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NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade- WOW! What a day we had on March 17th. The weather was great, our Irishman of the Year, Patrick Henry had a wonderful time as he marched up 5th Avenue. I'd like to thank Mike Homan for his early prediction of good weather. The Pipe Band was top notch as usual as well as our line of march. Thanks you to those that participated. Our after party at the "Saloon" was equally well attended and a good time was had by all.

Dinner Dance- Our annual dinner dance was a huge success. It was well attended with over 300 guests and a great time was had by all. The band that played, Eileen Fogarty and the Very Best did an excellent job. Special thanks goes out to Dinner Co-Chairman Nick Aspromgos, Journal Chairman, Bob Bogen and Raffle Chairman, Mike Crowley. Thanks to all the board members and our own delegates who worked very hard to make this night a success.

Our Irishman of the Year, the Honorable Patrick Henry said it was a special night for him and his family. His grandson Aidan (age 10) led our Pipe Band in Amazing Grace and did a great job as did his granddaughter Elizabeth (age 12) who handled her tenor drum with great expertise.

We also want to thank the Kissane family who came to the dinner dance to accept a shadow box of Msgr. Jim Kissane's police effects. This shadow box was constructed and assembled by our member, Dan Fitzpatrick from ID Section. We'd like to thank him for his time and effort which was greatly appreciated by the Kissane family.

Raffle Winners- Thank you to all our members and non-members who purchased raffle tickets from us by mail or had their arms twisted by many of us to help defray the cost of this night. Even though you may not have won a prize this year, you are still winners in our book!

1st Prize winner - Lindsay Henry - \$1000

2nd Prize winner - Tom Burke NYPD Auto- \$500

3rd Prize winner - Ken Treder- Crim. Intel- Irish Crystal

4th Prize winner- Glenn Devenish- 1st Precinct- Dinner for 4

Congratulations to all!

Scholarship in memory of Msgr. Jim Kissane - The latest total we have is over \$4000 received from our membership which goes towards a yearly scholarship in his memory. If you have forgotten to send your contribution, you still have time to make your tax deductible contribution. This will be the last request for your help. Please note that these funds are not part of our general operating fund. It is separate and specifically kept that way in a different account. Thanks to all of you who have generously contributed to his remembrance. A special thanks goes to the SOA and Patrick Henry for their generous donation.

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Irish Village @ Cape Cod - Mike Homan reports that he has the dates of October 1,2 and 3rd reserved for this years trip. Make your reservation by calling 508-771-0100. Tell them you are with the SCPD Emerald Society. It was a great time last year and we hope for better weather. The cost was quoted as \$230 per couple which includes a dinner and three nights stay.

Ireland 2011 - I've finalized the plans for next years trip to Ireland. The theme will be Ireland Castle stays. Included is two nights at Kilronan Castle in Roscommon and a three night stay at Ashford Castle, County Mayo. The final night will be at Bunratty Castle Hotel. The dates are March 21 to March 28, 2011. If you are interested and wish to be placed on the waiting list, contact me at murph2806@aol.com. Last year I had many drop out so everyone who was on the waiting list was able to go. I can't promise that this year will be the same but don't be surprised.

Alaska 2011- I'm still working out the details for the Alaskan Cruise. I'm doing my research but have not quite finished the project as of this writing. If you are interested, please contact me on my email address above and let me know if you wish to participate. When I have the information I will forward it to you. This trip will be open to members and their extended families. We should not be limited to any amount of people going on the trip. My goal is to book a very late June or early July trip of 2011.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday May 13th @ Lily Flanagan's in Babylon. We start at 7 P.M.

Our June meeting is at Molly Malone's in Bay Shore on June 10th. There are no summer general meetings.