

## ***HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE***

### **Jim Burke, '66**



Jim was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He attended Our Lady Help of Christians School, and is a proud graduate of Power Memorial Academy and Iona College. He served in the United State Marine Corps as a Sergeant in a Communications Battalion and recently retired as a Sr. Account Executive after thirty seven years in the packaging industry.

In 1968 Jim and his growing family moved from Brooklyn to Merrick, Long Island where they became active members of Cure' of Ars parish. Jim served on the Parish Council and was president of the CYO. He was head coach of the CYO and PBC track teams for over ten years. In 1985 he and his family moved to Massapequa and joined the parish of St. Rose.

Jim joined the AOH in 1986 at the Michael F. Hogan Division 15 of Nassau County in Massapequa, NY. He served two terms as Division President, two terms as Nassau County President and was the New York State Director for Nassau and Suffolk Counties. He was also AOH New York State Organizer. He is the immediate Past AOH New York State President, the first person from Nassau County to hold this position in over thirty years. Jim was named "Hibernian of the Year" by his Division in 1997 and also by the AOH Queens County Board in 2013 and the Nassau County Board in 2014. In 2012 he was awarded the prestigious National Life Membership by the AOH National Board.

Jim is a twenty seven year member of the Tara Pipes & Drums and is currently the Drum Major. He was named "Band Member of the Year" in 1997. A long time member of the Nassau County Feis Committee, Jim was Co-Chairman for six years. He was also Feis Journal Chairman, Vendor Chairman and currently is the Chairman for Piping and Drumming competitions.

He has been a delegate to the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade for over twenty five years and was Aide to the Grand Marshal in 2000. Jim was also Aide to the Grand Marshal of the City of Glen Cove St. Patrick's parade in 2011. Jim serves on the Board of Directors of the Irish Americans in Government of Nassau County and is Vice Chairman of the Irish Monument Committee of Nassau County.

Jim is a Life Member of the Knights of Columbus and is Past Commandant of the Marine Corps League in Massapequa. He was named "Civilian Recruiter of the Year" by the United States Marine Corps Eastern Recruiting District in 1990.

He is married to Patricia (nee McNally). They have four children, Jim, Eileen, Brian and Kevin and nine grandchildren, Danny and Meagan, Maggie, Katie and Erin, Ciara and Colin and Sydney and Grace.