

# THE GARDA NEWS

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## Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Newsletter



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\$300.00 Life Time Member

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 17, 2015

This past weekend we had members celebrating their Irish heritage near and far. Members participated in St. Patrick's Day activities in San Diego, San Francisco, Phoenix, Chicago, and Boston. Closer to home, we had members at Hermosa Beach and in Long Beach, where one of our own, Patrick O'Donnell was the Grand Marshall of the first ever Long Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade.



On Friday, March 14, 2015, two of our members Ciaran Gallagher (Gallagher's - Long Beach) & David Copley (Auld Dubliner- Long Beach) were honored in the LA City Council Chambers as Irish Honoree's for 2015. It was a well-

deserved honor for these two generous, humble, Irishmen.



Our yearly fundraiser dinner at Los Alamitos Joint Force's Training Base was sold out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. A special thank you to LAPES Lifetime members

Steve Cooley & John Garry for their remarks honoring our 2015 LAPES Honoree's: Mrs. Marian Sullivan-O'Donnell and LAPES Lifetime members Jim McDonnell (LASD Sheriff) & Bill Murphy (LAPD Deputy Chief).



The dinner has evolved from our earlier days. Advance sales only, class A uniform, suit and or kilts required, professional photographer, a new, nicer location, and a much larger participation from throughout the Southern California Public Safety & Irish communities. As Jim McDonnell so eloquently pointed out, it's not too often we get such widely, diversified groups under one roof, as we did at this years dinner.

Our 2016 LAPES Fundraiser dinner will be held on February 27, 2016 at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base.

Our organization has changed direction. We raise funds for Police Survivors in addition to celebrating our law enforcement and Gaelic culture. We work more closely with a variety of Public Safety and Community wide groups. We have quadrupled in size in the last 3 years and consequently are able to donate significantly more to Police Survivor organizations. Organizations such as the California Peace

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Officers Memorial Fund. Several of our members, including myself, are past CPOMF directors, who sat on the California Peace Officers Memorial Fund Board. Those LAPES members include Craig Lally (President Los Angeles Police Protective League), Robert Woods (LAPD Homicide) and Steve James (President Long Beach Police Officers Association).



Welcome and a big thank you to our new Lifetime members, Jim McDonnell (Sheriff LASD), Steve James (President Long Beach POA) and Jeff Steck (President Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs), Steve Cooley (former Los Angeles County District Attorney), and John Garry (LAPD).

## Upcoming events:

May (date & time to TBA) – LAPES Meeting- Breakfast & Pub Crawl to support the California Peace Officers Memorial Fund. Advance ticket sales ONLY.

2015 California Peace Officers Memorial Ceremonies:

- Candlelight Vigil: Sunday May 3, 2015
- Enrollment Ceremony: Monday May 4, 2015

NCLEES DC Memorial March & Service: May 14, 2015 [www.nclees.org](http://www.nclees.org)

**June 20 & 21 2015: Big Irish Fair** at Eldorado Park, Long Beach. Volunteers needed (in advance) to work our LAPES booth and march in parade daily.

Timothy Matthew O'Donnell LAPES- 2015 Scholarship (details to follow)

Whiskey Tasting Dinner- to support police Survivors (details to follow)

San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society Grand Tour of Ireland September 16 – 27 2015. Join Paddy Burke, Cork Native, SFPD, Founding member and past President of SFBAL EES on this tour. Call for details- Paddy Burke (415) 271-1176. [sfbalees.org](http://sfbalees.org)

**NCLEES 2015 Fall Conference** September 24 – 27 2015. Rooms available in LAPES block only at Conference rate for September 22 – 27 2015. Contact us ASAP (this week) if you are a member in good standing and would like to attend.

**February 27, 2016 6pm/7pm- LAPES 2016 Fund-raiser Dinner Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base**

LAPES first President and one of the founding members of our organization always closed his meetings with this Irish pray. In honor of St. Patrick's Day and Bill McNeely, I thought it appropriate to close this GARDA with it.

***May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rain fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.***

New membership application forms attached for 2015 (\$30.), lifetime (\$300.), and corporate (\$500.).



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T. Keleher LAPES President