

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held at
The Los Angeles
Police Academy Lounge
1880 N. Academy Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The meetings
are scheduled to start
at 7:00 pm.

November 09
Election Night

December TBA

We need your help.
If you know of any
interesting speakers or
exciting programs,
which we may
incorporate into the
meetings, please feel free
to contact the new
board.

Together we can restore
the Los Angeles Police
Emerald Society as a
premier organization in
the Southern California
Irish American
Community.

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The Garda News



The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society

November 2011

A New Beginning

By **Scott Walton**
Sergeant-at-Arms,
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Hello fellow LAPES members. What happened here? I hope this newsletter will in fact bring you news as to what is going on with LAPES, as well as dispel fears as to the reported demise of the organization. Firstly, I want to thank Bill Robertson for volunteering his time to put this newsletter together and help get it up and running again. I also want to thank George Carol and Tom Kirk for their continued dedication to the society and the hard work they are doing to get our finances in order. Michael Apodaca deserves a round of applause as well for working on the membership roster and mailing list.

If *you* want to have a Police Emerald Society in Los Angeles, *you* are going to have to become more involved. Who is *you*? YOU is everyone who is reading this. It takes a lot of work to keep any

organization running. If several share the load it is not that much for any one person. If only a couple, or just one person has to do it all, the workload becomes insurmountable.

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Election Nominations

President

George Carroll

Vice President

Reggie Miles

Secretary

Cliff Breeden

Treasurer

Tommy Kirk

Sergeant-at-Arms

Mike Murphy

*All are running unopposed.
Election at Nov. 9 Meeting*

Irish Community Event Schedule

November 05

The 54th Annual Dinner
Dance Benefit for the
Columban Missions in
Burbank. \$65.00
323-665-4289

Benefit for the Brothers of
St. Patrick in Huntington
Beach at 6:15 pm.
www.brothesofstpatrik.com

November 13

Irelands 32
Winter Golf Tournament at
Westlake Golf Club
818-785-4031

November 19

Benefit for the family of
Michael Kelly (Sligo Rags)
who lost everything in the
Texas wildfires. Performing:
The Sligo Rags, The Fenians,
Trooper Thorn, Craic Haus,
The Fooks, The Emerald
Society Pipes and Drums
and many more at The
Tilted Kilt in Long Beach.
1:00 pm – 1:00 am
Suggested donation \$20.00
www.fiddlin4you.com

An Irish Christmas

Featuring: Riverdance and
Magic of the Dance.
An evening of music, song,
dance and story telling.

Nov 25 at 7:30 pm
Thousand Oaks Civic
www.civcartsplaza.com

Dec 4 at 2:00 pm
Irvine Barclay Theatre
www.thebarclay.org

Officer Ian Campbell's Killer, Powell, Will Die Behind Bars

On March 9, 1963, LAPD officer, Ian Campbell was shot and killed by Gregory Powell in an onion field near Bakersfield, CA.

Recently, Powell petitioned the California Board of Parole Hearings to grant a compassionate release from prison, due to a terminal illness.

Emerald Society member, Cliff Armas, who is a close friend of the Campbell family, read a statement from Officer Campbell's daughter, Valerie, who was only three when her father was killed. "I grew up without a father because of the act of a sociopath ... Gregory Powell must spend the rest of his life in prison. To release him dishonors the memory of my father, law enforcement and the Los Angeles Police Department."

Los Angeles Police Protective League director, Scott Rate reminded the parole board that Powell was originally sentenced to death, but that sentence was reduced to life in prison without the possibility of parole in 1972,



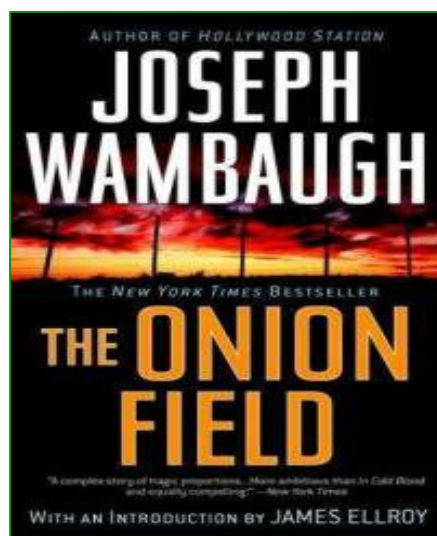
LAPD Officer Ian Campbell

when the courts struck down California's death penalty.

Rate added, "Given that Powell's life sentence is not a sentence of imprisonment until a terminal illness develops, it should be expected that the inmate will stay and die in prison."

Los Angeles County District Attorney, Steve Cooley also opposed the release saying, "It would have been a travesty of justice to release the man who had kidnapped and callously executed Officer Ian Campbell."

With a massive show of unity by local government agencies, law enforcement and the family, the Board of Parole Hearings reached the following decision; "The conditions under which the prisoner would be released or receive treatment, pose a treat to public safety," which guarantees that Powell will die in the California Medical Facility in Vacaville.



Moving Forward ...

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We are in a good position right now, as a handful of individuals have stepped up and said, "Let's do this!" Please don't let us down. We need your help. Pointing fingers at past individuals and events will do us no good at all. With a little help from each member, the volunteers in place now will get things running smoothly again. With no help, it will be very difficult, if not impossible.

In a nutshell, due to miscommunications, illness, and life changing events to several board members, the entire board, over time, has resigned, except for me. We have an interim board in place to put the pieces back together, so to speak. We will have a permanent board by December 31st. I cannot run for a board position due to my commitments with the band, but I will be advising the elected board as much as I can. I have been a member since 1999 and have served as president, vice president and sergeant-at arms. I was part of the membership that ratified and amended the current by-laws. I have a very strong understanding of the workings and history of this organization and I am extremely confident that the new board will get the society back to where it was a few years ago. As for the band, we have formed our own chapter with our own by-laws and board of directors. This was due to the changing missions of the band which were conflicting with the Society's. As long as I have anything to say about it, the band will support the society as much as

we can. My actions at this time should indicate as much. Most of the band members still belong to LAPES and will continue to renew their memberships.

What kind of help are we asking for? First, please fill out a new application form and send in your dues check. We are counting on your new information, so we can get information out to you. Let fellow Celts and Cops know that we are still in business. Come to a meeting when you can. One of the primary goals of the new board is to have an interesting program at each meeting and reduce the amount of business. Volunteer to work the booth for a couple of hours at one of the Irish or Scottish fairs we attend. Maybe help set up or tear down the booth at a fair. March in a Parade, or even carry a banner or flag. I guarantee you will have a blast. If you are too busy for events right now, we can take a rain check on your time. Please feel free to let the board know what you would like to see at a meeting or make comments as to what is going on in the Irish community. Any member can submit tidbits of news or an article for the newsletter, which will come out every second month from now on.

In addition to the newsletter coming back, and having interesting meetings again, the St Patrick's Day Party for 2012 is already being planned. ID cards will also be issued to members again in 2012. Let's all get this society moving forward again and have a good time together. I look forward to seeing you all at meetings and upcoming events!

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Pipe Band Schedule

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day Ceremony
1:00 pm
Veteran's Memorial Park
300 Esplanade
Redondo Beach, 90277
Veteran's Day Ceremony

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day Ceremony
2:00 pm
Veteran's Memorial Park
4756 Valley View,
Yorba Linda, 92855

Sunday, November 27

Hollywood Christmas Parade
6:00 pm
Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, 90028

Sunday, December 4

San Pedro Christmas Parade
1:00 pm
5th St. and San Pedro St.
San Pedro, 90731

Monday, January 2

The 123rd Rose Parade,
Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena

*Please support
the pipe band by attending
public performances.*

Ronald McDonald House

Los Angeles Police Emerald Society members Kim Braden and 'Emerald Santa' Tim Connaghan announced today that the Society will again bring Santa Claus to the Ronald McDonald House, 736 South Pasadena Avenue, Pasadena CA 91105

Santa will bring presents to the Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

If you can volunteer for this event please drop a note to esociety2@gmail.com letting us know your availability!

As an aside, Kim Braden asks that



you bring your soft drink "Pop Tabs" to the November 9th Society Meeting as the Ronald McDonald House redeems them also.

Irish Movie of the Month



Just about every one has seen the Quite Man starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, which is a classic Irish and American film.

Did you know there are many others Irish films, which we believe you will enjoy?

Give "Kisses" (2008) a go and you may find this refreshing and a little piece of Ireland.

Kisses is a magical suburban fairytale following Dylan and

Kylie, who escape their clashing families during Christmas and head to the city of Dublin, where they discover a newfound freedom.

If you have traveled to Dublin you may recognize some of the sites featured in the film.

The casting of unknowns Kelly O'Neill and Shane Curry is a master stroke, as Lance Daly's film follows their journey into the city's black heart.

Help Wanted ...

By Michael Apodaca

The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society is in business and working hard to regain your trust and to make our organization the best that we can be.

We need your help. We invite your suggestions and comments on ways for us to better serve you. Please contact us with your suggestions and ideas. Participation can come in many ways and we would like everyone to attend our meetings however, we know that is not possible.

We invite you to send us an article or something Irish in nature. Also your feedback is important to us, so make contact with us or friends who are members to further our Irish heritage.

LAPES is trying to regenerate our Snail and Email lists. Obviously if you are reading this you are on our list Email list. We ask that you talk to anyone and everyone you know who is or was a member of LAPES. Please ask them if they have or have not gotten our Newsletter. If not, please have them contact Bill Robertson at, LAPESGardaNews@yahoo.com to be added to the list.



Irish Whiskey of the Month – Michael Collins



From drinkspirits.com

Last year, the Michael Collins Single Malt Irish Whiskey easily made our Best Irish Whiskey list. This year, Michael Collins has given this unique spirit a reboot with a new bottle, a reformulation, and an age statement on the whiskey (the previous release had no age statement and the new one is 10 years old). While we liked the old kitchy baseball-bat-like bottle that Michael Collins used to come in, the new bottle and label design are much more representative of what you'd expect from an Irish whiskey.

As with the Michael Collins Blended Irish Whiskey, the single malt is

double distilled rather than triple distilled (which is how most other Irish whiskeys are made), and the 10 year Single Malt takes the added step of being lightly peated – something you don't see often in Irish whiskey.

Michael Collins Single Malt 10 Year Irish Whiskey is amber in color, noticeably darker than the blend. The nose is lightly smoky with a grassy, moss-like note. Underneath there's a nice sweet tone, a little of the cardboard that we saw in the blend, and a nice chocolate note. The nose also has a faint mineral quality about it. The entry is soft, sweet and full with vanilla, caramel and light smoke. Things quickly ramp up to an explosive mid-palate with very pronounced peat and smoke flavors that are backed by the slightest bit of sweet and spice. The finish is nice and cool, leaving just a faint reminder of the taste explosion that you get from the middle of this spirit.

It is also clearly different from other Irish whiskeys in this class. The way it delivers its flavor is

outstanding and the overall mouthfeel of the spirit is just divine. The peat and smoke notes give the spirit a nice complexity and depth that makes it a perfect sipping whiskey. It may not be exactly what people are expecting from an Irish whiskey, but we think those who do venture out and try it will be pleasantly surprised.



The Big Fella – Michael Collins