



Suffolk County Police Officer's Emerald Society

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Hello to all, on behalf of your Board of Governors we wish you and your family a very Happy New Year!

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Much to talk about and not all of it good. Most of you know that we have lost a wonderful friend who just happened to be our own Chaplain, Msgr. Jim Kissane. On December 17th he lost his battle with cancer. A finer person you could never find. He was a down to earth person who really cared about us. I never realized how many lives he touched during his days as Chaplain for the Police Department as well as our Society. He will be missed and remembered with fond memories.

This leads me into my next topic. I would like to remember him in some way within this organization. It would seem most fitting to start a college scholarship which would be named in his honor. For your society to do that, we need your help. A scholarship has to be funded. We don't and can't do that with dues money. We designate those funds from the money made from our dinner dance journal. We have separate scholarship money set aside to continue this yearly expenditure. If we were to name another scholarship after Msgr. Kissane we'd need your help to make the initial funding. I'm turning to each of you and relying upon your generosity to finance this worthy effort. Can you look in your hearts and help make this a reality? All donations are tax deductible. Send your check made out to the Emerald Society to our post office box in Ronkonkoma and send what ever you can. I will keep you posted how we are making out as we go along. Thank you in advance for your generosity. I'm sure Fr. Jim would thank you as well.

This leads me to my next subject which is to list the recent winners of this years scholarship awards. All winners will receive \$750 from the scholarship fund.

1st Award Winner - Erin Gillen

2nd Award Winner - Kevin Kelaher

3rd Award Winner - Philip Montgomery

4th Award Winner - Mathew Fitzharris

Alternates are Amanda Hughes, Elizabeth Hughes, Thomas Walsh and John Hanley. Congratulations to all!

This years Children's Christmas Party hosted by George and Marie Hunt was a great success. Many parents, grandparents with their children had a great time. Food, drink, moon bounce, a clown, face apinting and presents from Santa! (Who was much more relaxed this year for some reason) Thank you George and Marie Hunt and all of your helpers. Good job!

The 2010 Irishman of the Year has been announced but some of you may still be unaware that former District Attorney and Retired Supreme Court Judge Patrick Henry has been selected. I'm sure everyone knows of his tireless efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland. We all look forward to his marching up 5th Avenue in NYC on March 17th in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He will also be honored at next year's dinner dance which is Saturday April 17th, 2010. When we have our mailing for the dance I suggest you respond right away. We expect a sellout crowd. We have limited space and hope we can accommodate all those who wish to attend.

We are still looking for advertisers for our Newsletter. We still have room for this new year. If you are interested, please email me @ murph2806@aol.com. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be at Napper Tandy's 15 East Main Street Smithtown on January 14th. We start at 7 P.M. Our February meeting is at Shandon Court 115 Main Street, East Islip on February 11th. 7 P.M. start as well.

Until then, stay well and Athbhliain Shona Dui ! (Happy New Year to You!)

Dan Murphy

Member of Grand Council - United Emerald Society of New York