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August 1, 2026

Dear Emeralds and Friends,

I am excited to invite you to our Fourth Annual Cigar Night, taking place on Monday, October 26, 2026, at Vetro Restaurant & Lounge by Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York. This special event is designed to bring together Emeralds, labor members, and cherished friends for an evening filled with camaraderie, recognition, and support for a worthy cause.

Over the past three years, thanks to the generosity of our affiliated organizations and supporters, we have made significant contributions to deserving Irish American charities:

- 2025 - Irish American Baseball Society: \$10,000
- 2024 - Project Children: \$10,000
- 2023 - Fighting 69th Historical Trust: \$10,000

This year, we are proud to honor three exceptional leaders whose commitment and service embody the values of the labor movement and the Emerald tradition:

- Frank Morales, President, UWUA Local 1-2
- Patrick O'Malley, 1st Vice President, NYS SCOA
- Kevin Grace, Lieutenant Representative, FDNY UFOA.

A portion of the proceeds from Cigar Night will benefit the Knights of Saint Patrick Foundation, whose primary mission is to provide annual financial support to the New York City Parade, promoting the study of Irish culture and raising awareness.

Since 1988, the Knights have contributed over \$1.8 million to the Parade, along with donations to notable organizations such as Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the Saint Patrick's Day Foundation, the NYC Irish Arts Center, and the Msgr. Jack Barry Scholarship Fund.

In 2026, the Knights extended financial support to 13 local Saint Patrick's Day Parades, including those in Brooklyn, Bay Ridge, Eastchester, Goshen, Mahopac, Mineola, Rockville Centre, Rockaway, Pearl River, Peekskill, Staten Island, Yonkers, and Warwick. This initiative helps to sustain the spirit of Saint Patrick and Irish America throughout the New York Metropolitan Area.

You can look forward to enjoying a premium selection of cigars, a four-hour premium open bar, a Fighting 69th Irish Whiskey toast, delicious appetizers, a hot/cold buffet, dessert, raffles, and prizes all in the company of wonderful friends and the spirit of Emerald fellowship.

We also encourage you to explore corporate sponsorship opportunities, which provide excellent visibility while supporting a meaningful cause.

We are truly grateful for your ongoing friendship, generosity, and commitment. I eagerly anticipate welcoming you on October 26th for what promises to be an extraordinary event. The Dress Code for the evening is business casual.

Fraternally,

Peter F. Whalen

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Chairman

718-490-8765

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The Grand Council is a national organization comprising twenty seven (27) affiliated Emerald Societies that operate in essential frontline professions, including Law Enforcement, Fire Service, EMS, Education, Mass Transit, Public Utilities and Waste Management



GRAND COUNCIL OF UNITED EMERALD SOCIETIES

CIGAR NIGHT

Monday, October 26, 2026



Vetro Restaurant & Lounge
164-49 Cross Bay Blvd
Howard Beach, NY



7:00 PM – 11:00 PM



Donation \$160 per person
Four-Hour Premium Open Bar



PACKAGE OF PREMIUM CIGARS
APPETIZERS • HOT & COLD BUFFET
DESSERT • RAFFLES • PRIZES
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

THE FOLLOWING EMERALDS WILL ALSO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR
SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT.



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Patrick O'Malley
Vice President
NYS SCOA



Kevin Grace
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**A PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
KNIGHTS OF SAINT PATRICK FOUNDATION**



2026	Knights of Saint Patrick Foundation: TBD
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2024	Project Children: \$10,000
2023	Fighting 69th Historical Trust: \$10,000



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FOURTH ANNUAL
CIGAR NIGHT
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🍀 **RESERVATION & TICKET ORDER FORM** 🍀

📅 Monday, October 26, 2026 | ⌚ 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM | 📍 Vetro Restaurant & Lounge
164-49 Cross Bay Blvd, Howard Beach, NY

1 | TICKET RESERVATION

Donation: \$160 per person

FOUR-HOUR PREMIUM OPEN BAR

Appetizers • Hot and Cold Buffet • Dessert • Raffles • Prizes

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at \$160 per person

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

2 | GUEST INFORMATION

Please list the name(s) of your guest(s).

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

3 | CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization / Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4 | PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ **CHECK** Check enclosed payable to:
Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, Inc.

☐ **CREDIT CARD** (via Square)
Scan the QR code or visit
gcues.org/cigar-night



☐ **ZELLE**
Send payment to: info@gcues.org
Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, Inc.
*Please include "Cigar Night" and your name
in the payment notes.*

5 | RETURN THIS FORM

✉ **MAIL:**
Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, Inc.
P.O. Box 38
Atlantic Beach, NY 11509

✉ **EMAIL:**
info@gcues.org

☎ **CALL:**
(718) 490-8765

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**



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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	DONATION	TICKETS INCLUDED	RECOGNITION & BENEFITS	SELECT
✿ Gold Level – Cigar Sponsor (one available)	\$3,000	6	• Includes six tickets, signage recognition at the event, and our website	☐
✿ Gold Level – Bar Sponsor (one available)	\$3,000	6	• Includes six tickets, signage, and recognition at the event and our website	☐
✿ Gold Level – Food Sponsor (one available)	\$3,000	6	• Includes six tickets, signage, and recognition at the event and our website	☐
✿ Gold Level – Dessert Sponsor (one available)	\$3,000	6	• Includes six tickets, signage, and recognition at the event and our website	☐
✿ Gold Level – Special Sponsor (four available)	\$3,000	6	• Includes six tickets, signage, and recognition at the event and our website	☐
✿ Silver Level Sponsor	\$2,000	4	• Includes four tickets, signage, and recognition at the event and our website	☐
✿ Bronze Level Sponsor	\$1,000	2	• Includes two tickets, signage, and recognition at the event and our website	☐

✿ SPONSOR INFORMATION ✿

Organization / Company: _____
Contact Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Website: _____

☐ Please invoice me ☐ Payment enclosed

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