President’s Message

LAPES Plank Holder Takes the Helm

It is with PRIDE & ENTHUSIASM that I begin my tenure as President of Los Angeles Police Emerald Society. As a member of our organization, I bring a unique perspective of where we have been and where we should aspire to be. I take a very special interest and personal pride into my position at the helm of this organization.

I was weaned in the Windy City, a place that some refer to as the 33rd County of Ireland, Cook County, IL. My first encounter with the Emerald Society was viewing them as a child in the Chicago St. Patrick’s Day parade. When I heard about a chapter starting up in Southern California, I was determined to become a member, never dreaming of becoming the President decades later.

As every law enforcement officer knows, the best part of our job is the camaraderie we develop between one another. Relationships that are every bit as personal as those within our own family relationships. The same is true within the Emerald Society. Much like the lifelong friends I have met “on the job”, the same holds true of those I have met in the Emerald Society. Brothers In Arms.

With encouragement from Matt Mulvahill (friend, neighbor, original LAPES member, 1st VP & 2nd President of LAPES) and immediate past President, the ever hard working George Carroll, I made the decision that it was my time to step up to the plate as the President of the Emerald Society. A position I do not take lightly, nor for granted. I feel I have the tools to be successful at this position due to my training and experience.

It has been non stop from day one. Reminiscent of my years as a Director with the Long Beach Police Officers Association, where I served as Treasurer, Chairman of the Military Assistance Committee and Chairman of the Membership Committee. I also had the honor and privilege to serve as a board member on the California Police Officers Memorial. My goal is to increase membership and activities throughout LA and Orange Counties and reach out to former LAPES members. To try NEW things at NEW locations. To develop relationships with other Emerald Societies, Police and Irish organizations. Your PARTICIPATION & SUGGESTIONS are necessary for the continued success of our organization!!!

Our one and only yearly fund raiser is fast approaching. 2 March, 2013. 1700 sharp at Maggie’s Pub, 11900 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA. 90670. Tickets for our annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner are ADVANCE SALES ONLY. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Tickets can be purchased by calling our office at (424)218-6216 or email esociety2@gmail.com. If you should have an issue ascertaining tickets, please call me directly at (562) 810-6907 or email me Leprecop@aol.com and I will get your tickets right out to you!

L to R. Ciaran Crawford, John McBride, President Tom Keleher, Cardinal Mahoney, Chief Jim McDonnell

Greetings!

We are heading into the busy season for the Emerald Society and the Irish community. We encourage you to participate in the Society’s St. Patrick’s Day party, the parades, fairs and special events in the coming weeks.

The Garda News is your newsletter. If you have questions, comments, praises, concerns or an article please let us know at esociety2@gmail.com.

Thank you,
The Board
The evening's entertainment will consist of our beloved LAPES Pipes & Drums with Pipe Major Scott Walton at the helm. Ahh the Pipes!!!!! Another of "our own," Rick Boyle and his band Trooper Thorn will continue the entertainment. And yes, that is indeed, "Animal", Mr. Chris Pierce, on the drums, behind Rick! Get ready for a rendition of "Danny Boy" you will not soon forget! See you at Maggie's!!!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!

Be Safe. Slainte!

Tom Keleher
President
Los Angeles Police Emerald Society

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Important Dates

Saturday, 3/2 at 5:00 pm
Emerald Society
St. Patrick's Day Party
(will serve as March meeting)

Saturday 3/9 at 11:00 am
Dedication Ceremony
Ian Campbell Memorial Hwy.
LA Police Museum

Saturday, March 9 at 6:30 pm
Inland Empire Emerald Society
Saint Patrick's Day Party
Norco American Legion Hall

Sat & Sun, 3/9 & 3/10
LA County Irish Fair (Pomona)
(booth volunteers needed - contact: Bill Robertson at 562-371-4371)

Saturday, 3/16
San Diego St. Patrick's Day Parade
San Diego, CA

Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 am
Hermosa Beach
St. Patrick's Day Parade
(Bill Hallet's Block Party)

Saturday, March 16
Irish Center of Southern California
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Glendale Hilton

Saturday, March 16 at 6:00 pm
St. Patrick's Day Grand Ball
Rose of Tralee Presentation
Atrium Hotel, Newport Beach

Sunday, 3/17 at 10:30 am - 6:00 pm
LA Live Irish Festival
(booth volunteers needed - contact: Sean Carrion 562-577-6716)
Society Librarian
Patrick Devine

Pipes and Drums Liaison
Scott Walton - Pipe Major

Color Guard
Bill Robertson - Captain
Jimmy Fox
Bill Hallett
Ron Esparza

Membership Committee
Michael Apodaca
Rick De Martino
Tommy Kirk

Scholarship Committee
Tom Keleher
Lyle Lewinson

Social Committee
Bill Robertson

Volunteer to be on a committee!!!

Announcements

Congratulations to Society Sergeant of Arms
Sean Carrion
on being named
Irish Man of the Year.
Sean will be honored
March 15 at 10:00 am
at the
138th Irish Day Civic Ceremonies
Los Angeles
City Council Chambers

Society Member
John Garry, Sr.
is the proud first-time grandparent
and
Society Member
John Garry, Jr.
is the proud father of
Kiersten Michaela Garry
born
January 16, 2013 at 9:09 pm
6 pounds 10 ounces
in Pasadena, CA

Congratulations to
long-time Society member
Ciaran Crawford
Long Beach PD
promoted to Sergeant
February 11, 2013

We morn the loss of
Inland Empire Emerald Society Member
Riverside Police Officer
Michael Crain
murdered in the line of duty.

Wednesday, April 10
Emerald Society Meeting / Social
7:00 pm - Membership Meeting
6:00 pm Open Board Meeting
Gallagher’s Pub
2751 E. Broadway
Long Beach, CA 90803

May 5 & 6
California Peace Officer's Memorial
Sacramento, CA

May 13 - 17
National Police Week
Washington, D.C.

June 15 & 16
Big Irish Fair at Irvine Lake
(booth volunteers needed contact: Tom Keleher at 562-810-6907)

August 6
LAPES Pipe and Drums Fund Raiser
Mountain Gate Country Club

This Band's for You ...

Pipes And Drums Appear in Super Bowl Commercial

The Los Angeles Police
Emerald Society Pipes and Drums appeared in a full-length Budweiser Super Bowl commercial.

The band led the Budweiser Clydesdales and the Beer Wagon down the street in a reenactment of an east coast Saint Patrick’s Day parade.

The commercial, which aired during the second half, introduced a campaign to name a new Clydesdale.

Emerald Society Pipes and Drum members: Darrell Calvillo, Mike Jett, Cindy Apodaca, John Ficken, Michel Apodaca, Thom McNamara, Charlie Ezelle, Terry McCarthy and Scott Walton
We mourn the loss of
Inland Empire Emerald Society
Pipe Major
San Bernardino County Sheriff Deputy
Detective Jeremiah MacKay
was murdered in the line of duty.
EOE February 13, 2013
He was laid to rest on
February 20, 2013
Facebook Page

Please email announcements to esociety2@gmail.com
for inclusion in The Garda News.

February Meeting Re-cap

February Meeting Minutes

Captain Billy Monahan
and Hunter
Los Angeles County Fire and Rescue
Pipe Major
LA County Fire Emerald Society
Pipes and Drums
speaks to the Emerald Society

2013 Police Emerald Society LACoFD
Capt. Monahan & Search Dog Hunter

Don Farrell LAPD (retired)
spoke to the Society at the
February meeting

The Route 66 Award Presentation

At the January Emerald Society meeting, George Carroll presented the Society an award from the Temple
The Benefits of Membership!

Pubs and Restaurants

Ciao Cristina
Bar - Tavola - Pizzeria
Burbank
10% Discount

Corrigan's Irish Pub
Moorpark
10% Discount

Gallagher's Pub
Long Beach
10 % Discount

The Harp Inn
Costa Mesa
10% Discount

Joxer Daly's Irish Pub
Culver City
10% Discount

Nadine's Irish Mist
Sunset Beach
10% Discount

The Tilted Kilt
Long Beach
15% Discount

Gifts and Clothing

The Irish Import Shop
Hollywood
10% Discount

Please feel free to speak with your favorite pub, restaurant, import shop or any business about the Emerald Society and have them contact Bill Robertson at esociety2@gmail.com, if they would like to offer a discount to LAPES members.

You must show your LAPES 2013 Membership Card!!!

Apply for membership today!

Membership Application

Important Links

Pipe Band News

Busy Month for the Band

By Cliff Armas
LAPES Pipes and Drums

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. This is the day everyone gets to be Irish, eat corned beef and cabbage, and have a tad bit of Guinness or Jameson! And please don't forget those Irish Car Bombs or Black and Tans.

March is a busy month for the Band. We start off March madness on the first Saturday. This is the day the Police Emerald Society holds their annual St. Patrick's Day Party. The party will be held at Maggie's Pub, 11900 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs and starts at 1700 hours. The Band will be playing there as well as the Celtic Band LAPD's own Rick Boyle is a member and singer in this band. Come on down, visit with us, and enjoy the music and great food.

The following weekend, March 9, the ceremony for the Ian Campbell Memorial Freeway will take place. The ceremony starts at 1100 hours at the Los Angeles Police Museum. The First Marine Division Band from Pendleton as well as the Band will be playing. The band will be debuting, "Ian Campbell, LAPD" a bagpipe tune written specifically for this occasion. The Museum will also be opening the Ian Campbell exhibit. Many exhibits never seen by the public before will be shown for the first time. Chief Beck and award winning authors Joseph Wambaugh and James Ellroy will be attending.

On Saturday, March 16, the Band will be playing in the 19th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Hermosa Beach. On Sunday, March 17, the Band will be playing at the beginning of the Los Angeles Marathon at Dodger Stadium. From there it is on to LA Live to play at 1330 hours and forth to appear at other venues in the Los Angeles area.

A 5K memorial run/walk will be held on Sunday, March 24, in honor of Marine Sergeant Major and LAPD Cottle and Marine Lance Corporal Rick Centanni. The run is sponsored by the Santa Ana Police Department and LCPL Centanni were killed by an IED in the Helmand Provenance in Afghanistan on March 24, 2010, while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The run is sponsored by the Santa Ana Police Department. The run will be held at Esperanza High School in Anaheim. The Band will be playing. For further information please go to: www.rickcentanni.com

To end the month of March and to celebrate Irish American heritage month, on Thursday, March 28, the Band will be playing at the Tom Bradley Terminal at Los Angeles International Airport from 1130-1300 hours. This event is sponsored by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Band members recently appeared in a Budweiser commercial first televised during the Super Bowl Game. The deleted scenes of the movie, "End of Watch."

If we can assist your division in any activity please contact us by visiting our web site at: www.LAPESPipesAndDrums.org emailing us at: piperlapes@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook at: www.Facebook.com/LAPESPipesDrums
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