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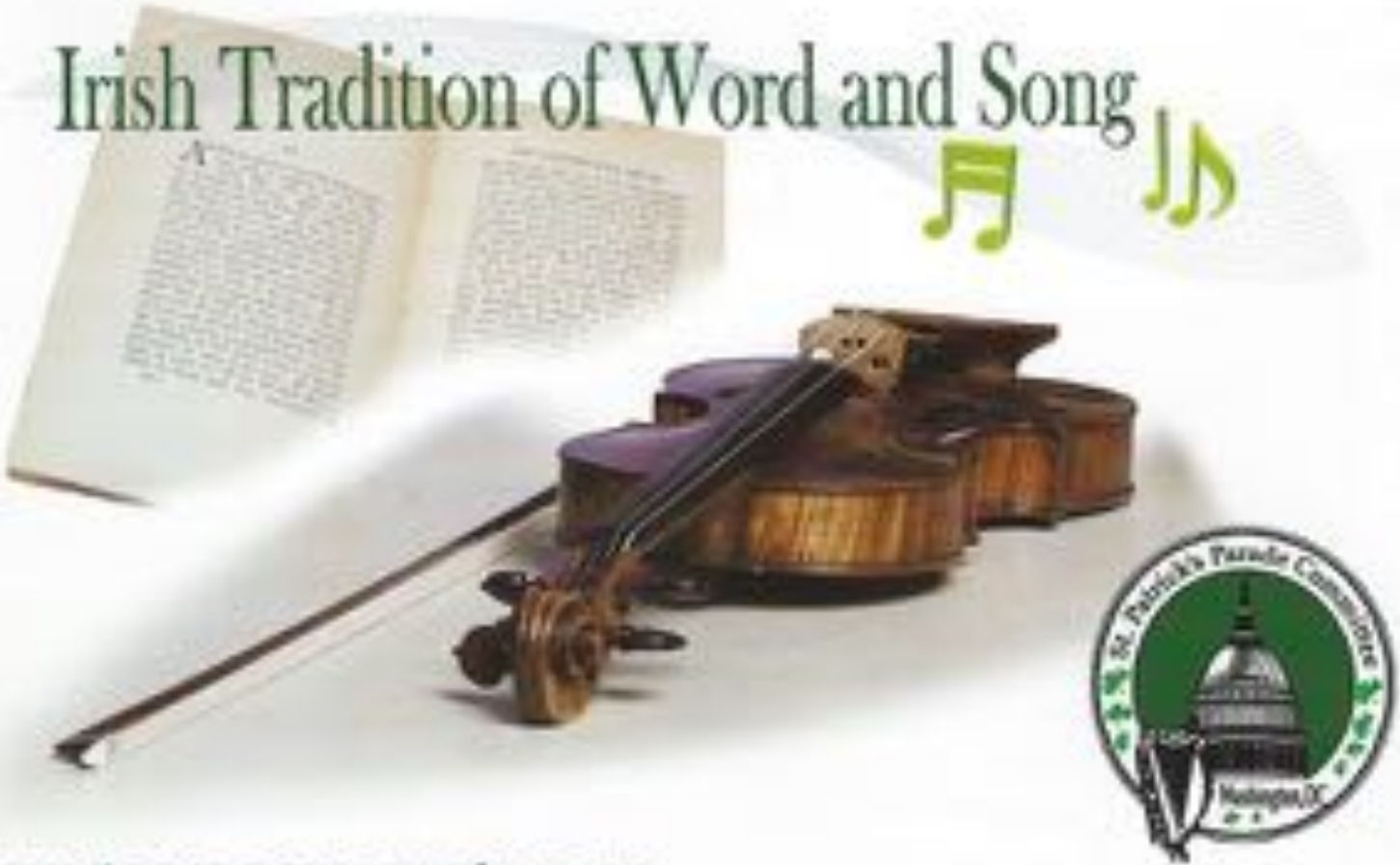

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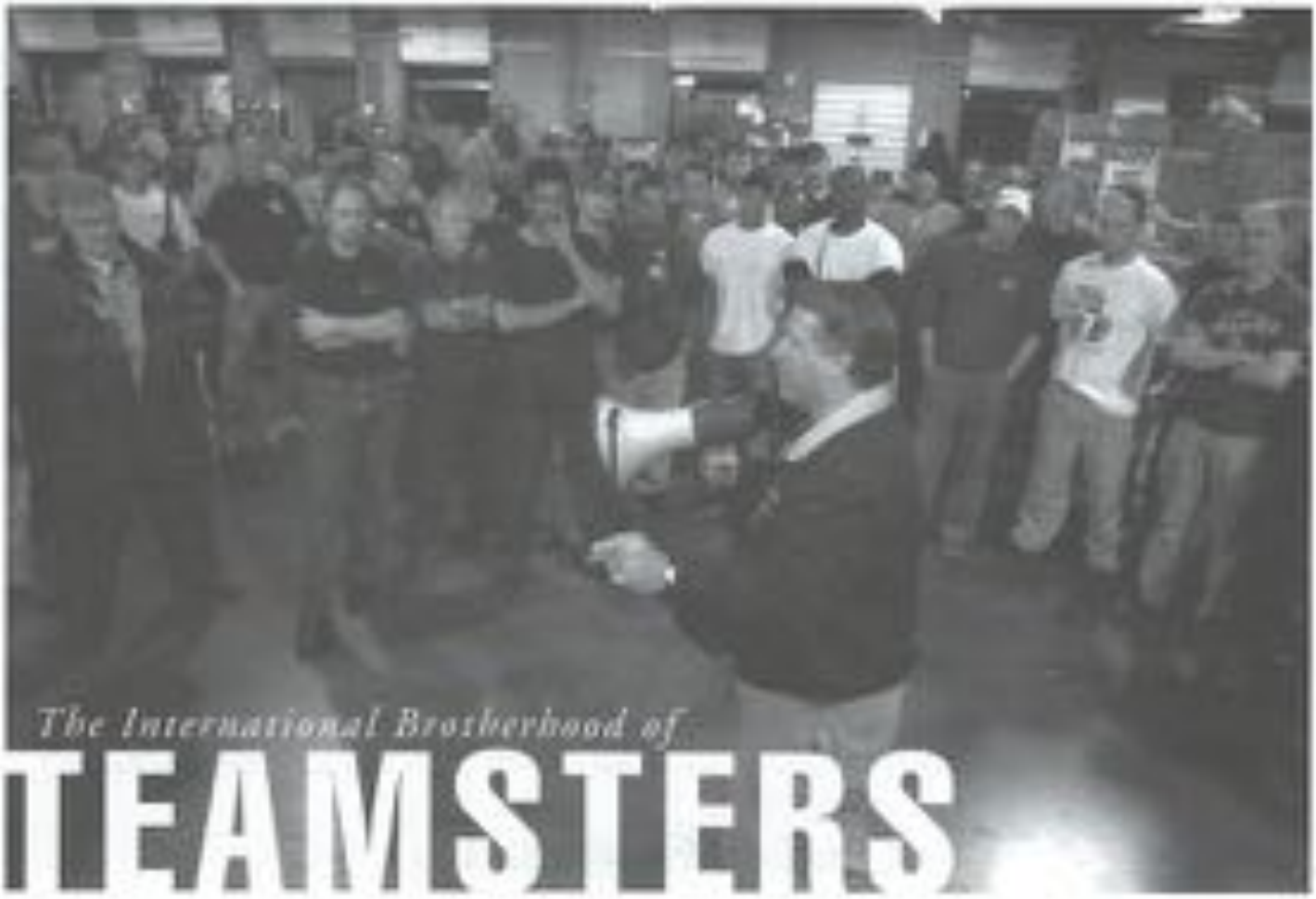

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 38th anniversary of the Nation's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The theme of this year's parade is "*Irish Traditions – of word and song*."

We are extremely proud to honor as our 2009 Grand Marshal, Norah O'Donnell, MSNBC Washington Chief Correspondent. We pay tribute to her for eloquence and balance in communicating breaking news.

AS our 2009 Grief of the Year the parade committee is proud to honor Danny Coleman, Renowned Publican who has served the Washington community for 35 years and who has been a guiding force in the Irish American Community.

I would like to say a special thank you to Rick Mertyman, of the US National Park Service. He has been a great supporter of the parade over the years and is retiring this year. We wish him the best. He will be sorely missed.

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 2009 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.

May the blessings of St. Patrick be upon you.

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It gives me great pleasure, as Ambassador to the United States, to extend warmest best wishes to all involved in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Washington DC on March 15th, 2009, particularly this year's Grand Marshal, Ms. Norah O'Donnell, Chief correspondent for MSNBC Washington.

I commend all those involved for their hard work in ensuring that the people of Washington DC, and beyond, are able to join with Ireland and Irish Communities around the world in celebrating our shared heritage.

St. Patrick's Day is an invaluable opportunity to celebrate the bonds that exist between the United States and Ireland. Since 1971, the parade in Washington DC has represented a important symbol of the enduring relationship between the two countries.
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Even before the birth of our Nation, the sons and daughters of Erin departed their homes in search of liberty and a more hopeful future. As these early pioneers left familiar lands, they carried with them the rich traditions of home. This March we honor their journey and their lasting contributions to the history and culture of the United States.

Following the colonial migrations, the United States enjoyed the greatest influx of Irish during the 1840s as Ireland suffered the Great Famine. Hungry but hopeful, poor but persevering, Irish Americans seized the opportunity to work hard, enjoy success, and pursue the American Dream. Many took on the difficult work of constructing America's infrastructure. Others assumed positions of leadership. Among those leaders were signers of the Declaration of Independence and Presidents of the United States. Still others enjoyed great success and influence in the arts and literature. From social activists to business leaders, athletes to clergy, and first responders to soldiers, distinguished Irish-Americans have made indelible contributions to our national identity.

Today, tens of millions of Irish-Americans can look back with pride on the legacy of their forebears. Irish-Americans are integral to the rich fabric of the United States, and we are grateful for their service and contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barack Obama, 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 2009 as Irish American Heritage Month. I encourage all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

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Norah O'Donnell

By Marie Matthews

The Washington, D.C. Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee is pleased to honor Norah O'Donnell as our Grand Marshal for 2009. O'Donnell is the chief Washington correspondent for NBC News' 24-hour cable channel MSNBC and a contributing correspondent for NBC's top-rated "Today" show.

Born in January 1974, she was the second child of Frank and Norah O'Donnell. Her father, originally from Staten Island, served as a physician in the Army for 30 years, while her mother, from Queens, concentrated on raising their family. The elder O'Donnells now live in Texas. Oldest brother, Frank, is in New York City, while brother Matt resides in D.C. and sister Mary Teresa, 10 years younger, is in Army Medical School in Hawaii.

O'Donnell and her siblings are second-generation Irish American. Their maternal grandparents came from Northern Ireland. Grandmother Mary Teresa left Belfast for Ellis Island in 1930 on the SS California with $20 in her purse. O'Donnell's mother recently found the manifest of the SS California at the National Archives where her mother had listed her occupation as "hem stitcher." Grandfather Edward O'Kane, from Derry, arrived in the States in 1920.

Their father's father, Francis Vincent, arrived on the SS Cameronia in 1925 from Uphall, Scotland. His family was from Donegal and like many Irish had fled to Scotland to find work.

Here in America, he worked as railway clerk and on a Ford assembly line. When he lost his hearing, he went to law school at night at Fordham and then worked for a large insurance company.

An Army brat, O'Donnell spent most of her young life in San Antonio, Texas. When she was 10 years old, her father was stationed in Seoul, South Korea. At that time, Koreans were required to learn English, and many of them did so by watching television. At the age of 10, Norah appeared on Korean television teaching English. She's worked ever since.

O'Donnell is a graduate of Georgetown University where she received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy, an experience she loved. She later earned a master's degree in international affairs, also from Georgetown.

During her freshman year, she met her future husband, a theology major and entrepreneur named Geoff Tracy. Their first date was at the Dubliner, where they were enjoying the pub with a group of friends when another patron began to bother O'Donnell. Tracy intervened with a mock marriage proposal. They have now been together for 17 years.

After graduation from Georgetown University in 1995, Tracy went on to graduate first in his class at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. He then opened Chef Geoff's in 2000 and Chef Geoff's Downtown in 2002. Both were opened before he reached the age of 30. In 2006 Tracy opened his third restaurant, HA'S in Chevy Chase, MD. In late 2008, he and his brother started Hank's Tavern & Eats in Hyattsville, MD. Tracy's fifth restaurant, Chef Geoff's Tysons, is scheduled to open in the summer of 2009 in Vienna, VA.

In a relatively short time, she has reached the heights of the news media, being named chief Washington correspondent for NBC News' 24-hour cable channel MSNBC in May 2005 and serving as a contributing correspondent for NBC's top-rated "Today" program.

2009 Grand Marshal

At age 25, O'Donnell became one of the youngest correspondents ever when she began reporting for all NBC's news divisions. For Decision 2000 political coverage, she reported on the Republican primaries, the Republican and Democratic conventions, and the Florida recount battle. O'Donnell was also one of the anchors on MSNBC for election night, reporting on the congressional contests.

Norah is known for her eloquent and balanced reporting of national and global news and is particularly known for her ability to convey clearly complex and at times disturbing news to the public. Indeed, she has covered a number of major breaking news stories for both NBC and MSNBC, receiving the prestigious Sigma Delta Chi Award for Breaking News Coverage for a "Dateline NBC" story titled, "DC in Crisis," on the night of September 11, 2001. She then covered the Pentagon, traveling to 45 countries in five years. Her assignments brought her to every continent except Antarctica as she covered President Clinton and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

In subsequent assignments for NBC, O'Donnell served as congressional correspondent and then White House correspondent, reporting for NBC News broadcasts, including the top-rated "Nightly News," "Today," and MSNBC. In addition to serving as the Chief Washington correspondent, she now anchors the 3:00 news and is a regular newsreader on weekends for the "Today" show.

O'Donnell is grateful that she has been provided a front row seat to history. She has covered the biggest stories in Congress, Pentagon, and the White House for a number of years. She has interviewed presidents, senators, congressional representatives and candidates. She thrives on the fast pace.

In May 2007, O'Donnell and her husband became the parents of twins, Grace and Henry. Thirteen months later, daughter Riley was born. This lovely name was suggested to the couple by the late Tim Russert, who thought that Riley would be a fine name for a girl.

Despite demanding careers and the responsibility of caring for three young children, O'Donnell and Tracy find time to give to the community. O'Donnell is on the board of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and recently emceed the St. Jude's Gala in Washington. For the third year in a row, she served as emcee of the American Ireland Fund gala, also here in Washington. Tracy contributes to more than 150 charities and organizations every year in the form of silent auctions, and fundraising appearances. In 2006, the National Restaurant Association awarded Chef Geoff's The Best Neighbor Award for its contributions to the community. For the 6th year, Chef Geoff's is sponsoring a team in NW Washington's Little League. Chef Geoff is also a regular at the Horace Mann Elementary School where he enjoys teaching first graders about seasonal food and cooking.

Please join us in honoring Norah O'Donnell as our 2009 Grand Marshal, an extraordinarily accomplished Irish American who exemplifies our tradition of "telling the story."

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Washington DC's St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is proud to honor Danny Coleman as its 2009 "Gael of the Year."

"Better read this review with a skeptical eye," wrote Albert Eisele of The Hill, "because I'm not very objective about either Danny Coleman or the Dubliner. I've been patronizing this lively Irish pub and restaurant since it opened in 1974 and am a friend of Coleman, the gregarious Irish-American — is there any other kind? — who owns the Dubliner and the Phoenix Park Hotel whose ground floor it occupies. I watched President Carter's inauguration on television at the Dubliner, and once had a drink there with Seamus Heaney, the Irish poet and Nobel Laureate who stays at the Phoenix Park when he's in town. Having confessed my lack of objectivity, I feel free to praise this Capitol Hill landmark as the ideal place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring."

The Dubliner, an Irish pub on Capitol Hill, has become something of a DC institution, and is a grand showcase for Irish tradition of word and song. The Dubliner, located steps away from the Capitol of the United States and Senate and House of Representatives office buildings and in the heart of the District's historically Irish neighborhood, is frequented by Hill staffers and lawmakers alike. The Dubliner has hosted leaders from both sides of the aisle, including Newt Gingrich and Ted Kennedy, according to Coleman.

The musical and literary connections at the Dubliner abound; in addition to the pub's being filled with touches of the written word, including posters of James Joyce and Brendan Behan, it is known by many as the heart of the Irish music scene in the Washington area. In fact, it was at the Dubliner — and at Matt Kane's Bit of Ireland, now gone — that Washington's Irish music scene blossomed. There, customers could hear the groups, musicians and singers who would become legends. The importance of Irish music has grown worldwide. According to Mr. Kelly at the Irish Times, indeed it's all about the music. "Musically, the Irish have taken over the world," Mr. Kelly says. "Look at it. Bono. The Corrs, and the like. All those traditional riffs and ways of playing and feeling is in that music."

Danny Coleman was born December 12, 1938 in the colorful Tipperary Hill neighborhood of Syracuse, New York. He was the fifth of the six children of Peter and Josephine Fahey Coleman. His father's family immigrated from Co. Sligo in the late 1800's and his mother, "Josie", came from Droumbane, Co. Tipperary in 1906.

Danny Coleman claims that he sells more Guinness at the Dubliner than anyone in America. Scott Carpenter, a bartender at the Dubliner for many years, spoke about his career pouring drinks for some of the nation's most powerful people. Read his answers on everything from how to pour the perfect Guinness to his favorite drink.

What do people order most?
"Definitely Guinness."

What's the secret to pouring a great Guinness?
"Take your time, let it settle, finishing it off slowly. And keep the glass at a 45-degree angle to the spout."

What do you like most about the job?
"The interaction with the people . . . hearing their stories. You get a little bit involved in their lives."

Danny got his start in the restaurant business when he was about 12 years old cleaning up his father's bar on the weekends. "Coleman's" opened in 1933 immediately after the repeal of Prohibition and is located only a few blocks away from the famous traffic light on Tipperary Hill – the only one in the world where the green light is on top where it belongs. The Irish Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern was photographed smiling beneath this landmark on March 15, 2005. The Coleman family continues to be an integral part of Syracuse. For the past 50 years Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub has been operated by Danny's older brother Peter, who is a legend in Syracuse. Through his tireless efforts, Tipperary Hill has retained its identity as a great Irish neighborhood. And, Danny's brother, Michael, goes to four or five wakes a week in Syracuse. Danny asked his brother, "Michael, what's this one for? He says that guy's father was our mailman when we were little.

Gael of the Year

I think the family should be represented." As Danny reminded the author during this interview, obituaries are the Irish sports page.

Danny attended St.Patrick's School (Sisters of St. Joseph) from kindergarten through High School and Le Moyne College (Jesuits), also in Syracuse. After graduating from Le Moyne, Danny spent three years at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center in Baltimore, MD and moved to Washington, DC in 1965.

Having worked in bars and restaurants all his life, Danny naturally gravitated to the bar scene in DC. He was a bartender and manager of many of the famous bars that were opening in the 1960's and 70's including Billy's, Tammany Hall, The Garage, The Class Reunion, and the Beowulf. These great watering holes were patronized by the hundreds of educated and accomplished Irish-Americans who had come to Washington during the Kennedy Administration. Many of these new friends became the customer base for the now famous Dubliner Restaurant and Pub which Danny opened on March 8, 1974.

Coincidentally on that very day, Christy Hughes arrived in America from Ballymahon in County Longford. Six months later, Christy was hired at the Dubliner as a bartender. A week later, he was promoted to general manager. Danny and Christy worked together for almost 18 years and built up a loyal following. The Dubliner has been blessed with an incredible staff over the years and now there are over 35 Irish Restaurants and bars owned by former Dubliner employees. Bridget Gorman from Kildare, the first waitress hired at the Dubliner, still works there today.

Indeed, Danny is the focal point of the pub connections in the Washington area that run on like an endless Irish reel. Mr. Christy Hughes will be the first to tell you he went to the same school as another of Washington's Longford men, Hugh Kelly of Kelly's Irish Times. It doesn't stop there: In November 1974 Mr. Hughes became manager at the Dubliner, owned by Danny Coleman. And when, in 1991, Mr. Hughes bought Ireland's Four Provinces (Now Four Green Fields) from original owner Kevin Finney, who had opened the pub in 1978, it was with Mr. Coleman's blessing. Hughes branched out beyond the District, when Christy opened another branch of Ireland's Four Provinces in Falls Church, owned now by Colin Dillon—another Dubliner graduate-and has opened a third restaurant, the Irish Inn at Glen Echo. In 1980, Danny bought the Old Commodore Hotel from his landlords, renamed it The Phoenix Park and transformed it into the Center of Irish Hospitality in America. Over the years it has hosted thousands of American and Irish political leaders including all of the principals on both sides of the Irish Peace Process, including John Hume winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace. The beautifully renovated four-star hotel was at the epicenter of the Obama Biden inaugural activities.

Danny has been married to the beautiful Valerie O'Connell for over 40 years. They have six children and six grandchildren. Their firstborn, Stephanie Coleman Linhartz, is a senior vice president of Marriott Corporation, responsible for global sales for the world's largest hotel company. She and her husband Darren, a real estate developer, have two children, Aidan (4) and Heidi (2). Daughter Leslie is an accomplished interior designer with the firm of Jenkins-Baer in Baltimore. She and her husband Jason Rose, a partner with Venable Law firm, have three lovely daughters, Olivia (5), Charlotte (4), and Eloise (1). The two oldest boys, Andrew and Brendan, are successful commercial mortgage bankers with Walker and Dunlop Inc. in Bethesda, MD. Andy has a beautiful 8-year old daughter, Madeline.

The family business is now in the good hands of the next son, Gavin, serving as general manager of the Dubliner. They know he will do well because in addition to being a 3rd generation publican, he is Christy Hughes' godson.

The youngest son, Colin, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Marymount University in Arlington, VA in 2008. He moved to New York City in February to pursue a career in the financial markets.

Danny still spends some time at the Dubliner and The Phoenix Park but if the sun is shining, he is more likely to be found on the golf course with his sons and Christy.

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Tom Ponton

Tom Ponton is in his 21st year as the Director of Development at DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, MD. His primary role is to raise funds and promote the school from which he graduated in 1978. He comes from good Irish stock as Tom's grandmother, Margaret Coakley, was recognized in 1979 as the Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade "Gael of the Year" for her longstanding contributions to the local Irish community.

In addition to his work at DeMatha, Tom is known as the 'Irish DJ' in the Washington area. He has provided Celtic music for over 20 years at many celebrations and wedding receptions. He also is a freelance writer whose essays have appeared in The Washington Post, The Washington Times, and Catholic Standard newspapers.

Tom is a proud member of the Irish American Club, DC Friends of Ireland, and Knights of Columbus. For six years, he co-organized an "Irish Night" in memory of his friend, the late Monsignor Thomas Wells. Tom is a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Clarksville, MD, for which he served on the School Board, chaired the Development Committee, and has been a youth coach. He resides in Columbia with his wife Jane and children Brendan, Annie, and Julie.

Ronan Kavanagh

Ronan was born in Dublin. His initial career path was in the insurance industry, but he also played traditional Irish and rock and roll music with several bands in and around Dublin until 1987, when he immigrated to the Washington D.C. area to coach rugby. During the first few years in the US, he worked during the day in a rather eclectic series of jobs, and in 1989 formed and began to play part time with Atlantic Bridge, a trio including himself, Jan McIntire and Janet Donnell. They continued to perform successfully over the next several years, while Ronan also began to hone his skills as a solo performer. In 1996, Ronan became a full-time solo performer, which he continues to this day—notwithstanding the rumors that he is getting a little creaky at this stage. He plays a broad mix of Irish and contemporary music and performs in several local Irish Hostelries on a weekly basis. Ronan has been married to Carol Anne since 1992. They have two beautiful daughters: Ciara, who is now 15 and Fiona, who is 12.

Ronan's web site is www.ronankavanagh.com.

Danny Costello

Danny Costello, musician and writer extraordinaire, is the quintessential example of our 2009 theme—Irish tradition of word and song. His attentive nature and keen listening skills have served him well: he tells stories through word and song because he engages with people and observes settings with an uncanny eye.

A native Washingtonian, and the grandson of immigrants who settled in the original "Irish" area of Swampoodle near Capitol Hill, Danny has worked at Gonzaga College High School since 1976. He is currently Vice President for Advancement at this prestigious Jesuit center of learning.

Danny is most well known in the Irish community for his innovative, stirring and simply fun music. He has been part of popular bands in the area since 1980 – including Shannon Tide, which included the current Governor of Maryland, Martin O'Malley. Danny played with Shannon Tide until 1995, took a year off and played for five years with the Fabulous Potato Heads. He then played for five years, until 2007, with Johnny Jump Up. Danny is now playing in a "reformed" version of Shannon Tide, pleasing audiences with his lively tunes.

More recently – actually starting 20 years ago –Danny became an author. The fruit of his labors, and the patience of his family – his wife, Chris and children Sean, Cara, and Christie– is The Rag Tree. This book, which will be available around Easter time, is the story of transformations – individual and for Ireland as a nation and its people collectively. The multiple intertwining stories are based on legends and characters that Danny has gathered during his more than 40 trips to Ireland since 1978. The Rag Tree has been variously described as a romance, a mystery, a psychological thriller, a political novel. It is, after all, an Irish story. Alice McDermott, National Book Award winning author of Charming Billy and 2007 Gael of the Year for the St. Patrick's Day Parade of Washington DC, has written of Danny's book: "The Rag Tree is great fun. Fast-paced, entertaining, and, of course – it's about the Irish, after all – wry. Danny Costello has merged the old Ireland with the new to create a political thriller that is as appealing for its many, marvelous characters as it is for its complex plot." Danny is writing two more books, one that is a collection of short stories and memories of his trips to Ireland, and murder-mystery set in 1960s Washington, D.C. suburbs. We are proud of Danny and look forward to reading his books!

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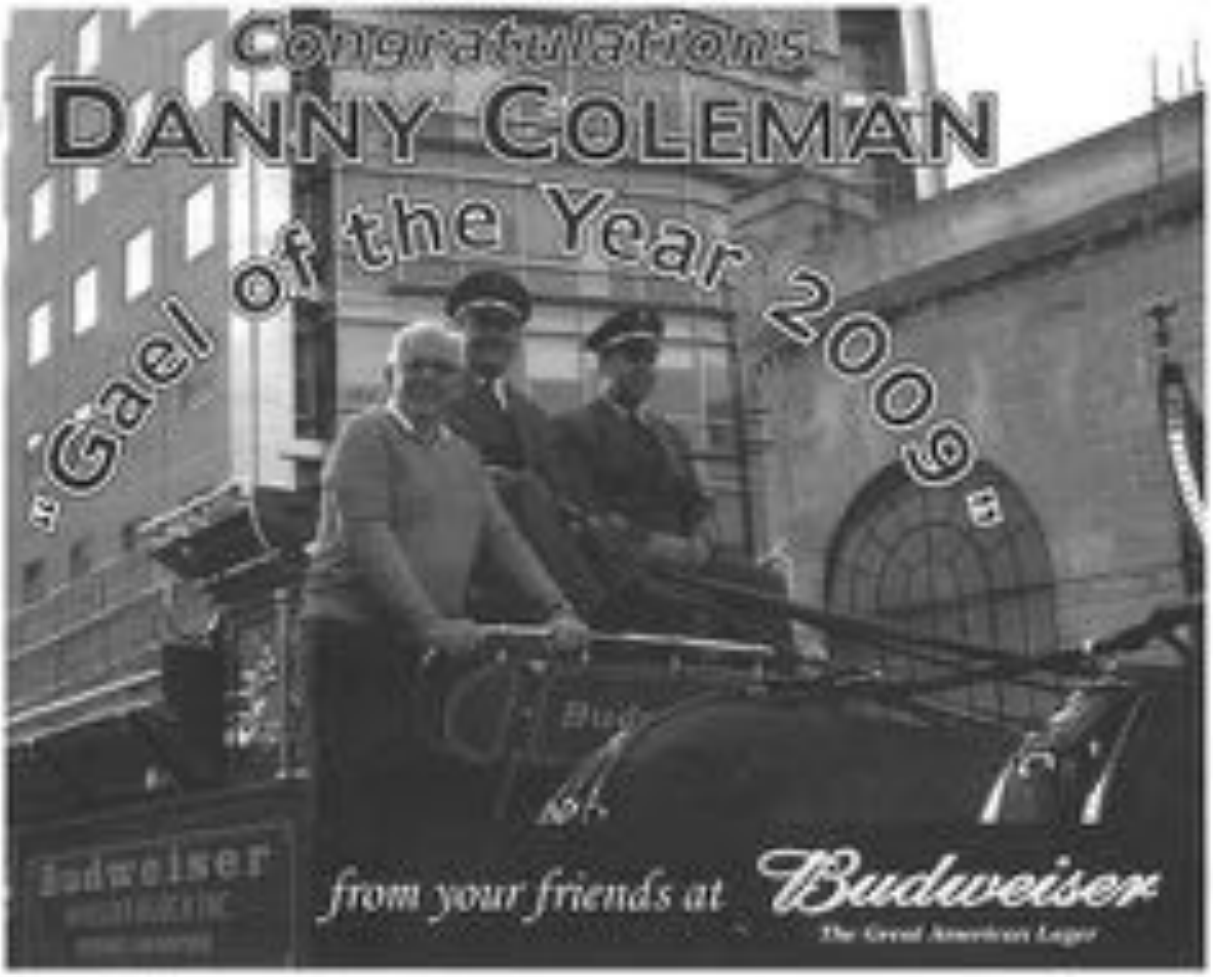

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The second annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Golf Tournament was held on October 22, 2008—a lovely autumn day for the second year in a row—at Twin Shield Golf Course in Chesapeake, Md. "This event is proving to be not only fun for all who participate but helps to defray the costs of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The tournament has become part of our year-round program of cultural and social events in the Washington DC area" said Parade Committee chair Ginny Kelly.

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 for hitting balls closest to the pin. Players were also eligible for door prizes. The team winners of the 2008 were:

First Place: The Woodbridge Gang
Boyd Cline, Ryan Burke, Garland Dillard, Daniel Donahue

Second Place: The Irish Channel
Gary Stack, Tom Stack, Brian Gaffney and Wike Lyons

Third Place: The Tune Inn
Brian Delaney, John Flanagan, Bobby Miller and Spence Schiller

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Kelly offered special thanks to Heritage Hunt Country Club, Twin Shields, and Glendale, Golf Courses for their support, including their donations of free rounds. She is especially thankful for the dedication and hard work of Golf Tournament Chairman, Tom "Cappy" Caplis. Again this year, Caplis did the "leg work," acquiring prizes and signing up the golf courses and the golfers!

The 2009 event is expected to be bigger and to attract even more supporters of the ever-popular St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

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Randolph-Macon Academy, Virginia 91st AFJROTC Band and Parade Unit
Sponsor - Matt Lee

Best Performance
Fraternidad Folclorica Bolivia
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Best In Parade
Washington Showstoppers Community Band
Sponsor - O'Neill-James School of Irish Dance

Best Fife & Drum
U.S. 3rd Infantry Regiment Old Guard
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Most Humorous
St. John's College High School Rugby
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Best Band
United States Air Force Band
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Best Theme
O'Neill Development Group - Replica Irish Cottage Float
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Sponsor - The Flying Cows of Verery

Best Antique Fire Apparatus
Bryan's Road Volunteer Fire Department - Engine 111 1962 Ford-young Pumper
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Maryland National Capital Park Police - Montgomery County Division - Mounted Color Guard
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Washington D.C. Regional Police Pipe Band
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Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band
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Anthony C. Rogers

Anthony C. Rogers, known to many as "Tony," was the original Mr. Rogers—always enthusiastic to greet anyone with a comforting smile. Tony's family arrived in New York from Ireland, coming to Washington in 1900 and settling in Seward Square. Tony's parents later moved to the Brookland neighborhood and in 1921 Tony was born. He spent his childhood years in the neighborhood, graduating from McKinley Tech High School in the late 1930's.

He was a role model of a servant leader. At an early age, he joined the US Army and served in the Second World War. In 1949, Tony joined the Metropolitan Police Department. He was assigned to the Third Precinct where he attained the rank of detective. Tony was later promoted to the rank of detective sergeant before he retired in 1973. After retiring from the MPD, he founded Roger's Plumbing, a Stevensville, Maryland-based company now operated by one of his sons.

Tony spent a lifetime in service to others and for years was very involved in local organizations such as the Fraternal Order of Police, the American Legion, and the Police Emerald Society. He also was an active member of St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, where he served as an usher and attended mass daily. Tony and his wife Jean settled in Takoma Park where they started their family. They raised four children: Tony, Patrick, Mickey, and Mimi. His three sons still reside in the metropolitan area and his daughter in West Virginia. There are nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Tony proudly volunteered as a St. Patrick's Day Parade official for over 30 years, leading a large contingent of family. This year marks the 10th anniversary of his passing. The Rogers family continues to carry on the tradition by marching in the parade in honor of their beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. The Anthony C. Rogers tribute that is part of the St. Patrick's' Day Parade is led by Patrick Rogers.

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Parade Order of March

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   - 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**
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14. **WASHINGTON DC ROSE OF TRALEE.** Caitlyn Kirwin
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 30th Year marching!" President Jim Reilley. Banner, colors, precision marching unit
17. **SCREECH, THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS' MASCOT**
18. **WASHINGTON NATIONALS' RACING PRESIDENTS,** George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abe Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt
19. **ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS.** Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington

Parade Order of March

20. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FATHER ROSENSTEEL COUNCIL 2169, Maryland.**
Grand Knight John Cuff. Marchers with banner "Tradition Continues"

21. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**
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22. **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE. SMOKEY BEAR**

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7. **LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS DIVISION 9, DAUGHTERS of ERIN, Maryland**
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Ben Filipczyk

15. **KAPITOL KLOWNS, Maryland.**
Leader Grant Berry

16. **GREENBELT DOG TRAINING PARADE MARCHING DRILL TEAM, Maryland.**
Leaders Allie W and Adele Lee

17. **LOYAL & PATRIOTIC ORDER OF IRISH-AMERICAN REAGANITES, Virginia.**
Director Brian Lopina

18. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT – IRISH CHANNEL**
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19. **JAMES HUBERT BLAKE HIGH SCHOOL ROARING BENGALS MARCHING BAND, Maryland.**
Director Brian Dawson

20. **GIRL SCOUTS, Maryland. Troops 2636, 3100, 3101, 2308 and 3255 from First Baptist Church of Highland Park.**
Leader Angela Holloman

21. **SEABROOK "SEAHAWKS" PATHFINDERS, Maryland.**
Leader Melvin Hooten

22. **IRISH NORTHERN AID COMMITTEE, DC AREA.**
Leader Jack O'Brien

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DIVISION C

1. **MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK POLICE, Prince George's County Division. Mounted Color Guard.**
Sgt Michael T Murphy

2. **RONAN KAVANAGH,**
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3. **NORTHERN VIRGINIA FIREFIGHTERS EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE BAND, Virginia.**
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24. 1971 WARD LaFRANCE. Owner John B Waters
24a. CAPITAL CLUB OF WASHINGTON, DC. President John Goodwin
25. THE HURLEY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE, Maryland. Annie Hurley Morrison, TCRG
26. ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT - sponsored by The O'NEILL DEVELOPMENT CORP (decorated replica Irish Cottage with white washed walls surrounded by a low wall
27. WASHINGTON SHOWSTOPPERS COMMUNITY BAND. Band Director Tyrone Frederick and Robert Chase
28. ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT - sponsored by THE CAPITAL ROWING CLUB (decorated vehicle with marchers)
29. HUNT SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING, Maryland. Instructor Beverly Hunt O'Connor

DIVISION D

1. PENTAGON FORCE PROTECTION AGENCY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, HONOR GUARD, Virginia. Leader Sgt Hammie Ashton Jr. Colors Team and vehicles
2. TOM PONTON. Marshal, Division D

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3. **CARDOZO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, Washington DC.**
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Leader Susan Martin

10. **CALVERT-ARUNDEL SWORDSMEN, Maryland.**
Leader Greg Davis

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Leader John Palmgren

12. **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IRISH AMERICAN SOCIETY MARCHING UNIT, Washington DC.**
Leaders Abby Foley and Tierney Brennan

13. **DANCE 4 LIFE STUDIO FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, North Carolina.**
Leader Darcy Deal

14. **SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Maryland.**
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Band Director Edward Anderson

19. **DC ANIME CLUB, Washington DC.**
Leader Christopher Wasamaker

20. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT - sponsored by WASHINGTON DC GAELS. Banner and marchers**

21. **McTRIMBLES, Virginia.**
Family of Eileen McCarthy Trimble

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The Stack Family and the Irish Community Suffer a Great Loss

In the last few months Tom and Gary Stack, and their family and friends have all suffered a great loss with the passing at different times of both their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stack. Tom and Gary operate the Irish Channel Pubs in Washington D.C. and Crofton, Maryland. Through their friendships and work ethic, Tom and Gary have established themselves as an institution in the area and as brothers to all. They are known to be avid supporters of the Irish community and many Irish and other charitable organizations in the D.C. Metropolitan area. Tom and Gary's parents were the inspiration for their successful restaurant businesses here in the States and for their community engagement and acts of charity.

Tom and Gary's father, Thomas Stack passed away on Nov 14, 2008. Mr. Stack was born in Laughill, Ballyhahill, County Limerick. He owned and operated Stack's Pub for over forty years in Charleville, County Cork where his wife and family lived above the pub. Mr. Stack was known for his fund raising activities to help handicapped children and their schools. He was Vice President of the Cork County Vintners Association and an internationally recognized breeder of greyhounds. On February 23, 2001, Tom and Peg Stack traveled from Ireland to be here for the Grand Opening and see their sons carry on the family business. The original hand-carved wooden sign from his pub in Charleville is displayed in a place of honor now behind the bar at the Irish Channel in D.C.

Their mother, Mrs. Margaret "Peg" Stack was also born in Mohernagh, Ballyhahill, County Limerick of the Danaher family. She passed away on February 13, 2009. The couple were married for over 55 years, have four children and seven grandchildren. After the passing of her own mother, Peg was taken out of school to help raise her eight brothers and sisters, two of whom went on to become Monsignors here in the U.S. Peg and Tom Stack loved and lived to entertain, welcoming old and new friends and ensuring that their home always had plenty of good food, drink, intellectual conversation and bits of therapeutic laughter. This may explain why Tom and Gary have been so popular and successful and their parents were so very proud of them.

Thomas and Peg Stack will be missed both at home in Ireland and here in the States. The D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recognizes and appreciates that they are at peace now, together and forever.

In Memory of Margaret Coakley
Tommy Ponton

My grandmother, Margaret Mullerins Coakley, was named 'Gael-of-the-Year' in 1979 by the Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. She was honored for her longstanding commitment to the Irish in the Washington, DC area.

My grandmother grew up in Moycullen, County Galway, the youngest of 12. She came to Washington DC in the 1920's and went to an Irish dance at Glen Echo where she met a young musician named Connie Coakley from Skibbereen, County Cork. Connie would soon launch his own construction company and the two later married and had three children. Sadly, Connie died young in 1947. The way my grandmother faced this loss was by reaching out to the Irish community. She was well known for her "Irish Bread," a sweet, raisin-infested cake that she made for virtually every social function she ever attended. She was also known for her rendition of "My Dear Old Galway Bay"—sung to the melody of "Skibbereen"— and would sing it at the end of every party.

Mrs. Coakley, as she was known to most, was a charter member of The Irish American Club, which at one time was one of the few Irish organizations in town. The Club provided the social outlet for many Irish immigrants who came to this country in the 1950's and 60's. At the time, my grandmother's Washington, DC home was the site of many a Club meeting or social gathering. During this time, she also provided room and board to many young people who emigrated from Ireland. She was a very simple person who always wore a dress, insisted on sitting in the same pew at the same Mass each Sunday, and always felt compelled to pay me for whatever errand I may have run for her. When she turned 80, we gathered at my uncle's house for her birthday. During the party, she and I had a moment alone to chat uninterrupted. She told me that she was having a hard time saying her nightly prayers because her mind would wander off. I told her that perhaps she would just be better off talking to God and telling Him what was on her mind. She then looked at me seriously and said, "You know Tommy, I have thought about death and I have decided that it is not such a bad thing. And when my time comes, I'll be ready."

Two years later, she passed away, sitting on her couch with a full cup of tea on her table. She died as she lived -- with peace and simplicity.

My grandmother may fit some stereotypical molds, but she was who she was and nothing more. She loved people and life itself and was always ready for a party. She danced, she sang, she laughed and yes, worried too. But I know firsthand that when God called her home, she was ready for the journey.

"May the blessings of a lonely man be with you night and day
May the blessings of a lonely man whose heart will soon be clay
It is all the heaven I ask of God upon my dying day
My soul to soar forever more above you Galway Bay."

the last verse of "My Own Dear Galway Bay" (Francis Fahy)

The Irish American Community Wishes a Farewell to an Icon, Edward V. Kelly

By Kevin P. Keegan

Edward Vincent Kelly was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Irish immigrant parents, Patrick Joseph Kelly of Castleblaney, County Monaghan and Mary Noonan Kelly of Ballinsloe, County Galway. Ed died Nov. 16, 2006 at his home in Bethesda of cancer and complications from pulmonary fibrosis. Ed was a past member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and had served as a Division Marshall. Ed also was a member of the D.C. Chapter, Friends of Ireland, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Commodore Barry Division and other Irish American organizations. He also maintained close ties with the Irish Embassy and his presence and support for the Irish community was obvious and never ending.

When not volunteering his time for others, Ed was a lobbyist and vice president of American Maritime Officers (AMO), the nation's largest union of merchant marine officers. Ed represented the union before federal agencies that included the Maritime Administration, the Coast Guard and the Defense Department's Military Sealift Command and Transportation Command. He also was active with the AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department and other union-related organizations.

He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in 1956. After graduation, he was on active duty in the Navy for eight years. He retired as a captain in the Navy Reserve after 32 years of service. Before joining AMO, he was vice president of the Transportation Institute and director of marketing for Lockheed Aircraft and Dynalectron Corp. He joined AMO in 1976 and was still employed at the time of his death.

He was a 42-year member of the Catholic Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda and a member of the Order of Malta and the John Carroll Society and past director of the Catholic Youth Organization in the District. For many years, he was the lector at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle every other Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Mass. He also was a past chapter president of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Ed is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbara Keegan Kelly, two daughters, and eight grandchildren. Ed's omnipresence will be missed along with the big smile he maintained, the soft words he spoke, and the Irish gift of gab he inherited and passed on. The St. Patricks' Day Parade Committee wishes Ed a final farewell and promises not to forget him.

In Memoriam

Frank Tiernan

Frank Tiernan, born in 1930 in Bronx, New York to Francis and Catherine Tiernan, lived a life of service to his family and community. After serving in the armed forces, Frank joined the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department in 1953, rising to the rank of Captain before his retirement in 1979. Frank was married to Mary Kay O'Flaherty; they had five children—Michael, Frank Jr., William (Billy) deceased, Peter, and Kathleen—who in turn have produced five grandchildren—Megan, Alex, Danny, Tiernan, and Tristan.

Frank has made extraordinary contributions to the St. Patrick's Day Parade of Washington D.C. He was a founder of the parade committee and the first to organize the parade marshals—a very important contribution to the parade. He also started the tradition of ensuring that the parade started on time and was the first to organize the line up of bands, floats and other marching units. His organizational contributions were exceeded only by his good will and humor.

While the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee appreciates his service to the Irish American community in the metropolitan area, we are mindful that, for Frank, his devotion to his family was truly extraordinary. Perhaps the best description of this facet of his life was provided by his son in the eulogy.

> "My father was and will always be the rock, the foundation that my siblings and I have built our lives upon. He was the best example of truth, honor, faith, love, service, and humility. He never wavered from his faith and held tightly to his convictions; he knew that something was either right or wrong. He was a simple man who was quite content just going for a walk, or reading his newspaper, finding enjoyment in reflection and self-enlightenment. He always kept up with various events in our world by reading countless books and magazines articles. If he read something that could be useful to one of his family members he would either quote it or cut out it and mail it to them. He never worried about himself and always put himself second and even third to his family and friends, and occasionally strangers. This was just another sign of his strong Catholic faith. Even in his darkest days (pain, sadness, etc.) when any one of us would say that's enough, somehow he sucked it up and channeled the energy to ask how we were doing, and he would pray that we would be okay. He was always giving, regardless of the lengths he would have to go, and not once did he ever ask for anything in return.
>
> My father touched many lives during his 78 plus years on this earth, whether it was at work (Police, coaching, Press Club, World Bank, City of Bowie) in the community, amongst family and friends, he always made them feel like they were something special."

Frank Tiernan will be sorely missed by the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Irish American community in the metropolitan area, and all those in his large circle of friends, with whom he worked, and whom he served.

Frank Herbert

By Diane Tegethoff and Sharon Herbert and Charlie Herbert
Children of Frank Herbert

Frank was born Oct. 18, 1918 in Albany, New York. He had one brother and one sister. His love for sports started early—he was a cross country runner and played baseball and basketball. Frank arrived in Washington, DC in the summer of 1941 to accept a job as a press assistant in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It was during that summer that he married his high school sweetheart, Agnes Lovely. Frank was drafted into the army in 1942 and assigned to the 805th Engineer Aviation Battalion which was a component of Task Force #58, the largest force ever assembled at that time. Frank's unit was put ashore amid heavy fighting during the invasion of Saipan. They were charged with building and repairing runways and erecting huts to house pilots and crews who flew bomber and fighter aircraft. Frank participated in campaigns in World War II in Saipan, the Mariana Islands, Iwo Jima and the Philippines.

Frank returned to his former job in Washington, DC in December of 1945 and was instrumental in creating the Sheet Metal Workers Union, International, the first union of mechanics recognized by the U.S. Government. He was sworn in as its first president. Frank was also active in the Veterans of Foreign War at the Treasury Department and was elected their Vice President. Under his direction they organized numerous fundraisers for the benefit of the Soldiers Home.

Frank and Agnes moved to Montgomery County, MD and had three children, Diane, Sharon and Charlie. At St. Catherine Laboure Church, Frank was involved in fundraising activities such as the weekly bingos and the annual carnival. After twenty eight years of marriage, Agnes passed away.

Frank met Pegi Maloney and they were married in 1973. While attending the opening of an Irish pub in downtown Washington, Frank and Pegi were introduced to Pat and Bernie Troy, beginning a friendship that lasted throughout Frank's lifetime. Frank became involved with most of Troy's other activities such as Shamrocks against Dystrophy, Irish American Awareness, and Rose of Tralee. When the Washington St. Patrick's Day Parade was in dire need of funds, Frank and others created the idea of asking Irish pub owners to open their pubs on Sundays to hold fundraisers. Thus the Sunday parade fundraisers were born.

During this same period Frank became active in the Irish American Club and was elected Vice President. He played Santa for the kids at their parties for many years. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, served as president of the Ballyshaners—the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Alexandria— and was made President Emeritus. He was elected State Board Secretary for the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #5 and served two terms as President of the District Board. He served as treasurer, vice president and president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians' John F. Kennedy Division. Frank initiated the Rosecroft night at the racetrack to benefit the Belfast Children's program and started a raffle for Redskins football tickets. He was also chair for "Shamrocks Against Dystrophy", and fundraising chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Ball.

Frank's involvement in Irish and Irish American activities and causes and his ceaseless contributions earned him the respect and gratitude of many and the title "Mr. Fundraiser". On the day Frank learned that he had been selected as Gael of the Year for 2000, he was left completely speechless; this was something that rarely happened. This was an honor that he always cherished.

In Memoriam

Always one to enjoy a good drink, bourbon and water of course, Frank loved a good time and the Redskins, but what he cherished most was his family. He always looked forward to time spent with them, especially his grandchildren-Jeffrey, Kevin and Amanda.

When complications from diabetes led to a long recuperation period, Frank kept a small spiral book with his valued numbers of friends and family. During one trip to the hospital, Frank was on the gurney with his book and telephone lying on his chest, saying that he had to always be able to reach his family. During his time at Brooke Grove Nursing Home, he was still full of life and laughter, enjoying social activities and being made King of Mardi Gras. His Sunday mornings were planned around listening to Pat Troy's Radio Show – from his room, which was decorated to feel like his den at home—and discussing everything from his beloved Redskins to the show's fundraisers.

Unfortunately, we lost Frank on September 7, 2008 to a better place.

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2002 Those Who Serve
Tribute to local heroes and victims of the 9-11 tragedy

2001 Tom Dolan
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1999 Denis Mulcahy
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1994 Mark Russell
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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

Mark Tauhey III

1987 Helen Hayes
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1986 Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

1985 Eunice Kennedy Shriver
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1984 Cyril Count McCormack
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1983 Frances T. Shea
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1982 Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke OP
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1981 Samuel W. Bogley
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1980 James P. Gleason
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1979 Walter T. McArdle
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1978 Maurice Cullinane
Former Chief, Metropolitan Police Department

1977 George Meany
President, AFL-CIO

1976 Patrick J. Hayes
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1975 William T. Hannan
Irish community activities

1974 William T. Hannan
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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
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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
1989 Manus "Jack" Fish
1988 Mickey Brennan
1987 Brendan Sheridan
1986 Monsignor R. Joseph Dooley
1985 Jane Callahan Gucki
1984 Dr. Colin Owens
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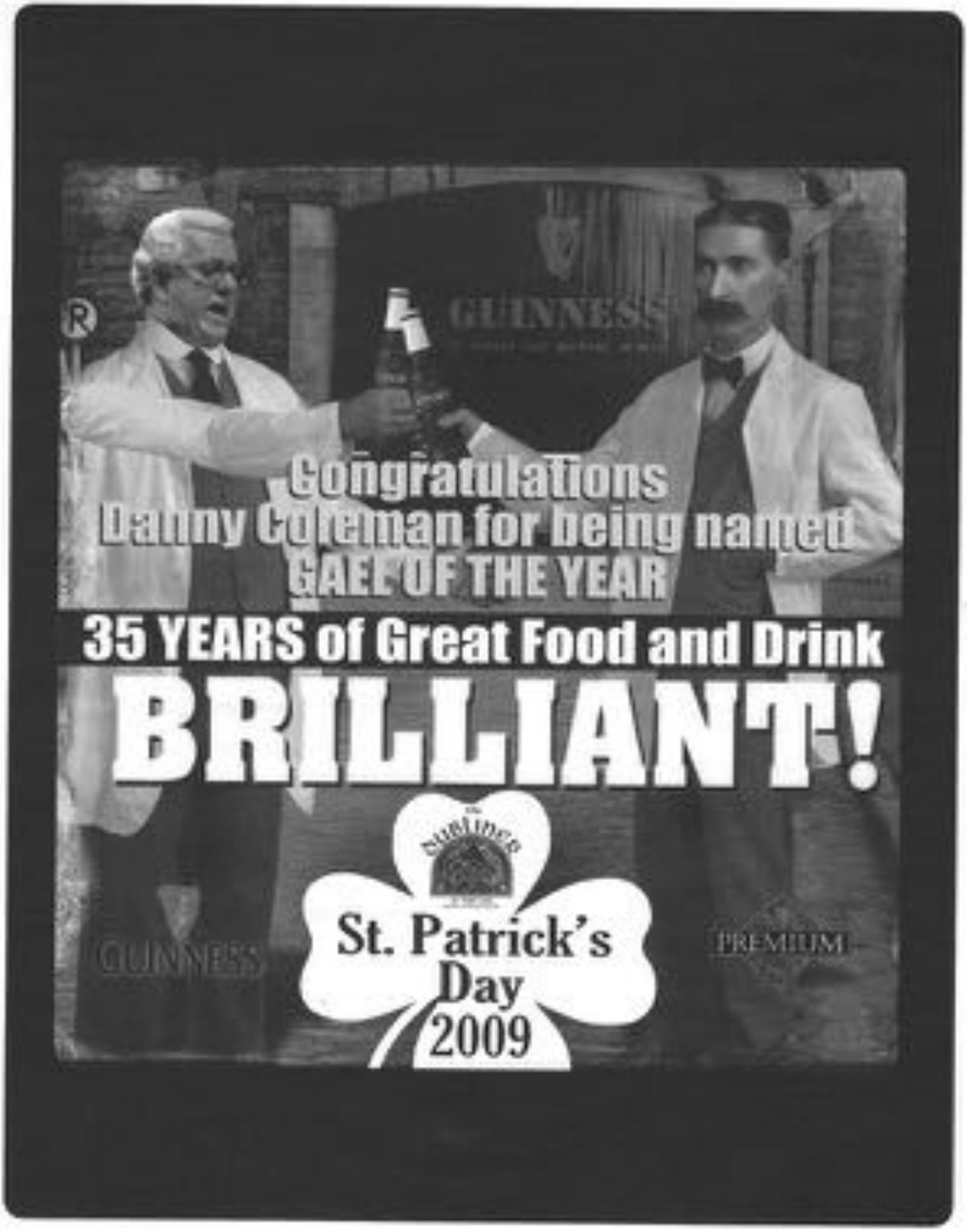
1981 Charles T. Lucey
1980 Harry & Margaret Schreckengost
1979 Margaret Coakley
1978 Peggy Hannon O'Neill
1977 Sean Coakley
1976 No Gael Selected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The Saint Who Saved European Civilization

by Danny Doyle, March 2009

"Long, long ago beyond the misty space
Of twice a thousand years,
In Erin old there dwelt a mighty race
Taller than Roman spears.
Like oaks and towers they had a giant grace;
Were fleet as deers.
With wind and waves they made their 'biding place,
These western shepherd seers.

Great were their deeds, their passions and their sports.
With clay and stone they piled on 'strath
And shore these mystic forts:
Not yet o'er thrown.
On calm crowned hills they held their council-courts,
While youths alone
With giant dogs explored the elk's resorts,
And brought them down.

In Druid's altar and Druid's creed
We scarce can trace,
There is not left an undisputed deed
Of all your race,
Save your majestic song, which hath their speed
And strength and grace.
In that sole song they live and love and bleed
It bears them on through space.

The island that St. Patrick came to in the early 5th century was the last tier of rock of the wild Atlantic fringes at the western extremity of the known world. Here lived the Celts, a race of animistic polytheists, who cherished the things of the spirit and the spirits of the earth.

Although firmly tethered to the soil the world they inhabited was largely of the imagination. Devoid of any earthly treasure they intensified and nurtured their riches of poetry and song, a cornucopia of oral traditions. These were the people and the strange, mysterious and forbidding place that Patrick came to 1,500 years ago.

Even now, looking back through the dim mists of antiquity, we can still perceive the presence of this distinctly towering figure, St. Patrick. A man of great passion and tenderness, a saint, lawgiver, statesman and brother of the common people, his memory is cherished wherever green is worn.

What Confucius was to the Oriental, Moses to the Israelites,
Mohammed to the Arabs, St. Patrick would be to the Gaelic race.

He came to Ireland in the dying years of the 4th century, as a slave, a captive of King Niall (Niall of the Nine Hostages), or as we derisively called him in our schooldays, Niall of the Nine Sausages. Of all the momentous happenings in Irish history, this simple one had the most extraordinary and far reaching effect, utterly changing Ireland's destiny. Although Patrick is revered as our patron saint, that didn't stop the Irish from making light-hearted verses about him:

"Oh! St. Patrick was a gentleman
Who came from decent people
He built a church in Dublin town
And on it put a steeple
His father was a Gallagher
His mother was a Brady
His aunt was an O'Shaughnessy
His uncle an O'Grady."

"The Wicklow hills are very high
And so is the Hill of Howth, sir
But there's a hill much bigger still
Much higher than them both, sir
'Twas on the top of this high hill
St. Patrick preached his sermon
That drove the frogs into the bogs
And banished all the vermin."

"So success attend St. Patrick's fist
For he's a saint so clever
Oh, he gave the snakes and toads a twist
And banished them forever."

On Slieve Mish Mountain in County Down, the fifteen year old slave tended the flocks and swine herds of his master, the chieftain Milkue.

In years of loneliness on the bracken covered hill his spirituality awakened and through seasons of sun, wind, rain and snow he prayed for his deliverance. For seven miserable years he looked down from his mountain of captivity, until one night in a dream he heard a voice commanding him to escape to a distant seaport, where he found a ship and sailed away.

In freedom Patrick could find no peace for thinking of the country and people that had grown into his soul, so in years of study he began to prepare to bring the Gospel to the pagan Celt. In a vivid night vision he heard voice of Ireland calling:

"Come to us, oh holy youth and walk among us."

Young Patrick was an exceptional student and in short time Pope Celestine consecrated him, giving him the noble Roman name Patricius. He set sail for Ireland and landed there in 432 AD. Just as Ireland had given a renewed faith to him, so he would give a new faith and soul to Ireland.

"There's not a mile in Ireland's Isle
Where dirty vermin musters
But there he put his dear fore-foot
And murdered them in clusters.
The toads went pop, the frogs went hop

Slap dash into the water
And the snakes committed suicide
To save themselves from slaughter."

"Nine hundred and fifty reptiles blue
He charmed with sweet discourses
And dined on them in Killaloe
In first and second courses
Where blind worms crawling in the grass
Disgusted all the nation
He gave them rise which opened their eyes
To a sense of their situation."

"So, success attend St. Patrick's fist
For he's a saint so clever
Oh, he gave the snakes and toads a twist
And banished them forever."

On returning to the place of his captivity, Slieve Mish, Patrick found that his reputation had arrived before him. His slave master, the chieftain Milkut, feared that Patrick was returning with immense powers of retribution and vengeance in his heart. Rather than submit to the mortification of possibly being converted by his former swineherd, the determined old pagan set his house on fire and threw himself into the flames.

For twenty years, with the vision and the audacity of a warrior, Patrick battled against tyranny and injustice converting Ireland to Christianity. At the end of his full life he wrote:

"I was a stone sunk in the mire, 'til he who is powerful came and in his mercy raised me up."

That quote is from St. Patrick's "Confessio" which he wrote late in his life, and is actually still in print. After his wanderings through Ireland, spreading the Gospel, Patrick came back to the locality of his captivity and died and was buried there around 460 AD.

"No wonder that those Irish lads
Should be so blithe and frisky
For didn't Patrick teach them that
As well as making whiskey
Is it any wonder that the saint
Should understand distilling?
Since his mother kept a dainty pub
In the town of Enniskillen."

"Oh, was I but so fortunate
As to be back home in Munster
'Tis I'd be bound that from that ground
Once more I'd never stir, sir
For there St. Patrick planted turf
And pigs and beef and praties
Drink galore, agra, astore, and cabbages and ladies."

Over the next couple of centuries the Celts took to Christianity with a vengeance, incorporating into their new found religion so many aspects of their previous pagan beliefs that, over time, what became known as "Celtic Christianity" evolved, an evolution that would have disastrous consequences for later generations. But that's a story for another day.

The disciples of St. Patrick founded monasteries all over Ireland. To illustrate how the teachings of our patron Saint had such a remarkable effect on Europe and eventually the world, we'll look at one monastic site which became the epicentre of a great flowering of Irish arts and culture, Clonmacnoise in County Offaly. This impressive place is situated on the eastern banks above the Shannon river at the junction of the ancient kingdoms of Connaught, Munster and Meath.

In its day Clonmacnoise was one of the most important monasteries in Ireland, founded by St. Ciaran in the year 548. This place and the monks who studied there would have a profound influence on European culture in the dark ages.

It's easy to travel to Clonmacnoise by road, but if you ever have the opportunity, go by water for that is the way St. Ciaran came first to the place and how some of the monks travelled on their journey to and from the monastery. In ancient times the Shannon river was known as the "monks road." In later centuries it would be known as the "viking road," and later still, in the 17th century it would mark the boundary between "Hell and Connaught." If you go to Clonmacnoise by river, your winding and turning course along the water will induce a palpable sense of travelling back in time.

Ciaran, the founder of Clonmacnoise, was born on February 24th, 515. He studied at the celebrated college of Clonard in Co. Meath, where he had a renowned teacher, named Finnian, who was a bishop and later a saint. The very clever and intellectual Ciaran quickly became Finnian's favourite pupil, inspiring him to compose this little poem:

"Ciaran, my little heart, whom for holiness I love
Princely lands shall be thy part, favour, dearest, from above
Ciaran, famous all around, wealth and riches on thee pour
Wisdom in thy church renowned so may grow yet more and more."

I think it's a great testament to the tenacious power of the Gaelic cultural memory, the oral tradition, that a small poem composed 1,500 years ago is still with us, still imprinted on our folk consciousness.

When Ciaran finished his schooling he led a wandering life spending time with St. Enda on the Aran Islands and with St. Senan on Scattery Island at the mouth of the Shannon where it meets the Atlantic. Monks in those early Christian times were intensely fond of lonely, inaccessible places, far away from earthly temptations. And so, on January 25th in the year 548, Ciaran and seven followers came to that windswept plain beside the river Shannon and founded the monastery of Clonmacnoise.

Ciaran died on the 9th of September 549, just seven months after his monastery's foundation. It's most unlikely that he could have foreseen how his little settlement would grow into one of the greatest schools of learning in the western world, and number among its scholars men of high and low degree: holy men, princes and nobles from England, Ireland, Scotland and from the countries of Europe far beyond the Shannon. The fame of the monastery spread and soon a small town grew up around it. Clonmacnoise became the most prestigious university in Europe, at one time boasting 4,000 students. Of course, no

trace of these early buildings remain, for the Celtic people of that time built in wattle and mud. The remains that stand today are of a later period.

By the year 780 the mud and wattle settlement at Clonmacnoise had grown into the one of the greatest religious and academic institutions in the western world. All over Ireland there were dozens that were just as renowned. Out of these monasteries streamed generations of young Irish monks. They crossed the seas to Europe, a continent mired in the Dark Ages, when European society resembled a criminal lunatic asylum with the murderers in charge. In the kingdoms that would later become France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and elsewhere, the Irish monks founded monasteries and universities, some of which, amazingly, are thriving to this very day.

The extraordinary civilising influence of the monks ensured that they were welcomed by Kings, Queens and Princes into their communities. They were especially welcomed by European rulers for their wide knowledge of the arts, medicine, metal working and particularly for their superior knowledge of animal husbandry and agriculture. Their teaching of these artisan skills soon had a widespread and positive effect on European life.

In the 9th century King Charlemagne ruled over a vast area of Europe stretching from Saxony to Spain to Brittany to Rome. In an attempt to lift Europe out of the Dark Ages he invited Irish monks to his court to participate in a revival of culture and learning that became known as the Carolingian Renaissance. Charlemagne and his Irish monks set about disseminating the notion that the arts, architecture, literature, religion, politics and learning were fundamental elements of a civilized life.

About 500 years before Christ the first Celtic invaders had brought elements of this philosophy to Ireland from Europe. Now Celtic Christianity from Ireland was replanting the seeds of this philosophy in the mud and mire of the charred house of that same continent. A German historian wrote:

"When the whole world seemed irrevocably sunk in barbarism..... the Irish went forth into every part of the world to spread culture and learning."

So, when we look back to pagan Ireland in the 5th century, we discover that St. Patrick's conversion of Ireland was not a local event, but a European one that became a world event. For I think it remarkable that that little island, far off on the rim of the western world, should become a centre of classical learning. St. Patrick's disciples swarmed out of the monasteries, carrying with them the lamp of knowledge, dispelling the darkness of barbarian Europe, becoming the teachers of entire nations, the councillors of kings and emperors.

In Ireland in later centuries, when the country had been finally subjugated by Great Britain, and the native population had almost been turned into a nation of beggars, and when for long years laws had been enforced denying Irish children an education, our conquerors would justify their domination and overlord-ship by pointing to our ignorance. It was an oft used taunt that we were so indolent and dull that the European renaissance of the 15th and 16th centuries had passed us by without leaving a trace.

But what we have known and what they could never accept is, that in the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th centuries, when Buckingham Palace was not yet even a mud hut, Ireland was enjoying a prolonged flowering of the intellect, of the arts and learning, that contributed to the Carolingian renaissance of King Charlemagne. European historians agree in general that, but for that 9th century cultural revival (inspired by St. Patrick's disciples), the renaissance of the 15th and 16th centuries might not have happened until very much later.

I think it astonishing that from a single cruel act of a 4th century Irish king, i.e., the kidnapping and enslaving of a young boy, such startling consequences should flow, events that would literally change the world. For all over the globe on March 17th, from Buenos Aires to Tokyo, from New Orleans to Moscow, from Sydney to Savannah, from Dublin to Durban, dozens of different races of people are celebrating our national Saint. Although I'm not a religious man, I can't but help, on this great day, singing a verse in honour of Patrick, The Saint Who Saved European Civilization.

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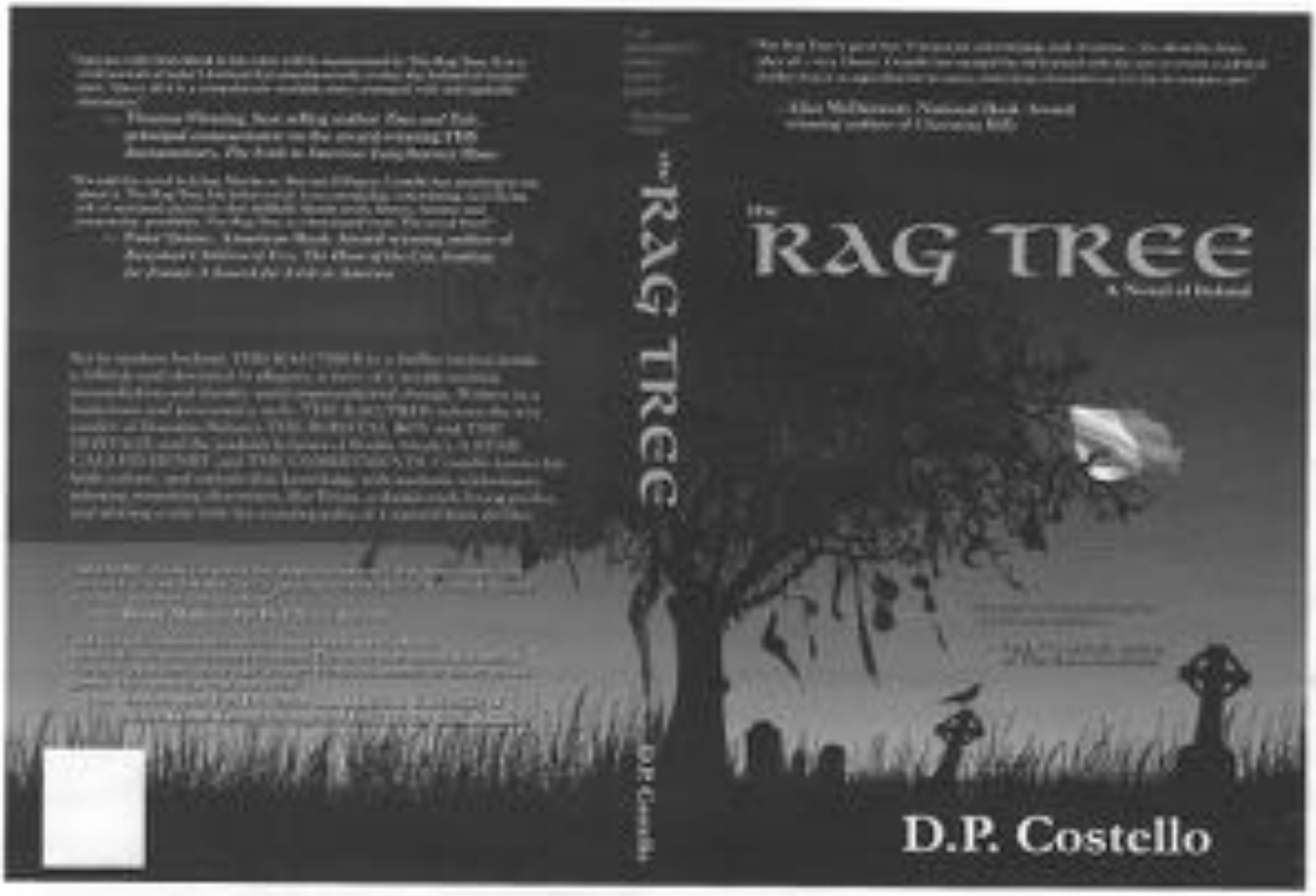

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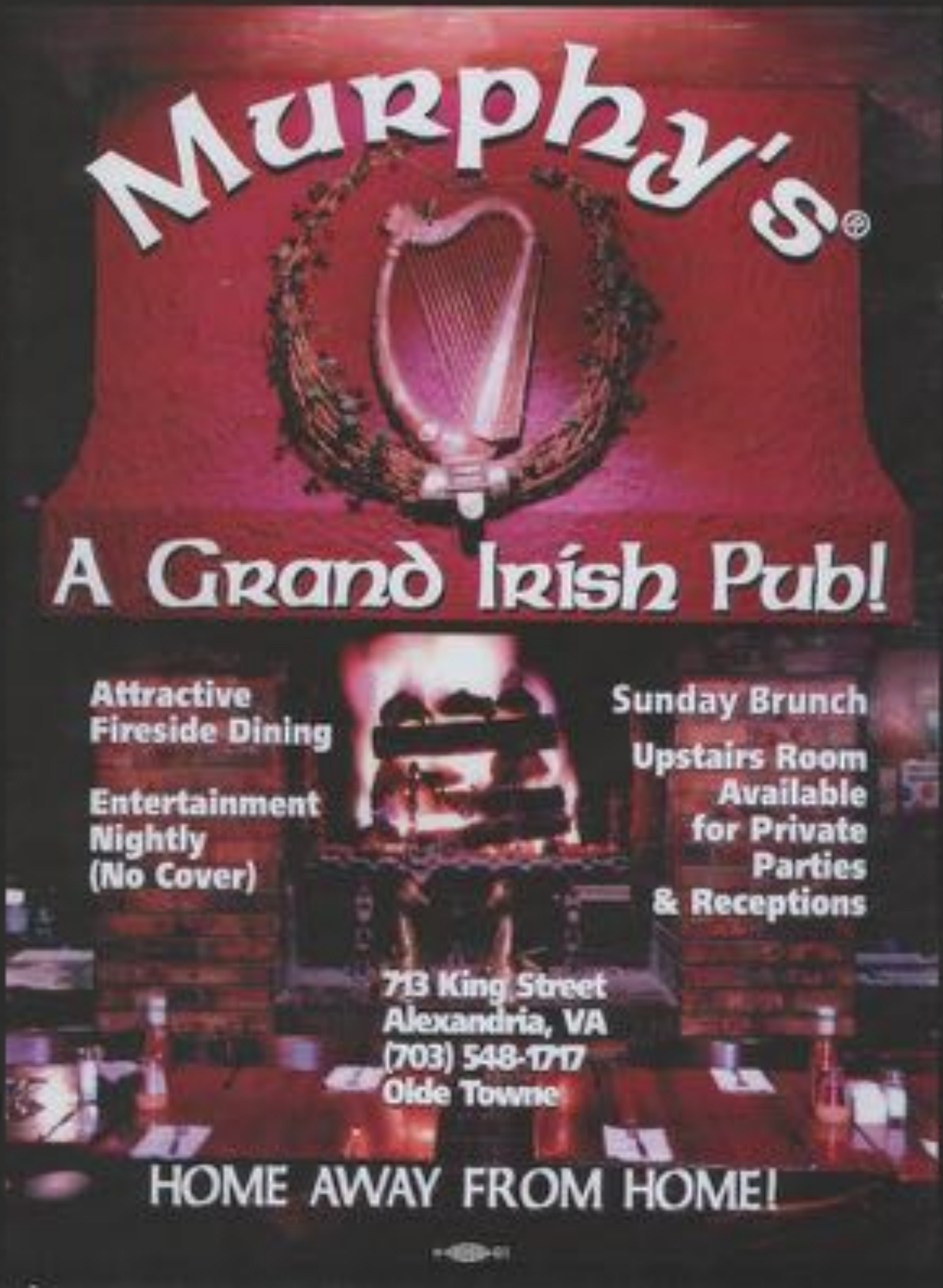
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