

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Emerald Society:

On behalf of the entire San Diego Law Enforcement Emerald Society (SDLEES), I would like to welcome you to America's Finest City as we host the 25th Fall Meeting of the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies (NCLEES). This is the third time San Diego has hosted the Fall Meeting and we hope each of you enjoys the sights, scenery and the weather that makes San Diego so special.

This year we recognize the 25th anniversary since NCLEES was founded. We also take great pride in celebrating the 20th year of SDLEES. Like many Emerald Societies, the idea was born by like minded individuals, proud of their law enforcement profession and their Irish heritage. In recognition of their efforts, I'd like to recognize our founding board members:

President Derek Clark, *San Diego Sheriff's Department*
Vice President Frank Lamb, *California Highway Patrol*
Treasurer Bill Nemec, *San Diego Police Department*
Buddy Johnson, *San Diego Police Department*
Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Brannan, *San Diego Sheriff's Department*

While we may lack in profession sports teams, we excel in other areas. There are countless ways to enjoy your time here in San Diego. You can walk the Gaslamp Quarter, explore the beaches of Coronado or visit the embrace the history of the **USS Midway Museum***. A great way to see the city is buying a ticket for the **Old Town Trolley Tour**. You get a day full of hop-on/hop-off privileges at any of its 10 stops including the **Hotel Del Coronado** and **Balboa Park**. It also can't be more convenient – it stops right across the street from the Horton Grand Hotel!

The Green Line of the **San Diego Trolley*** is also a convenient way for you to explore the Embarcadero, Little Italy and Old Town. Both the Convention Center and Gaslamp Quarter stops are an easy walk from the Horton Grand Hotel.

I hope each of you enjoys your visit to San Diego and if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable, please ask me or one of the other SDLEES members!

Respectfully,



Mike Pidgeon
President

* Free with Law Enforcement Identification