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**JOHN MCINERNEY
(POSTHUMOUSLY) &
JACK O'BRIEN
GRAND MARSHALS**



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GAEL OF THE YEAR**

**44TH ANNUAL PARADE
SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2015**



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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.



2015
44th Annual
St. Patrick's Parade of Washington, D.C.
The Nation's Parade

"Irish Heart in the Nation's Capital"

United States National Anthem

MSG Antonio Giuliano
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Irish National Anthem

Daniel F. Sullivan

Invocation

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Jack O'Brien and
John McInerney posthumously represented by
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Gael of the Year

Theresa Cullinane

Division Marshals

PJ Fitzgerald
Doug Wheeler
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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2015

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The vibrant culture and rich heritage of the Irish people shaped many of the earliest chapters of America's story. Our common values and shared vision for the future laid the foundation for an eternal friendship between Ireland and the United States, and today, daughters and sons of Erin continue to enrich our Nation. This month, we reaffirm the bonds of affection between our two great countries, and we honor the courage and perseverance of the Irish-American community.

From ethereal green shores, generations of Irishmen and women set out across an ocean to seek a new life in the New World. Often without family or funds, these brave souls put their faith in the ideas at the heart of our democracy -- that we make our own destiny, and if we work hard and live responsibly, we can build a better future for our children and grandchildren. Early immigrants from Ireland shaped our founding documents, and in the decades and centuries since, Irish-American heroes -- like the courageous members of the Fighting 69th -- have fought and died to protect a Government of, by, and for the people.

Today, tens of millions of Americans proudly trace their heritage to the Emerald Isle. They are descendants of our Founding Fathers, heirs to a resilient spirit forged during the Great Hunger and painful periods of discrimination, and the latest in a long line of Irish Americans who have poured their energy and passion into perfecting our Union. With grit and determination, they have enhanced our communities, bolstered our economy, and strengthened our Nation. And their brogue continues to ring out from our halls of government and every place people strive to make our society more free, more fair, and more just.

The Irish story is one of hope and resolve -- in it Americans see our own dreams and aspirations. Our pasts are bound by blood and belief, by culture and commerce, and our futures are equally, inextricably linked. During Irish-American Heritage Month, let us celebrate the people-to-people ties between our nations and continue together our work to forge a brighter tomorrow for every American and Irish child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as Irish-American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

BARACK OBAMA





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GRAND MARSHALS -

JOHN MCINERNEY & JACK O'BRIEN



John McInerney and Jack O'Brien, spearheaded relentless lobbying, fundraising, and public relations efforts to gain and sustain support for a memorial honoring Commodore Barry, an Irish immigrant of County Wexford, at the United States Naval Academy (USNA).

From 2007-2014 John McInerney and Jack O'Brien

worked tirelessly in tandem to see to fruition the dedication of a memorial to Commodore Barry, First Flag Officer, United States Navy, at the Naval Academy. The planning of this memorial was watched by all of Irish-America over nearly a decade.

On December 22, 2005, the Congress passed Public Law 109-142, "The Barry Resolution" recognizing Commodore Barry as the first Flag Officer of the United States Navy. Despite this Congressional distinction, McInerney and O'Brien's formal proposals and appeals to have a memorial erected on the grounds of USNA were rejected first in 2009 and again in 2010. Undeterred, O'Brien argued the importance of remembering "How a fine officer and gentleman such as Commodore Barry can be an inspiration to future officers of the Navy and Marine Corps. We are asking that the Barry Memorial be placed in a prominent space in the Academy's Yard so that midshipmen, officers, and the public will know of the contributions of the Navy's first Flag Officer." McInerney took to the halls of Congress and AOH National President Seamus Boyle activated present and former Navy officials in Philadelphia, Commodore Barry's station in combat and final resting place.



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JOHN MCINERNEY & JACK O'BRIEN

McInerney and O'Brien's work was inspirational enough to those who witnessed it that they succeeded in raising more than \$250,000 for the project. The memorial, plaza, and gate to Commodore Barry were donated to the United States Navy and the people of the United States by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and allied Irish and Irish-American organizations. No public funds were used for the project.

While their dedication to the Barry Project would certainly be enough to merit this worthy distinction as Parade Grand Marshal, the reality is that this is only one of the large-scale projects of national significance the duo has led. In the 1990's McInerney and O'Brien were the drivers of the Irish Brigade Monument in Sharpsburg, MD, memorializing those lost from the almost exclusively Irish-American fighting units at the Battle of Antietam in September, 1862. That project, like the Barry Memorial, faced tremendous setbacks. The perseverance, resilience, and positive attitude demonstrated throughout these projects by McInerney and O'Brien in the face of challenges, uncertainty, and naysaying is a tremendous example of the outstanding historical will of Irish America.

These modern Irish-American men have gone to extraordinary lengths to memorialize outstanding Irish-Americans who shared their tenacity and values; we would do well to honor them in the highest manner possible.



John McInerney passed away unexpectedly on May 7, 2014, three days before the May 10, 2014, dedication of the memorial at USNA. His wife and strongest supporter, Louise Verret, survives him.



GRAND MARSHAL - JACK O'BRIEN

Jack O'Brien is a native Washingtonian born to Anne McCarthy O'Brien from Skibbereen, County Cork and Thomas O'Brien from Tralee, County Kerry. Jack is married to Regina O'Brien, having two children, Timothy and Stephen, three grand children, Casey O'Brien, Alexander O'Brien, and Zachary O'Brien.

He was educated at St. Martin's parish school, McKinley Technical High School and apprenticed in printing at Judd & Detweiler producers of the National Geographic magazine. As a Journeyman printer he worked at all of the Washington newspapers, The Washington Star, The Washington Post and The Washington Daily News. After his time at the DC newspapers he spent 37 years at the US Government Printing Office. As a member of Columbia Typographical Union 101, the oldest local union established in 1815, he served as Chapel Chairman, Scale committeeman, Convention Delegate and Chairman of the Red Cross blood program at the GPO.

Along with his parents who were members of the Irish American Club, his siblings Tommy, Michael & Kathleen enjoyed many socials such as moonlight cruises on the Potomac, picnics at Blob's Park, dances and participation in the original St. Patrick's parade 44 years ago, as well as all since.

Jack belonged to many Irish organizations such as the Irish American Club, Irish Cultural Society, Irish Northern Aid, Irish National Caucus, Friends of Sinn Fein, Glucksman Ireland House NYU and Ancient Order of Hibernians. Over the years Jack worked closely with Matt Hannan, Mike Mooney and John McInerney and many other supporters on Irish Cultural projects at Antietam Battlefield, Gettysburg Battlefield and the US Naval Academy in Annapolis.

The local and national Irish community supported all of the many projects without which they could not have been a reality. Thanks to all who believed it could all be accomplished!



GRAND MARSHAL - JOHN MCINERNEY

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 28, 1940, John McInerney was the second of six children of Irish-immigrant parents. John's father, Michael, was from Shanavogh East, County Clare and his mother, Margaret, came from Derryinver, County Galway.

He was educated at Holy Rosary School and Taylor Allderdice High in Pittsburgh. John then became a Catholic seminarian with the Society of St. Paul in Canfield, Ohio. Due to Type-I diabetes onset, John left the seminary. He studied at the University of Pittsburgh and eventually graduated from the University of Maryland. John became a history and journalism teacher at North Catholic in Pittsburgh and at two Catholic schools in the D.C. area. He later joined AARP where he worked as an administrator until retirement. His marriage to Louise Verret of New Brunswick, Canada, provided him with three decades of love and support. With Louise, John traveled to Ireland, Italy, and the Holy Land. Upon return, he would share notes and photographs with his sister Kathleen, his older brother, Patrick (d), and younger brothers Michael (d), Joseph and James. Also, John's three nephews, Jason, Michael and James, and three grand-nephews, Jason, Jeremy and Justin, benefited from John's love and friendship.

John always served. He was president of the College Station Home Owners Association for over a decade. He was a Eucharistic Minister involved in all aspects of parish life at the Holy Family Church of Mitchellville. He served as president of both the Ancient Order of Hibernians John F. Kennedy Division and the District of Columbia State Board. With his best friend, Jack O'Brien, he worked on the Irish Brigade Monument at Antietam and the restoration of Gettysburg Battlefield Memorials. Finally, with Jack, he helped achieve the John Barry Gate and Memorial Plaza at the United States Naval Academy. On May 7, 2014, John passed away at his home in Largo, Maryland, three days prior to the Barry dedication. He is buried at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs in Edmundston, Canada.

John always loved the Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade. Being a Grand Marshal today, alongside Jack O'Brien, would have touched his Irish heart.



GAEL OF THE YEAR

THERESA CULLINANE



Theresa Cullinane was born in Castleisland, County Kerry, to the late William and Mai Carmody. She has three sisters and one brother. Her sisters, along with dozens of cousins, nieces and nephews live in Ireland. Her brother and his family live in Australia.

Theresa met her husband, John, in 1958 at her home in Ireland. John, who was born in Washington DC, was visiting his grandparents and

other family members in and around Castleisland. This trip started the romance that was to lead Theresa to emigrate to the U.S.A. in February 1962. Theresa and John married January 26th, 1963. They are blessed with three wonderful children, Johnny, married to Annie Sikoris, Anne-Marie married to Joseph Aiello and Brian, born on Theresa's birthday, married to Mary Kate Zabroske. They are also blessed with three wonderful granddaughters, Caitlin, Danielle and Ciara. For the past 50 years, Theresa and John have lived in N.E. Washington, next door to the house John grew up in, with his parents, John (also from Castleisland) and Margaret, and his three brothers and one sister.

Theresa is a long-time member of the Irish American Club (IAC) and served in various positions, including her current role as Treasurer. She has been extremely active in the organization of meetings, receptions, dances and a variety of IAC functions giving many selfless hours to ensuring that the objectives of the IAC are met.

Theresa has been a dedicated volunteer for the Society of African Missions (SMA) missionaries in the Takoma Park area. The SMA is an Irish order that was founded to bring the word of God to Africa during the terrible strife on the continent. The IAC and SMA have enjoyed a wonderful bond over the years and every year IAC sponsors a Fund Raiser for the SMA Lay Missionaries located in Takoma Park.



GAEL OF THE YEAR **THERESA CULLINANE**

Theresa has also been a part of Providence Hospital for the past 47 years. In 1968 Theresa started her career and over the years held many different positions until she retired two years ago as Director of Patient Access. Theresa volunteered in various efforts to raise money for the underserved that Providence provides care for every day, regardless of their ability to pay for the services. For more than 30 years Theresa volunteered in chairing the annual auctions, which was one of the largest fundraising events for the hospital. Over the years the annual Gala raised millions of dollars for the various programs at Providence needing funding /equipment in order to provide care for the needy.

Even though she is officially retired, Theresa is currently President of Providence Hospital's Ladies of Charity whose motto is to "Serve rather than be Served". In this role, Theresa continues her volunteer work at Carroll Manor Nursing Facility and also assisting with keeping the Clothes Closet for the needy at supplied with adequate clothing/ shoes for many homeless patients Providence serves on a daily basis. Theresa is recipient of many awards, including the Sr. Ann Robb award, 2014 volunteer of the year awarded by the D.C. Health Care Association and is an Affiliate of the Company of the Daughters of Charity.

When Theresa came to this country, like all other emigrants, she depended on her friends and neighbors from Castleisland to help get through those times when homesickness set in. To this day, Theresa continues her relationships with the same friends from Castleisland who have been a part of her life since the beginning. Theresa is very happy that her children and grandchildren have a great interest in Ireland and love to visit all their aunts and cousins. In addition, her three granddaughters enjoy their weekly Irish dance classes, and she is extremely proud of their accomplishments. Theresa and John have frequent visitors from Ireland and they make everyone feel welcome and will always do what they can to make every trip to the U.S. special. It is well known that their home is the place to visit for all family and friends from Ireland.



DIVISION MARSHAL - PJ FITZGERALD



P. J. Fitzgerald was born and raised in the Claddagh section of Galway City, County Galway, Ireland. He immigrated to the United States as an adult, but always maintained his Irish identity. His name is known and respected in all areas of the Washington, D.C. Irish Community.

He has been an active member of the Irish American Club (IAC) since his arrival in the United States assisting fellow immigrants upon their arrival on our shores. He has served in many positions in the IAC including the position of President. For years he has hosted IAC functions, and served as a key in the preparation of refreshments, dinners, and beverages for all who attended. P.J. has also been active in the Knights of Columbus and has hosted many K of C receptions and dinners throughout the years. He has also served as the Grand Knight for his Division.

P.J. has been a member of the St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Washington, D.C. since its inception, working tirelessly to organize the parade and ensuring that Honorees are carefully looked after at the muster area prior to the parade. The parade is a Fitzgerald family tradition. His wife Sue, their six children and their families all participate in various aspects of the parade each year. In addition, the Fitzgerald's have been extremely active in Irish Dance throughout the Washington, D.C. area. P.J.'s five daughters are all highly skilled Irish dancers, who have entertained at Parade Committee fund-raisers and functions for many years.

P.J. embodies the Irish spirit, always ready with a smile, a helping hand, or good story. The St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Washington, D.C. is delighted to honor P.J. for his many years of dedication to the Parade Committee and the Irish Community.



DIVISION MARSHAL

DOUG WHEELER



Douglas Wheeler was born and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland. Doug served as a Washington, D.C., Fire Department (DCFD) firefighter and rose to the position of Battalion Chief before retiring in 2000 after 34 years of service. While with the DCFD, he played a major role in organizing the Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington, D.C., a firefighter based fraternal and family organization whose goals are to forward the Irish tradition, give families of similar

interest a place to meet, and raise money for charity. Since the founding of the Emerald Society in 1979, Doug served in a number of leadership positions and continues to serve throughout his retirement years. The Emerald Society uniformed marching unit has marched in every D.C. St. Patrick's parade. Firefighting and involvement in the Emerald Society is a family tradition. Doug's son, Doug Wheeler, Jr., is a DC Firefighter and currently serves as the Membership director for the Emerald Society.

In addition to his association with the Emerald Society, Doug has been a faithful and hard-working member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee of Washington, D.C. For many years, Doug took on the responsibility of organizing the parade line-up, and overseeing line-up mustering on parade day. He functioned as the Parade Liaison with the DCFD and was instrumental in arranging for the famed ladder/flag arch, as well as the DCFD's participation, with fire equipment, in the parade. For years Doug has been a dedicated, hard-working, and reliable member of the Parade Committee.



Doug is a proud supporter of the St. Patrick's Parade of Washington, D.C., and is honored to be selected a 2015 Parade Division Marshal.



DIVISION MARSHAL ALLISON WETTERAUW



Allison Wetterauw, the 2014 Washington, DC Rose of Tralee, is a senior Media Studies student at The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. Although Connecticut is "home," having been in DC for four years, Allison is proud to be a part of the greater DC Irish Community. Allison has served in multiple leadership roles during her academic career. Most recently, she has worked as a Resident Assistant and was selected as the

Captain of the Irish Dance Team on campus. Allison is the President of the CUA Gaels, the Irish cultural organization on the university campus.

The past year, Allison had the chance to visit Ireland twice and tour all over the country and participate in the Rose of Tralee festival in Co. Kerry. The festival is about Irish Heritage and celebrates what it means to be an Irish woman today. It is one of the oldest and biggest festivals in Ireland, of which



Allison was honored to be a part. She was even interviewed on live national Irish Television by the famous Dáithí Ó Sé!

Like so many American second and third generation daughters and sons of Irish immigrants, Allison is proud of her heritage (Irish and Dutch). To her, "Irishness" means reaching out to assist those in-need. She takes service seriously and recognizes the big shoes left by our ancestors modern Irish-Americans to fill.



DIVISION MARSHAL

ALLISON WETTERAUW

After the Boston Marathon Bombing of 2013 Allison led an effort to support an Irish dancer who was injured in the blast and whose brother perished. The collaborative national effort was facilitated by Allison and the CUA Irish Dancers in a dance-off that raised more than \$500 for the young victim-dancer.

Allison recognizes that to honor the past, we must perpetuate tradition and culture. She has been Irish dancing for 15 years and has enjoyed every minute of it even with the muscle aches, blisters and late-night practices! The history of the rhythms and set dances even the curly wigs and rigid posture, tell the story of the Irish struggle, tradition and faith. When Allison dances, she shares this story with her audience.

The St. Patrick's Parade of Washington, D.C. is proud to honor Allison as a Division Marshal.



DID YOU KNOW?

There were several Irishmen in Christopher Columbus crew. But the one who stands out most is Patrick Maguire. In 1492, Irish-born Maguire was the first crew member of Christopher Columbus' to set foot on North American ground.

The White House was designed by an Irishman, Mr. James Hoban. Kilkenny-born Hoban, studied architecture in Dublin, and is believed to have based his plan for the U.S. presidential home on Ireland's Leinster House, now home of the Dail Éireann.

<http://www.irishcentral.com/roots/Irish-American-trivia-10-patriotic-facts-about-the-Irish-in-America.html>



IN MEMORY OF ALICE JOHNSON

In December 2014, the D.C. Irish community lost one of its most memorable members, Alice Johnson of Riverdale, Maryland. Born Alice Murphy in Tullahaught, County. Kilkenny, Ireland, she maintained a home there and visited as often as possible. Alice was a nurse who used her caring manner and skills to serve patients as diverse as soldiers returning from Dunkirk during World War II and sick and dying in nursing homes, hospitals and private homes. She arrived in the United States in 1947 following World War II as the young bride of Ralph Johnson, an American soldier whom she met in London. They settled in the Washington, D.C. area in 1952

For six decades, Alice was a model of Irish spirit and strength in the Washington, D.C. Irish Community. She volunteered for and held leadership posts in the Irish American Club, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and of course the St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Washington, D.C. She has the distinction of being one of the organizers of the first St. Patrick's Parade in D.C. 44 years ago. She was honored as our Gael of the Year in 2001 and again as a Division Marshal in 2008. Alice held the annual record for selling fundraising raffle tickets for the St. Patrick's Parade Committee.

For years Alice was also a "Godmother" to the young Irish who come to the United States, hosting them in her home, helping them to find jobs and friends, and of course encouraging them to become active in Irish organizations and events. Her active involvement with St. Bernard's Church including her involvement with the Sodality continued unabated for years. Alice had an extraordinary ripple effect on the Irish community in our area. Her children and grandchildren can attest to her good humor, eloquent storytelling, and, yes, her famous Irish soda bread and scones.

Alice will be missed by all.





PARADE PARTICIPANTS - AS OF 3/9/2015

BANDS

Auburn High School Marching Band, Auburn, AL
District of Columbia Fire Department Emerald Society
Pipes & Drums
Dominion High School Marching Titans, Sterling, VA
Mass Destruction Marching Band, Baltimore, MD
Randolph-Macon Academy Band, Front Royal, VA
Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership Corps of Cadets
William C. McGinnis Middle School Marching Band, Perth Amboy, NJ

DANCE GROUPS

Boyle School of Irish Dance, VA
Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance, MD
Duffy School of Irish Dance, MD
Fraternidad Folklorica Cultura, VA
Hunt School of Irish Dance, MD
Hurley School of Irish Dance, MD
Maple Academy of Irish Dance, VA
O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing, VA
Southern Academy of Irish Dance - Virginia
Tinkus Llataymanta USA, MD





PARADE PARTICIPANTS - AS OF 3/9/2015

MILITARY

United States Air Force Marching Band
United States Air Force Marching Platoon
United States Armed Forces Joint Color Guard
United States Army Cassion Platoon
United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps
United States Army Marching Platoon
United States Coast Guard Marching Platoon
United States Marine Marching Platoon
United States Navy Marching Platoon
Veterans of The Battle of The Bulge, WW II. WWII Vehicles provided
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Greenbelt, MD Police Department
Northern Ireland Bureau, Stewart Mathews
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ORGANIZATIONS & NOVELTIES

American Red Cross in the National Capital Region
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Ancient Order of Hibernians Father William Corby Division
Ancient Order of Hibernians Col John Fitzgerald Division
Boy Scouts of America Pack 499, MD
Brookland Club and Cairde Gaels
Caed Mille Failte - The Moore Family



PARADE PARTICIPANTS - AS OF 3/9/2015

Calvert-Arundel Swordsmen
Capital Rowing Club (Float)
Chesapeake Irish Terrier Club
DC Divas Football
DC LGBT Center
Dogs on Deployment, DMV Chapter
The Dubliner (Float)
Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington, D.C.
Falun Dafa
Fraternal Order of Police - DC Lodge #1
Greenbelt Dog Training Parade Drill Team
International Youth Ambassadors, MD
Irish American Club of Washington, D.C.
Irish Channel (Float)
Irish Northern Aid
Jesus House
Kena Shriners, Kena 500 Mini-Corvettes
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 9
The Leprechan
Loyal And Patriotic Order of Irish-American Reaganites
Miss District of Columbia USA 2015, Lizzy Olsen
Miss District of Columbia USA 2014, Teresa Davis
Miss District of Columbia Teen USA, Niara Tarleton-Allen
Nations Capitol Young Marines, VA
Oxon Hill Young Marines, Temple Hills, MD
Police Emerald Society Honor Guard
Police Emerald Society - The Family Behind the Badge
Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club
South Lakes High School Army JROTC, Seahawk Battalion, VA
St. Johns College High School Rugby Team - the "Scoopers"
St. Patrick of the AOH
US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Alexandria Division, VA
Washington DC Gaels (Float)
WMAL & WRXQ
Woody Wilson - 28th US President



PARADE PARTICIPANTS - AS OF 3/9/2015

VEHICLES

1905 American LaFrance Steam Fire Engine
1964 White American LaFrance Pumper Fire truck,
owner Joe & Sandy Fitzgerald
1968 Pirsch Pumper Truck, operator William M. FitzGerald
1966 American LaFrance Fire Engine owner Earl Clime
1966 Crown Fire Coach 1599 GPM Pumper,
Firefighting Irish of Southern Maryland
1969 Crown Fire Coach
1988 DC Metropolitan Police Plymouth Gran Fury
owner Charles Viggiani
Old Dominion Historical Fire Society, Northern Virginia
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DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain. He was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave as a boy. He escaped after six years, but returned to Ireland as a missionary in his 30's. His mission in Ireland lasted thirty years: establishing monasteries, setting up schools, and building churches. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the date of his death, March 17, 461.

There are only two surviving written documents, both letters, that are credited to Saint Patrick. One is an account of his life and his work with the Church. Known as the "Declaration," this letter describes the vision that told him to go back to Ireland. The second letter was written to the soldiers of Coroticus informing them that Patrick was excommunicating soldiers who raided Ireland and took citizens into slavery.

Legend credits St. Patrick with using the native shamrock to teach the Irish about the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Green was worn in reference to the shamrock in honor of St. Patrick as early as the 17th century, though St. Patrick's vestments were blue.



The robes and ribbons of the Order of Saint Patrick, established in 1783 as the senior order of chivalry in Ireland, are also blue. The modern Irish coat of arms and the standard of the President of Ireland, is a golden harp with silver strings on a royal blue background.



2014 AWARDS

Category	Winning Group
Best in Parade	DC Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes & Drums
Best Local Band	Dominion High School Marching Titans Band, Sterling, Virginia
Best Visiting Band	Martinsville High School Marching Band Martinsville, Virginia
Best Band	Londonderry High School Lancer Marching Band and Colorguard Londonderry, New Hampshire
Best Musical Group	Great Mills High School Marching Band Great Mills, Maryland
Best Adult Marching Unit	Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 9 Trolley, Washington, D.C.
Best Marching Unit	Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington, D.C.
Best Youth Marching Unit	Randolph-Macon Academy Band and Parade Unit, Front Royal, Virginia
Best ROTC Unit	South Lakes High School JROTC Reston, Virginia
Best Antique Car	Blue Thunderbird
Best Antique Fire Apparatus	Old Dominion Historical Fire Society, Northern Virginia Chapter
Best Dance School	Boyle School of Irish Dance Virginia
Best Performing Group	Washington Showstoppers Community Band, Washington, D.C.
Best Theme	Commodore John Barry Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Washington, D.C.
Best Pet Unit	Greenbelt Dog Training Parade Drill Team, Greenbelt, Maryland
Always a Pleasure	Irish Channel Float, Washington, D.C.



2014 AWARDS

Category	Winning Group
Best Novelty Group	Annapolis Irish Rowers Annapolis, Maryland
Marshal's Award - Enthusiasm	O'Neill Development Float Washington, D.C,
Peoples Choice	O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing Arlington, Virginia



DID YOU KNOW?

The first St. Patrick's Parade in Washington, D.C., was held in 1971 and traveled along Massachusetts Avenue from Dupont Circle to the statue of Robert Emmet. In 1974, the Constitution Avenue route was established and the march became a full-scale Parade featuring traditional pipe bands, Irish dancers, military, police and fire processions, marching bands, ornate floats, and more.



THANK YOU - PARADE COMMITTEE & MARSHALS



The St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Washington, D.C. is a nonprofit organization registered in the District of Columbia, founded for the sole and express purpose of organizing and producing the St. Patrick's Parade of Washington, D.C.

The Committee is staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers who invest many hours year-round to raise funds and manage the myriad logistics to produce the Parade each year.

The Committee extends its thanks to the D.C. Police Emerald Society and the Ancient Order of Hibernians for volunteering their time to work behind the scenes to marshal the parade. We can't step-off without you!



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2014 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Annual Limerick Pub Challenge Golf Tournament was held at the Northwest Golf Course in Sliver Spring, MD on September 11, 2014. This tournament benefits the St. Patrick's Parade of Washington, D.C. and the Wounded Warrior Project.

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