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Press Release

Patrick J. Ryder

The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Inc
2026 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
2026 AIDE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL

The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies (GCUES) is proud to announce that the Honorable Patrick J. Ryder, Police Commissioner of the Nassau County Police Department, and a member of the Nassau County Police Emerald Society, will be honored with the prestigious 2026 Irishman of the Year award at the GCUES Irishman of the Year dinner which will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Antun's of Queens Village.

Patrick J. Ryder, a proud son of Irish emigrant parents hailing from County Dublin, Ireland, embarked on his law enforcement career with the New York City Police Department on January 4, 1984. Subsequently, he joined the Nassau County Police Department on July 18, 1986. Throughout his illustrious career, Ryder's unwavering dedication, exceptional work ethic, and deep-seated pride in his Irish heritage have propelled him to the esteemed position of Commissioner of the Nassau County Police Department.

In recognition of his remarkable 42 years of service in law enforcement and his profound Irish heritage, Commissioner Ryder will serve on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, as the GCUES Aide to the NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, Robert J. McCann.

Fraternally,

Martin Bellew

Martin Bellew,
President

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January 21, 2026

GCUES Irishman of the Year Dinner

7 pm- 11 pm

Antun's of Queens Village

96-43 Springfield Boulevard

Queens Village, NY

March 17, 2026

New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade

11 am

East 44th and Fifth Avenue

New York, New York

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