who presumably would have voted against the unions. What was at stake is the principle of "fair share" — that all who benefit from union representation should share fairly in the costs of that work. In New York State, the law says that if you choose not to be a union member, you must still pay your "fair share" for the union's work that benefits you — for example, the higher salaries and benefits that unions negotiate, better working conditions, health and retirement benefits and so on. In Friedrich vs. California Teachers Association, some individuals had gone to court insisting they should be able to be "free riders." They wanted to share in the benefits of a unionized work place without contributing their fair share —or any share at all — and they wanted to still be entitled to union representation and to all the benefits and contract protections the union negotiates. The loss of revenues attached to those opting out of paying their "fair share" along with providing benefits to those who opt to be "free riders" would be fiscally calamitous to unions across the nation. On Monday, February 26th, the Supreme Court heard the oral arguments in the case of Janus vs. AFSCME: [click here for the oral argument transcript](#). This case, financed by corporate interests, is basically a mirror image of the Friedrich's case. The same issues and threats against nationwide organized labor are contained in this new case. A pivotal variable in this case is that President Trump's most recent appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice Neil Gorsuch, is anticipated to vote against the interests of organized labor. It is anticipated that the Supreme Court will issue their decision no later than June 2018. Based on the Supreme Court's decision in the Janus case, and the intricacies contained in the decision, the strength, solidarity, and existence of the Lieutenants Benevolent Association potentially faces a formidable test.

15 YEAR BILL: As I have reported in past meetings, Assembly Bill A9659 and Senate Bill S6059, pertaining to the legislative creation of the 15 Year Bill, were introduced into the respective legislative branches in Albany. The successful passage of this legislation is reliant on our ability to have the New York City Council issue a Home Rule Message. The Home Rule provision allows Albany to pass what are called “special laws” that only affect part of the state, but only pursuant to a request from local officials, typically the local legislative body. We are attempting to identify a sponsor who can successfully navigate a Home Rule message on our behalf through the current City Council. The executive body of the LBA, in conjunction with LBA Legislative Director Lou Matarazzo, intend to steadfastly progress forward with our attempt to secure this legislative benefit. We will keep the membership apprised as the proposed Bill progresses.

LBA WEB SITE UNVEILED & LBA STORE OPEN: On Monday, February 12th we unveiled the recently redesigned LBA website. The new online LBA Store is also open for business. In the short few weeks the LBA Store has been open to our members we have had over 100 orders and have sold \$5,000 worth of merchandise; all sale proceeds go directly to support the Lieutenant Benevolent Association’s Charitable and Scholarship Fund. Once again, I must acknowledge, LBA 2nd Vice President John Beattie, LBA Information Technology Coordinator Bill Tone, and Lee and Flora Reeves from Intelligent Design for having worked, and continuing to work, so diligently to redesign the existing website to bolster and enhance our memberships’ overall on-line experience. If you have any suggestions to improve the website design please e-mail the LBA at LBA@NYPD-LBA.org.

NEXT MEETING: The April LBA Delegate and General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25th, 1800 hours, at Antun’s: 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village. At this meeting the LBA has made arrangements to have HeartScan Services perform non-invasive thyroid and carotid ultrasound scans and blood pressure checks at no cost to 50 of our members. The LBA has provided the services of HeartScan to our members in the past, which resulted in two of our members receiving early detection of thyroid issues. If you are interested in receiving this non-invasive scan at no cost to you, please contact the LBA office, at 212-964-7500 (Option# 2), to register. Due to time limitations we are only able to have 50 of our members receive this service. Therefore, only the first 50 members to contact the LBA office and register will be able to receive the scans. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Lou Turco
President

Dennis Gannon
Recording Secretary