

PATRICK FORDE

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL

Patrick Forde is the oldest son of Anne (nee Sammon) and the late Liam Forde (Co. Mayo). He is the grandson of the late Anne (nee Fitzpatrick – Co. Cavan) and Dan Sammon (Co. Clare) and Mary (nee Moyles – Co. Mayo) and Patrick Forde (Co. Mayo). He is the loving brother of Mary, Anne and William (Kristen). Born and raised in Broad Channel, graduated from St Virgilius and Archbishop Molloy HS, and then received a Bachelor of Science in Transportation at SUNY Maritime College, Bronx, NY. He is also an alum of the Buckley School of Irish Step Dancing and Music.

Patrick started his career with a summer job working for the Statue of Liberty Ferry, INC, between Battery Park and the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. It was here that the interest of working on the water was kindled. Patrick enrolled at SUNY Maritime College and worked weekends and summers while in college. After graduation Patrick started working full time and was promoted to Captain. After 10 years of working the Statue of Liberty Ferry, Patrick joined the NYCDOT Staten Island Ferry in 2003. As a Mate, Licensed Officer Patrick worked all shifts on the ferry under the direction of the Captain. In 2004 Patrick was asked to join the Port Office staff to implement and help update changes to the Ferry System. In 2012 Patrick decided to go back to sailing the Ferry and can be found working the morning shift. At the Ferry, Patrick would volunteer every July for the Annual Boat Ride for 'God's Special Children' sponsored by the Marine and Aviation Anchor Club. In 2017, Patrick was recognized by the NYCDOT for his dedication to this boat ride. In September 2022, Patrick was recognized by NYCDOT for training employees and new hires on the SSG MICHAEL H. OLLIS class ferry.

While attending SUNY Maritime College, Patrick met his wife Maria Masseria. They married in 2003 and have 2 children: Patrick, age 17 is a Senior at LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts and Ava, age 15 is a Sophomore at Xaverian HS. The family lives in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn where they are parishioners of St Ephrem Church. Patrick started as an altar server in St Virgilius became a Eucharistic Minister at Archbishop Molloy HS and then as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at St Ephrem Church. Patrick has volunteered his time as a coach for many St Ephrem teams.

Patrick joined Division 21 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in 2001 and was soon the Recording Secretary. In 2017 Patrick was elected Financial Secretary and has held that position since. Patrick has also served as Treasurer for the Queens County AOH. Patrick will not transfer to a Brooklyn Division and continues to travel back to the Rockaways for meetings, "THIS IS WHERE MY ROOTS ARE." Patrick is also a member of the MAYO Society, 'UP MAYO!!!' and a member of the St Patrick's Society of Brooklyn.

Patrick would like to say THANK YOU to his wife and children for allowing him to give of his time. THANK YOU to my large Irish family, friends, AOH Brothers, LAOH Sisters, the MAYO Society, St Ephrem Parish, NYCDOT and my MEBA Brothers and Sisters. Congratulations to the other Honorees. Happy St Patrick's Day!!!