



October 3, 2022

2023 Irishman of the Year

Press Release

The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Inc

President Peter F. Whalen is proud to announce that Patrick J. Lynch, President of the Police Benevolent Association, City of New York, will be the guest of honor at the 48th anniversary Irishman of the Year dinner Wednesday evening, January 11, 2023, Antun's of Queens Village, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY.

In recognition of President's Lynch many years of service and dedication to the City of New York and his proud Irish heritage, Mr. Lynch will also serve as the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Aide to Grand Marshal Kevin J. Conway for the 2023 New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Mr. Lynch was first elected PBA president in 1999, defeating the incumbent administration while serving as a precinct-level delegate in the 90th Precinct in Brooklyn. He is the longest-serving PBA president since the union obtained its bargaining certificate in 1963.



Patrick J. Lynch

The Police Benevolent Association of the City of New York

NYC PBA is the largest municipal police union in the world and represents approximately 24,000 sworn NYPD members. They hold the rank of Police Officer and the front-line police officers in radio cars and on foot posts in your neighborhood, as well as those in specialized units and administrative divisions throughout the city.



October 3, 2022

2023 Irishman of the Year

Press Release

Statement from GCUES President Peter F. Whalen

Patrick J. Lynch has carried the rich Irish tradition of involvement in law enforcement and the labor movement since his election as a PBA 90th Precinct delegate in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York, in 1989. Ten years later, Paddy rose from precinct delegate to the top of the PBA due to commitment, determination, and values.

Those values included his deep-seated respect for his Irish heritage and a desire to represent the best of the Irish tradition of public and union service through his Police and PBA work.

This January, we will honor him for all his accomplishments because he is an ambassador for the Emerald Society, Law Enforcement, and Labor movement.

He epitomizes the spirit of Irish America and will be a fitting recipient of the Irishman of the Year award. He will serve proudly as our Aide to Grand Marshal Kevin J. Conway on March 17, 2023.



Peter F. Whalen

The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Inc

Reorganized in 1975, the Grand Council has over 20,000 members, serves as the political umbrella group of 25 Affiliated Emerald Societies, and is the governing body selecting the Aide to Grand Marshal representing the Emerald Societies in the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

The Grand Council has Affiliates in California, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Washington, District of Columbia.

Our affiliated organizations serve in front-line professions such as Law Enforcement, Fire Service, EMS, Education, Waste Management, Mass Transit, and Public Utilities.

The Grand Council has a website at www.gcues.org and is extensively represented on social media. You can follow us on Facebook @gcuesinc, Instagram @gcuesinc, and Twitter @gcuesinc.