***DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL***

***JOHN HANSON***

***John is a Supervisor with the New York City Department of Sanitation who was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY by a proud Irish, Catholic family.  His father’s mother, Patricia Chisolm Hanson was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and his mother’s grandmother, Molly O’Brien Kennedy was born in County Cork, Ireland.***

***Love, friendship and loyalty were instilled at an early age when John’s parents moved to the tight knit neighborhood of Gerittsen Beach.  John was exposed to many parish and community events, specifically the many local St. Patrick’s Day celebrations watching his aunt, LilyBeth Hanson lead the Gerritsen Beach Marching Band.***

***As a young adult, John invested his time learning how to play the snare drum with the local Knights of Columbus Council #126, marking the year 2000 with his first parade season under his belt.  John dedicated his time to the KoC Pipes and Drums from 2000-2007.  John was hired by New York City Department of Sanitation in the year 2006 and immediately joined the department’s emerald society and began drumming with the pipe and drum band in time for the 2007 trip down fifth avenue.***

***October 2012 marked a time that most Rockaway residents can unfortunately remember vividly.  Hurricane Sandy rocked the peninsula leaving mountains of debris for the Department of Sanitation to clean up.  As a sanitation worker, John worked his regular route in Brooklyn then did a second, and sometimes third route in Rockaway, a service the locals will never forget.***

***In his time with the Department of Sanitation, John was always an integral member of the emerald doing behind the scenes work and most importantly the cooking!  John became a board member in 2015 and has been diligently holding the role of Sergeant at Arms since then, hosting one of the favorite events of the year, the society barbecue.***

***John was promoted to Supervisor in 2017 and is currently assigned to Brooklyn South 14 garage where he promotes the fraternalism of the emerald society as well appreciation for the pipes and drums band.  John continues to be an active member of the many communities he is a member of, from organizing beach clean ups to neighborhood events involving his local KoC council #5989 where he also sits as a board member.***