Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, April 10
Emerald Society Meeting / Social

Open Board Meeting - 1800 hrs
General Membership Meeting - 1900 hrs

Special Meeting Location
Gallagher's Pub
2751 E. Broadway
Long Beach, CA 90803

Special Guest Speaker

Honorary Consul General of Ireland
Finbar Hill

also featuring a

President's Message

Dear (Contact First Name),

March 2013 was a very busy, productive, and fun filled month for our Society.

At my first meeting as President, in January, I announced to the board that I had a goal to double the attendance at our annual St Patrick's Day Party. We had 2 months to make it happen. In 2012, we had 84 in attendance.

Our St. Patrick's Day Party, on March 2, 2013 had approximately 250 people in attendance by the end of the evening. The board came through. We have officially out grown Maggie's English Pub.

The Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, led by Pipe Major Scott Walton, made a bold entrance taking the stage to a standing ovation. The Hooley was officially on!!!!!! Long-time member, Rick Boyle and his band, Trooper Thorn, took us through the evening, which for the first time in years, went into the wee hours.

This year saw a new tradition of recognizing a Society member who has served in harms way. This year, long time Society member, LBPD Lt. Colonel John M. Kanaley was recognized for his multiple tours in Iraq.

Our friends came out in force this year to support us. Table Sponsors included the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Gallagher's Irish Pub (Long Beach), Long Beach Prosecutor's Office, Long Beach City Councilman Patrick O'Donnell, LACounty Fire Fighter's Emerald Society, Terry Anderson & The Big Irish Fair at Irvine Lake and the Ancient Order Of Hibernian's.

Door prize's were donated by Gallagher's Irish Pub, Joxer Daly's Irish Pub (Culver City), Old Dubliner Irish Pub (Long Beach), Guinness, Jamison's Irish Whiskey, Marsten's Restaurant (Santa Clarita), Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ (Santa Clarita), Pat Devine and the Robertson, Kirk & Keleher families. Gil Sawyer donated his hand crafted dirk.

A special thank you to the Pipe Band for yet another outstanding job!!!!!!!
In an effort to improve on our Emerald Society St. Patrick's Day Hooley, we have already begun the planning of the 2014 party.

On March 8, I joined Honorary Consul General of Ireland, Finbar Hill as we met the Dublin Fire Brigade Pipe Band, FDNY Pipe Band, OC Fire Authority Pipe Band, and our own LA Police Emerald Society Pipe Band at the Huntington Beach pier. After playing as a mass band at the pier, the pub crawl began. This event was very well attended and everyone had a great time making new friends and listening to some great bag pipe bands. Members in attendance included: Rick Sudik, George Carroll, Bill Robertson, Lynn Gutierrez, Ron Esparza, Sean Danke, Dan Sullivan, Dennis P. Sullivan, Sean Danke and Dan Kassel.

On March 9, the Inland Empire Emerald Society held their 7th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. President Ken Jamieson, with a heavy heart, bid farewell to Inland Empire Emerald Society Pipe Major & San Bernardino County Sheriff, Jeremiah MacKay, who was killed in the line of duty. Respects were also paid to City of Riverside Police Officer Michael Crain, also killed in the line of duty. Members in attendance included: Sean Carrion, Jerry O'Keefe and Michael Murphy.

On March 10, the Friends Of Ireland held their annual luncheon. It was a great turn out and I visited with many of the same people who had attended our St. Patrick's Day dinner. Members in attendance included: George Carroll, Jerry O'Keefe, Patrick Egan and Pete Walsh.

On March 9 & 10 Society members Bill Robertson, Rick Sudik, Chris & Tommy Kirk, George Carroll, Lynn Gutierrez, Scott Walton and Michael Apodaca, staffed the Society booth at the Los Angeles County Irish Fair at Fairplex, which is run by Society member Bill Lomas.

On March 14, I represented the Society at the St Isidore St. Patrick's Day fund raiser. I joined Emerald Society member and former LAPD officer, Don Farrell for his fundraiser at St. Isidore's. Other members in attendance included: Rick Boyle (and Trooper Thorn) and George Carroll.

On March 15, our own Sean Carrion was recognized by LA City Council person Tom La Bonge as Irishman of the Year. The LA Police Emerald Society Pipe Band performed in the City Council Chambers.
Chief Jim McDonnell was also in attendance. His daughter Kelly, was also reconnegized for her contributions on behalf of the Irish Community.

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Walton and Gallagher Honored By Long Beach City Council

Member of the Month / Irish Man of the Year

Sean Carrion
The Law is in His Blood

By Bill Robertson

Sean Carrion is a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff with over 20 years of law enforcement experience, who has celebrated his Irish heritage as a member of the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society for 10 years.

On March 15, 2013, Sean was named Irish Man of the Year at the Los Angeles Civic Center Irish Day Ceremony. Sean was selected from a field of over 50 candidates.

In attendance, were Sean's mother, Catherine, his sister, Alexandria, LAPES Board members Tom Keleher and Tommy Kirk, past president George Carroll, Chief Jim McDonnell and other members as well as the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.

Sean's mother, Catherine O'Brien emigrated from Killarney, Ireland in 1955 and became a U.S. Citizen; meeting her future husband Peter N. Carrion in Long Island, New York.

Along with his Irish blood, it appears that law enforcement was in his blood, as well.

Sean's great uncle, John O'Shea, was deported to Australia in the 1850s, where he became a constable of the Victoria Police Force, in 1861. He was ambushed and killed in the line of duty in April of 1877, to prevent him from testifying against some sheep rustlers.

Sean's cousin, Naill O'Brien, currently serves as a sergeant in the correctional service in Ireland.

Sean's parents migrated from the East Coast to Los Angeles in 1960, settling in the Southern California. Sean grew up in Norwalk, until he was about 10, when his father moved the family to Libya.
Emerald Society members, Long Beach resident, Pipe Major Scott Walton and Long Beach Businessman Ciaran Gallagher (Gallagher's Pub) were honored by Society members Long Beach Councilman, Patrick O'Donnell and Long Beach Chief of Police Jim McDonnell at the Long Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Scott was honored for his service to law enforcement and the community at large and Ciaran for being a business leader in the community.

A reception was held following the meeting at Gallagher's Pub in Long Beach.

Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drum

Honoring Our Heroes

Gearing Up for a Special Trip to Washington, D.C.

By Cliff Armas


National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers throughout the United States who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community.

On May 1, at 0900 hours the Band will assist Devonshire Division by playing at the National Day of Prayer Ceremony.

On Saturday, May 4, the Band will honor World War II veterans of the famed 442nd “Go For Broke” Regiment for the Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony. This ceremony will take place at the Go For Broke Monument, 361 E.1st Street at 1000 hours. The monument is immediately behind the old "Erector Set."

In 1983, he returned to the States to attend a boarding school in Scottsdale, AZ, where he participated in rodeo events as a saddle bronc rider.

He later returned to Norwalk, where he studied police science at Cerritos College.

Sean has traveled to Ireland a number of times and has seen much of the world, traveling to Egypt, Rome, Greece, Kenya (safari), Morocco, Malta, Spain, Portugal, England, Scotland and throughout Europe.

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Sean began his law enforcement career in 1992 with the County Police Department and transferred into the County Sheriff's Department in 1997. After spending three years working the county jail system, Sean went out to field patrol at the newly opened Compton station in January of 2001.

While working patrol in December of 2001, Sean exemplified his department's motto of: "A Commitment to Service" and the Sheriff's core values when he performed a rescue by forcing entry and breaking into a burning house; pulling an unconscious victim outside prior to the arrival of the fire department.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department was so impressed with Sean's actions he was awarded a scroll of appreciation during a luncheon a few months later.

The Sheriff's Department also took notice of Deputy Carrion's action that day and awarded him his first Medal of Valor - the department's highest honor to be bestowed upon a deputy sheriff. Sean's name was also submitted for National Association of Police Officer's "Top Cop" award and received an: "honorable mention" award in New York City on September 11, 2002.

In what Sean describes as, "My favorite memory of my career," he represented the LASD at the first anniversary of 9/11 at the World Trade Center and marched with the NYPD Pipes and Drums from Brooklyn, across the Brooklyn Bridge to Ground Zero.

His actions, up to this point in his career, were also recognized by the United States Attorney General - John Ashcroft and were considered for the Presidential Medal of Valor.

Sean again proved his
On Sunday, May 5, the Band leaves for Sacramento to play at the 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil. The vigil honors all California law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The procession starts at approximately 2000 hours, leaving the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1209 L Street, and proceeds to the Memorial Monument located in Capital Park at 10th Street and Capital Mall.

On Saturday May 11, the Band plays at two events. LAPRAAC is holding their Memorial Relay Race at the Academy. The Band is honored to perform there. A solo piper will be assisting the Manhattan Beach Police Department by playing at their Memorial Ceremony at 1000 hours.

The following day, Sunday, May 12, the Band leaves for Washington DC. Only three pipe Bands from the United States are selected to participate in the two formal ceremonies during Police Week: the Candlelight Vigil and the ceremony at the west lawn of the U.S. Capital. The Band is very honored to have been selected to be one of those three Bands. On Monday, May 13, the Band will play at the 25th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on Tuesday, May 14, we will compete in the Police Pipe and Drum Band Competition and then march in the 19th Annual Emerald Society Pipe Band March, commonly referred to as the "Pipers Parade." On Wednesday, May 15, the Band will play in the 32nd Annual National Police Officers Memorial Day Services on the west front of the US Capital. That same day, two pipers who could not make the trip to Washington DC will play at the West Covina Police Department's Memorial Dedication Ceremony.

Upon returning to Los Angeles, on May 22, the Band will be playing at Cal State Los Angeles for a memorial service for fallen law enforcement officers.

To end the month of May the Band will be playing and competing in Grade V Band competition at the Scots Fest Highland Games on May 26 and 27, in Costa Mesa. The Ian Campbell Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the best aggregate piper in Grade IV solo competition.

Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The Band will be performing in two ceremonies, a Memorial Day Ceremony for the City of Redondo Beach and for the City of Yorba Linda.

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

The Hermosa Beach St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Block Party

By Bill Robertson

Sean at Occupy LA evacuation.
Once again the Hermosa Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade and Bill Hallett's Block Party have proven to be one of the Society's most fun events for members and their families.

The Emerald Society put out best foot forward as we marched behind vintage police cars provided by Society member Barry Maiten. We were joined by member and Long Beach Police Chief Jim McDonnell.

The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums marched behind the membership and lead Honorary Consul General of Ireland, Finbar Hill who rode in a Mercedes convertible graciously provided by the Shammas Group (the Society's office management.)

Following the parade, we marched to Bill Hallett's home and enjoyed a block party which included food and beverages for all and entertainment from two bands, as well as the Pipes and Drums.

We were joined by many of Bill's neighbor's and friends for a truly great event.

Treasurer's Message

Membership Matters

By Tommy Kirk

April is here and I must say that we had one of the best St. Patrick's Day parties ever at Maggie's. We also participated in a number of other Saint Patrick's Day events. We thank all who participated!

The Board of Directors, as in any other organization, continues to struggle with an on-going issue; how to convince more in our Irish police and civilian community to join us as dues paying members of our organization.

The collection annual dues ($25) enables us to keep this organization going and meet our expenses; such as the website, newsletter, social events, office rent, mailings, posters, tax issues as well as beverages and food for meetings.

Many people contribute to our goals and participate at meetings, fairs, and parties. All events are staffed by non-paid volunteers who drive many miles at their own expense for gas, food, etc.

We have intentionally kept our dues low to make it possible for all to participate regardless of their economic situation. Raising the dues in tough economic times is not the answer - getting more members is the best way to go.

If you use our web site, read our newsletters, attend meetings and events, or simply stay in touch with old friends, we ask you to help in these ways:

1. Join our ranks as dues-paying members, and encourage others to do the same.

For the past eight years, Sean has been instrumental in arranging the safe arrival of the “Route 66ers” by ensuring coordination with other local law enforcement agencies from his department, City of Los Angeles Police department, California Highway Patrol and the City of Santa Monica Police department. Sean's unselfish efforts in helping his fellow countrymen at the end of their journey across the United States have garnered him praise from members of the Irish government.

Sean is fortunate enough to still have family members back in Ireland and has made several trips back to the homeland over the years. While not on duty, Sean is also an active support of several local Irish bands and musicians.

St. Patrick's Day Party at Maggie's Pub

By Bill Robertson

On March 2, 2013, the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society held our annual St. Patrick's Day Party at Maggie's Pub in Santa Fe Springs.

The event was attended by over 230 members and guests and featured performances by the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums as well as LAPES member Rick Boyle and his band Trooper Thorn.

The Society welcomed table sponsorships from the LA...
2. Attend our monthly meetings and participate.

3. Volunteer (yes, that word!) your time, experience and expertise to help with fund raising, at events, or where your expertise would assist.

Please help us ensure that this very special organization continues to grow and flourish for years to come.

Society Elections

November 2013 Board Elections

Our by-laws require elections be held every two years at November meetings. Board members elected take their positions effective January 1st of the following year, serving for two years. Candidates "shall have been a paid-up member in good standing for the two years immediately preceding the date on which nominations are made."

Our last election was held in November 2011. George Carroll was elected President, Reggie Miles as Vice President, Cliff Breeden as Secretary, Bill Robertson as Sergeant at Arms, and I as Treasurer.

At the end of 2012, Cliff Breeden, George Carroll and Reggie Miles had resigned. Prior to their resignation, per our by-laws, the Board found and appointed non-elected Board replacements. They were Tom Keleher as President, and Rick Sudik as Vice President. Bill Robertson was moved from Sergeant of Arms to Secretary, and the newly appointed Board appointed Sean Carrion as Sergeant at Arms. I remained the only elected Board member for any position.

It is not too early to consider stepping into a leadership roll now, to indicate your intention to run for a board position in the Fall.

The Process -

Nominations - Our By-Laws read as follows: - "The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the September meeting of ever odd numbered year. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) paid-up members in good standing, one of whom shall be the Chairman." If you are interested in being on that committee, please contact the Board.

"The Nominating Committee shall present to the membership at the October Meeting, the names of candidates for each office. The Committee determines a candidate's eligibility and willingness to serve. Candidates need to be 'seconded.' No nominations can be made or accepted after the October meeting."

If you are considering running for an office, please be prepared to speak at the October meeting, and feel free to write an article for the Garda for submission by August or September. Send your write up to Bill Robertson. He will place it in the Garda and work with Shane Finnerty to place it on our web site. Board members do not have to be active or retired police officers, they can be associate members. Those considering running for office should review the By-Laws fully. They are posted on our web site. General duties and responsibilities are documented there. However, there are many other ancillary duties and tasks for each office, and the Board works as a team to assist and support each other.

The Board has a duty to be honest, ethical, moral, and maintain the highest integrity and openness. The Board is there to serve YOU, the membership. YOU may have unique talents or leadership abilities that could serve the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society well!

Society president, Tom Keleher honored Society member, Colonel John Kanaley for his years of service to our county and his contributions to our community.

Members and there guests participated in several raffle/drawings, which included a dirk (a Celtic knife) donated by member Gil Sawyer, a 50/50 raffle and a door prize raffle, all of which netted the Society over $1,300 dollars in additional revenue.

Tickets for the door prizes were sold with the help of the Rose of Tralee debutantes who joined the Society St. Patrick's Day Party for the first time.

Donations for the door prize raffle were provided by; Gallagher's Pub (Long Beach), Joxer Daly's Pub (Culver City), Lucille's Smokehouse (Santa Clarita), Marston's Restaurant (Santa Clarita), Tom Keleher, Tommy Kirk, Stirring Up Romance (Bill Robertson and Lynn Gutierrez) and Pat Devine.

Posters and flyers printed for the party were printed courtesy of Irish Pride.

A special thanks to the party committee members and volunteers: Tom Keleher, Rick Sudik, Bill Robertson and Lynn Gutierrez, Tommy and Chris Kirk, Sean Carrion, Scott Walton, Pat Devine and Mark Guardado.

Ian J. Campbell Memorial Highway Dedication

By Tommy Kirk

On March 9, 2013, the Los Angeles Police Museum held the dedication ceremony for the Ian J. Campbell Memorial Highway, and the unveiling of the museum's Onion Field Exhibit. Signs have
Members of the current Board will indicate at the September meeting if they are interested in running for a Board position.

I will state at this time that I will not be seeking re-election, therefore am looking for my replacement as Treasurer, to take over effective January 1, 2014. I will assist fully with a transition. Please contact me if you are interested and we can discuss issues, responsibilities, and duties related to this position.

**LA Live**

**St. Patrick's Day Festivities**

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It was an outstanding community outreach opportunity for the Pipes and Drums.

**Membership Renewal**

The 2013 Membership Cards Are In

Annual Dues $25.00

Life Member $300

Membership Application

Please mail completed application to the office and we will get your 2013 Membership card in the mail.

**The Benefits of Membership!**

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In attendance were the families of Ian Campbell and Karl Hettinger, Chief Charlie Beck, the Commanding Officer of Detective Bureau, the Commanding Officer of Hollywood area, the LAPD Honor Guard, Joseph Wambaugh, James Ellroy, the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, the 1st Marine Division Band, active and retired officers and civilian personnel from the LAPD, LAPES members, many dignitaries, and members of the public.

The ceremony included the LAPES Pipes and Drums debut of the "Ian Campbell, LAPD," a bagpipe tune written and played for the first time in public by the LAPES Pipes and Drums, and culminated with a truly emotional combined playing of Amazing Grace by the Marines and the LAPES Pipes and drums.

Details of the ceremony are posted on the Los Angeles Police Museum website at http://www.laphs.org/. Information on hours and tours of the museum, the old Northeast Station, located at 6045 York Boulevard, Los Angeles, are also available by calling them at (323) 344-9445.

**Pipes and Drums at the Pier**

Huntington Beach Pub Crawl
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

**Quinn's Old Town Grill**
Tustin
15% 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

Irish Humor

**I Have a Confession to Make**

An Irishman goes into the confessional box after years of being away from the Church. There's a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On the wall is a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

Then the priest comes in.
"Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be."

The priest replies: "Get out of there! You're on my side."