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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. 2016 TROPHY AWARDS

Washington, D.C. (March 16, 2016)— The 45th Annual St. Patrick's Parade which kicked off on Sunday, March 13 at noon, delighted the crowds as floats, marching bands, Irish step dancers, antique fire engines, dance groups and a wide variety of revelers celebrating Irish heritage and culture took over Constitution Avenue, N.W., between 7th and 17th Streets.

Presiding over this year's parade representing the theme "Remember, Reflect, Reimagine." was Grand Marshal John Garvey, President of the Catholic University of America. Daniel F. Sullivan, selected for his outstanding service to the Irish Community, was recognized as Gael of the Year. Anne Anderson, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States and Reverend Monsignor Salvatore A. Criscuolo were also on the reviewing stand to help celebrate the day.

Serving as Division Marshals this year were James Carmody of AB&S Systems and the Irish American Club, The Self Family, representing the late Ben Self of the D.C. Fire Department, and Diane and Tom Hartney of the Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club.

The parade's judges selected the following groups from among the over 100 units participating in this year's parade for special recognition.

2016 Parade Trophy Winners

Best in Parade

Urban Renewal Music Masters Youth Band, Bahamas

Best Visiting Band

William C. McGinnis School, Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Best Band

Macmillan Pipe Band, Rockville, MD

Best Musical Group

Kingsman Academy Public Charter School – Marching Drumline,
Washington, DC

Best Marching Unit

D.C. Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes & Drums



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Youth Marching Unit

Friendly High School Naval JROTC, Fort Washington, MD

Best ROTC Unit

Clearwater High School Marine Corps JROTC, Clearwater, FL

Best Dance Group

O'Neill James School of Irish Dance, Arlington, VA

Best Antique Fire

1964 White American LaFrance Pumper Fire Truck
Owned by Joe & Sandy FitzGerald

Best Antique Car

1973 Ford US Capitol Police Car

Best Pet Unit

Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club, Virginia

Best Novelty Group

Bicycle Co Pilots Program from Kasper's Cargos

Marshal's Award - Enthusiasm

Tinkus Tiatico

Always a Pleasure

Kena 500 Shriners Mini-Corvettes

A special thanks to students from The St. John's College High School for their extreme good cheer in performing their function following the Parade's equestrian units with shovels and buckets and maintaining Constitution Avenue's pristine condition.

The Saint Patrick's Parade Committee of Washington, D.C. congratulates the winners and all of the participants in this year's Parade and also thanks all of the organizations and individuals who so freely gave their time and effort to guarantee the success of the event.

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