

Important Dates

Meetings

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.

January 18

Scott Walton
History of the LAPES
Pipes and Drums

February 08

Featuring TBA

March 14

Michael Apodaca
The Onion Field Incident

St. Patrick's Day Party

Featuring TBA

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The Garda News



The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society

January 2012

An Emerald Christmas Party

The annual Emerald Society Christmas gathering was another wonderful evening as Scott and Jennifer Walton opened their home for an evening of fellowship, reflection and enthusiasm for the year to come.



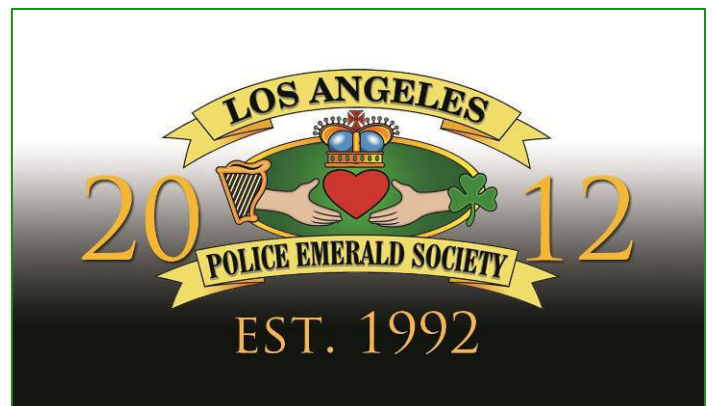
LtoR: Tommy Kirk, Reggie Canale-Miles, George Carroll, Cliff Breeden and Scott Walton

To open the festivities, Tommy Kirk's daughter Megan was kind enough to lead us in a short prayer of thanksgiving, followed by, acting President, Scott Walton inducting the members of the new board who were in attendance: George Carroll - President; Reggie Miles - Vice President; Cliff Breeden - Secretary; and Tommy Kirk - Treasurer. Mike

Murphy - Sergeant-At-Arms was unable to attend.

Cliff Breeden and his wife were kind enough to bring plenty of shepherds pie and veggies for everyone to enjoy. Overall, a great end to a tough year,

*Please mail
your \$25
annual dues
to receive
the 2012
Los Angeles
Police
Emerald Society
Membership
Card*



President's Message

*By George Carroll
President*

Our December meeting was hosted by the Waltons at their Bixby Knolls home. It drew a small, but enthusiastic gathering of members, who celebrated Christmas with their fellow Emeralds.

We look to the New Year with the hope you'll renew your membership and trust your Board of Director's to bring programming that will encourage your active participation.

ON SOCIETY EMAIL:

Smart phones have brought a flood of email messages from Amway to Macy's, and even our own Emerald Society.

Thankfully, there's the delete key and spam blocker's. Speaking of spam blockers though, on occasion

we'll ask that you respond (RSVP) to event invitations, so we may gauge interest and anticipate amounts of food and beverage to purchase for attendee's. So, if you please, I would ask that you just delete messages you have no interest in, but do not place us on your spam list.

If you could respond to "invitations" with a simple attending or regrets, it will help us know the message was received.

The Board is committed to keeping the monthly meetings interesting with the Board taking care of administrative duties prior to the meetings.

As always, I'm at your service anytime. Please call if I can be of assistance, my telephone number is (661) 714-8553

Join the LAPES Honor Guard

The LAPES Honor Guard has been talked about for many years. Now it seems that we have serious interest and a commitment to make it a reality.

In order to motivate those of you who are thinking it over, I have decided to include some photos of Emerald Society Honor Guards from around the country.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting new troupe, please contact Michael Murphy.



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Irish Community Event Schedule

Friends of Ireland Monthly Breakfast

First Tuesday of the Month
9:30 am

Katella Bakery & Rest.
4470 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA
714-200-7365
pbeireanua@att.net

19th Annual Queen Mary Highland Games

Saturday & Sunday
February 12 & 13
116 Queens Highway
Long Beach, CA

San Diego St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

10:30 am
March 17, 2012
Balboa Park
San Diego, CA

The Irish Fair at Fairplex

March 10 & 11
Pomona, CA

To have your event included,
please email Bill Robertson at:
LAPESGardaNews@yahoo.com

The Irish Soldiers of WWII

By Michael Apodaca

During World War II some 5,000 Irish Defense Force Personnel followed their hearts and consciences to fight with UK forces against the Nazi's. Ireland was neutral in WW II and turned a blind eye to what Germany was doing in part to keep their government in place. *I will leave this debate for another time.*

As a result of their actions in absentia these soldiers were dismissed for desertion and blacklisted pursuant to Emergency Powers Order 362 of 1945. Though they were never tried or allowed to defend themselves this order stands today and they are still shunned by this order.

I see these men as Irish National Heroes. They fought bravely at the beaches of Normandy, through Europe, and some were starved in Japanese prison camps.

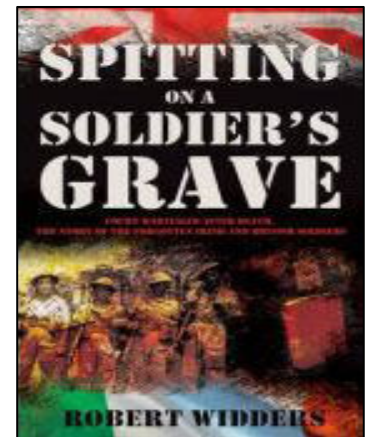


One Dubliner Phil Farrington helped to liberate the Nazi Concentration camp at Balesen.

At Balesen he and his fellow soldiers witnessed, first hand, mass graves of murdered Jews and so many other groups perceived as weak individuals. This was all a result of the Nazi terror that they so courageously swore to fight and

take a stand against.

Following the War, US and British Soldier returned home to heroes welcomes. Unfortunately, there was no such homecoming for these noble Irishmen. Instead, each of these soldiers was court marshaled and found guilty without the benefit of any defense. Their names were placed on a blacklist, which meant they were not entitled to pensions and could not apply for any State jobs for seven year. As a result many were effectively left to live a life of poverty and indignity.



Currently afoot in Ireland, there is a movement to Pardon these brave and noble men. On January 4, 2012 at 1230 hours, BBC Radio 4's John Wait will report on the campaign to Pardon an recognize these 5,000 gallant Irish soldiers. (BBC 4 Face the Facts, The Disowned Army).

It is my hope that each of you will take the time to show your support for this movement.

You can send your comments to Mr. Wait at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/face-the-facts/contact>

You may also want to read more about these Irish Heroes in a recently published book by Robert Widders, "Spitting on a Soldier's Grave."

Pipe Band Schedule

Monday, January 2
The 123rd Rose Parade,
Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA

Saturday, January 14
12th Annual
Menudo Breakfast
10:00 am
330 N. Azusa Avenue
West Covina, CA

Thursday, January 26
Memorial Officer Josh Cullin
10:00 am
LAPD Topanga Station
Canoga Park, CA

Saturday & Sunday
February 12 & 13
19th Annual Queen Mary
Scottish Highland Games
116 Queens Highway
Long Beach, CA

Saturday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Balboa Park
San Diego, CA

Saturday & Sunday
May 26 & 27
Costa Mesa
Scottish Highland Games
88 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA

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

The LAPES Pipes and Drums

By Michael Apodaca,
President, Pipes and Drums

The Pipes and Drums have been selected to participate in the 2012 Rose Parade so look for us on January 2, 2012, on KTLA.

We will be marching with the Los Angeles Police, Metropolitan Division Mounted Platoon and the Department's Honor Guard. LA Chief of Police, Charlie Beck will ride a white horse.

Participation in the Rose Parade is a great honor for anyone and we are proud to be a part of this Department honor.



Above: The LAPES Pipes and Drums march in the San Pedro Christmas Parade. Below: Cindy Apodaca and Cliff Armas at an event in Anaheim.



interMission ~ Irish Movie of the Month

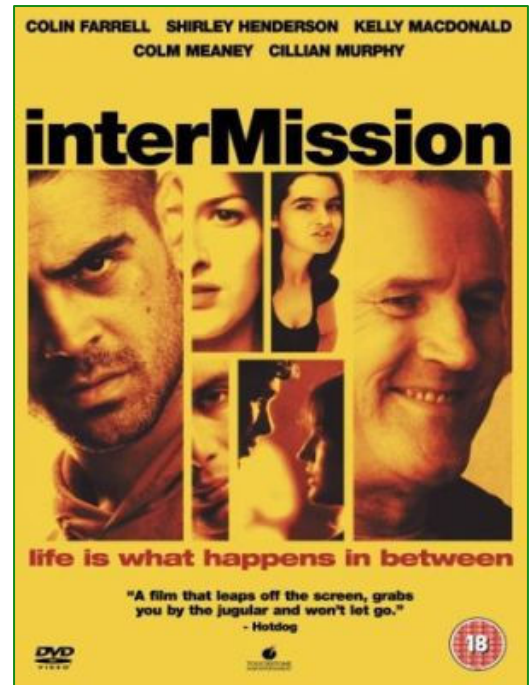
By Michael Apodaca

This Comedy is, again, set in Dublin. At first the cutting from one character to another with their accents is distracting and almost makes the movie unable to follow. The first scene made me wonder how this could be a comedy and I almost turned it off which. However, I am glad I didn't.

As you begin to see who is whom this distraction seems to vanish. The subjects are all tied together through a string of coincidences. Sometimes violence is the subject of the comedy. I felt a little guilty laughing at the expense of the characters misfortune, but I guess the director's ability to do this is what can make a movie appealing.

In review I loved the movie, which stars Colin Farrell and Colm Meaney, is always moving and delivers surprises throughout. There is also some good old fashion Police work, too, but not recommended today. Do not miss the bar scene.

You can find *InterMission* on Net flicks, DVD or Streaming.



Irish Whiskey – Greenore Single Grain Irish 8



Greenore Single Grain Irish 8 Year Whiskey Review

By Lance Meyhew

Greenore single grain Irish whiskey is an interesting expression of whiskey made by Ireland's only independent distillery, Cooley. This whiskey is made up of 93% corn imported from France (due to Ireland's climate, corn does not grow well there) and 7% malted barley.

Unlike most Irish whiskeys which have at least some whiskey from a pot still, Greenore is completely produced in a column still, which results in a much lighter and softer distillate. Bottled at 40% abv after 8

years in a first fill used bourbon barrel, the nose offers up aromas of fresh corn and vanilla wafers. On the palate, this whiskey is very bourbon-like, with fresh vanilla and caramel predominating and an undertone of fresh peaches. It wouldn't be unfair to describe this as an Irish bourbon, given the corn content and bourbon barrel influence. The finish is quick and light, almost ethereal with light fruit notes. Greenore also comes in a 15 year old expression (untasted). At approximately \$50 a bottle, Greenore isn't cheap, but it is definitely worth exploring in your journey through the world of Irish whiskey.



Pub of the Month ~ The Dam Pub



for us to taste. I am ashamed to admit that I do not recall which whiskey we tasted, but it was everything Stephanie promised. It was smooth and had a wonderfully woody bouquet. She also taught us the value of adding

and began touring distilleries and whiskey shows with a few notable whiskey experts, which she met along the way.

Over time, Stephanie became a Certified Single Malt Ambassador and is also Ambassador to Glenfarclas Distillery and Bruichladdich.

It was decided that the pub would be near her home in Canada. She found a location built in 1875 and in 2005, The Dam Pub was born.

In their first six years, they have built an amazing reputation for world class whiskey and top notch food.

By Bill Robertson Editor

Every now and then you stumble into a cool pub.

In December, my girlfriend Lynn and I were on vacation in the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) and looking for snow. Unfortunately, Mother Nature was not on board with our plan and only several inches of snow could be found.

So, we began scanning travel brochures looking for something to do, until we ran across one which read, "Whiskey Tasting." Since Michael Apodaca has been schooling us on whiskey in his "Whiskey of the Month" column, we were excited to find out that The Dam Pub offered over 611 different kinds of whiskey.

I knew we were in the right place when I saw the Pub's logo was a bagpipe playing beaver! The pub is in an old home which is how they made us feel ... at home. The faire was the same as you'd expect in a pub here in the US and of course, Guinness was available on tap. But, we were there for the whiskey.

Lynn and I are not whiskey connoisseurs and looking at a menu which listed 611 different whiskeys, was a little overwhelming. Owner, Stephanie Price, took a moment and helped us choose the right whiskey

water to our whiskey. To us novices, it was remarkable to discover that the flavor was enhanced by adding water.

Stephanie also explained that whiskey was offered in two measures: a nip (3/4 oz.) and a dram (1 1/2 oz). The definition of a dram is based on the generosity of the pourer.

She went on to say, "We have a variety of whiskeys at the lower end of the spectrum, about \$4.00 and we have a 40 Year Glenfiddich and it sells for \$475.20 per dram. The bottle is 1 of 323 in the World, and yes, we have

had a couple of whisky connoisseurs who have enjoyed a dram."

The pub is family owned by Stephanie and her folks, Sandy and Gord Price. Stephanie's three daughters; Simone, Kayla and Courtney also work in the pub.

Stephanie's dream to own a pub was set into motion on a 2004 trip to see her parents in Cullen, Scotland. Gord wanted it to be a Scottish pub, but with an emphasis on whiskey.

Since Stephanie had a limited knowledge of whiskey, she picked up some bar tending gigs in Scotland



As for Stephanie's favorite whiskeys, "I really enjoy Ardbeg, and the Islay region but I also enjoy Glenfarclas, 1953, which we don't have in the pub yet, but sometimes dad will share a wee dram with me when I visit."

Stephanie is excited that some of you have already expressed an interest in making a pilgrimage to The Dam Pub. Her advice, "Come for Robbie Burns and bring your pipes!"

For more info on The Dam Pub, check out their website at:

www.thedampub.ca