



2025 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR DINNER

John Samuelson

International President
Transport Workers Union of America
Guest of Honor

Martin Bellew
President

Dinner Committee
Michael Barzal
Thomas J. Ryan
Brian J. Sharkey

Antuns of Queens Village
January 22, 2024

Ní neart go cur le chéile
There's no strength without unity

www.gcues.org



The Transport Workers Union of America – proudly founded
by Irish immigrants and Irish Americans in 1934 to fight
for economic justice for all workers –
congratulates our International President

JOHN SAMUELSEN

**THE 2025 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
& AIDE TO THE NYC ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
GRAND MARSHAL**



Awarded by the Grand Council of
United Emerald Societies, Inc.
New York City, January 22, 2025.





Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Inc.
PO Box 38 Atlantic Beach, NY 11509
Organized in 1956
Reorganized in 1975
Ní neárt go cur le chéile
There is no strength without unity
www.gcues.org

Martin Bellew
President
DSNY ES
Thomas J. Ryan
1st Vice President
PAPD ES
James O'Leary
2nd Vice President
ConEd ES
Kevin Grace
3rd Vice President
FDNY ES
Brian J. Sharkey
Treasurer
NYCD ES
Edward Patterson
Secretary
NYPD ES
Kathleen Murphy-Lubey
Sgt at Arms
SCPO ES
Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald
FDNY ES
Chaplain

Trustees
Duke Bunce
HVPEs
Timothy N. Cowen
NYCD ES
James Coyne
FDNY ES
Donna McGuire
NYCDOE ES
Edward Moloney
NYSCT ES
Michael Pitcher
NCPES

Past Presidents
John P. Clark*
James B. Ferguson*
Thomas Doyle *
Thomas Connaughton
Jerry Sullivan*
Patrick F. Comaskey*
Brian Sullivan
Brian J. Sharkey
Robert F. Algar*
Thomas Gormely
Robert Goff
Thomas O'Connor
Frank O'Keefe
Michael Pitcher
Peter F. Whalen
*Deceased



Dear Friends,

Tonight, our affiliated Emerald Societies gather to commemorate our 50th anniversary since our reorganization and recognize our 2025 Irishman of the Year, John Samuelsen, International President of the Transport Workers Union of America.

John's deep-seated respect for his Irish heritage is a testament to his desire to represent the best Irish tradition of public service and unionism through his career with the New York Transit Authority and Transport Workers Union of America. John is an ambassador for the Emerald Society and the Labor Movement; he epitomizes the spirit of Irish America. On March 17, 2025, he will serve proudly as our Aide to Grand Marshal Michael A. Benn.

I would like to express my gratitude to Brian J. Sharkey, Michael Barzal, and Thomas J. Ryan for their dedicated efforts in organizing tonight's event, as well as to everyone who contributed to the souvenir journal.

I would also like to acknowledge the leadership, both past and present, of our Emerald Societies for their relentless dedication in nurturing our organizations as we strive to advance the objectives of our Emerald Society community.

I appreciate your attendance and extend my heartfelt regards and best wishes to you.

Fraternally,
Martin Bellew
Martin Bellew
President





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AZLEES- Erin Ring, President
BPD ES- Sean McCarthy, President
CON ED ES- John Ryan, President
DSNY ES- Sean Neal, President
ESFLEA- Tom Smart, President
FDNY ES- Patrick McParland, President
HVPES- Sean McCarthy, President
LACFF ES- Mike McCormack, President
MABSTOA ES- John Mullane, President
MTAPD ES- Christopher O'Connor
NYCD ES- Timothy N. Cowen, President
NYCDOE ES- Stacy Livingston, President
NYPD ES- Brian Flynn, President
NYCTA ES- John McGay, President
NCPD ES- Casey Quinn, President
NCSD ES- Ryan Murphy, President
NYSCTS ES- Chris Conroy, President
NYSDOCS ES- Erik Lawton, President
PAPD ES- James Dunphy, President
RCFF ES- Matt DeGennaro, President
SCPD ES- Nick Aspromgos, President
SCFF ES- Chris Hartford, President
TBTA ES- Thomas Clynes, President
TELE & COM ES- Thomas Kelly, President
WCCO ES- Robert Blake, President
WCFF ES- Paul Jackman, President
WCPES- John Hynes, President
Wash DC PES- Patrick O'Brien, President



I am a child of immigrants. I am of a people who for over eight hundred years have bent a knee to no king but the King of Heaven and bowed a head to no queen but the Queen of Heaven.

I am of a dispersed people, sent in slavery to Barbados, In chains to Australia, In Famine to America. I am of a people who tore themselves from their Father's trembling arms, kissed their tear stained mother's face goodbye.

Traveled all over the world to keep a roof over beloved heads, and food on the hungry table.

I am of an empire on which no sun has set, for wherever you go in this whole wide world, Wherever a House of God has risen, where ever a house of learning founded, or a tree of liberty planted by loving hands, and watered by the tears of an Irish exile, there you will find the Irish Empire.

I thank God for the blood of my Fathers. I thank God for the land of my birth. I pray that God will unite and save Ireland. I pray that God will continue to Bless America.

MARY HOLT MOORE

This poem was written by the late great Mary Holt Moore, for many years a prominent Irish American community leader and the second woman to lead the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. She led the 230th parade in 1991.



John Samuelsen

2025 Irishman of the Year

GCUES Aide to the Grand Marshal

Transport Workers Union International President John Samuelsen represents more than 155,000 workers in the airline, railroad, transit, tourism, university, utility, and service industries. He is the former President of TWU Local 100 in New York City – the union’s largest local.

A NYC Subway Trackworker from Brooklyn, Samuelsen was first sworn in as International President on May 1, 2017. He was elected to a full term in September of that year and re-elected in 2021. He ran unopposed.

As International President, Samuelsen’s top priorities have included organizing new members, waging aggressive contract campaigns, and building a strong political presence in Washington, D.C., all to advance the economic security and livelihoods of working men and women in the transport sector.

Under Samuelsen’s leadership, The TWU has won dozens of organizing drives bringing representation to thousands of workers, including Flight Attendants at JetBlue Airways. The TWU is now the largest airline union in the country. The TWU also defeated American Airlines’ attempt to offshore thousands of mechanics’ jobs to South America, and secured contracts that made TWU members at Southwest Airlines the highest paid in their titles among all carriers.

During Samuelsen’s presidency, The TWU also developed and implemented landmark contract language protecting Bus Operators from being replaced by automation. Due in large part to the advocacy by TWU, the federal government has issued unprecedented directives mandating transit agencies do much more to protect bus and subway workers from assault.



Samuelsen began his transport and union career in 1993 when he was hired by the New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) and was assigned to a subway track gang in Brooklyn. His co-workers soon elected him Local 100 Shop Steward and he fought vigorously for a safer workplace. He went on to lead the Track Safety Committee, the Track Division, and the Maintenance of Way Department. In 2004, he authored the Comprehensive Track Safety Bill, which the New York State Legislature subsequently passed.

In 2009, Samuelsen was elected TWU Local 100 President. The membership overwhelmingly re-elected him in 2012 and 2015. He serves as a labor representative on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board.

Samuelsen has been named The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies' 2025 Irishman of the Year, and the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies' Aide to the 2025 New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He is President of the James Connolly Irish American Labor Coalition and a founding sponsor of the James Connolly Visitors Centre in Belfast, Northern Ireland. A member of the New York City Transit Authority Emerald Society and the Knights of Saint Patrick, Samuelsen was Grand Marshal of the 2022 Queens County Saint Patrick's Day Parade and was named Knights of Saint Patrick Labor Leader of the Year in 2018.





HONORS



Authentically Irish,
Uniquely American



www.fighting69thwhiskey.com

[f fighting69thwhiskey](https://www.facebook.com/fighting69thwhiskey)

[@fighting69thwhiskey](https://www.instagram.com/fighting69thwhiskey)

[@fighting69thwhiskey](https://www.tiktok.com/@fighting69thwhiskey)

Paul Boylan

\$1.00 FROM EACH BOTTLE GOES TO THE SIXTY-NINTH REGIMENT HISTORICAL TRUST, INC. A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT



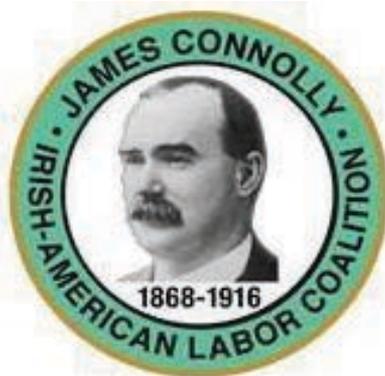
CONGRATULATIONS

to the

2025 Irishman of The Year

John Samuelsen

Grand Council of United Emerald Societies
Aide To the
New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade
Grand Marshal





We proudly support
The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies
On their
Annual Dinner Dance
Congratulations to our Friend and Brother
John Samuelson
As the
2025 Irishman of the Year



International Union of Operating Engineers
Local 30

William M. Lynn

Business Manager & Financial Secretary
International Vice President

Robert Moccio
President

Business Representatives

Dana Sanders Kevin Cruse Robert Wilson Steven Broderick
Brendan Benn Brian Ahern Sean Brown James Carroll

16-16 *Whitestone Expressway, Whitestone, NY 11357* | iuofocal30.org



The Beginnings

In the 1950s, the movement for Emerald Societies gained momentum with the establishment of the NYPD Emerald Society on March 16, 1953. Following suit, the NYCD Emerald Society was formed on November 17, 1955, and the FDNY Emerald Society was created on March 17, 1956. The Emerald Movement spread throughout New York City and beyond, becoming a significant part of the Irish American community.

The founders of the Emerald Societies recognized the diverse backgrounds of Irish people and sought to create a platform where individuals of Irish descent, regardless of their occupation, could connect and share their heritage. This idea of occupational groups under the name “Emerald Society” offered a unique opportunity for people of Irish heritage to preserve their history, customs, traditions, and accomplishments.

The history of the Grand Council is also noteworthy. It is often said that the Irish stand together only during religious gatherings in the Church. This principle extended to Emerald Societies as well. At one point, there were three Grand Councils, and an Emerald Society would automatically switch from one Grand Council to another upon leaving.

The Grand Council of Irish Societies Inc. was established on June 29, 1956, in New York City. William J. McGowan, a founding member of the NYPD Emerald Society, was elected as its inaugural president. By 1958, the Council boasted a membership of 65,000 individuals across all Emerald Societies and Irish-American societies affiliated with Federal, State, and City civil service. The Council’s meetings were held at the Irish Institute of New York, located at 326 West 48 Street, New York, New York. In 1968, the Grand Council of Irish Societies Inc. underwent a name change to The National Grand Council of Irish Emerald Societies Inc. The Grand Council of Emerald Societies Inc. was established on May 29, 1958, while the Grand Council of Police Emerald Societies was formed in the 1970s.



In the early 1970s, the Grand Council was divided into two groups. The Grand Council of Emerald Societies, led by William J. McGowan (NYPD ES), encompassed several Police Emerald Societies. On the other hand, The National Grand Council of Irish Emerald Societies, headed by John P. Clark (NYCD ES), represented Emerald Societies in both the public and private sectors.

In the spring of 1974, Frank Cull, the renowned Irish Echo columnist known for his weekly “Round the Emerald Green,” was approached to mediate a merger between the two groups. He was appointed as the Pro-Temp. Attorney Thomas McCarthy then took on the task of resolving legal disputes, including differences in constitutions, by-laws, treasuries, and other relevant matters.

Thomas Reilly of the PAPD ES proposed an overwhelmingly accepted name for the new entity: the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies (emphasizing the word “United”). Paul Cinder of the MABSTOA ES designed the logo for the new organization.

To establish a constitution, a committee was formed, comprising Pat Heslin (PAPD ES), Ed Hazel (DSNY ES), Jack Clark (NYCD ES), and Matt Walsh (NYC TAPD ES). In December 1974, the first elections were held at the Irish Institute in Manhattan, and Jack Clark (NYCD ES) was elected as the inaugural President, with his term commencing on January 1, 1975. This marked the official birth of the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies (GCUES).

Historical Emerald Moments in Time

The NYPD Emerald Society was established on March 16, 1953, with Henry Fitzgerald as its inaugural president. The NYCD Emerald Society followed suit on November 17, 1955, with James Mulvey as its first president. Lastly, the FDNY Emerald Society was organized on March 17, 1956, with Eugene O’Kane as its first president.



The New York City Department of Sanitation Irish American Association (IAA) was organized in 1938. The organization's first president was William Nally Sr. The IAA officially changed its name to the DSNY Emerald Society in 1985.

The Postal Employees Sons of Erin (affiliated with the American Fraternity of Sons Erin), Inc. was organized on June 7, 1939. The Postal Employees Sons of Erin changed their name to the Emerald Society of the New York Post Office, Inc. on February 27, 1957.

The New York City Transit Authority Emerald Society comprises Subway engineers, conductors, tradespeople, and support staff organized in 1961. The first president of the organization was Gregory Perrin.

The Parade Delegates elected GCUES President James "Barney" Ferguson (NYPD ES) as the Grand Marshal of the 1978 New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

The Emerald Society of the Federal Law Enforcement Agencies (ESFLEA) was organized in New York City in 1995 by USINS Inspectors with common interests, heritage, and desire to improve their professional agency. Rebuffed by their agency, the ESFLEA founders expanded the scope of their fraternal and social organization nationally by including all federal law enforcement agencies. As a result, federal law enforcement officers such as Special Agents, Police Officers, and Customs and Border Protection officers of Irish/Gaelic descent are eligible to join.

The National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Inc (NCLEES) was organized in 1995 by native New Yorker Patrick J. O'Brien (PES Washington DC), who served as its first president.



The primary objective of the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies is to unite all public safety Emerald Societies to foster camaraderie among its members, preserve Irish culture, honor the contributions of our forebears, and acknowledge the achievements of Irish Americans in Law Enforcement and other public safety fields. Notably, sixteen of the GCUES-affiliated organizations are members of the National Conference of Emerald Societies.

GCUES Today

Reorganized in 1975, the Grand Council comprises over 20,000 members who serve in front-line professions such as law enforcement, fire service, EMS, education, waste management, mass transit, and public utilities. Serving as the political umbrella group for 28 Affiliated Emerald Societies, the Grand Council also selects the Aide to Grand Marshal, representing the Emerald Societies in the New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

History of the Irishman/Irishwoman of the Year Dinner

Since its inception and reorganization, the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies presents an accomplishment award to an outstanding Irish American who has made a significant impact in their chosen field. In selecting each year, the Grand Council feels inspired and proud to recognize each award recipient as a proud American of Irish descent who has distinguished themselves through their leadership and dedication. It's not a coincidence that five of our esteemed honorees—Connie Doolan, Dorothy Hayden Cudahy, John Lawe, Bill Burke, and Ed Sheerin—were elected as the Grand Marshals over a span of fifteen years, from 1975 to 1990.

In 2008, Past President Brian J. Sharkey revived the Irishman/Irishwoman Dinner. Sharkey suggested that the Award dinner be held in December. The dinner would serve two purposes: to recognize the Aide to the Grand Marshal as the Irishman/Irishwoman of the Year and to host the Grand Council Delegates' Christmas Party. The dinner has become an integral part of the Grand Council's lexicon and is now a yearly, stand-alone event in January.



Recipients of the Irishman/Irishwoman of the Year Award

- 1975 James P. Moriarty, President- T. Moriarty and Sons Inc.
- 1976 Joseph Christian, Commissioner, NYC Housing Authority
- 1977 Denis Hanrahan, Executive Vice President, Aer Lingus Irish Airlines
- 1978 John Flynn, State Senator, Yonkers' Irish contribution to Albany
- 1979 Monica Conway, Vice President, Bank of Ireland & Connie Doolan, Sales Manager, Guinness Harp Corp
- 1980 Ens Lanagan, Eastern Manager, CIE Tours & Jack Donohue, Donohue Restaurant and Pub chain
- 1981 Jerry Toner, Restaurateur, Kennedy's Pub & Dympna Kenny, Banking Executive, and Offlay's First Lady
- 1982 Hal Madden, Irish-American Industrialist & Bridie McManus, Noted Restaurateur and Travel Agent
- 1983 Jack McCarthy, TV host NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Mary O'Dowd, Irish American Entertainer
- 1984 Brother John G. Driscoll, President, Iona College & Dorthy Hayden Cudahy, Radio Personality
- 1985 Paschal McGuinness, President, NYC District Council of Carpenters
- 1986 Anna Monahan McElroy, Director of Housekeeping, New York Hilton & John Lawe, International President of Transport Workers Union of America
- 1987 William Joseph Burke, Senior Vice President, Bank of Ireland
- 1988 Barbara Kane O'Neill, Outstanding Catholic Laywoman and Patron of Irish Culture
- 1989 Edward A. Sheeran, VP, Chase Bank, Queens Branch Network
- 1990 Joseph B. Buckley, Prop of Katie Daly's Restaurant, Massapequa, NY
- 1991 James J. Boyle, President, UFA of Greater New York
- 1992 Patrick Harvey, Business Agent, Local 608
- 1993 Rosemary Lombard, Treasurer, NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade Comm & Terry Connaughton, Prop, Riverdale Steakhouse
- 1995 Mary & Francis P. Beirne, Outstanding Catholic Laywoman, Past Chairman, Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- 1997 Bob Burke, Chairman, Queens Surface Corporation
- 1998 TBD
- 1999 TBD
- 2000 Msgr. Thomas P. Leonard and Honorable Mario R. Biaggi, President's Award
- 2001 No Honoree
- 2002 Eamon Donohoe, Ret NYPD Sgt and Prop of The Saloon & The INN, Long Beach, NY
- 2009 Denis Mulchay, NYPD ES and Chairman, Project Children
- 2010 Bernard Sullivan, DSNY ES
- 2011 Frank Beirne, FDNY ES
- 2012 William Fitzpatrick, WCFE ES
- 2013 Robert J. Creighton, SCPD ES
- 2014 Edwin Day, Rockland County Executive
-
-



2015 Thomas Doyle, DSNY ES
2016 Keith Lavallo, NCPES
2017 Brian Coughlan, NYPD ES
2018 Dr. Kathleen Cashin, NYCDOE ES
2019 Thomas B. Farrell, NYCD ES
2020-2021 Edward P. Boles, FDNY ES
2022 Edward Grayson, Commissioner, DSNY, DSNY ES
2023 Patrick J. Lynch, President, NYC PBA, NYPD ES
2024 Edward T. Cetnar, Superintendent of Police, PA of NY & NJ, PAPD ES
2025 John Samuelsen, President, International Transport Workers Union, NYCTA ES

GCUES Aide to the Grand Marshal

Since January 1975, when The Grand Council underwent reorganization, the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies has been the governing body responsible for selecting the Aide to Grand Marshal, representing the Emerald Societies in the prestigious New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Prior to this date, notable individuals such as Bill McGowan, Frank Brady, Barney Ferguson, Gerald O'Malley, Jim O'Meara, and John Clark graced the role of Aide to the Grand Marshal. Notably, Barney Ferguson also held the esteemed position of Grand Marshal in the 1978 Parade.

This is an ongoing endeavor, and we kindly request your assistance in identifying the Aides for the following years: 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1992. If you possess any relevant information, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@gcues.org.

1975- Frank Cull, FDNY ES
1976- William Conklin, SCPD ES
1977- Philip Bolger, NYCDOE ES
1978- John Warne, NYPD ES
1979- Gerald Sullivan, CON ED ES
1980- John McInerney, NYSCTS ES
1981- Matthew Feeley, NYPD ES
1982- Martin Harding, WCPES
1983- Jerry Kruger, NYCHAPD ES
1984- Thomas Doyle, FDNY ES
1985- Jim Harrington, NYPD ES
1986-TBD



1987-TBD
1988-TBD
1989-TBD
1990- Thomas Connaughton, DSNY ES
1991- Robert Algar, SCPD ES
1992 TBD
1993- Charles Duffy Wagner, NYCHA ES
1994- Michael P. Lavallo, NYCTA PD ES
1995- Patrick Comaskey, US CUSTOMS ES
1996- Willian Whelan, FDNY ES
1997- Louis Walker, NCPES
1998- Brian J. Sharkey, NYCD ES
1999- Michael P. Donnegan, GCUES Legal Counsel
2000- William Lawrence, ConEd ES
2001- Thomas Dunn, FDNY ES
2002- Robert Goff, NYCHA ES
2003- William Reilly, MABSTOA ES
2004- James W. Byrne, SCPD ES
2005- Frank Jordan, Tele & Comm Workers ES
2006- Thomas Gormley, WCPES
2007- Robert J. Earley, SCFF ES
2008- Robert Gibson, TBTA ES
2009- Dennis Mulcahy, NYPD ES
2010- Bernard Sullivan, DSNY ES
2011- Frank Beirne, FDNY ES
2012- William FitzPatrick, WCFF ES
2013- Robert J. Creighton, SCPD ES
2014- Edwin Day, Rockland County Executive
2015- Thomas Doyle, DSNY ES
2016- Keith Lavallo, GCUES Legal Counsel
2017- Brian Coughlan, NYPD ES
2018- Kathleen Cashin, NYCDOE ES
2019- Thomas B. Farrell, NYCD ES
2020-2021 Edward P. Boles, FDNY ES
2022- Edward Grayson, DSNY ES
2023- Patrick J. Lynch, NYCD ES
2024- Edward T. Cetnar, PAPD ES
2025- John Samuelsen, NYCTA ES



Michael A. Benn

2025 Grand Marshal
NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Michael Benn was born in Limerick City, Ireland in 1948, where he attended the Christian Brothers School before emigrating to the United States in 1962. Michael completed his second level education at Cardinal Hayes high school in the Bronx, NYC before attending and graduating from Mercy College with a degree in accounting. Michael then served as a Sergeant in the US Army from 1969 through 1972.

Michael and his wife Christina who is also from Limerick City, met in the Bronx, and they have been happily married for 53 years. They have built a life with their family in Rockaway Beach, NY, and have six children; Michael, Richard, William, Brendan, Patrick and Tara. They also have 11 grandchildren: Michael, Oliver, Shayla, Brendan, Ryan, Heidi, Madison, Richard, Teagan, and Mackenzie Cassidy, as well as five daughters in laws: Kimberly, Helena, Martina, Valerie, and Kristen. They have raised their family to be proud of their Irish roots, to embrace their Catholic upbringing, and celebrate their Irish culture.

Michael is the President and Chairman of Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rockaway Beach, the 2nd largest St. Patrick's Day parade in New York. He works effortlessly on organizing the parade year-round to ensure strong Irish leaders are recognized and celebrated. Michael has always had close ties in the Irish community and is very involved in celebrating Irish culture. He produces and directs Au Sul Na Gael "In the Eyes of the Irish" television show that promotes Irish culture and heritage.

Michael retired from the Construction Industry after spending time in two strong unions: Local 30 International Union of Operating Engineers and Local 608 Carpenters Union.

He was honored by the New York City Council on three separate Occasions and received the Tom Manton award. Michael also received the Irish Ministry Shining Star, was the Chief Brehon of Coney Island's Great Irish Fair, and Queens County AOH man of the year.

Michael is a proud son of Limerick and his love for all things Irish holds no bound.



Glenn F. Lynch

NYPD Emerald Society

GCUES 2025 Aide to the Grand Marshal
Bayside Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Glenn Lynch was born in October 1957, the fourth child of Eleanor (Stout) and Donald Lynch. His Irish ancestors traced their lineage back to County Galway in Ireland. At the time of his birth, the family lived in a two-bedroom apartment in Flushing, New York. The Lynch family was parishioners of St. Andrew Avellino R.C. Parish, where the three eldest children attended school.

In 1958, the family outgrew their apartment on Sanford Avenue and 160th Street and moved to a single-family home a short distance away at 155th Street and 33rd Avenue.

After graduating from St. Andrew's, Glenn attended Holy Cross High School in Flushing, New York. He then held various jobs before working for the United States Postal Service. In 1980, he was assigned to the Air Mail Facility at JFK International Airport.

Glenn worked for the Post Office from 1980 to 1986. In July 1986, he joined the New York City Police Department. His training took him to the Bronx, where he worked in the Neighborhood Stabilization Unit (NSU) 8. After completing basic training in 1987, he was permanently assigned to the 115th Precinct in Jackson Heights, New York, where he worked patrol duty on the midnight shift until 1993. In 1993, he was transferred to the Communications Division's Electronics Section, where he remained until his retirement in 2020. Throughout his 34-year career in the NYPD, Glenn served in various roles and positions.

Glenn, a dedicated member of the NYPD Emerald Society, has been a part of the organization since his early days in the Police Force. In 2016, he was elected as a Board Member and Trustee, and later served as the Queens North Vice President, Vice President/Retired Members, and currently, as a Trustee/Retired Members. Additionally, Glenn has been a PBA Delegate for two decades, from 2001 until his retirement in 2020.

Glenn is also a member of several other esteemed organizations, including the Manhattan/Bronx & Staten Island Holy Name Society, Brooklyn/Queens Holy Name, NYPD Police Anchor Club, FOP Lodge #100, 10-13 Association, Long Island Shields, and the NYPD Honor Legion.

Glenn and his wife, Doreen, currently reside in New Hyde Park, New York. They have a daughter, Colleen Lynch Ciero, who is married to John, and a granddaughter, Evelyn Frances Ciero.



Timothy N. Cowen

NYCD Emerald Society
GCUES 2025 Aide to the Grand Marshal
Brooklyn Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Timothy N. Cowen is currently the President of the New York City Correction Department Emerald Society for the past four years and Trustee to the Grand Council of Emerald Societies. Tim's family hails from County Donegal, in the port town of Ballyshannon. He believes in being a leader in his family, faith, and professional career. In his current position, he holds the rank of Captain in the department for the past ten years. He has dedicated the last eighteen years to his agency, promoting selflessness to others, hard work, courage, and integrity everyday while serving our city. Much of this comes from his Irish heritage and background, growing up in a Saint Mary's Parish, his base in our Catholic faith, provided him with a strong moral compass and an attitude to weather any storm that life throws at you, if you just, "leave it in his hands."

He is a third-degree Knight of Columbus, Free and Accepted Mason, a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society of Public Administrators, Forest Hills Men's Club, Fraternal Order of Police, and International Law Enforcement Officer's Association member. In the July of 2024, he was awarded the "Man of Valor," award from the Women in Correction and in 2019, Aide to the Grand Marshal for the NYCD Emerald Society. While being a member of these organizations and receiving these awards, nothing compares to his love for his family and SCUBA diving. Tim is a certified open water diver and loves to travel to as many dive sites as possible when he can.

When he is not at work, he is a loving father to his two children, Emma and Ethan and dedicated husband to his wife Tricia. Being a father, ensuring that he provides them with quality academic opportunity and faith-based education is a priority for Tim and his wife. He is firm believer that to change the future we must start at home. Giving our children a strong moral backbone, compass, and guide to create a solid foundation for positive decision-making skills later in their lives. Work hard now, so you can "dive" later. Fatherhood can be challenging, a daunting task as many of us know, with the love and support of his wife Tricia, he is able to be an effective member of his family, his profession, and our society. Tim is a firm believer that we must give credit to those who give so much behind the scenes to allow us the opportunities such as being the President, Trustee, Captain or just a very busy father. Without that support, nothing is possible. He gives thanks and appreciation everyday to his wife and our God for the blessings he has been given.

Tim earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his Master of Public Administration from John Jay College here in New York City with high honors. While attending John Jay College, he was granted the opportunity to represent the Public Administration, Inspection and Oversight program at the Association of Inspector General Conferences two years in a row. Tim's time at the conference in Washington D.C. led to him to his current path of wanting to become a litigator and legislator upon his retirement from the department. Strong leadership, making the appropriate decisions to ensure the safety of our city, its population and our United States of America is a current and future priority in his life. He looks forward to what the future may hold and thanks the Brooklyn St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for this honor. He is truly humbled.



Brian J. Sharkey

NYCD Emerald Society
GCUES 2025 Deputy Grand Marshal
Queens County Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Brian J. Sharkey, a native of Rockaway Beach, New York, is the son of the late John and Helen Sharkey. He commenced his studies at Saint Camillus Grammar School, proceeded to Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School, Saint John's University, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. His Irish ancestry can be traced back to Counties Tyrone and Roscommon.

On February 14, 1983, Brian embarked on a twenty-year tenure within the New York City Correction Department, where he attained the rank of Captain. His leadership responsibilities encompassed serving as Security Captain at the Correctional Institution for Men, Operations Captain in the Transportation Division, Special Projects Captain in the Chief of the Department's office. Brian's career culminated in his role as a Confidential Aide to the esteemed late Correction Commissioner William J. Fraser, a position he held until his retirement in 2003.

Following his departure from the Correction Department, Brian joined the Kings County District Attorney's office in 2005. However, his career took an unexpected turn in 2007 when he sustained an injury while off-duty, being struck by a vehicle. After a protracted recovery process, Brian successfully launched a Security consulting business.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Brian is a passionate advocate for his Irish heritage and community. He has held several distinguished positions, including President of the New York City Correction Department Emerald Society, President of the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, and President of the Saint Brendan the Navigator-AOH Division 17 Long Beach, NY.

Brian is a member of the New York City Knights of Saint Patrick, a member-funded 501(c)(3) organization that financially supports the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He has been recognized as Irishman of the Year by the New York State Courts Emerald Society in 1998, the NYC Housing Emerald Society in 1998, the New York City Correction Department Emerald Society in 2002, and the Detective Barney Ferguson Emerald Legacy Fund in 2023. He was also the recipient of the President James Mulvey Award from the New York City Correction Department Emerald Society in 2000 and the Spirit of 1916 award from the AOH Bronx County Board in 2024. Additionally, Brian has served as the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Aide to Grand Marshal Albert Reynolds in the 1998 New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade and as the Grand Marshal of the 2013 Long Beach AOH Saint Brendan's Irish Day Parade.

Brian and his wife, Maria, along with their two golden doodles, Murphy and Farrell, reside in the Irish West End of Long Beach.



Kevin J. Murphy

NYPD Emerald Society
NYPD 2025 Aide to the Grand Marshal
NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Kevin J. Murphy is a proud second-generation Irish-American and a life-long New Yorker. Kevin J. Murphy, is currently the Trustee for Patrol Borough Manhattan North of the Police Benevolent Association of the City of New York, Inc., the nation's largest municipal Police Union. Kevin J. Murphy, is a 24-year Member of the Service (M.O.S.) and a 2 Time Combat Recipient United States Marine Corps Veteran, with service in Panama (Operation Just Cause and Operation Promote Liberty) and Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Abu Dhabi (Operations Sea Solider and Desert Shield and Storm) and Somalia (Operation Eastern Exit).

Kevin was appointed as the Patrol Borough Manhattan North Trustee in April 2022, by then N.Y.C. P.B.A. President Patrick Lynch, a Former Aide to the Grand Marshal of the New York City 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Like so many Irish New Yorkers, Uniform Civil Service, is in Kevin's blood. His maternal grandfather, John Murtagh, was an I.R.T., I.N.D. and M.T.A. Track Worker and Station Foreman. Kevin's late brother-in-law, James Lubey, was a 25 year veteran of the Suffolk County Police Department, earning the Department's Highest Award for Valor for a Police-Involved Shooting in 1985; James Lubey, was married to Kevin's youngest sister, Kathleen Lubey (nee Murphy), who was a 30 year veteran of the Suffolk County Police Department and was the first female officer, to lead the Suffolk County Police Department Emerald Society; Kathleen retired out of the 1st Precinct of the Suffolk County Police Department in 2024; Kevin's oldest brother, Daniel Murphy, was a 32 year veteran of both the N.Y.P.D. and Suffolk County Police Department, retiring as a Detective, out of the 2nd Precinct of the Suffolk County Police Department in 2022; Kevin's uncle, John "Jackie" Murtagh, was a 20 year veteran of the N.Y.P.D., retiring as an N.Y.P.D. Sergeant from the 17th Precinct.

During Kevin's 20 years on Uniform Patrol in the 34th Precinct, he earned 02 (Two) Exceptional Police Duty Awards and (02) Exceptional Merit Citations. Kevin effected 169 Arrests, of which 14 are firearms arrests and never had an Arrest D.P.'d (Decline to Prosecute), by the District Attorney of New York's Office.

Kevin would face his toughest battle in 2012, when he was diagnosed with 2 types of World Trade Center Cancer. Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and Testicular Cancer. Kevin would then undergo 10 months of Chemotherapy Infusion and 6 weeks of daily Occupational Radiation Treatment. Kevin would return to Full-Duty Status in November of 2012. Kevin was the Senior Field Training Officer (F.T.O.) for newly assigned Police Officers, after their graduation from the N.Y.P.D. Academy. Kevin would first start his association with the N.Y.C. P.B.A. Labor Union in 2014 as the 34th Precinct Delegate.

Kevin is a graduate of the following N.Y.P.D. Law Enforcement Schools and Courses;NYPD Auto Crime School, Pennsylvania State Police Auto Theft Course (2 Times),New Jersey State Police Organized Crime Truck Hijacking Course, NYPD ESU Emergency Psychology Technician Course, NYPD ESU N.Y.S. E.M.T. Course, Metro Dade Florida Auto Theft Course, NYPD Field Training Officer Course (2 Times) NYPD Crisis Intervention Team Training Course, and NYPD Dignitary Protection Course.



Kevin has previously been honored as the 2024 Irishman of the Year, by the Orange County Shields and is a 2024 Irish Echo Law and Order Recipient.

Kevin is the third of four children and an alumnus of St. Gregory the Great Grammar School in Bellerose, New York. Kevin was an altar boy while attending Grammar School at St. Gregory the Great Parish. Kevin then graduated from Martin Van Buren High School in Queens Village, New York in 1988. Directly after graduating High School, Kevin entered enlisted service with the United States Marine Corps in September of 1988. Kevin was assigned to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he forward deployed to 03 (Three) separate Combat and Contingency Operations. Kevin was meritoriously Combat Promoted to Corporal, during Operations Desert Shield and Storm. Kevin was promoted from all eligible Lance Corporals, within the theatre of operations. Kevin Murphy's Military Awards and Decorations include;

- *Navy Achievement Medal
 - *Combat Action Ribbon (1 Star)
 - *Navy Unit Commendation (2 Stars)
 - *Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
 - *Marine Corps Selected Reserve Medal
 - *National Defense Service Medal
 - *Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2 Stars)
 - *Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 Stars)
 - *Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2 Stars)
 - *Kuwait Liberation Medal-From the Kingdom of Kuwait
 - *Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabian Service Medal
 - *Meritoriously Combat Promoted
 - *4 Meritorious Masts
- (Star denotes subsequent award)

Kevin's Irish Familial Roots trace to;

His Paternal Side originates from Bandon, County Cork
His Maternal Side originates from Elphin, County Roscommon

Kevin has visited Ireland 4 times, with his most recent trip being in April 2024, where he represented the N.Y.C. P.B.A. at the Annual Garda G.R.A. Convention in Westport, County Mayo. Kevin still maintains relations with his familial relatives in the Counties of Cork and Sligo.

Kevin and his wife, Mrs. Julie Murphy (nee Petty), reside in Middletown, New York. Kevin and Julie Murphy, are active members of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Monroe, New York.



Thomas Reilly

FDNY Emerald Society
FDNY 2025 Aide to the Grand Marshal
NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Tom Reilly was born on May 19, 1961, in Lindenhurst, NY, the son of Mary and Bill Reilly and the third of six children. His parents were born in the Bronx and later moved to Suffolk County to start their family. Bill was an Operating Engineer who passed away in June of 2009. Mary, now 88, remains an active parishioner at Our Lady of Grace in West Babylon and is a proud grandmother to her 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Tom's Irish heritage traces back to Counties Longford, Tipperary, Cavan, and Clare. His forebears immigrated to New York, where the men worked as longshoremen and trolley and bus drivers, contributing to the city's vibrant workforce.

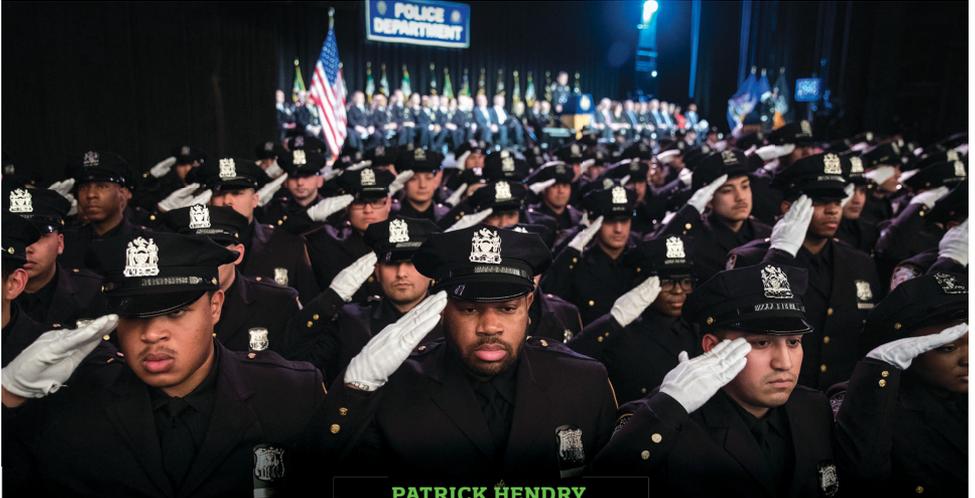
In 1990, Tom married Margaret Burns, and the couple moved to Sayville a few years later. They became active parishioners at St. Lawrence the Martyr, where they raised their three children. Their daughter Meaghan is an elementary school librarian in the Comsewogue School District. Their son Thomas is pursuing a PhD in seismic geology at Stony Brook University. Their youngest son, Francis, is earning a bachelor's degree at the College of William & Mary.

Tom earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from SUNY Old Westbury. He joined the NYPD in January 1984 and later joined the FDNY in October 1985. As a firefighter he was assigned to Engine 274, Engine 207, and Ladder 126. In 1999, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Engine 59. Tom rose to the rank of Captain in 2003, assigned to Engine 249. He achieved the rank of Battalion Chief in 2008, assigned to Battalion 20. Tom was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2023.

Tom was elected as a Chiefs Representative for the Uniformed Fire Officers Association for a three-year term beginning in 2021. He is a proud member of the FDNY Holy Name Society, the Emerald Society, and the Fire Chiefs Association. Tom's dedication to service, his strong Irish roots, and his commitment to family and community exemplify the values celebrated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He is proud to represent the FDNY and the Irish-American community this year.



Remember Our Fallen Heroes



FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

MERRITT RILEY Manhattan South
JOSEPH STRONG Manhattan North
RICHARD DIANA Housing
DANIEL ULSAMER Lower Manhattan / S.I.
JOSEPH A. RAO Queens South
FREDERICK WINTER Bronx
JOHN FITZGERALD Brooklyn North
ANTONIO VIVAR Brooklyn South
RAYMOND SALAMONE Queens North
MICHAEL MCPHEE Transit

PATRICK HENDRY President

DANIEL TIRELLI
1st Vice President

ALBERT ACIERNO
2nd Vice President

ARTHUR EGNER
Treasurer

BETTY CARRADERO
Recording Secretary

LETHIMYLE CLEVELAND
City-Wide Trustee

TRUSTEES

JOHN A. FLYNN Manhattan South
KEVIN MURPHY Manhattan North
NICHOLAS GERAMITA Housing
GEORGE WINKLER Lower Manhattan / S.I.
MICHAEL FREEMAN Queens South
MATTHEW FIALKOVIC Bronx
KARAM JUBRAN Bronx
THOMAS GILMORE Brooklyn North
ANTHONY CACIOPPO Brooklyn South
JULIUS PASSERO Queens North
JUAN ZUBIZARRETA Transit

Police Benevolent Association of the City of New York, Inc.

NYCPBA



125 Broad Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10004

(212) 233-5531

NYCPBA.ORG



CONGRATULATIONS
BEST WISHES

2025 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
AIDE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL
JOHN SAMUELSON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA

IN LOVING MEMORY
PATRICK J. WHALEN RET. DET NYCTPD
ANNA PAULINE WHALEN
THOMAS J. WHALEN RET. DET. ESU
KEVIN JOSEPH WHALEN
MADELINE H.WHALEN

THE WHALEN FAMILY
PATRICK JR.,(RET) SGT. ERS., MARY, KIERA
MAUREEN, JOSEPH, JANICE
PETER (RET.) DET. ESS#6, PETER JR., VICTORIA
MARY- SGT. MANG & BUDGET, THOMAS JR



**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
TO THE
IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
JOHN SAMUELSEN**

**2025 AIDE TO THE NYC ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FELLOW EMERALDS AIDE
BAYSIDE PARADE GLENN LYNCH NYPD
BROOKLYN PARADE TIMOTHY COWEN NYDC
QUEENS PARADE BRIAN J. SHARKEY NYDC
NYC PARADE KEVIN J. MURPHY NYPD
NYC PARADE THOMAS REILLY FDNY
BRONX PARADE FR. BRENDAN FITZGERALD FDNY**

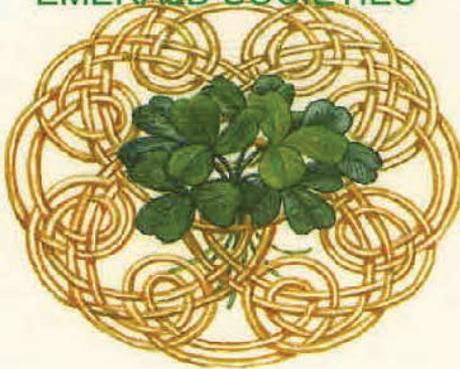
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DET. LUIS G. FERNANDEZ DET. CHRIS LINDSAY
9/3/70-10/16/14 06/22/68-02/12/17**

**THE RETIRED MEMBERS OF
EMERGENCY SERVICE TRUCK #6
LT. RICH LOBASSO
DET. MIKE KEENAN DET. PETER WHALEN
P.O. JOE WENDLER, DET. KEN AYALA,**



CONGRATULATIONS
2025 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
AIDE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL NYC
PARADE
JOHN SAMUELSEN
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION OF
AMERICA

PETE WHALEN, PAST PRESIDENT
NYPD EMERALD SOCIETY
GRAND COUNCIL OF UNITED
EMERALD SOCIETIES





TRI-STATE BENEFITS

SALUTES

JOHN SAMUELSEN

'25 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR &

Aide to the Grand Marshal

AND

MARTIN BELLEW

& The Board of

The Grand Council of

United Emerald

SOCIETIES



COMGHAIRDEAS

**The
IrishEcho**



**Congrats,
JOHN**

International President
of the Transport Workers
Union of America

*'United Irishlander and
Proud Irish American'*

– Guest of Honor –
Annual Irishman of the Year Dinner

*Hosted by the Grand Council of
United Emerald Societies Incorporated*

WWW.IRISHECHO.COM



**Colleran
& O'Hara
Mills L.L.P.**
OVER FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT



**Representing Public Sector &
Private Sector Unions
and Taft-Hartley Benefit Funds.**

*Congratulations to our great friend and labor leader,
John Samuelson, on receiving the
2025 Irishman of the Year Award*

CHRISTOPHER P. O'HARA
JOHN S. GROARKE
STEVEN C. FARKAS

DENIS A. ENGEL
MICHAEL D. BOSSO
PATRICIA L. BOLAND

100 Crossways Park Drive West, Suite 200 | Woodbury, NY 11797
516.248.5757 | www.cohmlaw.com



CONGRATULATIONS

TO

JOHN SAMUELSEN
2025 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR

FROM



THE LAW
OFFICE OF
DENNIS P.
RYAN

ATTORNEYS FOR INJURED CITY & TRADE WORKERS

DENNIS P. RYAN

80-02 KEW GARDENS ROAD, SUITE 201

KEW GARDENS, NY 11415

CALL US: (212) 441-4352

DRYAN@RYANINJURYFIRM.COM





Edward P. Boles
President

Brad Miles
Executive Vice President

**Congratulations to the Grand Council
for another successful Dinner Dance
and a Special Congratulations to the
2025 Irishman of the Year John Samuelson.
A well deserved honor for an inspirational
Irish-American Labor Leader &
an all-around great guy.
From your Friends at CPS Optical.**



Comprehensive Professional Systems Inc.
11 Hanover Square, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10005
Tel: (212) 675-5745 Fax: (212) 675-1147
www.CPSOPTICAL.com

Proudly serving union members for over 40 years!



BEST WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF UNITED EMERALD SOCIETIES

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FRIEND

JOHN SAMUELSON

2025 AIDE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL



CORRECTION CAPTAINS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
CORRECTION DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK
30-50 WHITESTONE EXPRESSWAY SUITE 400
FLUSHING NY 11354-1995
(718) 243-0222 FAX (718) 243-0228

PAUL J. IDLETT.....PRESIDENT
SARDOU AUGUSTIN.....FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
LEON BRITTONSECOND VICE PRESIDENT
OTIS BLOUNT.....TREASURER
JAHAIRA ALMODOVAR.....FINANCIAL SECRETARY
LAWRENCE DeBIANCHI.....SECRETARY
JOSEPH FERRAMOSCA.....LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN
ASHAKI JONES.....SERGEANT AT ARMS



**We honor the Grand Council of Emeralds
for their remarkable contributions to the
Irish-American community over the past
fifty years.**

**Congratulations to our Brother Knight
for this well-deserved recognition.**

**John Samuelsen
International President
Transport Workers Union of America
2025 Irishman of the Year
GCUES Aide to Grand Marshal**

**The Knights of Saint Patrick is a member-supported
501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to financially
supporting the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade.**



Ancient Order of
HIBERNIANS

Division 17

St. Brendan the Navigator

Long Beach † Island Park † Point Lookout

PO Box 1066

Long Beach, NY 11561

Email: info@aohlongbeachdiv17.org

Website: <https://aohlongbeachdiv17.org>



Wishing our friends at the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies a great evening at the Irishman of the Year dinner!

Congratulations to this year's honoree
John Samuelsen!

Chaplain

President

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Financial Secretary

Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairman

Marshal

Sentinel

Counsel

Junior Past President

Rev. Msgr. John J. Tutone

Jeremy Cecil

Sean McClenin

Jeff McCormack

William Holtmeyer

John O'Connor

Christopher Nolan

William Treadway

Sean Hood

Sean Schaefer

John Deely

PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP, UNITY & CHRISTIAN CHARITY



2025 Irishman of the Year

&

Thank you for your continual support of Local 59



Pete Caruso, Vice President

Glenn Olsen, Secretary Treasurer

Jorge Rojas, Recording Secretary

Brian Coyne, Central Region Vice President

Jolin Iuliano, Northeast Region Vice President

Richard Rivera, Southeast Region Vice President

Steve Halter, Southwest Region Vice President

Phil Jugnet, West Region Vice President

Mark Erler, AMT Executive Board

Santos Dorta, GSE/Facilities Executive Board

Mike Jeziarski, MLS Executive Board

Eric Alburquerque, Executive Board at Large

Russ Dittmer, Administrative Executive Board



ROMANO AT LAW

Injured on the job?

24/7 Online Service

Free Consultations

Achieving successful case
outcomes for over 38 years



Owner: Mr. Joseph A. Romano, Esq.

Our Services

- Workers' Compensation
- Social Security Disability
- Pension
- Personal Injury
- Legal Referrals



855.965.1515



marketing@romanoatlaw.com



2168 Central Park Avenue,
Yonkers, NY 10710



www.romanoatlaw.com



Disclaimer Attorney Advertising. Past Results Do Not Guarantee Similar Results.



ROMANO AT LAW

(855) 965-1515

- ▶▶▶ WORKERS' COMPENSATION
- ▶▶▶ SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY
- ▶▶▶ DISABILITY PENSION
- ▶▶▶ ACCIDENTS / PERSONAL INJURY
- ▶▶▶ LEGAL REFERRALS



WWW.ROMANOATLAW.COM



Yonkers • Bronx • Manhattan • Queens



2025 Irishman of the Year

&

Thank you for your continual support of Local 59



Pete Caruso, Vice President

Glenn Olsen, Secretary Treasurer

Jorge Rojas, Recording Secretary

Brian Coyne, Central Region Vice President

Jolin Iuliano, Northeast Region Vice President

Richard Rivera, Southeast Region Vice President

Steve Halter, Southwest Region Vice President

Phil Jugnet, West Region Vice President

Mark Erler, AMT Executive Board

Santos Dorta, GSE/Facilities Executive Board

Mike Jezierski, MLS Executive Board

Eric Alburquerque, Executive Board at Large

Russ Dittmer, Administrative Executive Board



**ANCIENT ORDER
OF HIBERNIANS**



BRONX COUNTY AOH

Congratulates

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF UNITED
EMERALD SOCIETIES**

And

JOHN SAMUELSEN

IRISHMAN of the YEAR

And

Martin Bellew and Brian Sharkey

From

**Martin Galvin
Bronx County President**



Congratulations to
Grand Council
of United Emerald Society
Board & Members
&
TWU International President
John Samuelson
International President,
Transport Workers Union of America
GCUES 2025 Aide to the Grand Marshal
& our CFAIR 2024 Labor Leader Awardee

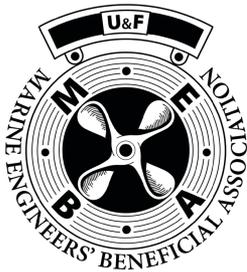
From your friends at the
Council For American Ireland Relations
(CFAIR)

Dr. Brian O'Dwyer – Chairman
Michael Carroll ESQ – President
Dan Dennehy – Vice President
Edmond Brady – Treasurer

Contact CFAIR.ORG@gmail.com
for information about our work



Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO)



M.E.B.A. represents licensed engine and deck officers aboard seagoing vessels, ferries and government-contracted ships. Our members also serve on tugs & barges, cruise & research ships, Great Lakes & LNG vessels and in various capacities in the shoreside industries.

**M.E.B.A. celebrates True Labor Champion
John Samuelsen and salutes his tireless advocacy &
steadfast commitment to lifting up the working class!**

Adam Vokac
M.E.B.A. President

Jason Callahan
Atlantic Coast V.P.

Roland Rexha
Secretary-Treasurer

M.E.B.A. NY / NJ Union Hall | 37 Edward Hart Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305
(201) 433-7700 | newyork@mebaunion.org | www.mebaunion.org

Max Alper, Executive Vice President | **Adam Smith**, Gulf Coast Vice President



**New York State
Pipe Trades Association
of the**

**United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices
of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry
of the United States and Canada**

**Gregory Lancette
President**

**Michael Jarvis
Secretary-Treasurer**

**John J. Murphy
U.A. International Representative**

The New York State Pipe Trades Association
wishes to congratulate
John Samuelsen, *International President*
of the Transport Workers Union Of America,
on your well-deserved recognition as *Guest of Honor*
at the 2025 Irishman of the Year dinner hosted by
the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies.

Thank you for your Union pride and leadership.



<u>Local No.</u>	<u>Business Manager</u>	<u>Local No.</u>	<u>Business Manager</u>	<u>Local No.</u>	<u>Business Manager</u>
1	Paul O'Connor	81	Greg Lancette	373	Tom Gandolfini
7	Edward Nadeau	112	Daniel Crocker	638	Robert Bartels Jr.
13	John Carpenter	128	Santino D'Amario	669	Kenneth Lilley Jr.
21	Tom O'Brien	200	Richard Brooks	773	Michael Jarvis
22	Rich Evans				



KNOW GREATER VALUE®

Congratulations
to
John Samuelsen



ACCOUNTANTS AND ADVISORS

Edmond Brady, Partner
ebrady@pkfod.com

245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167
212.286.2600

Francis McEnerney, Partner
fmcenerney@pkfod.com

20 Commerce Dr., Suite 301
Cranford, NJ 07016
908.272.6200

www.pkfod.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF EMERALD SOCIETIES, PRESIDENT MARTIN BELLEW & TO JOHN SAMUELSEN !

& SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FRIEND & PAST DETECTIVE BARNEY FERGUSON FUND HONOREE: BRIAN SHARKEY!

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT:



HELP US SUPPORT OUR POLICE, FIRE, MILITARY MOS' AND THEIR FAMILIES !

10TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER Thursday, AUGUST 21, 2025 6PM:

**HONOREES: N.Y.P.D. BANDMASTER: DAN O'GRADY
THE NYPD PIPES & DRUMS BAND
A.O.H. DIV 3 PRESIDENT: JAMIE HAMILTON, ESQ.Y.
YONKERS P.D. SGT. PHIL WANDERMAN
F.D.N.Y. - E.M.S.**

JULIANO'S RESTAURANT NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (JOURNAL AD'S AVAILABLE)
Tickets and Donations to: DET BARNEY FERGUSON FUND.
PO BOX 8603, PELHAM, N.Y. 10803



New York's Strongest



Pipes & Drums
of The
Emerald Society

N.Y.C.
Department
of Sanitation

CONGRATULATIONS

IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR DINNER



On Behalf of

The DSNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band

SLAINTE



TWU Railroad Division Congratulates International President John Samuelson On His Selection as Irishman of the Year



***John Feltz, Rail Division Director
Sydni Gibbs, Rail Division Administrative Assistant
Brian DeLucia, Rail Division Representative***



Local 1460
Local 2001
Local 2003
Local 2008
Local 2009

Local 2011
Local 2013
Local 2014
Local 2015
Local 2016

Local 2017
Local 2019
Local 2020
Local 2025
Local 2035

Local 2037
Local 2051
Local 2053
Local 2054
Local 2055



Congratulations to the Grand Council of United
Emerald Societies Inc.

2025 Irishman of the Year

And

Our International President

John Samuelson



TWU LOCAL 106

TRANSIT SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

5768 Mosholu Avenue-Bronx, NY 10471

Visit us on the web at TWU106.ORG

Philip Valenti
President

Joseph Betancourt
Vice President

Hubert Reardon
Secretary Treasurer

Jose DeJesus
Recording Secretary

Executive Council

Roderick Bailey
LeQuan Mitchell

Joseph Betancourt
Liljohn Maldonado
Demetrios Pothos

Patrick Brennan
Rajesh Sasenarine

Todd Napoletano
Vincent Tossone

Mike Rodriguez
Chris Sohl
Steve Lopez

Antonio Serrano
Kevin Johnson

MTA Bus

MSII/SSII

MTA Bus

Queens

OA Transportation

OA Maintenance



**FROM ALL OF YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN
PHILADELPHIA,**

THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION LOCAL 234

IS PROUD TO SEE ONE OF OUR OWN,

INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT JOHN SAMUELSEN

HONORED AS THE EMERALD SOCIETY'S

IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR!



TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION LOCAL 252

**Congratulates
Their very own**

**John Samuelson
International President**

and

All the Honored Guests

**A special thank you to The Grand Council of United Emerald
Societies Inc.
for all they do for the labor community**

Officers

**Debra A. Hagan, President
Neal Galloway, Secretary/Treasurer
Denise Fleming, Vice President, First Student Bus
Howard Shapiro, Vice President, Guardian Bus
Karen Aguiar, Vice President, Suffolk Transportation Service
Vincent Williams, Vice President, Suffolk Bus Corp.
Dan Busa, Vice President, Transdev Maintenance
Tom Callagy, Vice President, Transdev Operators
Christine Wainright, Recording Secretary**

Executive Board Members

Marlon Hutchins - Luis Mercado - James Mobley - Deborah Aviles - Richard Grogan



CONGRATULATIONS!



JOHN SAMUELSEN
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA

2025 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR



TWU LOCAL 570 UNION

Thanks to the dedication of our members, our aircraft stay airworthy and are the backbone of our aviation industry and economy.



We proudly celebrate and honor our TWU International President, John Samuelsen, for his leadership and unwavering support. Together, we stand Union Strong!

Dan Rivera | Andrew Rangolan | Nukrumma Hyles
Danny Martinez | Catina Jackson | Kenneth Munnings | Winston Andrade | Tina Coolidge



Emerald Society

Police Department of New York City

www.NYPDEmeralds.com

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Brian P. Flynn

President

Kevin Keenan

Vice President

Kaitlyn Mooney

Treasurer

Sean Finnegan

Financial Secretary

Sean Coniker

V.P. Manhattan South

Mary Whalen

V.P. Manhattan North

John Corry

V.P. Bronx

Michael Manley

*V.P. Brooklyn South &
Staten Island*

Daniel McFadden

V.P. Brooklyn North

John Vierling

V.P. Queens North

Conor Kubic

V.P. Queens South

John Murphy

V.P. Merchandise

Bob Scott

V.P. Retired Members

Father Brendan Gormley

Chaplain

Sean Liscoe

Corresponding Secretary

Katharine Ferrante

Recording Secretary

Michael Daly

Marshal

Steven Yatchenya

Sergeant at Arms

Timothy Black

Historian

Thomas Sullivan

Webmaster

Glenn Lynch

Trustee Retired Members

TRUSTEES:

Stephen Barry

Justin Collins

Theresa Haley

Sean Hogan

Colleen Jennings

Katherine Marsh

Matthew O'Leary

Daniel White

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES
TO
THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF UNITED EMERALD SOCIETIES

AND TO THE

IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
JOHN SAMUELSEN

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE
TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA
NYCTA EMERALD SOCIETY

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE
NYPD EMERALD SOCIETY



EMERALD SOCIETY

Correction Department, City of New York
PO Box 38
Atlantic Beach, New York 11509
Organized in 1955

Timothy N. Cowen
President

Keith Blatz
1st Vice President

Brian J. Sharkey
Treasurer

Kathleen McMahon
Financial Secretary

Lawrence McArdle
VP-City Wide

Christopher Chamberlain
VP-Headquarters

Michael McCabe
VP-Rikers Island

Kevin E. Quinn
VP-Retires

Bridget Luby Esposito
Recording Secretary

Connor Olsen
Sgt at Arms

Trustees:
Thomas B. Farrell, Chairman
Kathleen Mulvey
Michael Hourihane
Richard Palmer
Robert Ellis

Chaplains:
Father Christopher Heanue
Sister Margaret McCabe

Past Presidents:

James W. Mulvey*
James Slattery*
Adam McQuillan*
Vincent Toner*
Thomas Fitzsimmons*
John P. Clark*
William J. Kennedy*
Thomas J. Hayes Jr.
Bernard Cassidy Jr.
Brian J. Sharkey
Brian P. Riordan
Kevin E. Quinn
Edmund Duffy
Thomas B. Farrell
Thomas Betts
Michael Barzal
Ryan Gunning
Roy G. Miller

Congratulations,

John Samuelsen

Irishman of the Year

2025 Aide to the Grand Marshal

Fraternally,

Timothy N. Cowen

Timothy N. Cowen

President



The NYCD Emerald Society Inc. is a registered 501(c)3 Non Profit EIN #853661767
Charter Member-Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Inc
Charter Member-National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies
Affiliated with the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade



EMERALD SOCIETY

Fire Department, City of New York
PO Box 584
Salem, New York 11509
Organized March 17, 1956

Congratulations

Patrick McParland
President

Dan Cavanaugh
Vice President

Tom Behan
1st Vice President

Dan Dempsey
Treasurer

Kevin Grace
Recording Secretary

Mike O'Sullivan
Sgt At Arms

Frank Beirne
Good & Welfare

Eddie Finn
Corresponding Secretary

Pat Whelan
Pipes & Drums

Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald
Chaplain

Trustees/Boro Officers

Manhattan
Steve Rogers
Will Sullivan
Pat Finegan

Bronx
Brian Barrett
T.J. Regan

Brooklyn
James Coyne

Queens
J.W. Smith
Brian Hennelly

Staten Island
Artie Evans
Timmy Hynes

SOC
Andy Lenane
Tim McGuire

Retiree Advocates
Frank Morrissey
Kevin Whalen

John Samulesen

International President, TWU
2025 Irishman of the Year
GCUES Aide to the Grand Marshal

Father Brendan Fitzgerald

FDNY ES Chaplain
Bronx County Aide to the Grand Marshal

Deputy Chief Thomas Reilly

UFOA Treasurer
FDNY Aide to the Grand Marshal

Fraternally,

Patrick McParland

Patrick McParland

President

Charter Member-Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Inc
Affiliated with the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade

FDNYEMERALD.ORG



Congratulations!!!

To

The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies
2025 Honoree:

John Samuelson!!!!

From the Officers and Members of
The New York City Transit Authority Emerald Society

Fr. Patrick Keating	.....	Chaplain
John McGay	.....	President
Joann Gundersen	.....	Vice President
Randy Litz	.....	Recording Secretary
Stephen Cummins	.....	Treasurer
Joseph O'Rourke	.....	Financial Secretary
John Farrington	.....	Communications Secretary
Mike Sexton	.....	Sergeant at Arms
Larry Gallagher	.....	Historian

Bronx Division:

Dan Sugrue	.....	Vice President
Danny Hay	.....	Recording Secretary
John Farrington	.....	Treasurer
John O'Connell	.....	Sergeant at Arms

S.I. Division:

Keith McAlarney	.....	Vice President
Christopher Nolan	.....	Recording Secretary
Mike Anderson	.....	Treasurer
Matt Walters	.....	Sergeant at Arms
John Dick	.....	Treasurer Emeritus

Great Job John, Well Deserved!!!!
From all of us at NYCTA Emerald Society!!!



THE EMERALD SOCIETY OF
CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY
OF NEW YORK, INC.

EST. 1962

273 JESSAMINE AVENUE
YONKERS, NY 10701



2024 – 2026

Michael Murphy
Executive Sponsor

John G. Ryan
President

Jennifer Flynn
1st Vice President

Siobhan Keane-Revie
2nd Vice President

Heidi Cinquegrana
3rd Vice President

Greg Sullivan
Recording Secretary

Jennifer Jensen
Financial Secretary

James O'Leary
Treasurer

Vivian Boyd
Membership Director

Kathryn Gionta
Communications Director

Christopher Long
Editor

Maureen Kreider
Program Director

Ryan Gleeson
Engagement Manager

Rory Glynn
Webmaster

Maeve Flanagan
Arts & Cultural Director

Kenny Kinsman
Sgt at Arms

Cathy Schramm
Trustee

Aoife Stack
Trustee

Jacqueline Frosco
Trustee

Robert Salmon
Trustee

Thomas Maher
Trustee

Brianne Conlan
Trustee

John Morgan
Trustee

Bishop Kevin Sweeney
Chaplain

Rector-Pastor Chris Heanue
Co-Chaplain

**Congratulations to
International President,
Transport Workers Union of America:**

John Samuelson

**Aide to the NYC
St Patrick's Day Parade 2025**

Congratulations to all the award winners!

Fraternally,

The Emerald Society Officers

EmeraldSociety@ced.com

www.facebook.com/groups/79821985028796/

www.linkedin.com/company/67218705

The Emerald Society of Con Edison is an IRS registered 501(c)10 nonprofit organization



Police Emerald Society

Nassau County, New York

PO BOX 1894 • N. MASSAPEQUA, NY 11758

www.ncpdemerald.org

OFFICERS

President

Det Casey Quinn, NCPD - NVB

1st Vice President

Sgt Timothy Rizzuto, NYSPP

2nd Vice President

Det Adrian Lally, NCPD - I SQ

Treasurer

PO Kristin Motschwiller, NCPD - AFU

Secretary

PO Chris Campbell, NCPD - MAB

Sergeant at Arms

PO Billy McEnroe, Hempstead PD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sean P. Rourke, Oyster Bay Cove PD

Thomas Arcuri, NCPD - AIU

Frank T. Arcuri, NCPD

Michael Pitcher, Old Brookville PD (Ret)

Scott Smith, NYS Park Police (Ret)

Robert Blum, NCPD - ESU (Ret)

Scott C McPail, NCPD-BSO

CHAPLAIN

Fr. Christopher Costigan

LEGAL COUNSEL

Gregory Caggiano LLP

Keith Lavallee, Esq.

The Nassau County Police
Emerald Society
Congratulates
Irishman of the Year,
John Samuelson,
International President of the
Transport Workers Union of America
(TWU).

Congratulations
and Wishing You All the Best!!

Charter Member – National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, Inc.

Member – Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, Inc.



THE PORT AUTHORITY POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY



WISHES TO CONGRATULATE

John Samuelson

A RECOGNITION WELL DESERVED

IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR DINNER

2025



Suffolk County Police Officer's Emerald Society
PO Box Lake Ronkonkoma NY 11779-0508
www.suffolkemeralds.org

Nicholas Aspromgos
President

Jolin Brunkard
1st Vice President

Craig Cowell
2nd Vice President

Glenn Kirkpatrick
Treasurer

Vin Daly
Recording Secretary

M i k e Homan
Corresponding Secretary

Charles Ebert
Financial Secretary

Terry Mawn
Trustee

James O'Leury
Sgt.-at-Arms

Donal Hughes
Sgt.-at-Arms

Luke McDonald
Delegate at Large

Kathleen Murphy-Lubey
Chairman
Board of Directors

Patrick Mahan
Band Manager

Fr. Sean Gann
Chaplain

Thomas Spreer
Legal Counsel

In Memoriam
Msgr. James Kissane
Fr. Peter McCann

Congratulations

Grand Council of United Emerald Society

On Your
Irishman of the Year Dinner

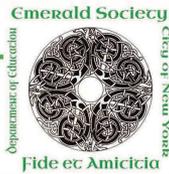
At
Antun's of Queens Village
96-43 Springfield Blvd,
Queens Village, NY

Congratulations To
John Samuelson
International President,
Transport Workers of America,
and a member of the NYCTA Emerald Society
He will also serve as an Aide to the
NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal
Micheal A. Benn on Monday,
March 17, 2025.

Member of Grand Council - United Emerald Society of New York



THE TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS
EMERALD SOCIETY
CONGRATULATES
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF UNITED EMERALD SOCIETIES'
2025
IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
JOHN SAMUELSEN
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE
TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION



*Congratulations
to the
Irishman of the year,
John Samuelson!*



*From the
NYC Department of Education
Emerald Society*



New York City Department of Education Emerald Society

<https://www.emeraldsocietynycdoe.com>



P.O. BOX 1972
CANAL STREET STATION
NEW YORK, NY 10013-0873

CONGRATULATIONS!

IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR DINNER

SEAN NEAL
President

SEAN NORRIS
1st Vice President

JOHN HANSON
2nd Vice President

JOSEPH CLOHESSY
Treasurer

RYAN DEMPSEY
Financial Secretary

CHRISTOPHER PRETO
Correspondence Secretary

CHRISTINE CASTELLANO
Recording Secretary

EDWARD O'NEILL
Marshal

ERIC ELLEO
Sergeant at Arms

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JAMES MCGOORTY
THOMAS J. DOYLE
DAVID CALLERY
STEVE CALDER
MATTHEW MALLOY
PETER MCKEON
THOMAS WALKER
BRYANT SMALL
DENNIS SHOCK
JUSTIN ZWICK
PETER QUINN



GUEST OF HONOR
John Samuelson
International President,
Transport Workers Union of America
2025 Aide to the Grand Marshal

On behalf of

Sean M. Neal,

the Executive Board

and the entire D.S.N.Y.

Emerald Society Membership



Sheriff's Emerald Society

EST. 1990

Nassau County, New York
Post Office Box 2
East Meadow, New York 11554
ncsdemeraldsociety@yahoo.com
www.ncsdemerald.org

Congratulations to Tonight's Honoree

John Samuelson

President Transport Workers Union of America

Aide to the 2025 Grand Marshall
NYC St Patrick's Day Parade

The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies
Irishman of the Year

From the Men & Women of the
Nassau County Sheriff's
Emerald Society

President
Ryan Murphy

- President
Sean Hood
- 1st Vice President
Ryan Murphy
- 2nd Vice President
Daniel Beirne
- 3rd Vice President
Joseph Szala
- Treasurer
Brian Wise
- Recording Secretary
James Carroll
- Corresponding Secretary
Mathew Meehan
- Sergeant At Arms
Rick Shearin
- Board of Directors
Donald Houlihan
Chris Reid
Anthony Kelly
Mark Bernikow
Nick Burzefino
- Legal Counsel
F. Scott Carrigan
- Trustees
John McLoughlin
Kyle Sena
- Past Presidents
Ann Marie O'Doherty*
Michael S. Ray
Kenneth E. Kelly
Jack Brady
Robert M. Sullivan
Michael J. Turner
Kenneth Banchback
James Aquilina
Ryan Mulligan
Brian Wise
Benjamin Volpicello
Roland Anderson
Brian Dolan
Rick Shearin
Kyle Sena
John McLoughlin
- *Deceased



emerald.society

New York State Courts Emerald Society



Executive Board

Frank Sheridan
President

Amanda Pannenbacker
1st Vice President

Krista Sessoms
2nd Vice President

Timothy Haggerty
Treasurer

Karen Uniacke
Recording Secretary

Thomas Lusk
Sergeant at Arms

Matthew Kulaka
Social Media

Congratulations to the 2025 Irishman of the Year

John Samuelson



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

P.O. Box 24911, Brooklyn, New York 11202
Email: nyscemeraldsociety@yahoo.com



Remove the Linktree logo [Upgrade](#)

linktr.ee/nyscemeraldsociety



Salutes
the Grand Council of the United Emeralds
and
John Samuelson
2025 Irishman of the Year

Sean McCarthy
President
Duke Bunce
First Vice President
Lilah Bunce
Treasurer



MTAPD



Emerald Society

Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Police Department, New York & Connecticut

PO Box 165, 4910 Merrick Rd, NY 11762 Organized in
2022

Christopher O'Connor, President
Michael Burns, 1st Vice President
Ryan Miller, Vice President
Stefani Jackson, Treasurer
Dennis O'Hara, Secretary
Brendan Behan, Financial Secretary
Ryan Doherty, Sgt at Arms

Board of Trustees

Patrick Carolan- Chairman
Joseph DeVito
Nicholas Moran
Gregory Quinn
Kevin Degnan

Congratulations to the guest of honor
John Samuelson on being selected
as the 2025 Aide to the Grand Marshal



f@e1ok@MT APDEmeraldSociety
inst@r@n@ mtapd_emerald_society
twitter@MTAPDEmerald



Congratulations to our good friend,

John Samuelson

May the Wind be on your back on March 17th!



**Brian & Maria
Sharkey**





CONGRATULATIONS To All the Honorees



Our family loves being a part of the
Emerald Society Family.



Michael Barzal
Past President
NYCD Emerald Society

If your family is thinking of making a move
in or out of New York / New Jersey contact me.

I would love to work with fellow Emerald Society Members.



113 New Dorp Plaza, SI, NY 10306 • 718-667-8000
349 US 9, Manalapan, NJ 07726 • 732-851-6500
www.ditommaso.com



Kathleen Barzal

NYS Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
NJ Realtor Associate

Cell: 917-648-5279

kathybarzal@aol.com

www.kathybarzal.com



Maith an fear!

A leader rich in gifts offers them freely, sowing knowledge and building strength as he goes.

A man of true heart makes the work joyful.

Cheers to you, John, the best mucker of all.

From The Bronx to Belfast, you wage battle in fire and win with grace.

May you always find the war - and the peace.

***Felicidades on your well-deserved
2025 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
recognition from the Grand Council
of the United Emerald Societies.***

We in the trenches salute you.



***“As I am. As I am.
All or not at all.”***

—James Joyce

ManhattanTimes
Manhattantimesnews.com

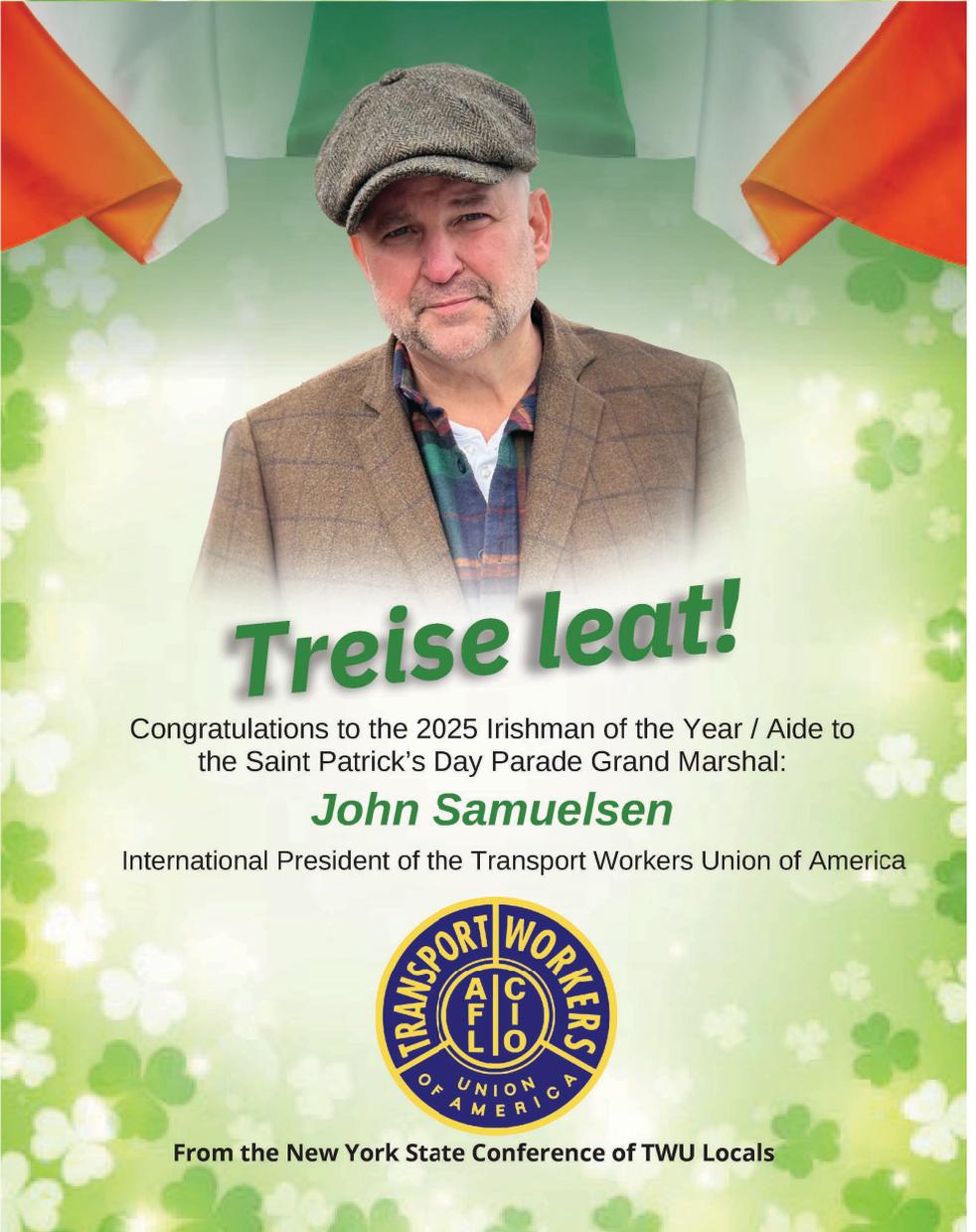
The **BRONX** FREE PRESS
The Community's Bilingual Newspaper
El Periódico Bilingüe de la Comunidad
thebronxfreepress.com



“Printer of this Journal”

**PRINTING • XEROX COPIES
ADVERTISING SPECIALTIES**

**2461 Hylan Boulevard
Staten Island, New York 10306
Tel: (718) 667-3233
Fax: (718) 667-7815**



Treise leat!

Congratulations to the 2025 Irishman of the Year / Aide to the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal:

John Samuelson

International President of the Transport Workers Union of America



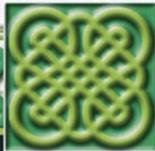
From the New York State Conference of TWU Locals



TWU LOCAL 1400
CONGRATULATES
IRISHMAN
OF THE
YEAR



JOHN
SAMUELSEN





NPDF

NATIONAL POLICE DEFENSE FOUNDATION

"Protecting and Supporting Law Enforcement"



EXECUTIVE BOARD

SSA Joseph Occhipinti
Founder & Executive Director
US Department of Justice, INS (Ret)
Det. Michael J. Palladino, President
New York City Police Department (Ret)
President, Detective's Endowment Association
Sgt. Michael Barry, Vice President
Port Authority Police of NY & NJ (Ret)
P.O. Robert Henderson, Treasurer
S. Bound Brook Police Department (Ret)
SAC John B. DeVito, Secretary
Federal Law Enforcement Executive

NPDF COALITIONS

SAC Hugo Barrera, Administrator
Federal Officers Coalition U.S. Department of Justice, ATF (Ret)
Chief, Robert Caron, Administrator
Port Authority Police of NY & NJ (Ret)
Sgt. Michele Mastrosimone, Administrator
NPDF Italian Coalition, Italian State Police

LEGAL & INVESTIGATIVE STAFF

Alan E. Wolin, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel
John T. Bazzurro, Esq., Legal Counsel (NJ)
Anthony Pope, Esq., Legal Counsel (NJ)
Anna Marie Luzzo, Esq., Legal Counsel
Det. David Venezian (Ret), Chief Investigator

MEDICAL STAFF

Dr. Dhimant Balar, D.O., Chief Police Surgeon
Aaron Feingold, M.D.-FACC, Police Surgeon
Joseph Como, DDS
Director of Surgical Operations
Dr. Jordan Josephson, M.D., Police Surgeon

ADMINISTRATION

Angela Occhipinti, Office Administrator
Michelle Rizzo, Chief Operating Officer
Michael Ceglie, Webmaster
Amanda Avella, Member Processing Director
Janice Arbutal, Executive to COO
Patricia Sangster, Executive Assistant
Frank Rubino, CPA, Financial Auditor
James Urbano, Insurance Advisor
Camr. William Carroll (Ret)
Congressional Liaison Officer

CLERGY STAFF

Msgr. Robert Romano
Deputy Chief Chaplain, NYPD
Rabbi Harry Tzvi Berkowitz
Chief Chaplain, MTA Police
Rev. Capt. James Occhipinti,
Chaplain, Ocean County Prosecutor's Office

NPDF PROGRAM AND SERVICES

Sgt. Michael Barry, Director
Port Authority Police of NY & NJ (Ret)

OPERATION KIDS

Lisa M. Malecki, P.A., Administrator
877-325-KIDS / WWW.OPKIDS.ORG

SAFE COP PROGRAM

888-SAFE-COP / WWW.SAFCOP.ORG
Lt. Karl M. Milligan, Administrator
Prince George City PD (Ret)

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING CENTER

732-446-5360 & 732-617-2330

CHARITY REGISTRATIONS:

New Jersey (AG Reg. #CH09905)
IRS Registration (13-3830191)

NATIONAL POLICE DEFENSE FOUNDATION

"Proud Sponsors of Operation Kids & Safe Cop Programs"

CONGRATULATES

GRAND COUNCIL OF UNITED EMERALD SOCIETIES

In Celebrating Their

2025 Irishman of the Year Dinner

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SAFE COP PROGRAM



Joseph Occhipinti
Executive Director

Michael J. Palladino
President

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

21 Kilmer Drive • Building 2 • Suite C • Morganville, NJ 07751
1-888-SAFE-COP • Fax: 732-862-1444 • E-mail: npdf1@aol.com • www.npdf1.org

The NPDF is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation that funds the "Safe Cop" and "Operation Kids" Programs.

