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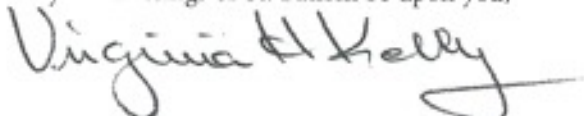
Welcome to the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nation's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The theme of this year's parade is *"A History of Strength."* The parade committee is proud to emphasize the dedication and resolve of the individuals being honored as well as the strength of the Irish American people.

We are extremely proud to honor as our 2008 Grand Marshal, Mark H. Tuohey, former Commissioner of Sports and Entertainment in the District of Columbia. It was Mark's commitment that is primarily responsible for bringing baseball back to DC.

As our 2008 Gael of the Year, the parade committee is proud to honor Anne Burns, former special assistant to the Ambassador of Ireland. For many years Anne has been the guiding force between the Irish Community and the Embassy of Ireland. She has often been referred to as the "real" ambassador.

On behalf of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee I wish to thank Mayor Adrian Fenty, The National Capital Park Service, the Washington Metropolitan Police Department and all the businesses, organizations and individuals who made the 2008 St. Patrick's Day parade a reality. Without their dedicated efforts this special celebration of our Irish heritage would not be possible. We hope that you, your families and friends enjoy the parade festivities, and wish you a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day.

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It gives me great pleasure, as Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, to extend warmest good wishes to all involved in the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Day parade.

St. Patrick's Day is an invaluable opportunity to celebrate the shared heritage between the United States and Ireland. The Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Day parade has grown considerably since its inception in 1971 and represents an important symbol of the enduring relationship between both countries.

I commend all those who work tirelessly each year to ensure that residents of the District and the greater Washington area are able to join with Ireland and Irish communities around the world in celebrating our proud heritage. I wish you every success with this year's parade. I also wish Mark Tuohey, a great friend of Ireland, every success in his role as Grand Marshal.

I offer my very warmest congratulations to Anne Burns for being honoured with the 2008 Gael of the Year award. Anne retired from the Embassy in 2007, and her selection as Gael of the Year is a fitting tribute for her many years of dedicated public service and friendship to the Irish community in Washington D.C.

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This month, we celebrate the patriotic and proud people who originated from the Emerald Isle and who have played a vital role in the story of this Nation of immigrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2008 as Irish-American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month by celebrating the contributions of Irish Americans to our Nation.

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## Mark Tuohey III

by Marie Matthews

**"PLAY BALL!"** Major league baseball players and fans are now hearing that cry in Washington due in part to the efforts Mark Tuohey III, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal for 2008.

Tuohey and his seven younger brothers and sisters grew up in Rochester, NY, with their parents, Mark, Jr. and Josephine Slattery Tuohey. The elder Tuohey was an FBI agent, a police commissioner, and later, Director of Health, Safety & Security for Eastman Kodak. Influenced by his father's life of service and motivated by an understanding of the relevance of the law to our lives, Tuohey decided on a career as a lawyer.

After he obtained a bachelor's degree in history from Saint Bonaventure University—where he was elected Student Body President—he served his country as an officer in the U.S. Army. He then completed a law degree at Fordham University.

Tuohey began his law career as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia in 1973, then worked in the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1979, he went into private practice. He is currently a partner with Vinson & Elkins, LLP, where his practice is concentrated on complex civil and criminal litigation, internal corporate investigations and compliance programs. His practice is largely devoted to representing corporations, their officers and directors, as well as individuals in civil and white-collar criminal litigation, internal corporate investigations, and Congressional investigations.

Despite the many demands on his time and with the strong support of his law firm, Tuohey has made a lifetime practice of community service. In 2003, Mayor Williams named him as the Chair of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission. In this capacity, he negotiated with major league baseball for a year before the Montreal Expos become Washington's fourth major league franchise and its first since the Washington Senators moved to Texas in 1971. Washington D.C. became the proud home of the Washington Nationals in 2005, playing at the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium. The new stadium,



Nationals Park, will officially open on March 30. On April 17, Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate Mass there.

Tuohey's hard work was motivated by his understanding of the importance of baseball to Washington. The nation's pastime belongs in the nation's capital, home to many baseball heroes, including Walter (the Train) Johnson. The prospect of baseball's return excited many members of the DC community, from baseball fans and those interested in youth sports, to small business owners and others seeking economic development and employment opportunities.

Baseball hasn't been Tuohey's only contribution to the Washington community. In 1998 and 1999, he acted as Special Counsel to the District of Columbia Council and conducted special investigations of the Metropolitan Police Department. He has also served as a Special Counsel to the DC Council on Anti-Terrorism Preparedness. He has a keen and abiding interest in public safety.

Indeed, his work on the police study and familiarity with officials in the government of Ireland led to Tuohey's being asked to assist the Irish government in developing its position on reform of policing in Northern Ireland. He subsequently served as a consultant to the Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland (Patten Commission), established in the wake of the Good Friday peace agreement. The Agreement recognized that reform of the police, the Royal Ulster Constabulary, was of major importance as Northern Ireland moved forward. The Commission was charged with developing a reform agenda that would give the people of Northern Ireland an accountable, democratic and representative police service, capable of attracting and sustaining support from both the Catholic and Protestant communities. Tuohey knew that citizens' trust in the police would be crucial in providing a peaceful environment. He observes that "if people don't feel safe in their homes, they don't feel safe at all."



## 2008 Grand Marshal

In addition to his work with the Commission, Tuohey has served as a legal advisor to the office of the Attorney General of Ireland on various other matters. Currently, he is the chair of the American chapter of *Cooperation Ireland*, a charity dedicated to promoting better relations between the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The group's aim is to provide opportunities for people from both sides of the border to meet and learn about their diverse cultural backgrounds in order to help create a society based on tolerance and acceptance of cultural differences.

Tuohey has been interested in Ireland since his earliest years. One of his grandmothers was from Tipperary and a grandfather was from Galway. He and his brothers and sisters grew up celebrating their Irish heritage. His wife, Marty, a psychotherapist, is the strength of the family and a great supporter of Ireland. They have passed on their love of Ireland and of community service to their sons, Sean, Devin and Brendan.

Sean Tuohey founded *Peace Players International* when he was

playing and coaching basketball in Northern Ireland. He saw the potential of using the sport to teach conflict resolution to young people in divided communities. Basketball, unlike traditional sports in Northern Ireland, is not affiliated with either community. By competing together on mixed teams on a regular basis, children from these historically divided groups are discovering common ground and forging new friendships.

The organization, now headed by Sean's brother, Brendan, has chapters in South Africa, the Middle East and Cyprus. In the fall of 2007, *Peace Players* launched its first domestic program in New Orleans. Wherever they are located, the organization has four main objectives: bridge social divides; develop future leaders; educate children to lead healthy, constructive lives; and to build community involvement to ensure long-term sustainability.

Because of his many and important contributions to the District of Columbia and Ireland, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee is pleased to honor Mark Tuohey III as our Grand Marshal for 2008.



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## Anne Burns

by Rev. Patrick Comerford

Anne is the oldest of seven children born to Richard and Brigid (nee Foskin) Comerford, Kilnaspic, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. Her parents, now deceased, were industrious, progressive and dedicated farmers – farming the family farm in South Kilkenny. Anne's brother Francis

continues the farming tradition at Kilnaspic with a modern and very successful dairy farm enterprise. Her two sisters and four brothers reside in Ireland. Anne was raised in a staunchly Catholic family deeply imbued with Christian principles. One of her brothers, Father Pat, is a parish priest (pastor) in Slieverue, County Kilkenny. In addition she has many close family relatives in leadership positions of service in the church. Her late cousin, Reverend Dr. William J. McDonald, served as Rector of C.U.A. and auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. Her first cousin, Reverend Dr. Martin Drennan, is currently Bishop of Galway and Kilmacduagh and Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora. His brother, Fr. Michael Drennan, S.J., is attached to Milltown Park, Dublin. Yet another cousin, Monsignor V. James Lockman, is Pastor of Annunciation Church in Washington D.C.

Anne received her primary education at Clogga National School and her post primary-education at Colaiste Cois Suire, Mooncoin where she distinguished at Irish, Business Studies, Art & Craft, Shorthand and Typing. She achieved first place in Ireland in one set of Department of Education public examinations. The late Mr. James Doran, School Principal, rated her as the school's most distinguished and outstanding student. Her first employment position was as an employee of the Irish Civil Service in Waterford city in the Department of Revenue Commissioners. Gaining experience and enhancing her reputation in that department she was encouraged to apply for a vacant position in the Department of Foreign Affairs at the Irish Embassy, Washington D.C. Advancing through the assessment and interview procedures she was deemed to be the most suitable candidate for the position and the rest is history! She set sail for America on the



Anne Burns with Bertie Ahern, Taoiseach of Ireland

cruise ship the "Rotterdam" arriving in New York on 10 November 1966, then completing the journey to Washington D.C. by rail.

Her career at the Irish Embassy commenced in the Passport/Consular section. In 1968 she gained promotion and was appointed Private & Social Secretary to the

late Ambassador William P. Fay – a position she held with distinction under the direction of eight subsequent Ambassadors until her retirement in August 2007. She served with competence, diligence and faithfulness Ambassadors William Warnock, John G. Molloy, Sean Donlon, Tadhg O'Sullivan, Padraic MacKernan, Dermot Gallagher, Sean O'Huiginn, and Noel Fahey. Ambassadors Donlon, MacKernan, and Gallagher returned to Ireland at the request of the Irish Government to become Secretaries General of the Department of Foreign Affairs. Dermot Gallagher is the current Secretary General of the Department and Ambassador Fahey is currently Irish Ambassador to the Vatican.

In 1972 Anne married John I. Burns, D.D.S. who had a successful dental practice on Connecticut Avenue, N.W. until his retirement. John was born in New York and is an alumnus of Georgetown University. Subsequent to their marriage, Anne and John lived in Rockville, Maryland where they continue to reside. Anne was a life-long member of the Embassy Social Secretaries Club and served as its secretary for a number of years. Among her many achievements is the 25 year service award.

Anne's years of service to Ireland and the Irish Government leave her with a host of cherished memories of historic occasions and encounters with distinguished and very powerful world personages. As a 'people person' dialoguing with powerful leaders or ordinary humble folk she executed with ease and elegance. One very memorable occasion was the privilege of attending the White House State Dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Clinton for the former President of Ireland, President Mary Robinson.



# Gael of the Year

At the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Reception at the Embassy Residence, the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern (TD), paid a warm and special tribute to Anne for her dedication to her work and years of service with the Irish Government. He went on to say:

*During her remarkable career, she has seen off eight Presidents of the United States, eight Taoisigh and Ambassadors. She has provided invaluable counsel to the many Irish Diplomats and politicians who have passed through this city. She has always shown a remarkable dedication to public service and has won the friendship, respect and affection of so many in this city. She has been a truly great Irish Ambassador.*

In appreciation he presented her with a magnificent piece of Dublin Crystal, suitably engraved with the Kilkenny Castle in the background.

On the occasion of her retirement party in August 2007, the newly arrived Ambassador Michael Collins, expressed deep appreciation to Anne and presented her with a book of tributes from many of the diplomatic staff who had served at Washington's Irish Embassy through the years, in addition to the customary gift check. That book is a compendium of all of Anne's treasured memories as a member of staff at the Irish Embassy for more than forty years.

Today is yet another special occasion when the Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee honors her as Gael of the Year. What a fitting tribute to this lady from Mooncoin who has engaged with Irish and American Presidents, Taoisigh and Ministers, Politicians of all persuasions, Congressmen, Captains of Industry, Artists & Musicians, Cardinals & Bishops during her long and distinguished career at the Embassy of Ireland in the Nations Capital! *Comhgairdeas Aine, agus rath De ort!*



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### 2008 Parade Division Marshals



#### The Golden Girls

from left: Alice Johnson, Cecelia Farley, Isabelle Gallagher



#### Cecelia Farley

Cecelia came to Washington, DC, from County Wexford nearly a half century ago - in 1962 - and has, since she first arrived, been a quintessential example of Irish hospitality, voluntary spirit, multifaceted interests, and dedication to good will. Cecelia has devoted her time and spirit to helping children grow and develop (as a teacher's aid at the Casa de Montessori School in Colesville, Maryland), to public safety (through active support for many Irish law enforcement groups), to cultural activities (through the Irish American Club, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and the Irish American Cultural Institute). Cecelia has been honored by many local and national organizations, including the Police Emerald Society and the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, and the Irish American Clubs. She

played a key role in the conception of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and holds the title of Chairman Emeritus. Cecelia is still considered an unofficial Irish Ambassador of good will for Washington, DC – a welcome beacon for Irish visitors from all walks of life. In 1971, she and her husband Frank hosted a memorable event at which Jerry Fitt, Member of Parliament from Northern Ireland was present, as were representatives from the Embassy of the Republic of Ireland. Cecelia and Frank, together with Mr. Pitt, were guests at the Irish Embassy the following day – the first time that the Embassy had officially recognized official representatives from Northern Ireland. Perhaps the Good Friday Agreement can be traced, at least indirectly and partially, to Cecelia! In any case, her charming and engaging personality and strong spirit of voluntarism have graced our area, and for that we are most grateful. We thank Cecelia's children and grandchildren for sharing her with us!

## Isabelle Gallagher

Born of Irish immigrants, Isabelle Gallagher is a native of Philadelphia, PA. Isabelle and her husband and lifelong friend, John Michael (Jack) Gallagher, moved to Washington DC in 1964. Isabelle worked for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) for 30 years. In 1981, she met Alice Johnson at a church dance at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church. Alice told her of her numerous adventures as a member of the Irish American Club, inspiring Isabelle to join shortly thereafter. She subsequently served as the club's treasurer and eventually assumed the position of president. The Irish American Club in turn was instrumental in Isabelle's assuming an active role in the broader Washington DC Irish American community. She served as the first treasurer for the Washington Gaels upon their founding in 1988, and played an active role as a member of the Roscommon Society. At that time the St. Patrick's Day parade was sponsored by the Irish American Club. Isabelle and Jack became strong supporters of the parade and dedicated years of service to this special Irish celebration. Isabelle served as a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for several years. Attendees will never forget all the special dinners Isabelle organized through the years honoring parade dignitaries. She was also very active as an honorary member of the DC Police Emerald Society. Isabelle and Jack's son John now serves as a police officer in Montgomery County, MD. John and his wife Kelly have provided Isabelle with five very special grand children. Through her service to Irish America, Isabelle has remained a mainstay in all Irish activities in the Washington DC area. Her hard work and dedication has been an inspiration to all who have been fortunate enough to know her. The Washington DC St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee takes great pride in honoring Isabelle Gallagher as a 2008 Division Marshal in recognition of her dedication and many contributions to the Irish American Community.

## Alice Johnson

For just over six decades, Alice Murphy Johnson has been a model of Irish spirit and strength, and for 56 of those years, the Washington, DC area has been the beneficiary. Alice hails from Tullahaught, Co. Kilkenny, where she still maintains a home at which she can be frequently found visiting with family and school chums. She is a nurse who has 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. Since her arrival to the United States, as a young bride of Ralph Johnson, an American soldier whom she met in London, Alice has been a stalwart volunteer for the Irish community. She has 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 Day Parade Committee. Her contributions to these organizations and the activities they support are legend: she continues to hold the annual record for selling fundraising raffle tickets for the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee, for example. Alice has also been the "godmother" of 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 continues unabated, including her involvement with the Sodality. She has 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. We don't know where Alice finds the time to give so much of herself to so many, and are honored to have her continue to be an active and important member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.



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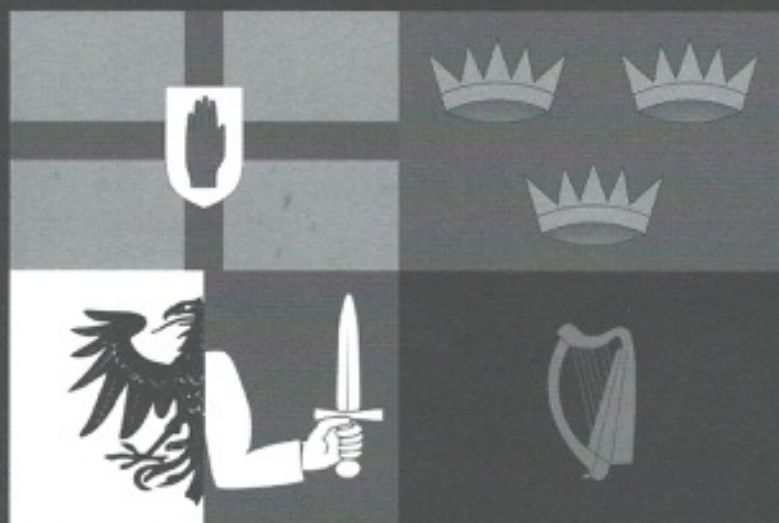
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# JAMES HOBAN

## architect

Each year, the St. Patrick's Day Parade marches proudly past the White House as it proceeds west on Constitution Avenue. We would be remiss if we did not point out that the executive mansion was designed by an immigrant from Ireland. A young architect named James Hoban came to the new capital city in 1792 to participate in a national competition to submit plans for a presidential residence. Washington was so new at that time that its only street was unpaved and few people had yet to make their homes here. Basing his design on Leinster House (built 1745 to 1748) in Dublin, Hoban entered the contest and eventually won first prize and was awarded the commission to build the edifice and the sum of \$500. At George Washington's suggestion, he reduced the height of the building to two stories and expanded its dimensions. The East Room was also added at Washington's behest.

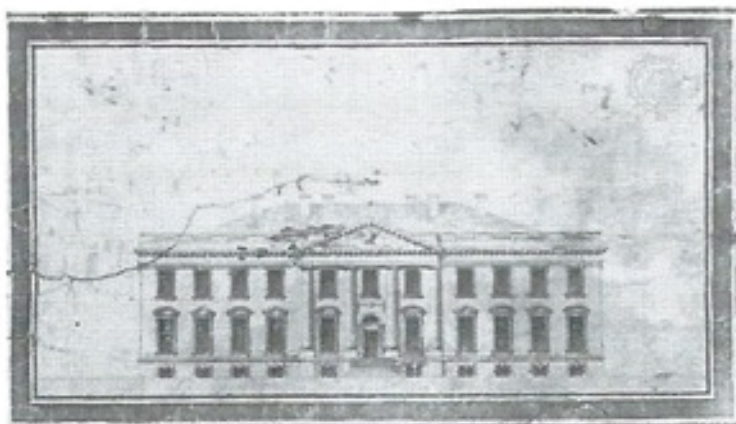
James Hoban was born into a devout Catholic family in Desart, near Callen, County Kilkenny in the year 1762. A student of Thomas Ivory, he studied at the school of the Royal Dublin Society in the Irish and English Georgian style. This is the style in which he worked during his entire career. Arriving in Philadelphia in 1781, he soon moved to South Carolina



where he designed the state capitol building in Columbia in 1791. At the invitation of George Washington, he traveled to Washington to enter the contest for the executive mansion project.

Defeating eight other contestants including an anonymous submission by Thomas Jefferson, he won the contest. Hoban stayed on to superintend its construction. On October 13, 1792, George Washington laid the cornerstone with James Hoban in attendance. President John Adams moved in with first Lady Abigail on November 1, 1800, with construction still underway.

James Hoban had now become one of the preeminent architects in the country and was in great demand. Although the Capitol Building was designed by Dr. William Thornton, Hoban was named Superintendent Architect of the Capitol and oversaw its nine years of construction.



With the incorporation of Washington as a city in 1802, Hoban was elected to the first city council, a post he held for the remainder of his life. He continued as an architect in the nation's capital building roads, bridges and buildings. Some of these projects included the Grand Hotel in 1793, the Little Hotel 1795 and the State and War Offices in 1818. His credits even extend to Ireland: the Rossenara House near Kilmoganny in his native county of Kilkenny.

In 1814, the British invaded the capital city and burned the public buildings. The President's house was left a charred shell. Hoban was called upon to rebuild it. This was no small task. The fire had weakened all but the south wall, requiring

dismantling and resetting of the sandstone blocks. The rebuilding was sufficiently complete in 1817, to allow occupation by the new president, James Monroe.

In 1824 the South Portico, the one facing our parade route, was added using Hoban's design. Six years later the North Portico was

similarly built. Since that time, the East and West Wings were added to the original Hoban design. The name White House, informally used since 1811, was officially adopted by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1901. Several restorations have been done over the years, most famously the one during the Truman administration.

With his wife Susanna he had 10 children. Washington was his home until his death on December 8, 1831. He left his family an estate worth \$90,000, an impressive figure at the time. Two of his buildings, the South Carolina Statehouse and the White House, were both burned by invading armies.



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## EASTER IS EARLY THIS YEAR— VERY EARLY!

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Easter this year will be on Sunday March 23, 2008, the earliest time any of us will ever see this important Feast for the rest of our lives. Only those who are 95 years old or more have ever celebrated it this early; the last time was 1913. None of us will ever see it a day earlier.

The next time Easter will be this early—March 23—will be the year 2228, 220 years from now. The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285—277 years from now. The last time it was on March 22 was 1818.

So, celebrate early and celebrate well!



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# THE IRISH WOLFHOUND

"An eye of sloe, with ear set low,  
With horse's breast, with depth of chest,  
With breadth of loin, and curve in groin,  
And nape set far behind the head—  
Such were the dogs that Fingal bred . . ."

The Irish Wolfhound is the world's largest breed of dog. The name is quite a recent one, but the hound itself goes back far into the mists of time. The name it was given in ancient Ireland was "Cu" (variously translated as hound, Irish hound, war dog, wolf dog, etc.), and it is mentioned in Irish laws that predate Christianity and in Irish literature that dates from the 5th century or, in the case of the Sagas, from the Old Irish period A.D. 600-900.



McGarry and his siblings at birth

The Great Irish Hound was only permitted to be owned by kings and the nobility. The hounds were used as war dogs to haul men off horseback and out of chariots, and there are many tales in Irish mythology of their ferocity and bravery in battle. They were also used as guards of property and herds, and for hunting Irish elk as well as deer, boar, and wolves. Wolfhounds were held in such high esteem that battles were fought over them.

Dating from the middle of the 4th century, we have the description of Celtic hounds in the works of Arrian:

*There is nothing more beautiful to see, whether their eyes, or their whole body, or their coat and colour... The neck should be long, round, and flexible. Wide chests are better than narrow ones. The legs should be long, straight, and*

*well-knit, the ribs strong, the back wide and firm without being fat, the belly well drawn up, the thighs hollow, the tail narrow, hairy, long and flexible with thicker hairs adorning the tip. The feet should be round and firm. These hounds may be of any colour.*

The last wolf in Ireland is said to have been killed by a Mr. Watson in County Carlow in 1786, and once their prey was gone, the Irish wolfhound

went into decline with only a few families keeping them "more for ornament than for use." Complaints abounded that they were reduced in size, made coarse through being crossed with Great Danes, or so crossed that two were hardly seen alike.







*McGarry at 9 months.*

Appearing on the scene, in the late 1800s, was Captain George Augustus Graham, determined to bring the Irish wolfhound back to its former glory. Not only were there very few specimens available of the old blood lines, but some of them were not able to breed and others were very delicate. He complained that death and

disease robbed him of his finest specimens. Capt. Graham made no secret of his use of outcrosses, mainly Glengarry deerhounds, but some Borzoi and one Tibetan. He did not himself use a Great Dane, but he did acquire the progeny of such crosses, mainly from the Earl of Caledon, who used a Harlequin Dane called "Earl of Warwick." Crosses with Great Danes were carried out well into the 1930s.

Captain Graham and other breeders founded the Irish Wolfhound Club in 1885. The Kennel Club recognised the Irish wolfhound as a sporting breed in 1925. In 1902 a hound was first presented to the Irish Guards as a mascot. The Irish Wolfhound Society was founded in 1981. (From the Irish Wolfhound Club of America website: [www.iwclubofamerica.org](http://www.iwclubofamerica.org))

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*Master of Ceremonies:* To be announced

*Ireland's Embassy Representative:* Orla O'Hanrahan

**DIVISION A**

(as of 3/4/08)

1. **METROPOLITAN POLICE MOTORCYCLES IN "V" FORMATION**
2. **POLICE CHIEF CATHY L LANIER AND ASSISTANT CHIEF PATRICK BURKE, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
3. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANNER. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB.** The McAuliffe Family
4. **CEAD MILE FAILTE. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB BANNER.** Family of John Moore
5. **IRISH AMERICAN CLUB OF WASHINGTON.** President Diane Chaney
6. **GRAND MARSHAL, MARK H. TUOHEY III.** Former Commissioner of Sports and Entertainment of the District of Columbia





# Parade Order of March



7. **U.S. ARMY, COMMANDER, 3rd INFANTRY, OLD GUARD**, led by Regimental Commander
  - 7a. ACCOMPANIED BY REGIMENTAL STAFF
  - 7b. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND
  - 7c. ARMY MARCHING PLATOON
  - 7d. MARINE MARCHING PLATOON
  - 7e. ARMED FORCES JOINT COLOR GUARD
  - 7f. NAVY MARCHING PLATOON
  - 7g. AIR FORCE MARCHING PLATOON
  - 7h. COAST GUARD MARCHING PLATOON
  - 7i. 3rd U.S. INFANTRY REGIMENT, "THE OLD GUARD" FIFE AND DRUM CORPS," Fort Myer, VA
8. **JACK EVANS**. City Councilman Ward 2
9. **MAYOR WILLIAM D EUILLE**. Alexandria Virginia
10. **MAYOR COUNTY GALWAY, Ireland**. Sean Canny, wife Geraldine, son Kenneth
11. **GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, Ireland**. Breda Mc Dermott and husband Joe
12. **GAEL OF THE YEAR, ANNE BURNS**. Recently retired Special Assistant at the Embassy of Ireland
13. **DC FIRE DEPARTMENT**. Firefighting equipment from our Nation's Capital—celebrating 137 years (September 1871) of fire/rescue service
14. **FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS FROM THE DC FIRE DEPARTMENT**
15. **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERALD SOCIETY PIPES & DRUMS**. Pipe Major Henry Welsh & Drum Major Kevin Sloan. Instructors Mark O'Donnell and Tom Hayden
16. **EMERALD SOCIETY—FIREFIGHTERS OF WASHINGTON**. "Our 29TH Year Marching!" President Jim Reilley. Banner, colors, precision marching unit
17. **ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS**. Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington
18. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FATHER ROSENSTEEL COUNCIL 2169, Maryland**. Grand Knight John Cuff. Marchers with banner "Tradition Continues"
19. **POTOMAC WHEELMEN, ANTIQUE BIKES, Maryland**. Leader Kurt Miller
20. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**. Sponsored by AOIBHNEAS an RINCE IRISH DANCERS (decorated vehicle with dancers and live music). Denise Fumagali, TCRG
21. **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING UNIT, Mississippi**
22. **US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE. SMOKEY BEAR**
23. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**. Sponsored by **THE BROOKLAND CLUB AND CAIRDE GAELS, Washington, DC** (decorated vehicle with marchers)
24. **THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE PIPE BAND, Georgia**. MSgt Scott Gunn TSgt Ryan Miles
25. **WASHINGTON DC ROSE OF TRALEE**. Meaghan Donovan
26. **POTOMAC VALLEY IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB, Metro Area**. Director Diane Hartney



27. **ALEXANDRA COLLEGE AND SANDFORD PARK SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA, Dublin, Ireland.** Leader Evelyn Hearn
28. **CARROLL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING CAVALIER, Virginia.** Leader Jeffrey Kleiber
29. **SOUTH LAKES HIGH SCHOOL JROTC AND COLOR GUARD AND DRILL TEAM, Virginia.** MAJ Schuler

## DIVISION B

(as of 3/3/08)

1. **FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE HONOR GUARD, Virginia.** Van and Honor Guard
2. **CECELIA FARLEY, Marshal, Division B**
3. **WASHINGTON DC REGIONAL POLICE PIPE BAND.** Pipe Major Ken Campbell and Pipe Sergeant Chris Jackson
  - 3a. **METRO TRANSIT POLICE, CAPTAIN KEVIN GADDIS.** Color Guard with police vehicles, motorcycles, and bikes.
4. **POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY, WASHINGTON DC AREA.** President Charles Moore. Our Theme is the "Family Behind the Badge"
5. **GREENBELT CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, Maryland.** DARE cruiser
6. **PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY SHERIFF, Maryland**
7. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **GREATER WASHINGTON DC SOAP BOX DERBY**
8. **CAPITAL CLUB OF WASHINGTON, DC**
9. **KENA 500 MINI CORVETTES, SHRINERS, Virginia.** Mini-Corvettes, lead flag vehicle, lead motorcycle and one recovery vehicle
10. **HINE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND, Washington DC.** Band Director Titus Peck
11. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **THE MCCARTHY CLAN** (decorated vehicle with marchers)
12. **WILLIAM C MCGINNIS MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, New Jersey.** Director Carl Brodbeck
13. **CALVIN COOLIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL JROTC, Washington, DC.** Major Allen V Banks
14. **SuGTV "WASHINGTONIA", Washington, DC.** Bavarian folk dancing. Director Charles H Volkman
15. **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.** (All Divisions AOH/LAOH in order of precedence)
16. **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS. ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DIVISION #1 FLOAT.** Flags and banners. President George Rogers
17. **COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DIVISION OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, Virginia.** Dennis O'Reilly
18. **COLONEL JOHN FITZGERALD DIVISION OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.** Chris O'Connor





# Parade Order of March



19. **LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS DIVISION 9, DAUGHTERS of ERIN, Maryland.** Secretary Ann Durkin Fisher. Victorian Trolley and marchers
20. **RANDOLPH-MACON ACADEMY 91<sup>st</sup> AFJROTC BAND AND PARADE UNIT, Virginia.** Bandmaster G Edwin Richards
21. **VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, WW II**
22. **VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF MILITARY VEHICLES, Virginia.** Leader Larry Tucker
23. **WASHINGTON AREA COLLECTOR OF MILITARY VEHICLES/BLUE AND GRAY MILITARY TRUST, Leader Tim Ketchum**
24. **M274A2 AND M274 MECHANICAL MULE VEHICLES, Virginia.** Vietnam Veterans, Leader Calvin Youngblood
25. **YOUNG MARINES, Virginia.** Commanding Officer Diana Orye
26. **YOUNG MARINES, Maryland.** Major Joseph Bles
27. **YOUNG MARINES, Washington DC.** SSgt Kelvin D Paulk
28. **YOUNG MARINES, Delaware.** Unit Commander Cindy Antal
29. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHEVY CHASE, WASHINGTON, DC COUNCIL 224.** Ben Filipczyk
30. **LOYAL & PATRIOTIC ORDER OF IRISH-AMERICAN REAGANITES, Virginia.** Director Brian Lopina
31. **HAYFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL JROTC MARCHING UNIT, Virginia.** LTC (USA Ret) Joseph Spicer
32. **GREENBELT DOG TRAINING PARADE MARCHING DRILL TEAM, Maryland.** Leaders Allie W and Adele Lee
33. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT—Jury's And Irish Channe.** Sponsored by BUSHMILL'S IRISH CREAM and JAMESON IRISH WHISKEY
34. **IRISH SETTER RESCUE, WASHINGTON AREA.** Leader Dee Atwell
35. **IRISH NORTHERN AID COMMITTEE, DC AREA.** Founders Jack O'Brien and Mary Baggerly
36. **NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC COLOR GUARD AND DRILL TEAM, Maryland.** Capt Robert E Davis
37. **FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE MOTOR SQUAD, Virginia.** Leader Scott Bates

## DIVISION C

(as of 3/5/08)

1. **MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK POLICE, Montgomery County Division.** Mounted Color Guard. Sgt Rick Haas
2. **ISABELLE GALLAGHER.** Marshal, Division C
3. **NORTHERN VIRGINIA FIREFIGHTERS EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE BAND, Virginia.** Pipe Major Steven Cochran
4. **FAIRFAX COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS EMERALD SOCIETY, Virginia.** President Dan Shaw



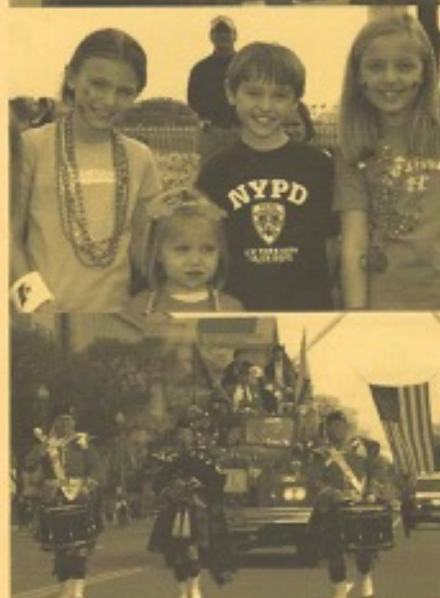
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5. **DC DIVAS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL, Metro Area.** Leader Rich Daniel
6. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **THE O'NEILL-JAMES SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING** (decorated vehicle with dancers and music). Director Laureen O'Neill-James, TCRG; ADCRG
7. **FORT MYER FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, Virginia. CRASH FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE FOAM.** Stationed at the Pentagon Heliport. 2001 E-One Titan 4x4. Sgt George Smith
8. **RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB Chapter 7, Virginia.** George W Smith
9. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **WASHINGTON DC GAELS.** Banner and marchers
10. **THE BOYLE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE Virginia.** Directors Alannah Boyle Sweeney TCRG and Ellen Boyle Gibbons TCRG
11. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **FADO IRISH PUB**
12. **"LEPRECHAUN", Virginia.** Donald Patrick Ryan
13. **1903 CURVED DASH OLDSMOBILE, Maryland.** Owner Bob Geier
14. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **FALUN DAFA GROUP,** (decorated vehicle with Chinese meditation group and female dancers)
15. **FALUN DAFA DIVINE LAND MARCHING BAND, New York**
16. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **POTOMAC CELTIC FESTIVAL4**
17. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT—The Dubliner Restaurant.** Sponsored by **WASHINGTON WHOLESALERS**
18. **IRISH TERRIER PET BRIGADE, Metro DC.** Leader Christine Ward
19. **WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM (WRAP), Metro Area.** Leader Kurt Erickson
20. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **MAPLE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE** (decorated vehicle with dancers and music). Teachers Bill Maple and Marnie O'Callaghan-Maple
21. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **THE FIGHTING CURRAN BROTHERS.** 1947 antique truck and 1926 fire truck. Presents Bowie Louis and his Irish Brigade
22. **TROOP/PACK 461 Drum and Bugle Corps, Saint Jane de Chantal Catholic Church, Maryland.** LDR Earl Smith
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24. **WESTLAKE NAVY JROTC COLOR GUARD WITH MARCHING COLOR GUARD, Maryland.** Senior Chief J Stafford
25. **OLD DOMINION HISTORICAL FIRE SOCIETY, Northern Virginia. A SPAAMFAA Chapter.** Antique fire apparatus. President Clyde Clark
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34. **MARY F NAZARETH JV CHEERLEADINGS, Maryland.** Leader Christine Verville Jacobs
35. **WASHINGTON SHOWSTOPPERS COMMUNITY BAND.** Band Director Tyrone Frederick
36. **ASTURIES CELTIC SOCIETY, Washington, DC.** Leader Alfonso Diaz
37. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **The O'NEILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (decorated replica Irish Cottage with white washed walls and authentic Thatch Roof)

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2. **PENTAGON FORCE PROTECTION AGENCY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, HONOR GUARD, Virginia.** Leader Sgt Hammie Ashton Jr., Colors Team and vehicles
3. **ALICE JOHNSON.** Marshal, Division D
4. **HUNT SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING, Maryland.** Instructor Beverly Hunt O'Connor
5. **BURTONSVILLE'S EXTREME SPIRIT CHEER CLUB, Maryland.** Leader Sheila Saunders
6. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **THE CAPITOL ROWING CLUB** (decorated vehicle with marchers)
7. **GARRISON ULTIMATE FRISBEE LEAGUE.** Leader David Band
8. **NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION MUSTANG CLUB, Metro Area.** Rex Turner
9. **CHANTILLY ACADEMY AFJROTC, Virginia.** LTC Tim Lambert and TSGT John Wilkes
10. **1968 RED CHEVROLET CAMARO SS CONVERTIBLE, Virginia.** Owner David Dunn
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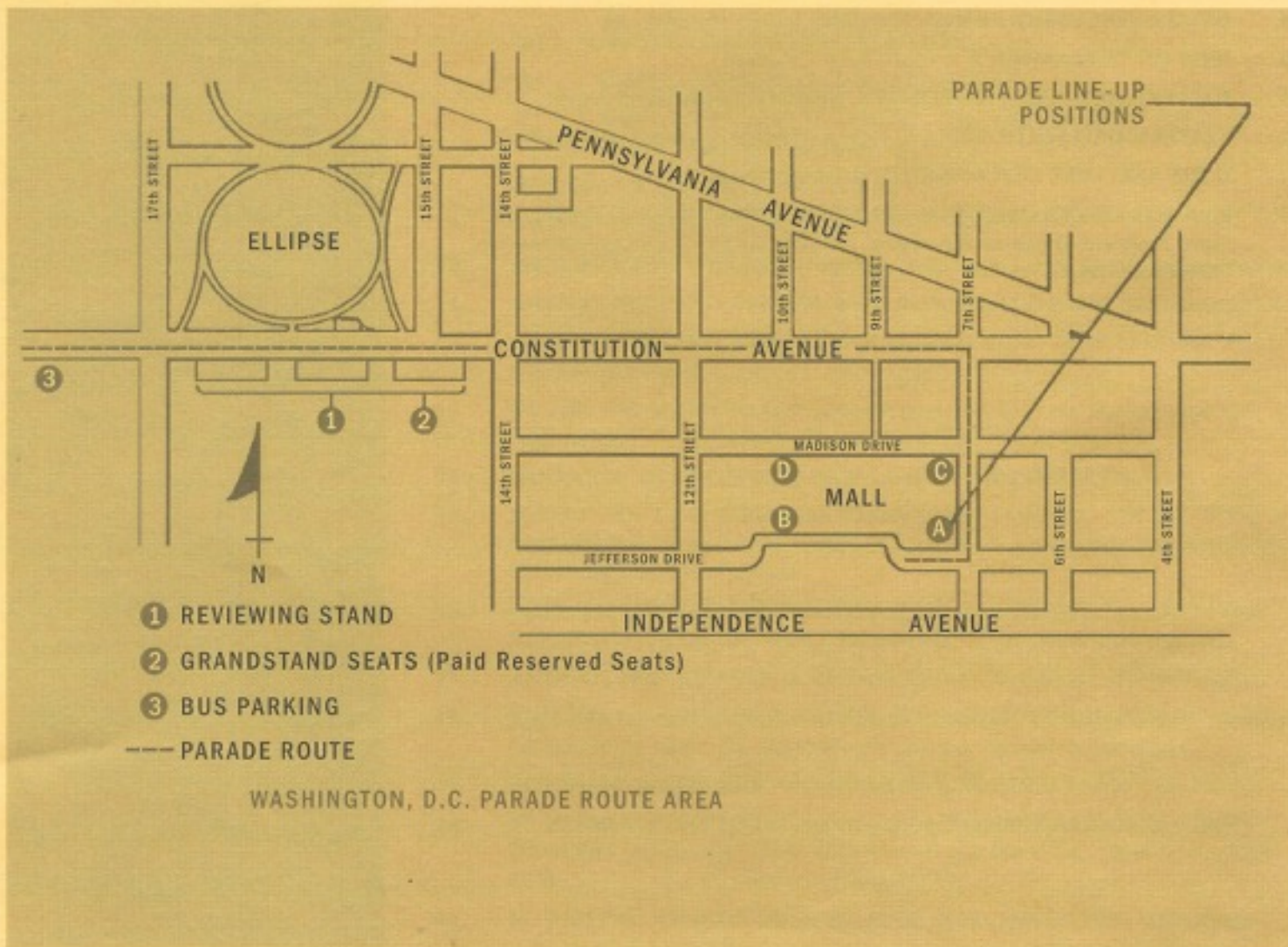
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14. **MISS CONTINENTAL AMERICA, Maryland.** Sarah Kramm
15. **SCOIL RINCE NI DUBHTHAIGH / DUFFY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE, Maryland.** Leader Erin Louise Duffy
16. **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IRISH AMERICAN SOCIETY MARCHING UNIT, Washington, DC.** Leaders Regina Moore and Caitlin Kelly
17. **MS VIRGINIA GLOBE 2006, Virginia.** Lynnphuong Frazier
18. **US BRANCH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE BRETON LANGUAGE, Maryland.** Leader Philippe Berthier
19. **BATALA PERCUSSION BAND, Maryland.** Leader Jeanette Lee
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## *Best Visiting Band*

Great Mills High School Marching Band, MD

## *Best Pipe Band*

DC Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums

## *Best Fife and Drum Corp*

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## *Best Antique Car*

Northern Virginia Corvette Club

## *Best Antique Fire Apparatus*

Old Dominion Historical Fire Society, Northern Virginia

## *Best Dance School*

Aolbhneas an Rince Irish Dancers

## *Best Performing Group*

Maple School of Irish Dance

## *Best Pet Unit*

Greenbelt Dog Training Parade Marching Drill Team, MD

## *Best Novelty*

Potomac Wheelman, Antique Bikes, MD

## *Best Marching Unit*

Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge

WW II, MD/DC Chapter

## *Best Adult Marching Unit*

John F. Nicoll Pipes and Drums, MD

## *Best Youth Marching Unit*

First Baptist Church of Highland Park Girl Scouts, MD

## *Best ROTC Unit*

Hayfield Secondary School JROTC Marching Unit, VA

## *Best Equestrian Unit*

Maryland National Capital Park Police

Montgomery County Division

## *Best Theme*

Operation Tribute to Freedom

## *Best Musical Award*

Fado Irish Pub

## *Marshal's Award*

The Brookland Club and Cairde Gael Club

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## *Best in Parade*

O'Neill-James School of Irish Dance

## *Most Humorous*

The McCarthy Clan

## *People's Choice Award*

St. John's Rugby Club/team - Pooper Scoopers



## Golf Tournament Raises Green on the Greens

by George, a Tournament Player

The inaugural St. Patrick's Day Parade Golf Tournament was held on October 22, 2007—a lovely autumn day—at Twin Shields Golf Club in Dunkirk, MD. Each player was given gifts of golf balls, tees, and a lucky four-leaf-clover ball marker. A complimentary breakfast awaited arriving players, and a catered lunch was provided during the award reception. Lucky—and skilled—winners were awarded prizes ranging from golf bags to golf training equipment.

Tournament competitive events included a best-ball event, which attracted 24 foursomes, the longest drive, and hitting balls closest to the pin. Players were also eligible for door prizes. The team winners of the 2007 inaugural tournament were:

### ***First Place (Best Tech Gang)***

Robert Estep, Jim Estep, Robert Estep III, and Doug Rutan

### ***Second Place (Irish Channel)***

Tom Stack, Gary Stack, Willie Lyons, and Brian Gaffney

### ***Third Place***

Fred Perry, Dave Harris, Greg Crowe, and Chris Miller



*Twin Shields Golf Course*

"This golf outing helped to defray the costs of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and we look forward to this being an annual event" said Parade Committee chair Ginny Kelly. Special thanks go to Twin Shields, Glendale, Hilltop, and Worthington Manor Golf Courses for their support, including their donations of free rounds. The dedication and hard work of Parade Committee Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan and Tom "Cappy" Caplis helped to make this event the a resounding success. Caplis did the legwork, acquiring prizes and signing up the golf courses and the golfers!

The 2008 event is expected to be bigger and to attract even more supporters of the ever-popular St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, DC.





## *A Life Lived in Service of Peace Through Strength*

Joseph F. O'Connor  
1918–2007

Col. Joseph O'Connor, USA Ret., exemplified the characteristics that embody Irish American contributions to peace through strength. After enlisting in the New Jersey National Guard in 1938, Col. O'Connor fought valiantly in two wars: in World War II he was in two fronts, North Africa and Italy; in Rome, he was among the troops that liberated Rome. In Korea, he commanded the 999<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery. He also served his country and the Army in Vietnam, inspecting operations there. His final assignment with the army was a defense attaché at the American embassy in the Republic of Ireland. This was a personal and professional honor for Col. O'Connor; his mother had been born in Ireland. Among the military honors that reflected his service were two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals and a Purple Heart.

After his retirement from the U.S. Army, Col. O'Connor continued his service to his country and community. Initially, he worked with the Fairfax courts for eight years, and then served as Director of Development for St. Coletta School in Alexandria, Virginia for four years. Throughout his lifetime, Col. O'Connor was active in Irish-American and other organizations, using his organizational and tactical skills to great advantage and providing immeasurable contributions. He participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for years, ultimately serving as chairman. He was active in and also served as president of the Arlington Ancient Order of Hibernians and was a member of the American Irish Bicentennial Committee. Col. O'Connor found time to devote time to the many military associations, including Association of the U.S. Army, the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, the U.S. Field Artillery Association, veterans of Foreign Wars, the Irish Military Society, the Purple Heart Society and Disabled American Veterans.

His wife of 62 years, Bernice Marie Farrell, passed away in 2003. Joseph and Bernice had six children, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee was honored to have Col. O'Connor as a member and president. His indomitable spirit will be sorely missed.

## Thomas Herlihy

Tom Herlihy, who passed away on January 2, 2008, was a heroic DC Fire Fighter for 27 years, rising to the rank of captain of Engine Company 22. He was an active member of the DC Fire Fighters Association and the Retired Firefighters of Washington. He was also actively involved in Irish-American organizations in the Washington DC area. Tom's many contributions to his community and family are remembered fondly by his brother and sister, daughter, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two step grandchildren.





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- 2005 Paul Xavier Kelly  
Former Marine Corps Commandant
- 2004 John Walsh  
Host, America's Most Wanted
- 2003 Chris McCarron  
Hall of Fame Jockey
- 2002 Those Who Serve  
Tribute to local heroes and victims of the 9-11 tragedy
- 2001 Tom Dolan  
Olympic Gold Medalist
- 2000 Roma Downey  
Film & television actress (Touched by An Angel)
- 1999 Denis Mulcahy  
Founder, Project Children
- 1998 Hal Roach  
Ireland's International Humorist
- 1997 Thomas R. Donohue  
Labor Relations Organizer
- 1996 Capt. Scott O'Grady, USAF  
U.S. Air Force (pilot shot down, June 1995)
- 1995 John Hume  
Leader, Social Democratic and Labour Party
- 1994 Mark Russell  
Political Satirist
- 1993 Mary Higgins Clark  
America's premier suspense writer
- 1992 John J. Barry  
President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- 1991 U.S. Armed Forces  
One member from each service
- 1990 John "The Diesel" Riggins  
Running Back, NFL Washington Redskins
- 1989 John J. Sweeney  
President, Service Employees International
- 1988 Carmencita Hederman  
Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland

Nancy McKelvey



- 1987 Helen Hayes  
First Lady of American Theater
- 1986 Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr.  
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
- 1985 Eunice Kennedy Shriver  
Founder, Special Olympics Program
- 1984 Cyril Count McCormack  
Son of Irish Tenor, John McCormack
- 1983 Frances T. Shea  
Rear Admiral USN
- 1982 Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke OP  
Founder, Speech and Drama Department  
Catholic University
- 1981 Samuel W. Bogley  
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- 1980 James P. Gleason  
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- 1979 Walter F. McArdle  
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- 1978 Maurice Cullinane  
Former Chief, Metropolitan Police Department
- 1977 George Meany  
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- 1976 Patrick J. Hayes  
Director, Washington Performing Arts Society
- 1975 William T. Hannan  
Irish community activities
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2007 Alice McDermott

2006 Walter Durkin

2005 Cardinal Theodore McCarrick

2004 Barbara Harrison

2003 Joyce & John Flynn

2002 No Gael Selected

2001 Alice Murphy Johnson

2000 Frank J. Herbert

1999 John Cosgrove

1998 Patrick William Cady

1997 Paul L. Berry

1996 Father Eugene E. Riordan

1995 Father John Adams

1994 Matt Hannon

1993 Carol Wheeler

1992 Bruce Morrison

1991 Howard McClennan

1990 Susan Kelly Long

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1988 Mickey Brennan

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1986 Monsignor R. Joseph Dooley

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# A History of Strength: Irish-Americans

Gael-Mheiriceánach

by Irene Jillson

Since the first Irish arrived on American shores, they have played a key role in the founding and defense of the country, in seeking and promoting peace and democratic principles in the U.S. and throughout the globe, and in contributing to cultural, economic, political, public safety, scientific, sports and other aspects of our nation that constitute its strengths and reflects its importance in the world community. We are now more than 40 million strong – 12% of total U.S. population, not including those of Scots-Irish ancestry, who are counted separately by the U.S. census.

The extraordinary and extensive contributions of Irish Americans have been amply documented and well-publicized. What does it mean for our population to have a “history of strength”? First, let’s consider our understanding of strength, which is defined as: the power to resist attack; impregnability; the power to resist strain or stress; durability; the ability to maintain a moral or intellectual position firmly; and the capacity or potential for effective action: a show of strength. This certainly seems to capture the indomitable Irish American spirit!

We have exhibited and used our strength since we first



arrived at the time of the founding of Jamestown in 1607. We played important roles as patriots in the revolutionary war – as many as one-third to one-half of the American troops during the Revolutionary War were of Irish descent,

including 1,500 officers and 26 generals. At the same time, Irish colonists were engaged in intellectual and political efforts to create an independent nation state founded on principles of freedom and equity. Eight of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence were of Irish descent. The document itself was handwritten by Irish-born Charles Thomson and printed by another Irishman, John Dunlap.

*Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Grandson of a Co. Offaly O’Carroll, signed the Declaration of Independence for Maryland; Thomas Lynch, of Galway stock, was the youngest signatory to the Declaration.*

As many as 23 of America’s presidents have had some degree of Irish heritage: George Washington, John Adams, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James

Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, William Jefferson Clinton, and George W. Bush. Of course, there is a wide range: Andrew Jackson's parents were born in Ireland, while the Bush presidents have a rather distant Irish history. Only President Kennedy was raised as Catholic. Notably, three of the major presidential candidates have Irish ancestry: Sen. Hillary

Clinton, Sen. John McCain, and Sen. Barack Obama. The likelihood is that our next president will once again be someone with Irish roots!

When the nation faced its most divisive test, during the Civil War, the Irish once

again contributed their lives, their spirit, and their dedication to service, including as doctors and nurses in care of wounded soldiers and civilians. Seven Union Generals were Irish-born; 150,000 Irish-Americans fought for the North in the Civil War; 39 regiments had an identifiable Irish component. Indeed, the first two casualties of the American Civil War were Irish. Millions of Irish-Catholic American servicemen fought in World War I (1914-1918) and World War II (1939-1945); tens of thousands fought and died in the Korean and Vietnam wars and Irish American men and women continue to serve in the military in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Irish American participation in America's unions and labor movement has been and continues to be of vital importance and benefit to the well-being of American society. There have been and still are countless famous Irish-Americans working in many different occupations, from actors and other types of entertainers to senators, architects, industrialists, journalists, sports figures, writers, boxers, and a Supreme Court justice.

Irish Americans have contributed to peace-seeking and nation-building in the U.S., from the early days of our Republic until now, and in other countries. We have played roles in negotiating the end of the two World Wars in the last century, peace in the Middle East, the end of the war in Kosovo, and, of course, peace and conflict resolution in Northern Ireland. Indeed, members of our own Irish American community in the Washington, D.C. area, including our Grand Marshall, Mark Tuohey III and one of our Division Marshals, Cecelia Farley, have played some parts in this process. The historic signing of the Good Friday agreement in 1998 and the, hopefully, definitive end of The Troubles was seen on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2007, with the formation of a power-sharing government. Since then, there have been increasing indications of efforts to ensure equitable peace and prosperity, building on the strength of the Irish character.

As we have learned through history, peace and strength are inextricably related; we are proud that Irish Americans continue to contribute in various ways in American society and globally so that history will view this Irish American generation's contribution as one of which we can all be justifiably proud.

*John Shee from Co Meath commanded the Pennsylvania Line, one of the most effective combat outfits of the Revolutionary war. These troops came largely from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, and included a large number of Irish volunteers.*

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- *Dorothy Day- co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement*
- *Mary Harris ("Mother") Jones- labor organizer who sought to improve workers' conditions and wages throughout the United States*
- *Georgia O'Keefe- painter*
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