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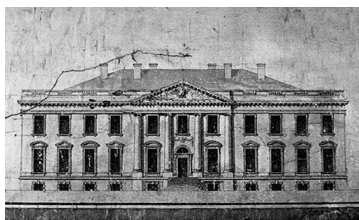




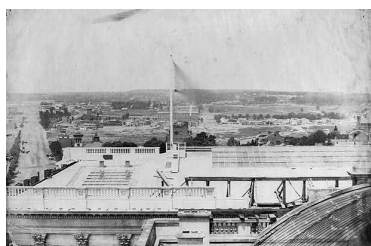
SHOWCASING DC IRISH CULTURE

Washington, DC has always been home to some of the richest and poorest Americans, a city where both refugees and executives can call home. Like much of America, Irish immigrants and their decedents have followed this tradition and had a crucial role in our city's history, for better or worse.

Emigrating to the U.S. after the Revolutionary War, James Hoban became a U.S. architect and the designer for the White House. He submitted his plan for the building as part of a national competition. Its design was influenced by Leinster House, seat of the Irish Parliament in Dublin. Even after it was destroyed in the War of 1812, Hoban remained in DC to supervise reconstruction of the building.



Not all Washington's immigrants from Ireland were as fortunate as Hoban. Swampoodle was a neighborhood on the border of Northwest and Northeast DC where NoMa stands today. It was the home for Irish emigrants from the Irish potato famine that devastated Ireland.



It was an overcrowded, lawless community that housed some of the city's poorest. However, it was also home to the Bob Considine, a journalist and writer, and Thomas Aquinas Flannery, who served for more than 30 years as a U.S. District Court judge in Washington.

This year's theme of "Showcasing DC Irish Culture" was chosen not to showcase presidents and politicians, but the common Irish-Americans who struggled to make this country their home and build futures for their children. The same character and determination that helped build a home from a swamp can guide us as we navigate through today's struggles and find common ground in our still evolving Capital city.





GRAND MARSHAL - PAT COLLINS



Pat Collins is a fourth generation Washingtonian. His Irish roots trace to County Limerick. Pat's grandfather was an engineer on the B&O Railroad which explains why the family home was on H Street near Union Station. Pat Collins lived on H Street before H Street was cool. His father, Tom Collins, worked his way through medical school and practiced medicine at the H Street address.

On St. Patrick's Day when he was a little boy, Dr. Collins would dress

Pat up as a leprechaun and take him around to visit all his patients. There was always candy and treats at each stop along the way.

Pat went on to graduate from St. John's College High School in Washington D.C. and later the University of Notre Dame. He got involved in the newspaper business at the age of 15 by writing for the Washington Daily News. He had a column in the News when he was 17 years old. He was the editor of his high school paper and one of the founders of The Observer, the student-run paper at Notre Dame. Pat is a Vietnam veteran. He served with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment where he ran a medical aid station out of a tank.

Pat began working in television in 1973. He has reported for NBC4 in Washington, DC for more than 30 years. He has covered six Olympics, three super bowls, and all kinds of stories of celebrations and sadness. He likes to say his career has morphed into two things, he covers murders and he measures snow. Pat has his own official snow stick. He has won 10 Emmys for his work in television. But he says his most prized "Emmy" is his wife Emily. They have been married for more than 46 years and have three children and five grandchildren.



GAEL OF THE YEAR - PETE STRICKLAND



Pete Strickland began his association with Ireland as a basketball playing ambassador in his early 20's. It was then that Pete arrived in Cork to play professionally with the Neptune Basketball Club. But Pete did more than just play basketball there in the Southern Capitol. Soon Pete was named the coach of the Neptune team and shortly thereafter helped organize the first non-military American team to participate in an Ireland based basketball tournament.

Pete's connection to Ireland and Irish basketball continued from there. Over the years, along with help from his many Irish friends, Pete arranged exchanges of countless Irish youngsters to secondary schools in the States. Additionally an estimated 50+ former U.S. university student-athletes found themselves with an opportunity to play and live in Ireland too. All of that was due to the network of Irish friends Pete worked with over the years, coaching with and mentoring all of those he met on the Emerald Isle. If diplomacy really does start when two people from different countries meet, well, then, Pete has had a long and fruitful career as "our" diplomat to Ireland.

Most recently, at the conclusion of Pete's 25 year NCAA Division I coaching career, Pete was named the Irish Men's National Team Basketball Coach. Pete's appointment came in November of 2016 and he is looking forward to leading the Irish squad in this year's International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Small Countries Tournament in San Marino (Europe) in June 2018.

Pete is currently a DC resident and runs his own speaking business, Strickly Speaking (PeteStrickland.com), where he shares what he has learned about Leadership, Team Building, Sales and the like that he gleaned from his over 34 years of coaching. Pete is married to the former Mary Catherine Freeman and they have three grown children together, Meaghan, Michael, and Conor.



DIVISION MARSHAL - DAVID MCKENZIE



David's paternal grandmother was born and raised in Donegal, Ireland and his grandfather in Elgin, Scotland so the Celtic blood runs strong. David himself first came to Washington, DC as an infant of 4 weeks old to his parents' home in NW DC. He was educated in the DC school system until attending Military High School in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and college at The Citadel. Upon returning home David held various jobs with the Red Cross and other businesses.

David's hobby was training dogs which led to a career in Law Enforcement through a Sheriff's Office in Maryland, then to the Metropolitan Police Department in DC. David was recruited by the DC Metro Transit Police (MTPD) in 1976 and joined that department in January of 1977 to follow a career spanning 33 years of active service retiring in December 2010.

In March of 1977, David was "volunteered" by the MTPD Captains, Moose Carew and Marty Hannon, to work the St. Patrick's Day Parade along with several other MTPD Officers on their day off. He has not missed a single parade since then, serving the parade in several different capacities over time. David is a founding member of the DC Police Emerald Society and a life member of DC Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #1. He is one of the originators of the U.S. Marshals Task Force, former instructor at the FBI Academy, and remains active in mentoring young Police Officers.

David spends as much time as he can on his Shenandoah Valley Farm and when not involved in Scottish Highland Athletics, he enjoys his grandchildren and raises horses. He is very active in the Washington St. Andrews Society on his Scottish side and runs the Mid Atlantic Scottish Athletics Association. He participates in approximately 18 Scottish Highland and Celtic events each year.



DIVISION MARSHAL - JESSE WINCH



James "Jesse" Winch is the son of Bridie (Flynn) and Patrick Winch, Irish immigrants who met and married in New York City in 1930. Patrick played the tenor banjo and encouraged all of his five children to play the Irish music he loved so well. As a ten-year-old, Jesse took up the drums and two years later started playing with his father and button-accordion player P.J. Conway for house parties and parish dances. He played in his first ceili band

in the late 1950s under the tutelage of the legendary Felix Dolan. He went on to play drums with Paddy Noonan, the Joe Nellany Band, Paulie Ryan and several other Irish dance bands in New York in the early 1960s playing such historic venues as the New York City Center, The Yorkville Casino, The Jaeger House and others.

Upon graduation from Iona College in 1964, he entered the Peace Corps and spent two years in Niger, West Africa working in agricultural development and, on the side, as a guest drummer in L'Orchestre Mariko, an African high-life band. Upon his return, he obtained a Master's degree in African Studies from Howard University with a focus on music and language.

In the early 1970s, Jesse started playing the bodhran with encouragement and inspiration from such players as Peadar Mercier of the Chieftains, Robin Morton of the Boys of the Lough, and DeDanann's Johnny McDonagh. Jesse played with James Keane's Ellis Island Band at the National Folk Festival in 1986 and 1987 with an all-star line-up that included Jack Coen, Mike Preston, Andy McGann, Paddy Reynolds, and Mattie Connolly with Seamus Connolly joining the group in the second year.

He is a founding member, with his brother Terence, of the award-winning band, Celtic Thunder, and also plays regularly in the DC area with the various ceili bands, the Irish Inn Mates every Monday night at the Irish Inn at Glen Echo, and the Flaming Shillelaghs.



DIVISION MARSHAL - JESSE WINCH

Jesse has recorded with Celtic Thunder, The Clancy Brothers and Robbie O'Connell, Johnny Cunningham, Jerry O'Sullivan, Linda Hickman and many others.

Jesse has served on the teaching staff at the Augusta Heritage Center in Elkins, West Virginia during "Irish Week" teaching bodhran and ceili band, a class he created; at the Swannanoa Gathering in Asheville, North Carolina during "Celtic Week" at the North American Convention for Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann (CCE), and regularly for the Washington Conservatory in Glen Echo Park, Maryland. He is very active in CCE and served as Cathaoirleach (Chair) of the Washington-based O'Neill Malcom Branch for over seven years. In 2012 Jesse was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Mid-Atlantic Region of CCE.

Jesse and Terence are honored to be selected as Division Marshalls for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Both participated in the first Parade in 1971 which went from Dupont Circle to the Robert Emmet Statue on Massachusetts Avenue.



DID YOU KNOW?

22 United States Presidents have Irish roots. Beside their name is the County in which their ancestors lived.

George Washington - Cork

James Madison - Clare

Andrew Jackson - Antrim

James Polk - Donegal

James Buchanan - Tyrone

Andrew Johnson - Antrim

Ulysses S. Grant - Tyrone

Chester Arthur - Antrim

Grover Cleveland - Antrim

Benjamin Harrison - Down

William McKinley - Antrim

Theodore Roosevelt - Donegal

Woodrow Wilson - Tipperary

John F. Kennedy - Wexford

Richard Nixon - Antrim

Gerald Ford - Monaghan

Jimmy Carter - Derry

Ronald Reagan - Tipperary

George H.W. Bush - Down & Wexford

William Clinton - Fermanagh

George W. Bush - Down & Wexford

Barack Obama - Offaly



DIVISION MARSHAL - TERENCE WINCH



The Bronx-born son of Irish immigrants, Terence Patrick Winch is a well known contemporary American poet and has also long been at the center of Irish-American cultural life, both as musician and writer.

Terence's eight books of poems and two story collections include *Boy Drinkers*, which centers around Winch's New York brand of Irish-Catholicism, and *Irish Musicians/American Friends*, which won an American Book Award.

That Special Place: New World Irish Stories is a collection of stories that come out of his experiences playing with the original Celtic Thunder, the band he started with his brother Jesse in 1977. His best-known song is "When New York Was Irish," the centerpiece for Celtic Thunder's second album, *The Light of Other Days*, which won the INDIE award for Best Celtic Album. In 1992 Irish America magazine named Terence one of "The Top 100 Irish Americans."

Terence's most recent music project is a CD called *This Day Too: Music from Irish America* (2017). The album features his son Michael, his brother Jesse, and a host of great musicians from the local Irish music community.

Terence's writing appears in more than 40 anthologies, including *The Oxford Book of American Poetry*; five Best American Poetry collections; and *The Book of Irish American Poetry from the 18th Century to the Present* (Notre Dame). His work has appeared in many journals, from *The Paris Review* to the *New Hibernia Review*, and has been featured on NPR's "All Things Considered" and "The Writer's Almanac." He has also written for *The Washington Post*, *The Village Voice*, *The Wilson Quarterly*, *The Dictionary of Irish Literature*, *The Oxford Companion to American Poetry*, and other publications. In March 2000, the *Washingtonian* ran his extensive piece on the history of the Irish in Washington.



DIVISION MARSHAL - TERENCE WINCH

Terence has also received an NEA Fellowship in poetry and a Gertrude Stein Award for Innovative Writing. In May of 2014, he was graduate commencement speaker at Madison Square Garden for his alma mater, Iona College, which awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Terence worked for the Smithsonian Institution for 24 years, for most of that time as Head of Publications at the National Museum of the American Indian, where he produced more than 60 books and catalogues and five CDs of music. In the mid 1970s, he was the Corcoran College of Art's first writing teacher. Terence is a former Councilor with the Maryland State Arts Council and current Literary Advisor for the Irish-American journal *Éirways*. At the end of 2016, Terence's extensive literary/music archive was acquired by Boston College.



DID YOU KNOW?

Swampoodle was an Irish neighborhood in Washington, DC on the border of Northwest and Northeast in the second half of 19th and early 20th century. It developed during the second half of the 19th century, providing a place of refuge for emigrants following the Irish potato famine that devastated Ireland between 1845 and 1849.

The origin of the name "Swampoodle" is believed to come from a newspaper reporter covering the ground-breaking of the Roman Catholic St. Aloysius Church in 1857, who referred to the land at the site at the intersection of North Capitol and I Street as containing numerous swamps and puddles that often occurred when Tiber Creek overflowed its banks.



The demise of Swampoodle as a community and neighborhood began with the construction of Union Station in 1907.



DIVISION MARSHAL - JOHN MCCARTHY



John McCarthy is a Democratic Strategist, Civic Entrepreneur, and Philanthropic Advisor. In 2012, he served as a National co-chair of Catholics for Obama and presently serves as the national vice-president of Irish American Democrats PAC.

John has worked as the Executive Director of Future Civic Leaders, a non-partisan organization that works to bridge the civic education gap in low-income communities, and now serves as the organization's board chair. A leader on civic-engagement he was a founding ACE advisor to the ACT Foundation, the official foundation of the nation's leading college and career readiness assessment. With a broad range of political experience, he's been involved with campaigns at the federal, state, and local level, as well as serving in a policy role on Capitol Hill.

Active in philanthropy he serves on the boards of the Clinton International Summer School in Northern Ireland, Young Americans for Diplomatic Leadership, the Irish Network of DC, the Millennial Action Project's Action Council and the American Ireland Fund's Young Leaders Chapter in DC. In 2015 he was recognized as a "40 under 40" by the Irish Echo Newspaper. He is a frequent voice for People of Faith within the Democratic Party, and regularly serves as a media resource on the topic. He is a graduate of the Catholic University of America where he studied politics and theology.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Ireland Funds is a global philanthropic network established in 1976 to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland, and Irish-related causes around the world.





PARADE PARTICIPANTS - AS OF 3/3/2018

BANDS & MUSICAL GROUPS

Washington DC Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums
William C. McGinnis School Band/Cadets, Perth Amboy, NJ
Northside H.S. Blue Machine Marching Band, Northport, AL
Falun Dafa Practitioners Group Waist Drum Band
VWIL Corps of Cadets and MBU Marching Band, Staunton, VA

MILITARY

Commander of Troops - Military District of Washington
U.S. Army Marching Band
U.S. Army Marching Platoon
U.S. Marine Corps Marching Platoon
Joint Forces Color Guard
U.S. Navy Marching Platoon
U.S. Air Force Marching Platoon
U.S. Coast Guard Marching Platoon
U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps





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DANCE GROUPS

Duffy School of Irish Dance, Gaithersburg and New Market, MD

Boyle School of Irish Dance, Manassas, VA

The Celtic Rhythm School of Dance, Leesburg, VA

O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing, Arlington, VA

Maple Academy of Irish Dance, McLean, VA

Southern Academy of Irish Dance, Purcellville, VA

Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance, Silver Spring, MD

Hurley School of Irish Dance, Laytonsville, MD

Fraternidad Cultural Pachamama, Arlington, VA

Tinkus Tiataco USA, VA





PARADE PARTICIPANTS - AS OF 3/3/2018

INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, STATE AND CITY

U.S. Park Police Chief Robert MacLean, Washington, DC

Acting Deputy Superintendent Jennifer Madello,

National Park Service

National Park Service, National Mall and Memorial Parks

Fairfax County Police Department Honor Guard, Alexandria, VA

Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff, Upper Marlboro, MD

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Washington, DC

Maryland-National Capital Park Police Special Operations Section,

Silver Spring, MD

Montgomery County Police Motor Unit, Silver Spring, MD

Prince George's County Police Dept, Landover, MD

ORGANIZATIONS & NOVELTIES

Grand Marshal Pat Collins

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Division Marshal John McCarthy

Division Marshal David McKenzie

Police Emerald Society of Washington, DC





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ORGANIZATIONS & NOVELTIES

Washington, DC Rose of Tralee, Rockville, MD
Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club, Vienna, VA
The Loyal and Patriotic Order of Irish-American Reaganites,
Oak Hill, VA
Dignity/Washington, Washington, DC
Commodore John Barry Division, Division I, DC AOH,
Washington, DC
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Bicycle Copilots, Silver Spring, MD
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Irish Network DC, Washington, DC
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ORGANIZATIONS & NOVELTIES

Jesus House, Annandale, VA

The Wild Irish Rose, Alexandria, VA

Family of John and Betty Moore, Rockville, MD

Irish American Club of Washington, DC, Lanham, MD

Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington, DC

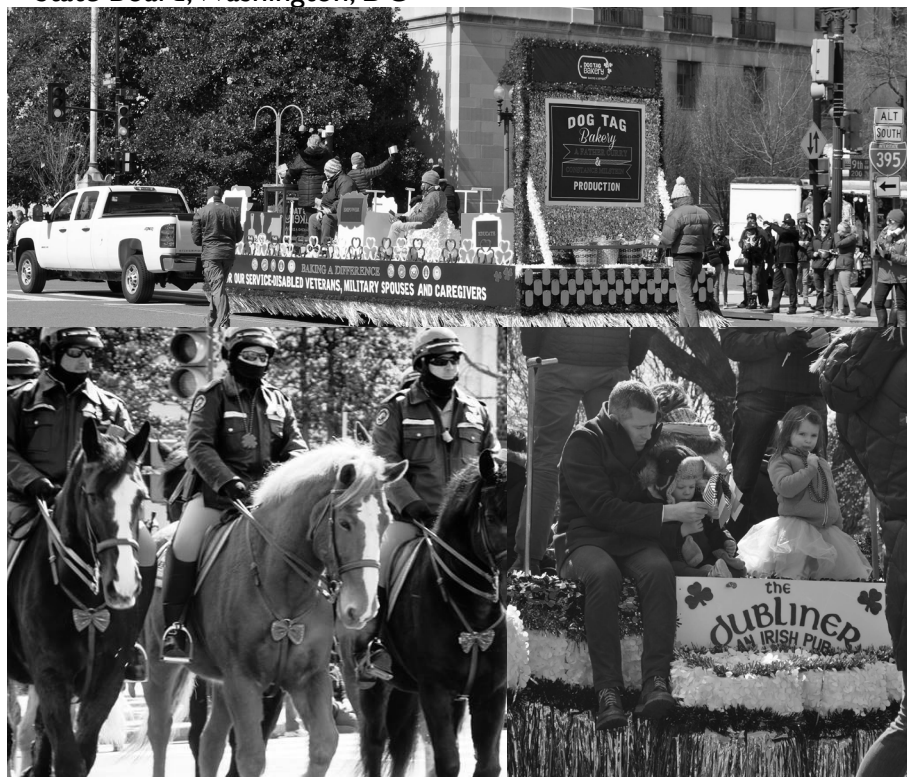
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in America, Washington, DC

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State Board, Washington, DC





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ORGANIZATIONS & NOVELTIES

International Youth Ambassadors, MD

Oxon Hill Young Marines, District Height, MD

Greenbelt Dog Training Marching Drill Team, Greenbelt, MD

Irish Northern Aid, Gaithersburg, MD

Miss DC 2017, Alexandria, VA

South Lakes JROTC, Reston, VA

St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC Color Guard,
Washington, DC

Washington DC Gaels, Washington, DC





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VEHICLES

Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington, DC:

- 1968 Peter Pirsch Pumper, Washington, DC
- 1964 American LaFrance Pumper, Brookeville, MD
- 1966 American LaFrance Pumper, MD
- 1969 American LaFrance Engine, Woodbine, MD
- 1978 CF Mack Engine, Rockville, MD
- 1972 Cadillac Ambulance, Spencerville, MD

Metro Transit Police Department, Washington, DC

Metropolitan Police Department "Motor V", Washington, DC

Maryland Natural Resources Police, Annapolis, MD

Old Dominion Historical Fire Society, Inc., Chester, VA

United for Blue, North Chesterfield, VA

The Wheelmen, Bowie, MD

Bob Geier - 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile, Silver Spring, MD

Kena 500, Fairfax, VA





IN MEMORY - ROBERT MORRIS



Our dear friend Robert (Bob) Morris passed away January 26, 2018. Bob leaves behind five children: Lisa Gartner, Robert J. Morris II, Carmela Morris, Margaret Pavlik, and Elvira Porras, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bob was a long-time member of St. Camillus Church in Silver Spring; a United States Marine Corps Veteran; Scout Master of BSA Troop 432; former Grand Knight and 4th degree member of Knights of Columbus Co. 5547; a member of the Police Emerald Society Honor Guard; member of the Irish American Club of Washington, and member of the Elks Lodge in Greenbelt, MD.

Bob got involved in the Irish community here in Washington about 20 years ago by helping to organize and stage dinners, events, and parties with the Irish American Club of Washington DC. Bob helped lead the way in the collaborative effort between the Irish American Club and the Elks Lodge to host an annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Bob was a stalwart supporter of the St. Patrick's Day Parade here in Washington. For over 20 years, Bob has helped to keep the parade moving. Whether he was helping dignitaries into their cars at the start of the parade or helping them out at the reviewing stand, Bob was there to offer a hand.

Bob loved having a chat and a pint with all his friends at his favorite pubs. He will be missed.

Rest in Peace, Bob.





IN MEMORY - COLM COYLE



Colm Coyne died suddenly in London on December 12, 2017.

Colm was born in July 1962 and came from Dublin, Ireland. He first moved to the United States with his wife, Karen, in February 1989 and worked as bartender in the Dubliner until his return to Ireland in 1993. He loved his job and hoped to move back to the US to open his own bar/restaurant.

Colm and his family moved back to the US in May 2007, where he started working as General Manager in the Irish

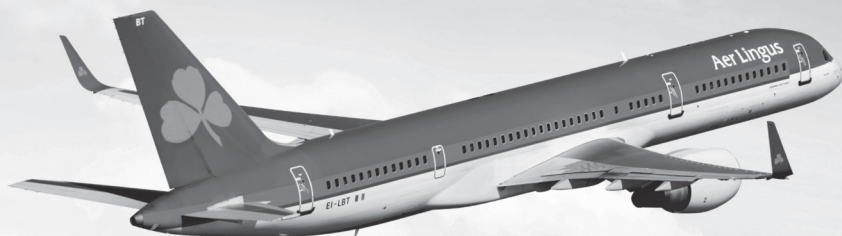
Channel, Crofton. His welcoming personality and sense of humor helped build the warm inviting environment that had many regulars returning. He and his business partner purchased the Irish Channel in August 2015, and renamed it Molloy's, thus fulfilling his long-time dream.

He had a passion for classic cars and motor bikes. He said that owning a sports car would mean he had made it in his eyes and in September 2017 he got himself a Porsche. He planned for it to be a garage car and only take it out for a spin every now and then, but he was so chuffed with it he couldn't stop driving it around.

He and Karen were married for almost 30 years and had three children, Catherine, Alison, & Kevin who were all born in Ireland. He always had a cheerful word and a warm greeting. He had a big heart and took great pride in organizing fundraisers, not just for the St. Patrick's Day parade but for many other local charities as well. He was generous to a fault and never asked for much for himself - just to have a good time and a laugh, he will be truly missed by all but remembered fondly.

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Best in Parade	National Park Service, National Mall and Memorial Parks float
Best Visiting Band	Bishop Moore Catholic High School: The Black and Gold Brigade, Orlando, FL
Best Band	Citywide Goldstarz Marching Band, Baltimore, MD
Best Musical Group	William C. McGinnis Middle School Marching Band and Cadets, Perth Amboy, New Jersey
Best Marching Unit	U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Alexandria, Virginia Division
Best Youth Marching Unit	Clearwater High School Marine Corps JROTC, Clearwater, FL
Best ROTC Unit	Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership Corps of Cadets, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, Virginia
Best Antique Fire Apparatus & Antique Car	1969 American LaFrance Fire Truck, owned by the Dowd Family
Best Dance Group	Tinkus San-Simon Filial, Virginia
Best Pet Unit	Greenbelt Dog Training Parade Drill Team, Greenbelt, MD
Best Novelty Group	Dignity/Washington, Washington, DC
Marshal's Award - Enthusiasm	O'Neill James School of Irish Dance, Arlington, VA
Daniel F. Sullivan Memorial Award - Irish in Public Service	Dog Tag Bakery, Washington, D.C.



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 of logistics to produce the Parade each year.

The Committee extends a special thanks to the D.C. Fire Emerald Society, the Irish American Club, 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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GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 5th Annual Limerick Golf Challenge, benefiting the St. Patrick's Parade Committee and the Salute Military Golf Association was held on Thursday, September 14th, 2017.

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