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PRESS RELEASE

Dennis J. Schock

The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies Inc.

**2027 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR
2027 AIDE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL**

The Grand Council of United Emerald Societies (GCUES) is proud to announce that Dennis J. Schock, President of the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association Local 831 and a member of the DSNY Emerald Society, will be honored with the prestigious 2027 Irishman of the Year award at the GCUES Irishman of the Year dinner, which will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2027, at Antun's of Queens Village.

Born in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, to Robert E. Schock and Mary Schock, both of proud Irish descent, Dennis's family's American journey began in 1890 when his paternal grandparents emigrated from Kilkenny, Ireland. They initially settled in Bangor, Maine, before establishing their roots in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Mary Schock was the matriarch of an extraordinary family of nine children, two born in Ireland and seven in the United States, who dedicated their lives to public service as civil servants, police officers, firefighters, and sanitation workers. Their commitment to service exemplifies the classic and enduring route to the American middle class.

Deeply connected to his Irish heritage, Dennis J. Schock has been an active member of the DSNY Emerald Society for thirty-nine years. During this time, he has served with distinction as Vice President and currently sits on the Board of Directors. For thirty-five years, he has also proudly played the bagpipes as a member of the DSNY Emerald Society Pipe and Drums, participating in numerous cultural and commemorative events.

In recognition of his remarkable 39 years of public service and his profound Irish heritage, President Schock will serve on Wednesday, March 17, 2027, as the GCUES Aide to the NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, John Samuelson.

Fraternally,

**Martin Bellew,
President**



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JANUARY 20, 2027

GCUES IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR DINNER

7 pm – 11 pm

Antun's of Queens Village
96-43 Springfield Boulevard
Queens Village, NY



MARCH 17, 2027

NEW YORK CITY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

11 am

East 44th and Fifth Avenue
New York, New York



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