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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 30th anniversary of the Nation's St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are dedicating this magazine and parade to all the individuals who volunteered their time and talent over the years to this committee, as well as to the tens of thousands of participants who joined together to create what is truly our nation's St. Patrick's Parade.

Our Grand Marshal this year is truly an extraordinary individual - Tom Dolan of Arlington, Virginia. In the last two Olympics he swam his way to two gold and one silver medal, and currently is the world record holder in the 400 meter Individual Medley event. Tom, who suffers from severe asthma, serves as a national spokesperson for the American Lung Association. Our Gael of the Year, simply put, is an institution in the Washington, D.C. area Irish-American Community – Alice Murphy Johnson. Alice was a long time committee member, as well as holding membership in just about every Irish organization and charity within a 100-mile radius. Her legendary energy, enthusiasm, and generosity is an inspiration to people of all ages.

On behalf of the 2001 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, I wish to thank the District of Columbia government, the National Capital Park Service, and all the businesses, organizations, and individuals who have made this event possible. We pledge to continue this dignified and fun-filled family event for another thirty years.

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By the President of the United State of Ameria

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Beginning from the earliest years of settlement, millions of Ireland's people have emigrated to America's shores. This immigration reached a particular peak during the terrible years of the Great Famine more than 150 years ago. Irish immigrants, from professionals to laborers, made an enormous contributioe to the building of our Nation.

The Irish who came to America endured many hardships but have prevailed to play vital roles in every chapter of our country's history. Nine of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish origin, and 19 Presidents of the United States have proudly claimed Irish heritage — including George Washington, Andrew Jackson, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan. Irish Americans have served with distinction in every war this Nation has fought, from Revolutionaries John Barry and Stephen Moylan to General Douglas MacArthur. Other influential and renowned figures of Irish descent include pioneers Buffalo Bill Cody, Daniel Boone, and Davy Crockett; authors Flannery O'Connor, Eugene O'Neill, and John O'Hara; Civil War photographer Matthew Brady; and entertainers Jackie Gleason, Gene Kelly, and John Wayne. These distinguished Americans represent only a small sampling of the men and women whose legacy has forever changed our national identity and who trace their ancestry to Ireland's green shores. Today, the more than 44 million Americans who claim Irish heritage look back with pride on the achievements and contributions of their forebears. Irish Americans have distinguished themselves in every sector of American life. We are all enriched, strengthened, and blessed by their service to our country.

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 2001 as Irish-American Heritage Month. I call upon all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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

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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 30th St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington D.C.

I would like to congratulate all those who worked so hard during the year to ensure that the District and indeed the wider community in the greater Washington metropolitan area, are able to share and enjoy this celebration of our proud Irish heritage.

St. Patrick's Day presents a valuable opportunity to celebrate the shared heritage between the United States and Ireland. The St Patrick's Day parade here in the nation's capital is just one manifestation of the strength of the enduring relationship between both countries.

The efforts and support of the Irish American community and all the friends of Ireland in America have played a large part in bringing about the political and economic advances of recent years and I know that you will join with the people of Ireland and the Irish family around the world in nurturing and building on the climate of hope and confidence which we now enjoy.

The bonds between Ireland and the United States are as strong and vibrant as they have always been and I am delighted to be able to share and enjoy this celebration of our proud Irish heritage with you.

Beannachtaí na Féile Padraig oraibh go léir.

Sean O'Huiginn
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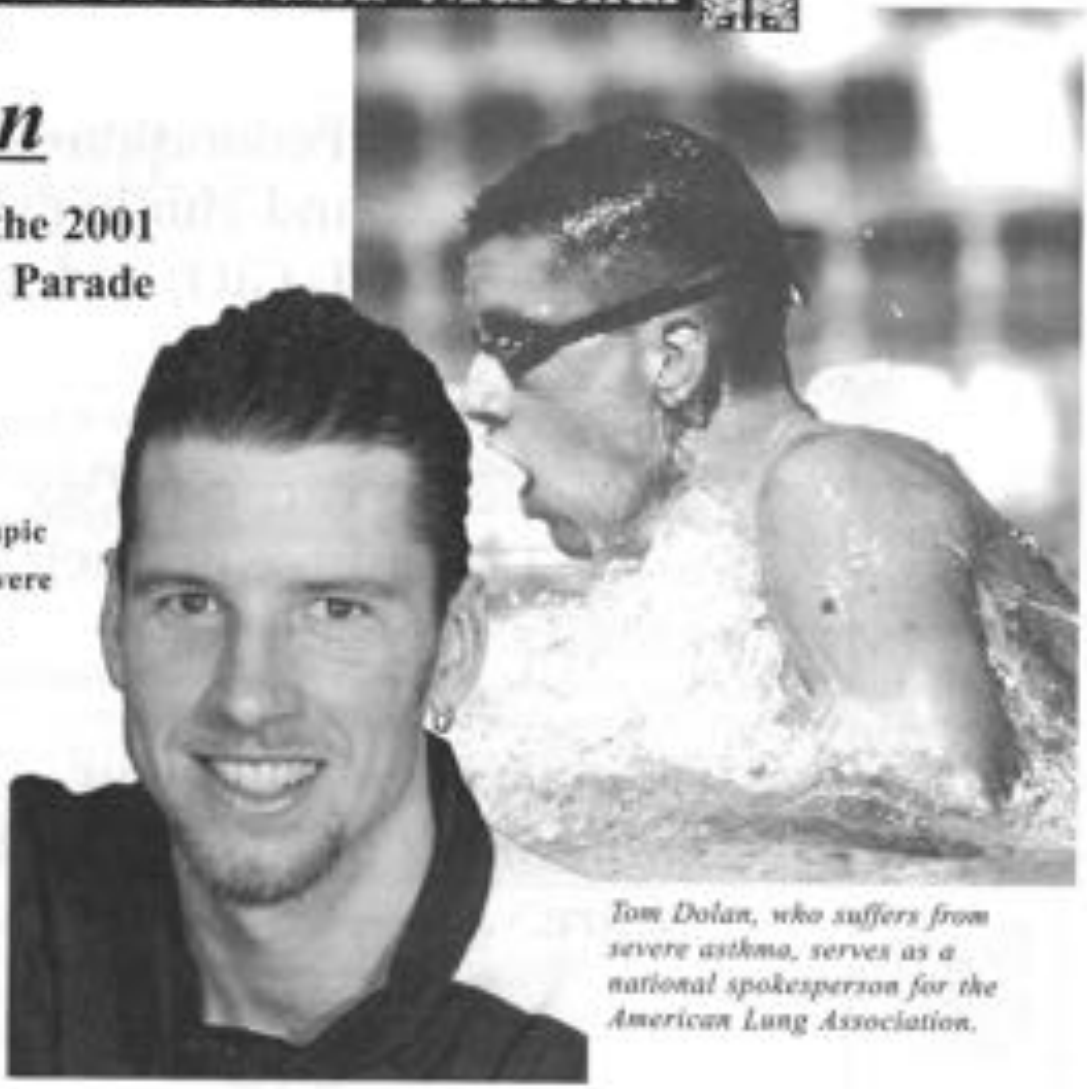
Grand Marshal of the 2001 Saint Patrick's Day Parade

by Marie Matthews

Besides competing against swimmers worldwide, this Arlington native and Olympic medalist battles against severe asthma, and is a champion against both.



Tom Dolan, who suffers from severe asthma, serves as a national spokesperson for the American Lung Association.

What makes a champion? Superior athletic achievement, certainly. But overcoming a chronic debilitating condition makes the effort all the more heroic.

Thomas Fitzgerald Dolan was born in Arlington, Virginia on September 15, 1975, the second child of Bill and Josephine Dolan.

When he was just six years old, he joined the swimming team at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington. His sister Kathleen, three years older, was a swimmer, and he wanted to keep up with her. (He had also noticed that as a member of the Club, she received free hot dogs and a cap, and he wanted a cap of his own.) Two years later, when he was eight, he set his first swimming record.

Still, at this point in his life, Dolan played a number of different sports. It was not until high school that he gave up the last of them - golf - to concentrate on swimming. He trained under coach Rick Curl, and by the time he graduated from Yorktown High School in 1993 and left for college, he had set 17 swim team records.

At the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Dolan began working with coach Jon Urbanchek. Before his freshman year was over, Dolan had set a world record in the 400-meter Individual Medley (IM) at the 1994 World Championships.

Every athlete dreams of going to the Olympics. In 1996, Dolan won the first gold medal for the United States at the Atlanta games. Four years later, in Sydney, he did it again, setting another world record in the process. In the 200-meter Individual Medley, he won a silver medal and set an American record.

These are only a few of his athletic accomplishments. He has won four other international gold medals and three other silver. He is only one of five athletes in the world to win back-to-back Olympic and World titles. He was NCAA Champion in the 500 and 1650 Freestyle, and 400 IM in 1995 and 1996. He owns 14 U.S. National titles and was USA swimmer of the year in 1994 and 1995. And he has been featured on Wheaties boxes.

Many people believe that the 400-meter Individual Medley, which requires all four strokes (100 meters each of the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle), is the truest test of the swimmer. Whoever wins this event is widely considered to be the best swimmer in the world. At 4 minutes, 11.76 seconds, Dolan holds the world record.

Becoming a champion always involves years of hard work and sacrifice. Dolan's training regimen has been extreme-in a given week, his practice was to swim a total of 115,000 meters, or 71.5 miles. One Saturday, he swam 30,000 meters - nearly 19 miles.

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2001 Gael of the Year

Alice Murphy Johnson



Simply put, this year's gael is an institution in Washington, D.C. area Irish-American community.

Alice Murphy Johnson was born in Tullogher, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. She was the fourth of five children. Raised on a large farm, Alice enjoyed horses, even riding bareback, and could command a horse to do just about anything. By her own admission she disliked common household chores, but was always willing to drive the horse and cart to town for her mother or do any other outdoor activity.

During her childhood Alice witnessed a very special historical moment. She and her mom were out in a potato field, heard a noise, and actually saw Charles Lindbergh's famous "Spirit of St. Louis" fly over Ireland in its transatlantic journey from the U.S. to France. They thought perhaps that their world was ending. It was a few days later (via battery operated radio) they learned the real truth. Years later while visiting the Air and Space Museum Alice enjoyed seeing the plane "up close and personal."

Alice was a lively youngster (and more than half a century later she hasn't changedmuch!) She loved to attend "threshing" parties where dancing and music could be enjoyed. Her own home was a great gathering place where neighbors and friends enjoyed playing cards and dancing to the accompaniment of Alice's mother, Katie O'Connor Murphy, on the concertina. Alice fondly remembers their huge kitchen and the great Sunday night dances. Alice was 16 when she first moved away from her home. Her Aunt Bride ran the post office in Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny and asked for Alice's assistance because of her command of the Gaelic language.

After a few years in the post office Alice decided she needed another challenge and moved to London, England to enter nursing school. The year was 1939 and things were heating up in Europe. Alice loves to tell stories about her 7 years in London...so many young men to date...the buzz bombs...sleeping in subways during German air raids...12 hour shifts at the hospital...and patients being evacuated following bomb damage. She still remembers nursing the soldiers who returned from Dunkirk and also meeting some famous ones...like Group Captain Peter Townsend (the young Princess Margaret's great love). At one time Alice lived in Gracie Fields house when the singer graciously lent her home to the government as a hospital ward.

(See 2001 GAEL, page 28)

Love and Best Wishes to

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(above) The first parade took place on Friday, March 17, 1972, and had one band, the John Hanson Patriots, from St. Mary's Star of the Sea Parish in southern Maryland. This band was an annual participant for over 20 years and richly deserves a place of honor in Washington's St. Patrick's Day memories.

The Nation's Parade

Celebrating Thirty Years of Irish Excellence in Washington, D.C.

On Friday, March 17, 1972, the John Hanson Patriots, a grammar school band from southern Maryland, led three hundred marchers up Massachusetts Avenue along Embassy Row to the statue of Robert Emmet. Washington D.C. had began a new tradition. It now had its own St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Although Washingtonians have celebrated St. Patrick's Day privately and in small groups since the 1800s, the city was a real latecomer in honoring Ireland's patron saint with parades. By the 1850s, the Irish in America were holding St. Patrick's Day parades every year in Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cleveland, and in other cities that were similar in size to Washington. We're not sure why Washington waited so long before including one in its celebration. Perhaps it was because the area did not attract the large numbers of Irish immigrants that were a boon to so many other cities. In any event, Washington now has its own St. Patrick's Day parade and its one of the best in the country.

St. Patrick's Day parades pay homage to Ireland's patron saint and are a symbol of Irish culture and values. They also celebrate America's Irish heritage and proclaim the accomplishments, joys, and grievances of the Irish in America. In addition, they honor America, the homeland of millions of persons of Irish ancestry.

(See PARADE HISTORY, page 17)

Looking Back



30 Years *A large banner proclaiming 'Cead mile failte!" (A hundred thousand welcomes!) has been a prominent part of every Washington D.C. parade.*



1977 *(right) The first official parade magazine makes its debut.*



1984 *(left) Cyril Count McCormack, Grand Marshal. (right) Dr. Coilin Owens, Gael of the Year.*



1986 *The late Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives serves as parade Grand Marshal.*



1987 *(right) Helen Hayes, the first lady of the American theater, serves as parade Grand Marshal.*



1988 *(left) Grand Marshal Carmencita Hederman, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, (right) Gael of the Year,Mickey Brennan*



1990 *(left) Grand Marshal and Washington Redskins running back, John Riggins with Alice and Ralph Johnson, parade committee members.*



2000 *(right) Grand Marshall, Roma Downey, film and television actress. (left) Ambassador of Ireland, Sean O Huiginn.*

PARADE HISTORY, *cont'd. from page 16*

Sean Coakley, president of the Irish American Club of Washington, D.C. in 1970 and 1971, led the planning effort for the first parade. This club wanted to have a parade that was a festive occasion celebrating the unique and substantial contributions of the Irish in the development of the United States. What better place to do this than here in the capital of the nation.

Although many members of the club were enthusiastic, others were apprehensive and did not want to march. The parade was likely to call attention to the situation in Northern Ireland, which at that time was very volatile. The United States had a special relationship with Great Britain and many believed that the U.S. government frowned on displays of Irish nationalism. Why take risks? They believed the parade might lead to trouble, and they wanted to stay far away from it. The same attitude prevailed in some of the other Irish American organizations in the area.

Logistics also proved difficult. For example, the National Park Service seemed reluctant to issue a permit for the parade. Was this just another protest? What was this Irish American Club anyway? This was an Irish group that wanted to parade on Embassy Row in an area that was close to the British Embassy. Was this asking for trouble? From a more practical point of view, March 17 was on a Friday, and a parade would tie up traffic. Sean Coakley persisted and after a lot of effort on the part of individual club members and their friends, the Park Service finally granted the permit for a parade on March 17. (In subsequent years, the Park Service had no qualms about permitting the parade and even became a full and active partner in producing it.)

The first parade took place on Friday, March 17, 1972. The marchers, 300-strong, assembled at Dupont Circle in Northwest Washington and marched up Massachusetts Avenue. The parade had one band, the John Hanson Patriots, from St. Mary's Star of the Sea Parish in southern Maryland. This band has participated in every parade since then and richly deserves a place of honor in Washington's St. Patrick's Day memories.

In addition to the Irish American Club of Washington, D.C., participating organizations included Irish Northern Aid, the Gaelic Athletic Association, some individual members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and a contingent of Irish Wolfhounds. Protest was a significant feature of this first parade. Many marchers carried signs expressing their outrage about "Bloody Sunday," which occurred shortly before the parade, when British soldiers shot and killed 13 innocent civilians during a civil rights demonstration in Derry City, Northern Ireland.

The Park Service closed off two lanes of Massachusetts Avenue, and the parade traveled up the avenue, around Sheridan Circle, and on to the statue of Robert Emmet. (Emmet was an Irish patriot who led an upeising in Ireland in 1903.) They assembled at the statue and held an ecumenical service with a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, and a rabbi participating. The event ended with speeches and a rally.

Since this first parade, the march has been a peaceful, non-denominational event that is open to all segments of the Irish community. Everyone has the right to participate.

(See PARADE HISTORY, page 19)

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to my
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Father Frank



PARADE HISTORY, *cont'd. from page 17*

Key people who worked on the first parade, in addition to Sean Coakley, were Joe O'Curneen, who was the parade chairman from 1972 to 1975, and John Moore, who made colorful banners that helped to give the parade a unique personality. Some of the many other people who made significant contributions were Jack O'Brien, John Barry, Bernadette O'Reilly, Teresa and Jimmy Maguire, Joan Moore, and Martin Flaherty.

The success of the parade and its peaceful nature largely overcame the reservations of local organizations and residents about participating. As a result, the 1973 parade doubled in size. In 1974, the parade was held on the Sunday of St. Patrick's week rather than on March 17th and drew five to seven thousand spectators. (All became a joyous occasion and family event that people looked forward to attending.

On Sunday, March 16, 1975, the parade moved to Constitution Avenue and more than 65,000 spectators watched the marchers follow a freshly painted green stripe down the avenue. Military units, bagpipers, marching bands, dancers, politicians, and novelty units delighted the happy crowd. This was now a major Washington event. The National Park Service reported that this was the most successful non-inaugural parade in the history of Washington.

In 1976, the Bicentennial Year, the parade drew 100,000 spectators. Martin Walsh, the 1976 Chairman, said that the parade touched a need in the community that wasn't being filled in Washington in past years. Many Washingtonians had moved to this area from other parts of the country where the St. Patrick's Day parade was a major cultural event. Watching the marchers strut down Constitution Avenue helped them to continue the tradition that they had grown up with. People of Irish origin make up one quarter of the local population, and they now had their own celebration.

During Matt Harmon's first year as the parade chairman in 1977, 120,000 spectators lined up on Constitution Avenue to watch. Matt went on to serve as the chairman from 1977 to 1992. Under his tutelage, the parade continued to grow year after year to its current size, when an audience of several hundred thousand people in not unusual. Matt recalls many highlights over the years. One year, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Carmencita Hederman was the Grand Marshal. In 1986, Tip O'Neill, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives was honored. That same year the Taoiseach, Garrett FitzGerald (the head of the Irish government) sat with the dignitaries on the reviewing stand. Other Grand Marshals included Helen Hayes, the first lady of the American theater, George Meaney, president of the AFL-CIO, the great Redskins running back John Riggins, and last year's Grand Marshal, Roma Downey, film actress and the star of the television series *Touched By An Angel.* Some of the parade's past Grand Marshals are renowned throughout the world. For example, John Hume, who was honored in 1995, is the architect of the peace process that is now underway in Northern Ireland. The parade has also honored many local people of distinction as "Gaels of the Year."

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Cecelia Farley:

Then and Now

Never forgetting the compasion and hospitality that she received as a then recent immigrant to the United States, Cecilia Farley has proven a dedication to the Irish community through a long history volunteerism and support in community organizations.



(above) Cecilia Farley as a recent immgrant in 1962.

(left) Cecilia Farley today.

This very active woman immigrated to the United States from a farm in County Wexford on June 22, 1962. She left behind her parents, five brothers and three sisters, all of whom stayed in Ireland. Although she had worked as a hairdresser in Dublin for 10 years, Cecelia believed there would be better job opportunities in the United States. So, when she applied for and was hired as a hairdresser in Washington, D.C., she accepted.

Before marrying, Cecelia rented a room at a large home owned by Saint Matthew's Cathedral. She lived with a number of young women, including many Irish immigrants. In those early days, Cecilia recalls that her primary social outlet was going to Irish dances run by the Irish American Club. At the time, these I.A.C. dances were held four or more times a year and had such great bands as Paddy Noonan and Noel Kingston.

Her first vacation in the United States was quite unique. Cecelia, anxious to find out whether farms in the United States were anything like the farm on which she grew up as a child in Ireland, was invited by one of her clients to spend her vacation working on a farm in Manassas, Virginia. While there she picked fruit and vegetables and helped with canning. This experience still produces thoroughly delightful memories for her, as she recalls that the U.S. dairy farm at the time was just a bit more modernized than her family's farm in Wexford.

When asked what other differences she noticed early on, Cecilia recalls that she could not get used to the light American bread.

"It could not compare with the homemade bread I had grown up with in Ireland. But when I finally happened upon the heartier Italian bread, I was quite happy," Cecilia states.

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Her first volunteer activity was helping answer letters of condolence on behalf of Jackie Kennedy on the death of President John F. Kennedy, in 1963. For this work she received a letter signed by Mrs. Kennedy thanking her for her support in those sad times.

Cecilia married Frank Farley in 1964. This marriage produced



(above) Cecilia, as indicated (literally) here in this 1979 Parade Committee group photo, has always preferred "working behind the scenes," rather than being in the limelight.

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two sons and a daughter, and later, two lively grand daughters. Despite the deep roots she has planted here in her adopted home and her love for the United States, she has never lost her love for Ireland. In order to keep in touch with their Irish heritage, and to make sure that their children would get to know and love their Irish cousins, Frank and Cecelia have been sure to take them back to Ireland. And despite the fact that Cecilia's mother and father have deceased, they travel to there almost every year for a least three weeks at a time.

When asked if she has any advice for more recent Irish immigrants, Cecilia states without hesitation, "Never forget your Irish roots and heritage, and never forget to keep up a correspondence with your family there." Cecelia and Frank have certainly been an example of that advice throughout their lives.

Anyone who knows Cecilia and Frank would agree that they are the unofficial Irish Ambassadors of good will for Washington, D.C. During the past three decades, they have opened their home to hundreds of visitors from Ireland, and have entertained many a new Irish immigrant to make sure he or she was not lonely at holiday times. Among the dignitaries whom they have welcomed into their home and offered hospitality are Jerry Fitt, Member of Parliament from Northern Ireland for whom Cecelia and Frank hosted a reception in 1971, and Representatives from the Embassy of the Republic of Ireland who were also guests at the reception. The morning after the reception, which received wide television and newspaper coverage, Cecelia and Frank were invited to the Irish Embassy along with Mr. Fitt. As far as Cecelia recalls, it was the first time that the Irish Embassy had officially recognized any official representatives from Northern Ireland.

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(above) Frank Farley in early 1960s.



(right) Frank Farley in more recent years at the D.C. Parade.

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3. **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANNER. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB,** McAuliffe Brothers
4. **GRAND MARSHAL. TOM DOLAN.** Olympian who has won 2 gold and one silver medal in the last two Olympics. Tom currently is the world record holder in the 400 meter Individual Medley event. He also serves as a national spokesperson for the American Lung Association
5. **COMMANDER OF TROOPS**
6. **JOINT MILITARY STAFF**
7. **U.S. AIR FORCE BAND**
8. **U.S. ARMY MARCHING PLATOON**
9. **U.S. MARINE MARCHING PLATOON**
10. **U.S. NAVY MARCHING PLATOON**
11. **U.S. ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD**
12. **U.S. AIR FORCE MARCHING PLATOON**
13. **U.S. COAST GUARD MARCHING PLATOON**
14. **D.C. FIRE DEPARTMENT.** Firefighting equipment from our Nation's Capital - celebrating 130 years of fire and rescue service to the Nation's Capitol

14A. **CECELIA M FARLEY. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**

15. **JOHN D SCHAMP. DEPUTY CHIEF,** U.S. Park Police. Motorcycle "V", Color guard and mounted units
16. **NATIONAL CAPITOL PARK CENTRAL,** National Park Service
17. **DOUGLAS M DUNCAN.** County Executive, Montgomery County, MD
18. **GAEL OF THE YEAR. ALICE MURPHY JOHNSON.** An institution in the Washington, D.C. area Irish-American Community. She is a long time committee member, as well as holding membership in just about every Irish organization and charity within a 100-mile radius
19. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT. O'NEILL-JAMES SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING.** Director Laureen O'Neill-James and Fred James. Dancers and band
20. **FIREFIGHTERS EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE BAND, Virginia.** LDR Edward Snyder
21. **EMERALD SOCIETY - FIREFIGHTERS OF WASHINGTON.** "Our 22nd Year marching!" President Chris Sefton. Banner, colors, precision marching unit. Antique fire apparatus
22. **ANTIQUE FIRE TRUCK. Maryland.** Driven by Joe FitzGerald
23. **EMERALD SOCIETY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS.** President Ernie Alsop. Two antique fire engines
24. **ROSCOMMON SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.** President Peter J Koenig



(Division A, cont'd.)

25. **CEAD MILE FAILTE. Irish American Club Banner.** Family of John Moore
26. **IRISH AMERICAN CLUB OF WASHINGTON.** President Betty Moriarty
27. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **MAPLE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE.** Teachers Bill Maple and Mamie O'Callaghan-Maple
28. **POTOMAC VALLEY IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB, Metro Area.** President Diane Hartney. Led by Mrs Mary Donovan
29. **SENECA VALLEY H.S. NJROTC, Maryland.** Cadet Lt. Commander Katrina Kasinowski
30. **WEE WILLIE'S CLOWNS, Maryland.** Director Ron Wildy
31. **IRISH AMERICANS OF LAUREL, Maryland.** LDR Meg Garrett
32. **C. F. VIGOR H.S. MARCHING WOLF PACK BAND, Alabama.** Director Bennett C Smith
33. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **HOME DEPOT**



DIVISION B

1. **METRO TRANSIT POLICE. BARRY J McDEVITT, CHIEF.** Colors, Bicycles. McGruff the crime dog
2. **COLONEL JOSEPH F O'CONNOR (Retired USA).** Marshal, Division B
3. **PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY POLICE PIPE BAND, Maryland.** Pipe Major Steve Campbell
4. **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERALD SOCIETIES.** President Patrick O'Brien
5. **POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY OF THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA.** President Brian Manion. Banner and marchers. "Family behind the badge."
6. **WINTER SPRINGS H.S. MARCHING BAND, Florida.** LDR Charles Watford
7. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.** Large decorated truck with marchers of all ages
8. **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.** (All Divisions AOH/LAOH in order of precedence)
9. **CLAY H.S. BLUE DEVIL BRIGADE, Florida.** LDR Winford Franklin
10. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **THE BROOKLAND CLUB.** LDR Bernie New. Marchers and antique car
11. **WARFIELD AND SANFORD INC ELEVATOR COMPANY, Washington, D.C.** 1929 Ford Model A Stake Body truck, driver John Warring. 1941 Ford Convertible, driver Harry Neal
12. **THE LOYAL & PATRIOTIC ORDER OF IRISH-AMERICAN REAGANITES, Virginia.** Chieftain Brian Lopina
13. **F.W. BALLOU MARCHING KNIGHTS H.S. BAND, Washington, DC.** Director Darrell Watson
14. **FAMILY & FRIENDS of TONY ROGERS, Maryland.** LDR Patrick Rogers
15. **BELFAST CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM, Maryland.** Directors Bruce and Debbie Webster
16. **IRISH TERRIER PET BRIGADE, Virginia.** Chair Christine Ward
17. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **THE DUBLINER**
18. **THE DONNELLY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING, Virginia.** Michelle Donnelly Kennedy. TCRG
19. **MARKLAND MEDIEVAL MILITIA AND HORSE GUILD, Maryland.** LDR Barchan
20. **LONDONDERRY H.S. MARCHING LANCERS BAND, New Hampshire.** Dir Andy Soucy
21. **RANDOLPH-MACON ACADEMY BAND AND PARADE UNIT, Virginia.** Bandmaster G. Edwin Richards
22. **MARYLAND/D.C. CHAPTER VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, WW II.** President Dee Paris





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23. **MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART, Maryland.** Commander James A. Hontz, Jr
24. **SuGTV "WASHINGTONIA", Washington, D.C.** President Charlie Volkman
25. **JAMES HOBAN MARCHING GROUP, Washington, D.C.** President Emeritus Joseph N Grano Jr
26. **WILLIAM C McGINNIS MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, New Jersey.** Director Carl A. Brodbeck
27. **Miss Charles County** Ms. Shania Brown
28. **St. Patrick's Day Float** Sponsored by Capital Rowing Club



DIVISION C

1. **MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK POLICE.** Leader Sergeant Rick Pelicano. Color Guard with horse mounted units
2. **PAT & CAROL GARVEY.** Marshals, Division C
3. **IRISH NORTHERN AID, Washington, D.C.** Chair Mary Baggarly and Jean Wagner
4. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHEVY CHASE WASHINGTON, DC COUNCIL 224.** LDRS George Sitgraves and Joe Guiffrida
5. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT.** Sponsored by **PROJECT CHILDREN** with marchers. LDR Mickey McDermott
6. **KAPITOL KLOWNS, Maryland.** President Bob "Bunky" Gretton
7. **SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF THE GREATER WASHINGTON DC AREA.** Parade Chair Nye Stevens
8. **WASHINGTON SCOTTISH PIPE BAND, Virginia.** Pipe Major Greg O'Brien
9. **GIRL SCOUT BROWNIE TROOP 1778, Virginia.** LDR Ann Winn and Kerry Maxwell
10. **GIRL SCOUT CADETTES, JUNIOR AND BROWNIE TROOP 3578, Maryland.** LDRS Judy Clark and Selma Wilson
11. **GIRL SCOUT BROWNIE TROOP 4305, Maryland.** LDR Bernadette Watson
12. **GIRL SCOUT DAISY and BROWNIE TROOPS 2636 &3100, Maryland.** LDR Angela Holloman
13. **PRENDERGAST SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING, Maryland.** Director Margaret Moebus, TCRG
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16. **CULKIN SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCE, Maryland.** Director W Sean Culkin, TCRG
17. **Z104 WWZZ, Virginia.** LDR Brian Blair. Van, DJ and marchers
18. **BOY AND CUB SCOUT DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, TROOP and PACK 461, Maryland.** Cubmaster Daniel Dowd and Scoutmaster Rick Kessell
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21. **WILLIAM ALLEN H.S. "CANARY" MARCHING BAND, Pennsylvania.** Director Mark Amsden
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26. **WASHINGTON D.C. GAELS.** Chairman Andrew Healy. Banner and marchers







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27. **"LEPRECHAUN", Virginia.** Donald Patrick Ryan
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34. **METROPOLITIAN ALLSTARR HIGH STEPPERS, Washington, D.C.** Director Kenneth Johnson
35. **THE WHITE HOUSE HERTIAGE WAGON, Virginia.** Jim Hundley

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DIVISION D

1. **U.S. COAST GUARD CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD.** Lt. Joseph Douglas
2. **ANDREW HEALY.** Marshal, Division D
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Charlie was assigned to the Special Operations Division-Special Events branch of the harbor precinct in southwest Washington, D.C. This division supports patrol operations by developing special tactics and deploying specifically trained personnel in unusual law enforcement situations. It assists the District Commanders with selective traffic enforcement, traffic control, accident investigation, public vehicle regulation enforcement and to coordinate with other agencies and elements regarding special events and potentially explosive situations. The purposes of the Special Operations Division branches are diverse and each provides an extremely critical and potentially life saving function.

Moore was a captain in the Special Events branch charged with planning, coordinating and developing operational orders, allocating manpower, conducting liaison with outside agencies for special events, parades, demonstrations, and other incidents occurring in the public or of a public nature. He coordinated with appropriate agencies in planning, developing and executing escort and security support for distinguished guests of the Federal and Municipal government. He screened requests for permits and determined personnel necessary for public and private functions with appropriate recommendation made to the Chief of Police. This branch coordinates with the Secret Service in planning, developing and executing escort and security for the President and Vice President of the United States and other dignitaries.

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Firefighters are known for their courageous deeds and Doug Wheeler is no exception. The Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is proud to honor a man with 37 years of firefighting experience.

Chief Wheeler is a native of Silver Spring, Maryland and graduate of Northwood High School. He continued his education throughout his working years earning an Associates and Bachelors Degree in Fire Science Administration. Doug initially served 3 years as a volunteer with the Montgomery County/Hillendale Fire Department prior to joining the DC Fire and Emergency Medical Service.

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Doug recalled his most memorable moments as a firefighter about rescue squad-2. A 7-year-old girl was trapped between the rear wheel and the curb of a driverless car, which had rolled into the curb trapping the young girl.

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Alice met Ralph Johnson, an American soldier serving in London, and they were engaged in 1945. They planned to be married in Europe but "Uncle Sam" changed those plans. Ralph was sent home quite suddenly following the end of WWII. It would take 1 ½ years for Ralph's Irish lassie to complete here paperwork to come to America. In May of 1947 Alice, who later became a great traveler, left family and friends in Ireland and dared her first transatlantic flight (16 hours at that time!) She and Ralph wed in Lewistown, Pennsylvania 10 days later and they came to Washington, D.C. (of all places!) for their honeymoon. Little did they know they would later make the D.C. area their permanent home.

With their first two children they relocated to Maryland in 1952 and very quickly became involved in the budding Irish community of the Washington Metropolitan area. Alice joined the Irish American Club and has held many posts over the years. She also is an active member of the John F. Kennedy (Div. 5) Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. She was one of the first presidents and has held various positions ever since. Alice is a member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and has probably sold more fund raising raffle tickets than most others combined. (Those of us who know her well can attest that Alice could sell ice cubes to Eskimos!) She is an avid supporter of the SMA Fathers and has worked at fund raising dances for many years. Alice still bakes a "mean" loaf of Irish bread and great scones, and she can be counted on for supporting any and all Irish events in the area. She raised four children and enjoyed all their activities from sports to music to Irish dance competitions. Alice has always supported the young Irish who have come to the U.S. seeking employment and friendship. Many have stayed at her home while starting careers. She has always encouraged them to become active in local Irish activities.

Alice is a member of St. Bernard's Church in Riverdale, MD and is currently a Eucharistic Minister. She is active in the Sodality and helps with many of their projects. Through the years Alice has faithfully visited the sick and dying in Nursing Homes, Hospitals, and private homes. Alice has been a volunteer at Prince George's Hospital Center for over 20 years and every Tuesday she assists the chaplain's office by visiting patients as well as aiding the staff in the Short Stay Center with paperwork. Besides her other volunteer activities Alice also finds time to be an active member of her local civic association.

Alice and Ralph bought a home in Tullahaught, Co. Kilkenny back in the early 1970's and have enjoyed summer holidays there every year since. Alice loves to "go home" and visit family and old school chums. Increasing years haven't kept her from gallivanting. She's visited such far flung places as Australia, Russia and Mexico, and she and Ralph got bitten by the Las Vegas bug in recent years as well.

Alice enjoys her family. Her four grown children live in the Washington Metropolitan area. Patrick is a staff officer with CIA, is married and has two beautiful children (Brendan and Nora) , Kathleen is a Sister of the Holy Cross, Maureen is a cardiac nurse at Prince George's Hospital, and Colleen is an office manager for a cardiac surgeon in the local area. Their presence and support help to ease the loss of her beloved Ralph who passed away in September 2000.

Alice is a dynamic lady who enjoys meeting new people. She is admired for her strength and good works. We salute this "Kilkenny cat" and hope she has nine lives!

IN MEMORIA



RALPH L. JOHNSON
1920-2000

Ralph Johnson, a long time fixture in the D.C. Irish American Community passed away on Sept. 28, 2000. Ralph was born in 1920 in Perry County, Pennsylvania but spent most of his school years in Nebraska where his family worked a large farm.

By carefully memorizing the eyechart, the very near sighted Ralph was able to serve with distinction in WWII in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Europe. He met his wife Alice in London during the war and was married for 53 years.

Ralph, Alice, and two of their four children moved to the metropolitan area in 1952where he began his 26 year career with CIA. He was very proud of his accomplishmentsthere including his work during the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962.

Ralph was a long time member of the Irish American Club. He served as sergeant-at-arms and also acted as the Editor of their newspaper, *The Amerguael*. Ralph is probably best remembered as the announcer for years at the local feises. Ralph worked tirelessly for the SMA fathers and various fundraising efforts.

Ralph also volunteered his services in various other ways. He was a long term volunteer at Prince George's Hospital Center. He was active in his local civic association. As a parishioner of St. Bernard's in Riverdale, Md., he always lent a helping hand whenever the need arose doing such diverse things as helping with construction of numerous parish buildings to holding the Vice President position of their Parent Teacher's Assoc. Ralph collected for the March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society.

Ralph was a man of integrity. Admired by many, deeply loved by family and friends, he will always have a special place in our hearts.

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GRAND MARSHAL, cont'd. from page 9

Yet his greatest opponent hasn't been other swimmers. At age twelve, he began experiencing a tightness in his chest while he was running. He was diagnosed with asthma, a condition affecting 12 million Americans, which causes the lining of the airways to become swollen and results in labored breathing, chest tightness, coughing and wheezing. In addition to this chronic asthma, Dolan suffers from exercise-induced asthma, a condition triggered by physical activities. Furthermore, his windpipe is unusually narrow, and at times he is able to breathe only twenty percent as much oxygen as the average person.

Fortunately, Olympic rules now allow the use of a wide variety of bronchodilators, inhaled steroids, and standard antihistamines designed to affect the lungs without stimulating the heart. Nevertheless, he has chosen to forego surgery and other medications that would have relieved his pain in order to keep training and competing.

Dolan has graduated from college and is entering the next stage of his life. He plans to apply the skills he has developed over his career as an athlete by pursuing a career in business, possibly in investment banking or consulting. Currently, he is a motivational speaker and especially enjoys inspiring young people. He often speaks with youngsters with asthma. His message to them is that their condition can be controlled and they can be successful, as he has been.

He has not yet retired from swimming and may decide to go for the gold again in 2004. Right now, he is taking the break he has never taken before, allowing his body to recoup from the rigors of his training schedule.

Dolan's Irish heritage has been an important part of his life. When he was a child, he and his father traveled to Ireland to visit the birth-places of his ancestors, and he is looking forward to a return visit. His great-grandfather, Patrick Shea, came from Cork to Boston at the turn of the century. Shea's daughter, Christine, married William Dolan, a physician active in Irish-American activities in northern Virginia, particularly the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick. Grandfather Dolan was also an athlete: he was the University of Rhode Island's first-ever three-letter athlete, competing in track, basketball, and baseball. In 1995, he retired as the chief of pathology at Arlington Hospital. He died last year.

His maternal grandparents, James (now deceased) and Helen Fitzgerald, were "New York Irish." Dolan's mother, Josephine, is a professor of communications at Marymount University. His father, Bill, is an attorney with Venable, Baetjer and Howard in McLean. Sister Kathleen is also an attorney, in practice with her father.

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WHEELER, *cont'd. from page 24*

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Doug has been a member of the St. Patrick's day Parade Committee since 1990 and has coordinated the parade unit line-up from 1992. He is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, the Emerald Society and has served as its first and second vice president. Doug is a collector of fire department memorabilia with vintage 19-century pieces including hose cart and various extinguishers from 2 centuries ago. Wheeler has marched in more then 20 parades down Constitution Avenue and is particularly proud of the 125th anniversary celebration of the DC Fire and EMS in 1996. He has been a member of local 36 of the Fire-fighters Union for more then 20 years and has volunteered with the Special Olympics for over ten years.

Doug Wheeler has two children Megan (26), employed by the Preferred Health Network, and son Douglas (25) employed with the Associated Press. Doug coached or managed his son and daughter's gymnastics, baseball and hockey teams. He is extremely proud of his two grandchildren, Eliza (7) and Jordan (5). He completed his service with the Department as a Battalion Fire Chief in the fall of 2000.

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THEN AND NOW, *cont'd. from page 22*

As a member of the Irish American Cultural Institute, a group that brings Irish culture to the Washington area, Cecelia, with Frank's help, organized many receptions for visiting artists and others. Through the Cultural Institute the Farleys' have also helped to bring a taste of Ireland to this city each year. The Cultural Institute, largely through the dedication of Dr. Francis Gannon, was instrumental in starting the Irish Fortnight, a period during which visiting Irish artists and scholars are brought to this area. Among those groups which Cecelia recalls helping to bring under the scholarship of the Cultural Institute were a dancing group named the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri, an exhibit of Irish art at the Corcoran Art Gallery, and countless other exhibits, groups, and individuals.

Cecelia, a long time member of the Irish American Club of Washington, D.C., has held numerous office positions in the Club. She has the distinction of being its first woman president, a post she held from 1985 to 1987. Through the I.A.C., Cecelia helped to organize – and marched – in the first D.C. Saint Patrick's Day parade in 1971, and has over the years been responsible for recruiting groups to march in the annual event. As a result, The Irish American Club has recognized Cecelia for her past contributions and presented her with a plaque for her tireless efforts and service to the Club and the community over the years.

In 1976, Cecelia took on the task of Chairman of Bands for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee. In 1988, Matt Hannon appointed her to a position on the Parade Board of Directors. She served as Chairman of Banks for 19 years until 1995, when she agreed to take on more responsibility and Parade Chairman. Cecelia served three, two-year terms as Chairman of the Parade. She now holds the title of Chairman Emeritus, capping off a total of 25 years of continuous dedication to the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Cecelia helped The Irish American Club organize the annual Feis, an Irish dance competition. Cecelia was an honoree at the 2000 Nation's Capitol Feis. The Feis organizers thanked Cecelia for all her work in support of the Irish community, and specifically the Feis.

In 1977, The Police Emerald Society honored her as their Woman of the Year for all her active support of the many Irish law enforcement groups through the years.

In 1996, Cecelia retired from her job as a teacher's aid at the Casa de Montessori School in Colesville, Maryland. But her dedication and support to community efforts continued, and because of this the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her worthwhile and dedicated service in the furtherance of the goals of the National Conference in 1998.

Cecelia considers herself very fortunate in the people she met when she first arrived in the United States. Because of these individuals she was frequently invited into their homes and never spent a holiday alone; and she has never forgotten the comfort of that early hospitality. For this, Cecelia and Frank have opened their hearts and their home to so many people over the years.

Cecelia and Frank's proud devotion to their Irish heritage has undoubtedly been an example, and a great boost, to many recent Irish immigrants. When the time comes for them to pass the torch to the next generation, it will indeed be hard to fill their shoes.

MOORE, *cont'd. from page 24*

It also maintains liaison between Federal and Municipal governments in civil defense emergencies and provides on duty manpower for rapid deployment of crowd management situations, disaster and other unique occurrences. Moore's logistical expertise is invaluable to the success of each Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's parade. He is the primary liaison between the City and the Parade Committee. And, he coordinates parade participants at the formation area.

Charlie actively participates in Project Safe Children which allocates low cost infant and toddler car seats to district residents, as well as hosting and participating in health fairs, child car seat checks and other community related events. The project is located in hospitals, clinics and community health organization throughout the District. The program is staffed by trained volunteers, like Charlie, who instructs on the proper and safe use of the seats. An infant seat can be rented for 9 months for $ 10.

Charlie was born in Lexington, Massachusetts and graduated from high school there before arriving in the Nation 's Capitol to attend George Washington University. Moore joined the Metropolitan Police Department in 1969, shortly after receiving his baccalaureate in sociology. Moore has two children, a son Charly 19 and daughter Meghan 21, who are in Morgantown studying as undergraduates at West Virginia University. Charlie is married to a lovely young woman named Donna, who helped Captain Moore plan his retirement around her favorite outdoor activity, horses.

Moore is an active reader with primary concentration in American history. Charlie not only reads voraciously, but collects antique books, as well. Particularly prized volumes include a 110-year-old version of Ben Hur, 19th century works by Dickens, and a 120-year-old history of the Franco-Prussian War complete with detailed campaign maps. Charlie and his wife Donna are valued members of the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Washington and have provided much needed skills and many hours over the years. Charlie is also a long time member of the Fraternal Order of Police in the District.

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PARADE HISTORY, *cont'd. from page 19*

The parade committee is broadly representative of the Washington area community, and many committee members are affiliated with the Irish American Club of Washington, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Irish businesses. Matt speaks highly of the committee and the many people who volunteer so much of their own time to the parade. It takes a lot of work to put a parade together and many committee members spend their spare time throughout the year doing the required planning, raising funds, making the arrangements for a grand marshal, preparing lineups, etc. The District of Columbia government and the National Park Service have also played a major role over the years in making the parade a success.

Matt was particularly proud of the work done on parade day by the marshals who do such a great job in managing the actual march up Constitution Avenue. Many of them are officers in the Metropolitan Police and in other local police departments. The marshals assemble the marchers in front of the Smithsonian Institution buildings near 7th Street between the Capitol and the Washington Monument. In earlier years, three local police officials – Frank Tiernan, Marty Hannon, and Moose Carew – managed the parade marshals each year, and he singled them out for special mention.

Tradition and symbolism have always been an important part of the celebrations, both for the marchers and the people watching. A large banner proclaiming "Cead mile failte!" ("A hundred thousand welcomes!") has been a prominent part of every Washington parade. The shamrock is another important symbol for marchers. St. Patrick used this plant to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity. In later times, the shamrock became the Irish national emblem and was sometimes worn as a badge of defiance of British rule. The marchers who wear a sprig of shamrock honor St. Patrick and Irish heritage. Another common parade symbol is the "shillelagh". This is a short, heavy, oak club named after a well known forest that once stood in County Wicklow, Ireland. Today, because oak is no longer common in Ireland, your shillelagh is likely to be cut from a blackthorn hedge.

The parade reviewing stand is located on the Ellipse between the Washington Monument and the White House. Its proximity to the White House is particularly appropriate since the architect of the White House was James Hoban who was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland. Hoban also supervised the rebuilding of the White House after the British burned it in 1814.

In recent years, the parade has continued to grow in quality and stature under three different chairmen. Joe O'Connor, one of the parade pioneers in Washington, was the chairman in 1993. Joe had been a parade co-chairman for many years. Kathleen Dunleavey, the first woman chairman, succeeded him in 1994. In 1995, Cecilia Farley, assumed the job. Cecelia has been active in the Irish community for many years and is a former president of the Irish American Club of Washington, D.C. For this year's thirtieth anniversary, the parade committee recently elected a new chairman, and long-time Irish community supporter, Steve Lynch.

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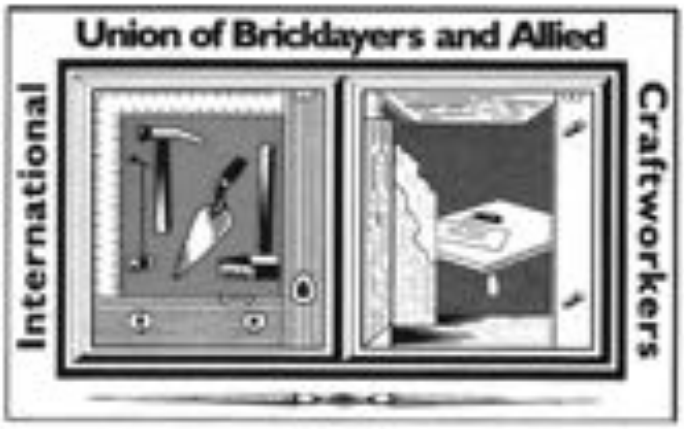

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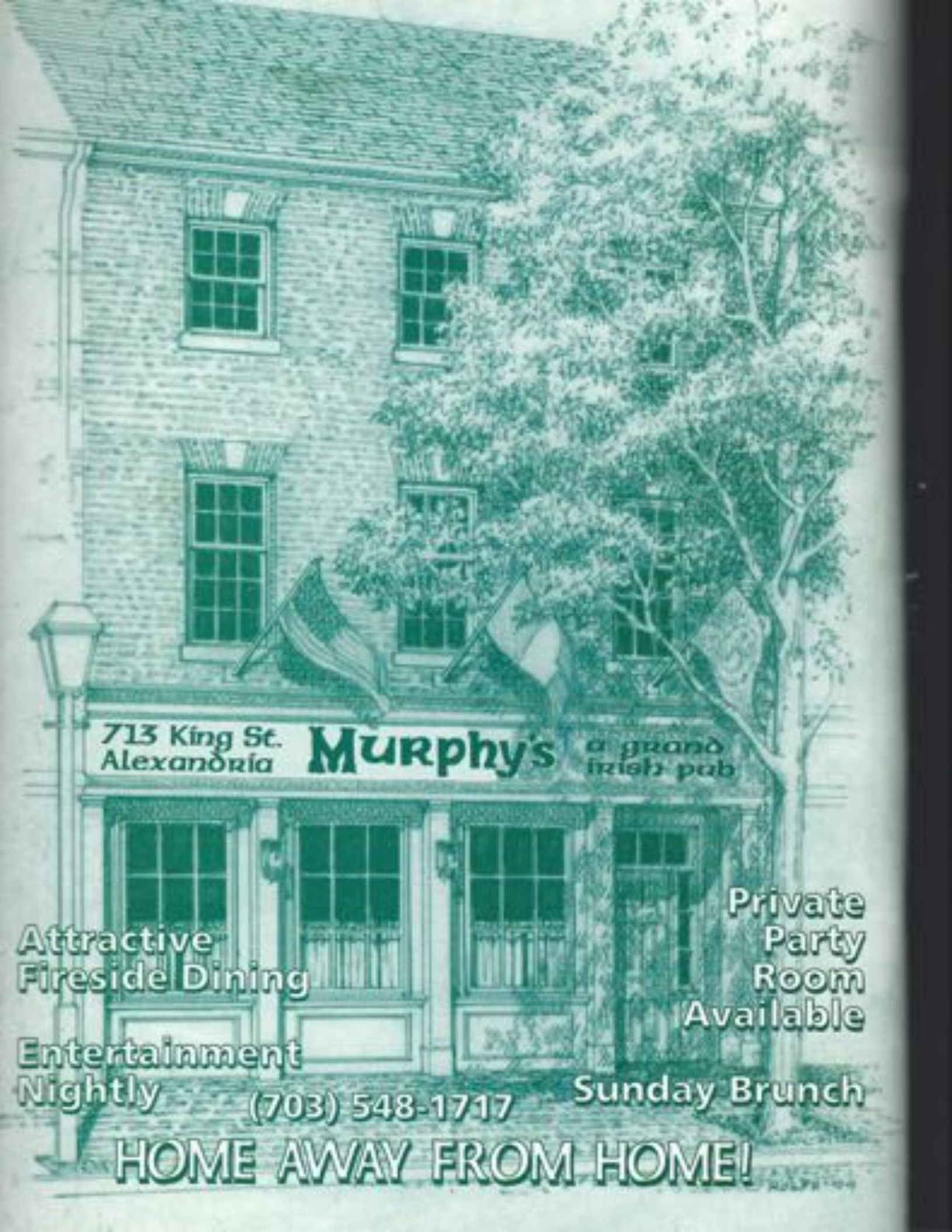
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