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## Presidents Message:

Wow! Is winter over? For those who are need of snow Boston and Buffalo beckon. And here we are with St Patrick's Day just around the corner. I can't wait. Did anyone do anything exciting last St. Pat's? I swear that one of these years I am going to Shamrock, Texas for their three day event. We have a lot to look forward to here too, of course. The Alexandria parade has to be the earliest St. Patrick's Day parade in the nation. It will held on Saturday, March 4. Somehow, that date seems to work for them as they are often blessed with fine weather. They will be honoring the founders of Port City Brewing, a worth choice. The St. Patrick's Day Parade of Washington, DC will be held on Sunday, March 12 this year. The theme is quite appropriate for us: "Irish in Public Service." Do make plans to march with us as the "Family Behind the Badge" or in marshalling the event. Your participation is sincerely welcomed. Have you made any of the fundraisers? An idea introduced this year is fundraising happy hours during the

week. Don't forget after the DC parade the PES wreath laying at the Law Enforcement Memorial. We meet at the FOP and walk over. Afterwards, we can enjoy a



corned beef and cabbage dinner at the FOP (711 4th Street, NW) for the more than reasonable costs of \$10. Yes, drinks are extra, but still more than reasonable. Additionally, the FOP would appreciate our support. Sadly, 2016 was not a happy year for American law enforcement. There was a 56% increase in officer deaths by firearms, Craig Floyd, President of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund said "We have never seen a year in my memory when we have had an increase of this magnitude in officer shooting deaths." While overall officer deaths are far below the numbers seen in the early 1970's, they are still appalling. Since the 1970's officers have benefited

immensely from the development and deployment of ballistic vests and airbags. Obviously, work needs to be done to make the profession safer. Most police departments are hiring and are offering good salaries and benefits. So far, despite the challenges, they seem to be attracting good candidates. I hope that trend continues. Let me put in a plug for two May events. We can talk about them again later. There is Irish Heritage Night at Nationals Stadium on Tuesday, May 2. This no ordinary baseball promotion. Oh, no. The evening begins at 4:30 PM with an Irish festival, with food and drink, Irish, of course, bands, singers and pipers. At 7 PM, the Nat's will take on the Arizona Diamondbacks. What could be better? And Police Week will follow later in the month. The meeting of the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies will be Sunday, May 14. Yes, that is Mothers' Day. The Bag Pipe March is 6 PM on that day. We will publish more of Police Week later.

Stay Safe, Charlie

If you are not in possession of a 2017 membership card and wall calendar, your dues are definitely due. I've sent out all the renewal packages that I received application for and those that pay 3 year renewals. Please send back the enclosed renewal on the back page if you are in arrears.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE GET A HOLD OF US AT CBMOORE3@AOL.COM OR GARDAVP@AOL.COM

Meetings are held at the DC FOP located at 711 4th Street NW  
7:00pm

# DC St. Patrick's Day Parade

Ok, Sunday March 12th at 12 noon the 46th Annual parade will take place. The theme this year is the "The Irish in Public Service". Registration is now closed, the Emerald Society will be marching proudly with our banner and our theme has always been "The Family Behind the Badge". We need you to come out and support us, feel free to bring the kids, your neighbors and all your family! You know most of us are busy setting up the participants on the mall and are unable to

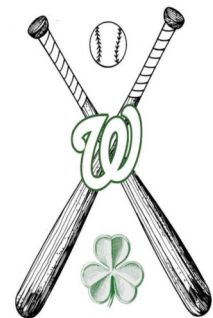
participate, so your participation is definitely needed. If you have volunteered as a Marshal we have our next meeting, Thursday March 9th at the DC FOP at 7pm, please join us so you can receive the guidelines, vest and parking permit. Taking Metro to the FOP is strongly suggested because of the lack of parking. If you can't make the meeting, I email everything besides the vest right before the parade. Please read the info, print out the Division lineups and parking

permit and bring them with you, we meet around 10:30 at 7th & Madison on the mall. Parking is provided by permit along Madison Drive entering from 4th St., must be there by 11am. We have our F-troop tent setup with libations and food at the end of the parade for volunteers and participants. At 3:30pm we will meet at the NLEOM for our annual wreath laying ceremony and brief prayer services. We end up across the street for our after party at the DC FOP

## IRISH HEADING TO NATS PARK

Tuesday May 2, 2017, the Nat's are playing the Diamondbacks. We are securing the tented area off the first base line. There will be food from the various Irish restaurants and plenty of libations to taste, such as Guinness, Jameson and other fine spirits. All Irish organizations from Baltimore and Washington will be asked to support this endeavor, the Embassy of Ireland is also on board. The DCFD Emerald Society Pipe Band has been invited to play on the field for the opening ceremony. We are still looking for Pipe Bands and dance schools to participate and greet fans throughout the stadium. Tickets will be reduced for all organizations, group tickets will be available and with the food tent it will still be cheaper than general admission.

Save the Date!  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
IRISH HERITAGE NIGHT  
AT NATIONALS PARK



Irish Festival - 4:30 p.m.  
Game Time - 7:00 p.m.  
Nationals vs. Diamondbacks  
Tickets & Details coming soon at [www.HillIrish.com](http://www.HillIrish.com)



Irish Food & Drink  
Irish Dancers  
Bands & Singers  
Pipers  
Giveaways

# St Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

On Friday March 10 from 6:30pm - 11pm the Irish American Club will be hosting their annual event. We have been invited to attend and will present our PES awards and scholarship recipient will be chosen. The event will be held at the

Prince George's Elks Lodge located at 6700 Kenilworth Ave, Riverdale MD 20737. Tickets are \$25pp, doors open at 6:30, dinner is served at 7:00pm. It's a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal with all the sides and Bob Morris

Famous Irish soda bread. The entertainment that night is the great Sean Fleming Band and the Sean Culkiln School of Irish Dance. Please contact me for tickets, the PES has two tables already and I have more tix.

# United For Blue Rally & March

Enough is Enough, Stand Up and Let Your Voices Be Heard!!!

On Saturday April 8, 2017 from 12pm-2pm United for Blue will be holding a rally in Washington DC. The march will start at the National Law Enforcement Memorial and proceed to the US Capitol. There will be many guest speakers, Craig Floyd, Chairman of the NLEOM, Chief Peter Newsham, MPDC, Andy Maybo, President of DC FOP and Patrick Burke, Executive Director, DC Police Foundation and others. This organization was

formed by two police wives, Kelly Wince and Bobbie Padgett. These ladies have brought the community together to help build a better rapport with the Police Departments throughout the DMV. They have travelled to Baltimore to lend support and offer supplies to the officers during the riots, they have been there for all Police funerals, assisting the Auxillary. Your support and participation is needed, it's time to show the country that officers deaths and assassinations can no longer be tolerated!!!!

It's renewal time, dues are due January 1st. If you don't know if you're paid up please contact me at [GardaVP@aol.com](mailto:GardaVP@aol.com)



On Saturday, January 7, 2017, we lost a gentle giant with a heart of gold, Lawrence (Larry) Roderick Henson. Larry was born in 1936 in Walter Reed Hospital, he was a true DC native. He

joined the Metropolitan Police Department in 1957 as his father had done before him and retired in 1980 as Sergeant after 23 1/2 years. Larry joined in the founding of the Police Emerald Society in the late 70's and then became a Charter member of the present organization in 1986. He proudly served as a Marshal for the parade for over three decades, you couldn't miss him with his tweed sport coat and parade sash stretched across his broad shoulders. He was a sight to behold, the true definition of a proud Irishman. He was a great recruiter of many new Marshals over the years, he was one of the originals along with Marty Hannon,

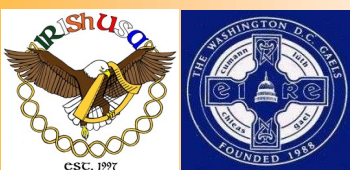
Frank Tiernan, Moose Carew, Tony Rogers, Tony Morris and his good friend Danny Jeffers. He also brought many parade supporters into the fold in his gentle persuasive way and hardly missed a fundraiser. He and his lovely wife Ann always had the reserved table in the back room of the 4P's on Connecticut Ave sitting alongside the Jeffers. Larry enjoyed many seasons as a Washington Redskin fan and was happy that the Washington Nationals brought baseball back to DC. He will be dearly missed by all of us, but his kindness and gentle demeanor will always be remembered by all that were fortunate to have met him. RIP my friend.

## Events Around Town

You can always stay in touch with live music events and Irish sports by visiting these sites:

[www.irishusa.com/news.html](http://www.irishusa.com/news.html) & <http://www.wdcgael.com/>

Both organizations can be found on fb also.



Only two more fundraisers left!! Today, Sunday February 26 at Kelly's Irish Times, DC and Sunday March 5 at Irelands Four Courts in Arlington, VA. From 3:30-7:00pm, live music, 50/50, door prizes and auctions, please support your parade.

Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday March 4th from 12:30-2:30pm. Parade starts at Alfred and King Street.

### Go fund me account setup

On 2/23/2017 two MPD officers were involved in a situation where they were shot and injured in the line of duty. These two officers are excellent officers and have established themselves professionally and personally. The money will help supplement their income from the loss of overtime and part time capabilities.

The money will be used to assist with everyday needs to include travel expenses for family and everyday needs. These officers risked their lives selflessly protecting the safety of others. I can't go much into detail about the incident but both are expected to make a full recovery and return to work when feasible. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Check only boxes that apply!

### 2017 PES DC Membership Application

Mail to: PES  
c/o DC FOP Lodge #1  
711 4th St NW  
Washington DC 20001

ACTIVE (Gaelic Law Enforcement or retired) \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00  
3 YEAR ACTIVE/ASSOCIATE \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 (save \$15)  
ASSOCIATE (Gaelic Civilian) \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00  
AUXILLIARY (Non Gaelic) \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS CHANGE \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (\*new only\*) \_\_\_\_\_

W# \_\_\_\_\_ H# \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY/DEPT \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_

BENEFICIARY (Active Only) \_\_\_\_\_ RELATION \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I, the above signed do hereby attest to be of Gaelic decent and make application for membership in the PES. Further, it is understood that acceptance in the PES does not in any way protect the member against violations of the law, nor has the member been promised any favors of immunity by any law enforcement officer. I proclaim to be of good moral character and a law abiding citizen of the US. Board of Directors may request verification of type of membership a person is applying for.



IN MEMORY OF  
Larry Henson  
Jim Carew  
Jim McPartland



**POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY**  
c/o DC FOP LODGE #1  
711 4th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001

PES Meetings (DC FOP)

March 9, 2017



Founding Member of the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies