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A chairde / Dear Friends,

A hundred thousand welcomes, and thank you for attending tonight's NYCD Emerald Society 71st Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance. Please accept my warmest personal regards and best wishes, especially to our fellow Emeralds and members of our fraternal organizations.

Congratulations to tonight's honorees:

Richard Palmer Jr. — Irishman of the Year
Past President Timothy N. Cowen — President James Mulvey Award
COBA President Benny Boscio Jr. — Stephen C. Hartigan Public Service Award
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I also wish to thank tonight·s committee, Chair Kathleen McMahon, Ann Beck, Kevin E. Quinn, and Brian J. Sharkey for their hard work and dedication in organizing this evening's event. Thank you to everyone who supported the retiree souvenir journal.

Let us remember all members and friends who have gone before us, especially our founder and first president, James Mulvey. May St. Patrick bless and protect all gathered here.

Thank you, and enjoy the evening.

Support Our Troops, Back the Blue, and God Bless America.

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Richard Palmer Jr.

Irishman of the Year

Born in the Bronx in 1962, Richard began his career with the New York City Department of Correction in 1984. For 20 years, he served with dedication, integrity, and pride, earning six promotions and ultimately completing his career as an "A" Warden at ARDC.

After retirement, Richard faced serious medical challenges, but those difficulties did not stop him from serving others. Alongside Captain Phil Rizzo, Captain Darrell Lewis, and members of the Feelgood Foundation, he traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for 9/11 responders and their families.

Over the next 12 years, Richard made approximately 100 trips to Washington and participated in more than 1,300 meetings with members of Congress and the Senate. Through their tireless efforts, three important bills were passed to support the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

Richard continues to be a powerful advocate for correction officers, civilian employees, 9/11 responders, and their families. He helped secure the payoff of four mortgages for Department of Correction heroes through the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, providing meaningful support to families who had sacrificed so much.

Everywhere he goes, Richard shares the stories of the unsung heroes of 9/11—both uniformed and civilian—ensuring that their courage, service, and sacrifices are never forgotten.

For more than two decades, after his retirement, Richard remains committed to the Department of Correction. He continues to support its daily operations, mentor new recruits and promotees, and encourage the next generation of correction professionals.

For 42 years, Richard has also been a proud member of the New York City Department of Correction Emerald Society. Today, he serves on its Board of Trustees, continuing a lifelong tradition of service, leadership, and brotherhood.

Richard's accomplishments are remarkable, but his greatest legacy is the lasting impact he has made on the lives of others. His dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to service continue to inspire everyone who knows him.



Timothy N. Cowen

President James W. Mulvey Award

Timothy N. Cowen is currently the immediate past President of the New York City Correction Department Emerald Society for the past four years and Trustee to the Grand Council of Emerald Societies. He is a twenty-year veteran in the department and is currently assigned to Headquarters. Tim's family hails from County Donegal, in the port town of Ballyshannon. He believes in being a leader in his family, faith, and professional career. In his current position, he holds the rank of Captain in the department for the past 12 years. He has dedicated the last twenty years to his agency, promoting selflessness to others, hard work, courage, and integrity everyday while serving our city. Much of this comes from his Irish heritage and background, growing up in a Saint Mary's Parish, his base in our Catholic faith, provided him with a strong moral compass and an attitude to weather any storm that life throws at you, if you just, leave it in his hands

He is a third-degree Knight of Columbus, Free and Accepted Mason, a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society of Public Administrators, Forest Hills Men's Club, Fraternal Order of Police, and International Law Enforcement Officer's Association member. In the July of 2024, he was awarded the "Man of Valor, award from the Women in Correction and in 2019, Aide to the Grand Marshall for the Department of Correction. While being a member of these organizations and receiving these awards, nothing compares to his love for his family and SCUBA diving. Tim is a certified open water diver and loves to travel to as many dive sites as possible when he can.

When he is not at work, he is a loving father to his two children, Emma and Ethan and dedicated husband to his wife Tricia. Being a father, ensuring that he provides them with quality academic opportunity and faith-based education is a priority for Tim and his wife. He is firm believer that to change the future we must start at home. Giving our children a strong moral backbone, compass, and guide to create a solid foundation for positive decision-making skills later in their lives. Work hard now, so you can dive later. Fatherhood can be challenging, a daunting task as many of us know, with the love and support of his wife Tricia, he is able to be an effective member of his family, his profession, and our society. Tim is a firm believer that we must give credit to those who give so much behind the scenes to allow us the opportunities such as being the President, Trustee, Captain or just a very busy father. Without that support, nothing is possible. He gives thanks and appreciation everyday to his wife and our God for the blessings he has given him.

Tim earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his Master of Public Administration from John Jay College here in New York City with high honors. While attending John Jay College he was granted the opportunity to represent the Public Administration, Inspection and Oversight program at the Association of Inspector General Conferences two years in a row. Tim's time at the conference in Washington D.C. led to him to his current path of wanting to become a litigator and legislator upon his retirement from the department. Strong leadership, making the appropriate decisions to ensure the safety of our city, its population and our United States of America is a current and future priority in his life. He looks forward to what the future may hold and thanks the Emerald Societies Selection Committee for this honor. He is truly humbled.



Stephen C. Hartigan

12/25/02- 10/13/89

Among the remarkable figures in the history of the New York City Correction Department, few have left a legacy as lasting as that of Stephen C. Hartigan. Hailing from County Cork, Ireland, Hartigan transitioned from an immigrant laborer, Correction Officer eventually Captain, becoming one of the most significant labor leaders to advocate for New York City's correction workforce.

Born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1902, in County Cork, Hartigan spent his formative years on his family's farm. In pursuit of greater opportunities, he emigrated to the United States in 1922, joining the influx of Irish immigrants who played a crucial role in shaping New York City's civil service throughout the twentieth century.

Hartigan arrived in New York during a time of economic instability and aimed for a career in public service. He successfully passed the entrance exams for both the Police and Fire Departments. However, the harsh realities of the Great Depression significantly hindered hiring. Confronted with lengthy waiting lists and limited job offers, Hartigan seized an opportunity with the New York City Correction Department, commencing his career as a Prison Keeper (Correction Officer) on May 1, 1929. This pivotal choice would transform the landscape of correction labor history in New York City.

When Hartigan joined the Department, correction personnel were still striving for recognition as a professional uniformed service. The foundation of organized representation dates back to 1901, when the Prison Keepers Association was established. In 1939, the title of Prison Keeper was officially changed to Correction Officer, and the original Certificate of Incorporation for the Correction Officers Benevolent Association (COBA) was filed. These milestones marked the dawn of the modern correction profession.

Shortly after becoming part of the Department, Hartigan actively engaged with COBA. Starting as a delegate, he gradually gained the trust and respect of his fellow officers through his intelligence, integrity, and steadfast dedication to their welfare. By 1950, he was elected President of the Correction Officers Benevolent Association, a role he would hold for over a decade. During this time, he emerged as the principal spokesperson for New York City's correction officers and one of the most prominent labor leaders within the City's uniformed services.

Hartigan took office at a time when New York's correction system was grappling with unprecedented challenges. Overcrowding, understaffing, and deteriorating facilities jeopardized both employee safety and effective inmate management. Hartigan candidly voiced concerns to city officials, highlighting the perilous conditions prevailing in the jail system. He painted a picture of facilities operating well beyond capacity and argued that correction officers were being tasked with performing impossible duties amid inadequate staffing and resources.

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Unlike many labor leaders of his time, Hartigan combined advocacy for his members with a more comprehensive vision for correction reform. He believed that adequate staffing levels, professional training, and humane treatment of inmates were interrelated objectives. He contended that first-time offenders could often be rehabilitated through proper supervision and guidance instead of mere incarceration.

Hartigan's most notable achievements were in the realm of employee benefits and retirement security. Through relentless legislative advocacy and political involvement, he helped secure landmark reforms that granted correction officers benefits equal to those enjoyed by police officers and firefighters. Most importantly, he was instrumental in obtaining retirement rights that allowed correction officers to retire after twenty years of service with a pension. This accomplishment fundamentally transformed the profession and established a standard that continues to benefit correction personnel today.

During Hartigan's tenure, the Department of Correction underwent significant expansion, leading to substantial improvements in the salaries, benefits, and professional standing of correction officers. At a testimonial dinner held in his honor on Wednesday, October 24, 1962, at Mayer's Parkway Restaurant on E 233rd Street, Bronx, NY, COBA members specifically credited his administration with guiding the organization through one of its most prosperous periods. The association acknowledged not only his labor leadership but also his recent promotion to Captain.

In 1962, after thirty-three years of distinguished service, Hartigan was promoted to Captain. He subsequently became President of the Correction Captains Association and later the Superior Officers Council, continuing his advocacy for supervisory personnel. The Correction Captains Association, formally incorporated on February 25, 1959, emerged as a respected voice in municipal labor relations under his guidance.

After thirty-six years of service to the City of New York, Hartigan retired in 1965, having become one of the most respected figures in the history of the Correction Department. His influence reached far beyond contracts and legislation; he played a crucial role in establishing correction officers as recognized professionals who deserved the same respect afforded to other uniformed services.

Outside of work, Hartigan was dedicated to his family. He and his wife, Bessie Nolan Hartigan, raised their family in the City Island section of the Bronx. Their son, John Hartigan, continued the legacy of public service by joining the New York City Police Department, where he retired as a Deputy Chief, while their daughter, Catherine, pursued a successful career in banking.

Today, Stephen Hartigan is remembered as one of the pioneering figures in COBA and CCA history, whose advocacy significantly contributed to the professionalization and recognition of New York City correction officers. His life's journey-from a farm in County Cork to the forefront of New York City's labor movement serves as a testament to the values of service, perseverance, and dedication that have long characterized both the Irish-American community and the New York City Correction Department.

"Few individuals did more to improve the lives of New York City's Correction Officers than Stephen C. Hartigan. Through his vision, determination, and leadership, he helped build the foundation upon which labor relations stand today."



Benny Boscio Jr.

Stephen C. Hartigan
Public Service Award

Benny Boscio Jr. is a veteran labor leader and a New York City Correction Officer with twenty-seven years of experience, proudly serving the City of New York.

He began his career with the New York City Department of Correction in 1999, serving in multiple frontline commands, including the Anna M. Kross Center, the Applicant Investigation Unit, the Vernon C. Bain Center, and the Bronx Courts. These assignments gave him a comprehensive, firsthand understanding of correctional operations, workforce challenges, and the critical role Correction Officers play in maintaining public safety.

Benny's commitment to public service and labor advocacy led him to the Correction Officers' Benevolent Association (COBA), where he has spent over two decades fighting for policies that strengthen workforce stability, officer safety, and institutional accountability. Beginning as a delegate in 2005, he rose through the ranks of the union's Executive Board in 2010, serving as Sergeant-at-Arms and earning a reputation as a disciplined negotiator and an effective, no-nonsense labor leader.

In 2020, amid unprecedented operational, fiscal, and public safety challenges, Benny was elected President of COBA by an overwhelming margin. Now in his second term as COBA President, he oversees the union's operations and serves as its chief labor negotiator, spokesperson, and legislative advocate.

A central component of Benny's leadership has been legislative advocacy. In 2026, he spearheaded a grassroots legislative initiative to lobby for the restoration of COBA's 20-year retirement benefit. Thanks to his relentless advocacy and countless meetings with lawmakers in the New York City Council, the New York State Senate, the New York State Assembly, and the Governor's office, he secured the restoration of COBA's 20-year retirement benefit. He also ensured that all COBA members retiring after 20 years of service would receive their Variable Supplement Fund payment.

He has been a frequent guest speaker at labor conferences across the country, sharing his experience and insights on law enforcement union advocacy. He remains focused on strengthening recruitment and retention initiatives, maintaining safe staffing levels, modernizing member benefits, protecting due process rights, and ensuring that New York City Correction Officers have the resources necessary to perform their duties safely.



Daniel Monaco

Stephen C. Hartigan
Public Service Award

Daniel Monaco started his career in 2013 at the Eric M. Taylor Center (EMTC), where he served roughly 1,200 inmates each day in the mess hall. That work gave him a deep respect for the humility of jail operations and the need to keep one's roots in mind during a Department of Correction career.

He later moved to the Correction Intelligence Bureau (CIB), where he was directly responsible for the rearrest of nearly 1,000 inmates who had assaulted officers. He used his background to improve the workplace, whether by testifying in support of legislative changes or backing staff in court to strengthen security.

In 2021, his unit elected Monaco as its union delegate and first line of defense. He secured permanent status for twenty-four TDY officers, balanced overtime distribution, increased inmate arrests by twelve percent, and created a training plan to clarify laws that protect staff. He placed officer safety and security first, pressing for major changes with the skills and insight gained over time. He also pushed for better training and equipment across CIB, guided by the belief that officers, as informed insiders, can best shape programs and advance their roles.

As an officer affected by the revised CF-22 Tier 3 pension, he was a natural choice to serve as Legislative Chairman and assist President Boscio's grassroots legislative efforts. These efforts led to the restoration of COBA's 20-year retirement benefit through numerous meetings with the New York City Council, the New York State Senate, the New York State Assembly, and the Governor's office. They also guaranteed that all COBA members retiring after 20 years of service would receive their Variable Supplement Fund payment.


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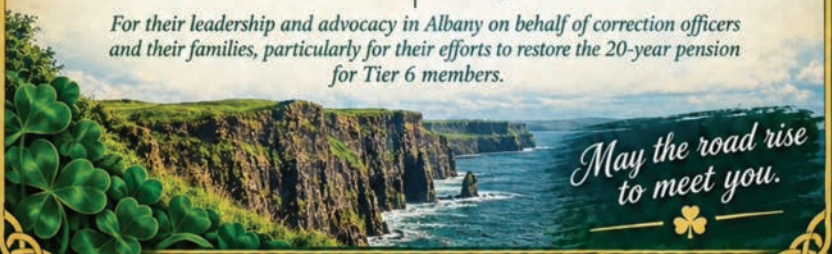
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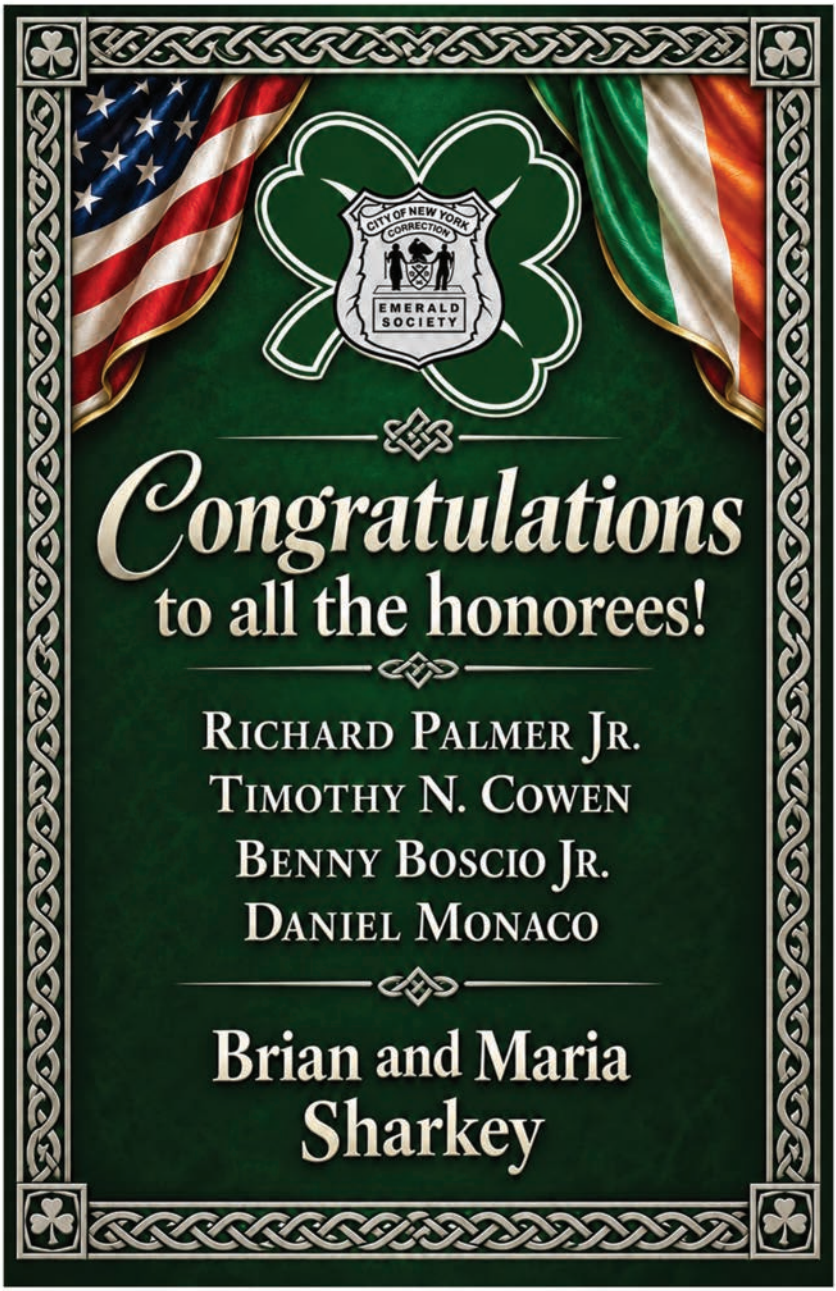
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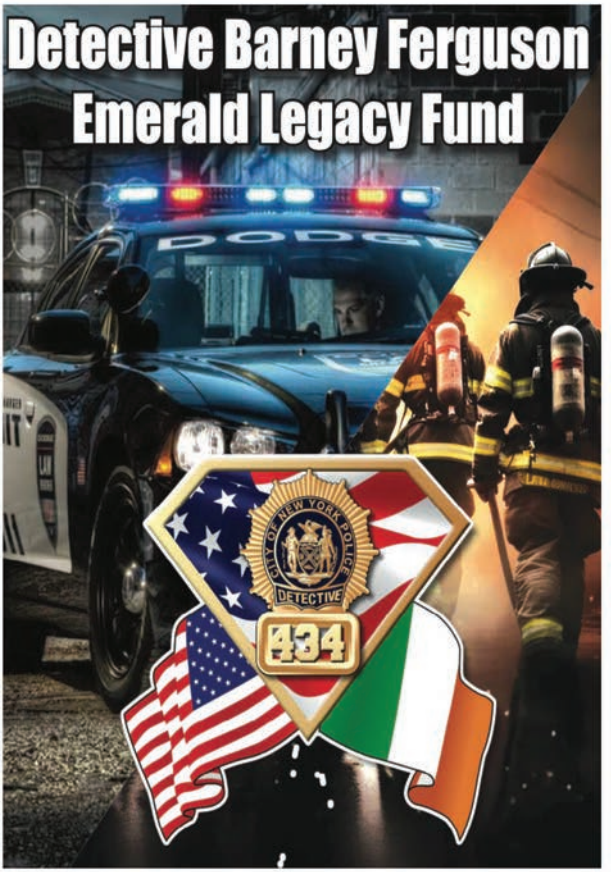
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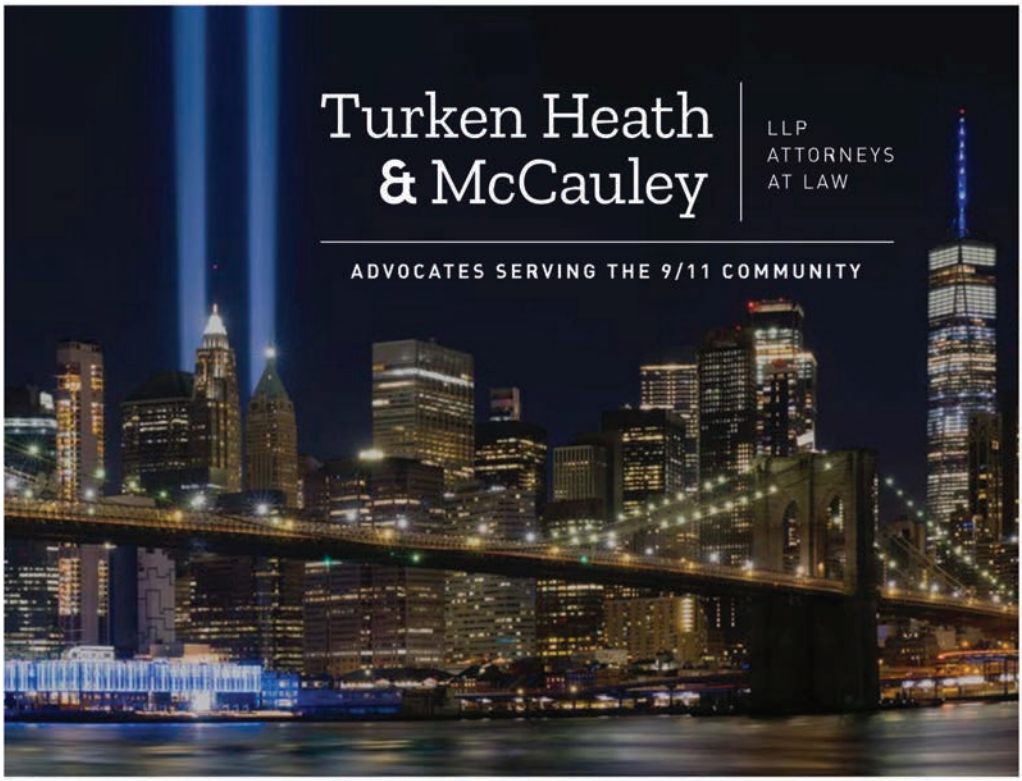
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