

The D.C. Friends of Ireland presents its  
**2019 IRISH FESTIVAL**

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**HONORING**



**Lonnie R. Stephenson**

*International President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

**Monday, April 8, 2019**

Washington Hilton Hotel

2019 Festival Chairman Terry O'Sullivan

## LONNIE R. STEPHENSON

*International President,  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

IBEW International President Lonnie R. Stephenson was born and raised in Rock Island, Ill., which borders Iowa along the Mississippi River.

He began his apprenticeship as an inside wireman in 1975 and was initiated into Rock Island Local 145 in 1976.

Lonnie was very active in his local union, and was elected vice president in 1984 and then served as president from 1987-1992. As local president, Stephenson implemented many new initiatives, including forming an active community service committee and getting the local union's building recognized as a Red Cross Disaster Center, which was utilized during flooding of the Quad City area in 1997. He was appointed assistant business agent in 1991 and was elected business manager in 1996. As business manager, Lonnie was very aggressive in organizing, and his membership grew from 700 members to over 1,100 members during his tenure. One of Lonnie's proudest moments as business manager was when a nonunion electrician stopped in his office to ask how he could join the IBEW because it was too strong of a union area and he had to travel for his employer to find work.

Then-International President Edwin D. Hill recognized Lonnie's dedication and appointed him as an International Representative assigned to the Sixth District in 2002.

On September 1, 2010, Lonnie was appointed by President Hill as International Vice President of the Sixth District – which covered Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin – and was elected to a full term at the 38th International Convention in 2011.

On May 27, 2015, Lonnie Stephenson was appointed International President of the IBEW and was elected by delegates to the 39th International Convention a year later.

## FORMER HONOREES

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| 1992 – John J. Barry, President*<br><i>International Brotherhood<br/>of Electrical Workers</i>                                  | 2006 – Edwin D. Hill, International President*<br><i>International Brotherhood<br/>of Electrical Workers</i>   |
| 1993 – John J. Sweeney, President<br><i>Service Employees International Union</i>   | 2007 – Michael A. Fitzpatrick,<br>General Secretary<br><i>International Association of Bridge,<br/>Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing<br/>Iron Workers</i> |
| 1994 – Edward T. Hanley, President*<br><i>Hotel Employees Restaurant<br/>Employees International Union</i>                      | 2008 – Richard Hughes, President*<br><i>International Longshoremen's<br/>Association, AFL-CIO</i>  |
| 1995 – Thomas R. Donahue, President<br><i>American Federation of Labor and<br/>Congress of Industrial Organizations</i>         | 2009 – Michael J. Brennan,<br>and Terence J. O'Sullivan*<br><i>DCFI Past Presidents</i>  |
| 1996 – John J. Sweeney, President<br><i>American Federation of Labor and<br/>Congress of Industrial Organizations</i>           | 2010 – Richard L. Trumka, President<br><i>AFL-CIO</i>  |
| 1997 – William G. Bernard, President*<br><i>International Association of Heat and<br/>Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers</i> | 2011 – James Boland, President<br><i>International Union of Bricklayers<br/>and Allied Craftworkers (BAC)</i>  |
| 1998 – Vincent R. Sombrotto, President*<br><i>National Association of Letter Carriers</i>                                       | 2012 – Mark Ayers, President*<br><i>Building and Construction Trades<br/>Department, AFL-CIO</i>   |
| 1999 – John M. Bowers, President*<br><i>International Longshoremen's<br/>Association</i>  | 2013 – Sean McGarvey, President<br><i>Building and Construction Trades<br/>Department, AFL-CIO (BCTD)</i>  |
| 2000 – John J. Flynn, President<br><i>International Union of Bricklayers<br/>and Allied Craftworkers</i>                        | 2014 – William P. Hite, President<br><i>General President, U.A.<br/>Union of Plumbers, Fitters,<br/>Welders and HVAC Service Tech</i>                          |
| 2001 – Terry O'Sullivan, General President<br><i>Laborers' International Union<br/>of North America</i>                         | 2015 – Patrick D. Finley, General President*<br><i>Operative Plasterers' and Cement<br/>Masons' International Association</i>                                  |
| 2002 – Michael J. Sullivan, General President<br><i>Sheet Metal Workers'<br/>International Association</i>                      | 2016 – James A. Grogan,<br>General President Emeritus<br><i>International Association of Heat and<br/>Frost Insulators and Allied Trades</i>                   |
| 2003 – James Williams, General President<br><i>International Union of Painters<br/>and Allied Trades</i>                        | 2017 – James T. Callahan, General President<br><i>International Union of Operating Engineers</i>   |
| 2004 – James P. Hoffa, General President<br><i>International Brotherhood of Teamsters</i>                                       | 2018 – Eric M. Dean, General President<br><i>International Association of Bridge, Structural,<br/>Ornamental &amp; Reinforcing Iron Workers</i>                |
| 2005 – Edward C. Sullivan, President<br><i>Building and Construction Trades<br/>Department, AFL-CIO</i>                         |  |

\*Deceased

## YOU'RE INVITED!

### D.C. Friends of Ireland Irish Festival

#### DATE:

Monday, April 8, 2019

#### TIME:

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### PLACE:

Washington Hilton  
1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20009

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**DONATIONS:** \$225 individual; \$2,250 reserved table of 10.

**NOTE:** Reservations for tables received by Friday, March 30, 2018, will be guaranteed. After that date, requests for reserved tables will be handled as space permits – **NO GUARANTEE.**

The D.C. Friends of Ireland Charitable Trust is a 501(a) non-profit, tax-exempt organization as described in section 501(c)(3). Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law, excluding the food and beverage cost of \$140.00 per person – Tax ID #52-2315220. This fee may be paid from union treasury funds.

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