



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

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#### JOHN MCINERNEY, POSTHUMOUSLY REPRESENTED BY LOUISE VERRET, AND JACK O'BRIEN TO LEAD WASHINGTON'S SAINT PATRICK'S PARADE

Washington, D.C. (February 16, 2015) – The 44th annual St. Patrick's Parade of Washington, D.C., is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2015, starting at 12:00 p.m. and concluding at 2:30 p.m. This year's theme is “Irish Heart in the Nation’s Capital.” The parade route is easily accessible via the Smithsonian, Federal Triangle or Archives-Navy Memorial metro stops and will run along Constitution Avenue NW, from 7th to 17th Streets. The parade will feature traditional pipe bands, Irish dancers, military processions, marching bands, ornate floats, and more.

The Parade Committee is proud to announce that John McInerney, posthumously represented by Louise Verret, and Jack O'Brien have been selected as Grand Marshals for the 2015 parade. Best friends, John and Jack worked on the Irish Brigade Monument at Antietam, the restoration of Gettysburg Battlefield Memorials, and from 2007-2014 worked tirelessly to see to fruition the dedication of a memorial, plaza, and gate at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis in honor of Commodore John Barry, the founder of the U.S. Navy.

The Gael of the Year, selected for her outstanding service to the Irish community, is Theresa Cullinane. Theresa has been an active member of the D.C. Irish American Community since her immigration from Ireland's County Kerry. She is a long-time member of the Irish American Club and served in various positions including her current role as Treasurer. In addition, Theresa has been a dedicated volunteer for the Society of African Missions. Theresa is recipient of many awards, including the 2014 volunteer of the year awarded by the D.C. Health Care Associates.

The 2014 Division Marshals are PJ Fitzgerald of the Irish American Club of Washington, DC; Doug Wheeler, DC Firefighters Emerald Society; and Allison Wetterauw, 2014 Washington, D.C. Rose of Tralee.

The St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Washington, D.C., invites people of all ages to come out and enjoy the parade. For more information, to see pictures from last year's parade, and to purchase grandstand tickets visit our website at [www.dcstpatparade.com](http://www.dcstpatparade.com) or call 202-670-0317. And follow the parade on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/dcstpatparade](http://www.facebook.com/dcstpatparade).