

Grand Marshals
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An elevated view of the 1935 parade.

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1935, 1936, 1937 - John J. O'Malley

John J. O'Malley was the Grand Marshal of the 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1958 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. O'Malley served as President of the Irish Civic Association for many years. The Irish Civic Association planned and ran the parade under O'Malley's guidance from its origin as an organized event in the early 1930's. However, he first marched in St. Patrick's Day parades with his father as a boy at the turn of the century. In 1899, he graduated from St. Patrick's Catholic School on the west side. As President of the Irish Civic Association, he worked tirelessly to make the St. Patrick's Day Parade an institution in Cleveland. Therefore, in 1958, the first year the parade was organized by the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland, he was once again named Grand Marshal.

1938 - Thomas J. Martin

Thomas J. Martin, who served as the parade's Grand Marshal in 1938, was born on August 3, 1881 and lived on Cleveland's west side at 11400 Kensington Ave. He attempted to advance his career when he ran for the office of president on the Cleveland Board of Education in 1939. Although he lost the vote, it was by a slim margin of less than five-thousand. Despite this, Thomas Martin was able to gain a spot as Labor-Sponsored Member on the board. Mr. Martin regularly conducted business matters with laborers in mind while he served a four-year term. On one such occasion, he refused to purchase textbooks from companies having labor issues with employees. He was married to Barbara Martin and had six sons: Thomas, Paul, John, Lawrence, Frank, and Richard. They also were mother and father to two daughters, Marcella and Gloria. Thomas Martin died on March 12, 1969.

1939 - Joseph E. Cassidy

Joseph E. Cassidy served as Grand Marshal in 1939. Throughout his life, he had many occupations, which included being a printer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer composing room, a Representative to the Ohio House, and the Cleveland License Commissioner. During his tenure in the Ohio House, he devoted much of his time to creating a "labor bloc." The bloc would lead to the ratification of many acts, most notably of which was the Child Labor Act of 1933. He died on February 2, 1962 in his home in Fresno, California.

1940 - John E. O'Donnell

John E. O'Donnell was the Grand Marshal of the 1940 St. Patrick's Day parade. He started life as one of eight children of a carpenter, and would say politics had always been a hobby. He gained respect as he served on the Board of Education and later ran for Mayor. He was also always noted for being well-dressed and having high sartorial standards.

1941 - Joseph E. McClory

Joseph E. McClory served as Grand Marshal of the parade in 1941. He was the President of the union that is now known as the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers and was known as a champion of the workingman. This can be seen in his valiant fight against introduction of machines that would take the jobs of approximately 70-100 workers each. He stated, "The introduction of these machines should be discouraged, especially in times like the present. Human beings should be given employment, and as many of them as possible, for it is the employment of its people that makes a country prosperous and contented." In addition to this, he took part in Ward 2 council meetings.

1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 - No Parade due to WWII
1946 - William J. Cannon

William J. Cannon was Grand Marshal of the 1946 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Cannon was president of the Cannon Tailoring Co., which supplied uniforms to policemen, firefighters, mail carriers, and various other public servants around the country. This company had sponsored an Irish radio program in Cleveland. He was better known as a tenor singer that sang Irish songs at weddings and other events. He was a member of the Irish Civic Association and the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. In 1977, Cannon was named the Irishman of the Year by the Cleveland Athletic Club. He was married to Jule and was the father of William Jr. and Patrick, as well as Kathleen Shriner, Jane Walsh and Rosemary MacMillan. He died before May 11, 1989 at the age of eighty-three

1947 - Martin J. O'Donnell

Martin J. O'Donnell of Lakewood, Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Parade in 1947, was born in Virginia but moved to the Cleveland area at a young age. His first business ventures were in the elevator industry. Until 1906, he manufactured the machines under his own name and from 1906 to 1913, he worked for the Otis Elevator Company. In 1913, he switched to the tire industry when he became the president of the Falls Rubber Tire Co. He proved himself to not being devoted to one particular industry when he became the vice-president of the Cleveland Life Insurance Company in 1924. He was very active in the community as a member of the Cleveland Athletic Club, the Builders Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, the Lakewood Council, where he was a charter member, and numerous Catholic fraternal organizations. In 1947, he was named as the oldest living member of the Ohio Knights of Columbus. He was married to Ann O'Donnell and had two sons, Martin Jr. and Thomas.

1948 - Dr. Thomas A. Burke

Dr. Thomas A. Burke of Cleveland served as Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1948. He graduated from Cleveland Public Schools and received a bachelor and master's degrees from Canisius College in Buffalo. He received his medical degree from Western Reserve University and did post-graduate work in London and Vienna. In 1889 he served as assistant superintendent of the Cleveland State Hospital and in 1902 & 1906 he was elected county coroner. He served on the staff of City Hospital and founded the clinic of St. Vincent Charity Hospital. He served as secretary and president of the United States Board of Medical Examiners and was a member of a number of professional societies including the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus. In later years, he limited his practice to eyes, ears, nose and throat. He was active in his profession until his death in 1949 at 85 years old. He was an ardent sports fan and spent many of his vacations accompanying the Indians to spring training. His wife was Lillian G. McNeil, and together the couple had three children: Elinor Burke Maloney, Josephine Burke Fritzsche, and Thomas Burke, who later served as mayor of Cleveland.

1949 - John T. Feighan

John T. Feighan was the Grand Marshal of the 1949 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Feighan was the senior Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Company. He also served as President of Standard Brewing Co., Vice President and Director of the Harris Calorific Co., and Director of Langenau Manufacturing Co. He attended St. Malachi School, followed by St. Ignatius High School, and then St. Ignatius College (now John Carroll University). Throughout his life, he was devoted to the Catholic Church and his community. His prominence as a Catholic layman was exemplified by his appointment as a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory by

Pope Pius XII in 1949 and his honorary trusteeship with the Catholic Charities Organization. He was also a Trustee with City and Lakewood Hospitals and with the Rose-Mary Home for Crippled Children. He was married to his wife Mary for fifty-four years and had five sons: Congressman Michael A., Joseph E., John T. Jr., Municipal Judge Edward F., Francis X., and two daughters Sister Ann Cecile H.H.M. of Lourdes Academy, and Mrs. Anna O'Brien. He died on August 5, 1953 at the age of 77.

1950 - John Burns

John Burns was Grand Marshal of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in 1950, which turned out to be a very cold and wet affair. Born around 1893 in Cleveland to an official in the stonecutters Union, he was one of five brothers. All the Burns sons became union tradesmen, John joining the Plaster's Union in 1910. He turned down many offers to be Vice President of the National and International Union. In 1942, he became representative of forty-thousand workers in the Cleveland Building Trades Council. Burns served on many governmental and labor-management agencies during WWII and was chairman of the rescue service section of the Cleveland Civil Defense Organization. Burns was later elected President of the Cleveland Federation of Labor. His son, Eugene, succeeded him as business agent of the Plasterers Union. In 1951, Burns switched to the other side of the negotiating table by giving up all union posts and taking the position of executive manager of the Building Trades Employers Association. He earned the respect of both labor and management through these positions. However, his wife, Margaret, died in 1952 and John's health began to fail, causing his resignation at the end of 1953. January 14, 1954, he died of a stroke. Burns was the son of Peter Burns. He was father of Eugene and John K. Alice Lewis, Evelyn Kreuger, Marjorie MacDougal, Rita Hudec, and Miss Irene Burns.

1951 - Lee C. Howley

Lee C. Howley was the Grand Marshal of the 1951 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Howley was born in Cleveland, graduated from West High School in 1928 and then Wittenberg University in 1932, where he was a skilled boxer. He decided to study law and thus attended Western Reserve Law School and graduated in 1935. After law school, he joined the law firm of Ray T. Miller, the Democratic boss of Cuyahoga County at the time. In 1945, Mayor Thomas A. Burke named Howley the youngest law director in Cleveland's history. In 1951 he was considered heir apparent to the mayor's office but instead pulled out of politics for personal reasons. He became general counsel and the V. P. of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. He retired from this in 1975 and became a partner in the Weston, Hurd, Fallon, Paisley & Howley Law firm. He was also a Cleveland School Board Lawyer, the President of the Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Board Chairman for Revco Drug Store, Inc. (where he is credited with starting the Revco Marathon). He was married to Jean Howley and was the father to Lee C. Jr. and Daniel. He died on January 7, 1983 at the age of seventy-two.

1952, 1953 - Thomas F. Flynn

Former Municipal Court Referee Thomas F. Flynn, whose parents were born in Ireland, was the Grand Marshal in 1952 and 1953. Mr. Flynn started as a deputy Bailiff for Cleveland Municipal courts in 1921 then became the first and only referee in 1927. Many attorneys sought his advice. This included Mayor of Cleveland Anthony Celebrezze when he was a young attorney. By 1947, he had finished 1 million cases. He was also very active in the Irish Civic Association, of which he had served as president. His brother, James P. Flynn, the Fire Chief, was the Chairman of the Parade in 1953. After retiring from being a referee, he tried to run for Judge but was disqualified on the basis that he had not practiced law within five years. Mr.

Flynn was married to Gertrude. They had a son, Thomas Jr., who also became an attorney who worked for the Department of the Interior.

1954 - N.R. Howard

N.R. Howard was the Grand Marshal of the 1954 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Howard was a very active member of the Cleveland newspaper industry. He was born in Columbus on April 28, 1898 but moved to Baltimore, Maryland at a very young age. His mother moved the family to Oberlin, Ohio after the death of Howard's father. The dream of success in the press brought Howard to Cleveland. Howard was Editor of the Cleveland News after being the Managing Editor of the Plain Dealer. In 1942 he went to Washington after accepting an appointment as assistant to Byron Price, the director of the of the U.S. Office of Censorship, where he proved himself influential in guiding the office to adopt a voluntary censorship program in WWII. In 1960, he presided over the closing of the Cleveland News when it was taken over by the rival Cleveland Press. Howard was a Republican, as was the Cleveland Press, but he emphasized the need to be objective and fair in reporting the news. He was active as a leader in the community. In 1953, he was appointed as one of eleven civic leaders to direct the Red Cross fund drive. In the early 1960's, he worked as a contributing editor for the Plain Dealer. In 1965, he edited the papers of George M. Humphrey, the secretary of the treasury for the Eisenhower administration, and authored several books as well as lectured to many civic groups, historical societies, and PTAs. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, an organization of members who are descendants of those who served in the War for Independence. He was a member of the American Society of Managing Editors, past president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and former director of the Associated Press. He married Marjory Norton, who died in 1928. He married his second wife,

Edith Moriarty, who was the women's editor of the Cleveland Press Association from 1919 to 1923, in 1930. He had two daughters, Mary Anne Amsbary and Marjory H. Johnson. He passed away on December 23, 1980.

1955 - James Donnelly

James Donnelly was the Grand Marshal of the 1955 St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was a Democrat Representative and St. Ignatius High School alumnus. Mr. Donnelly first went into the insurance business. Soon after, though, he entered Cleveland politics when elected as a Democrat to represent City Council Ward 33 in 1944. He was elected President of City Council in 1950. He resigned in 1954 after an argument with Mayor Celebrezze over the Mayor not consulting him about city business. After this, he was appointed to the Ohio Liquor Control Board. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion as well as the Knights of Columbus. He married Florence Carney and his daughters were Florence, Taylor and Maureen. He was running for County Commissioner when he died on May 18th, 1958, suddenly after emergency surgery for a bleeding ulcer.

1956 - Joseph M. Sweeney

Joseph M. Sweeney was the Grand Marshal of the 1957 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was on the Cleveland Police force where he served as an inspector. In 1941, he was appointed Sheriff of Cuyahoga County and subsequently ran and was elected to the position six more times. He was noted to have ran the department in a manner that spared many expenses and thus led to costs being under-budget. While he was successful in keeping costs low, he had not made needed reforms and instead left this duty to his successor, Sheriff James McGettrick. He retired from the office in 1961 and died on January 25, 1963 at

the age of eighty-four. His wife had died three years earlier. They had no children, so left his estate to his nieces and nephews.

1957 - Frank M. Brennan

Frank M. Brennan was the Grand Marshal of the 1957 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He graduated from St. Ignatius in 1917 and graduated from the Lake Erie School of Law in 1933. Brennan took a deputy post for the County Treasurer, John J. Boyle, in 1933 and remained in that office for forty-two years. After Boyle's death he became Treasurer of Cuyahoga County and was re-elected four times, serving from 1955-1975. He also served as President of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers. In 1956, he received a public service award from this organization in honor of his original investment program to use idle funds to accrue interest for the county. This eventually became a national standard. He was Director of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association, Treasurers Club of Cleveland, City Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles (an Elks Lodge), Woodmen of the World and the Avon Oaks Country Club. Frank Brennan married Mary B. and was father to Robert F. Years after Mary's death, he married Agnes B. He died March 12, 1981

1958 - John J. O'Malley

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1959 - Patrick J. O'Malley

Patrick J. O'Malley was the Grand Marshal of the 1959 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. O'Malley was born in County Mayo, Ireland. He started life as a farm boy in his hometown, and later a coal miner in England at age 17. After Fighting in the Irish Republican Army, he emigrated to Cleveland at the age of twenty-one. In Cleveland, Mr. O'Malley started working for White Motors. Later on, he was the part-time president of the Cleveland Federation of Labor from 1958-1968 when he became full-time, a position he held into the early 1970s. O'Malley was known to have a quick temper, but also a fair leadership style. O'Malley played soccer for the Celtics in Cleveland and played the bagpipes in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He served in leadership on civic and welfare groups. Mr. O'Malley won many awards, including the Civic Award from the Greater Cleveland Knights of Columbus, the Irish Good Fellow by the Irish Good Fellowship Club and the United Appeal of Greater Cleveland distinguished service award. He was married to Mary E. for fifty-three years until her death in 1981. He was father of Patricia Rattay and Nancy McNamara. He died June of 1983.

1960 - John T. English

John T. English was the Grand Marshal of the 1960 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. English was born in Dooagh, Achill, County Mayo, Ireland in 1884. English moved to Cleveland in 1905 and soon found a job as a bridge operator. He was very proud of his Irish background, and eventually became a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish Civic Association, and the West Side Irish American Club. At age eighty-seven, he was the oldest marcher in the 1969 parade.

English participated in fifty parades prior to being Grand Marshal and continued until 1971. He was married to Mary (nee Mangan) and was the father to Marv, Margaret, Coletta, Grace, Rose, Ruth, Thomas, Jack and Catherine. He died March 11, 1972.

1961 - William J. Cannon

William J. Cannon was Grand Marshal of the 1961 St. Patrick's Day Parade. The 1961 St. Patrick's Day Parade was the second time Cannon was honored as Grand Marshal, the first being 1946. Cannon was president of the Cannon Tailoring Co., which supplied uniforms to policemen, firefighters, mail carriers, and various other public servants around the country. This company had sponsored an Irish radio program in Cleveland. He was better known as a tenor singer that sang Irish songs at weddings and other events. He was a member of the Irish Civic Association and the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. In 1977, Cannon was named the Irishman of the Year by the Cleveland Athletic Club. He was married to Jule and was the father of William Jr., and Patrick as well as Kathleen Shriner, Jane Walsh and Rosemary Macmillan. He died before May 11, 1989 at the age of 83.

1962 - Thomas E. McDonald

Thomas E. McDonald was the Grand Marshal of the 1962 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was the executive secretary of the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council. McDonald was business manager for the Bridge Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers Local 17 and is considered to be largely responsible for the better wages and working conditions that they received. He was the highest-ranking member of the AFL-CIO in Cleveland. McDonald was also noted to be considered by friends as having worked his way up from the bottom, having started as an apprentice in the Ironworkers Union. He had a wife, Mary, and died January 11, 1970 at age seventy-five.

1963 - Patrick T. Lynch

Patrick T. Lynch of Lakewood was the Grand Marshal of the 1963 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Patrick Lynch was born in Polranny, County Mayo, Ireland in 1896, and immigrated to the United States in 1915. Mr. Lynch earned a Purple Heart after serving in a French Expedition during WWI. He served as deputy sheriff for seventeen years and as the Cleveland sidewalk inspector for thirteen years. In addition to his work, he was a charter member of and served thirty-four terms as president of the West Side Irish-American Club. The West Side Irish-American Club endearingly said of him, "In many ways, in those early years, Pat was the WSIA." Being a bachelor his whole life, it was said the Irish American Club was his family. Mr. Lynch's leadership pulled the WSIA's formation through many endangering issues such as the depression, wartimes, and popularization of "Americanism." It was noted that the only year he did not march with the West Side Irish-American Club was the year he served as Grand Marshal. Mr. Lynch was also active in Irish sports through the Gaelic Athletic Association and Cleveland's Shamrock Soccer Club. He extended his charity by raising financial support for mission work of Irish priests and organizations around the world. Patrick Lynch died on January 22, 1972.

1964 - Michael McGlynn

Michael McGlynn was the Grand Marshal of the 1964 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was born in Newport, County Mayo, Ireland and moved to America in 1910. McGlynn was a police officer for 37 years and retired in 1955. During that time he was named Patrol Marshal. He was friends with James T. Kilbane, Grand Marshal in 1966, who he named as his aide. He was very active in many St. Patrick's Day Parades and Irish activities including the Irish Civic Association. McGlynn married Catherine Lavelle.

1965 - Arthur McChrystal

Arthur McChrystal was the Grand Marshal of the 1965 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was born in Desertmartin, County Derry, Ireland in 1889 and came to the United States in 1915 and Cleveland in 1917. McChrystal was a supervisor for the Cleveland Division of Streets for forty years and co-founded the West Side Irish American Club in 1932. From that year until 1979 he headed the percussion section of their fife and drum corps. He served as their financial secretary for forty years until 1972 and was a trustee for fifty years. He was on the Ohio State Soccer Board for five years and was active in the Gaelic Athletic Association in Cleveland. McChrystal was in a total of sixty-nine St. Patrick's Day Parades, including 1985 at the age of ninety-six. He married Elizabeth Flannery and was father to Elizabeth Neforos, Arthur Jr., and John. He died at the age of 100 on October 25, 1989.

1966 - James T. Kilbane

James T. Kilbane was the Grand Marshal of the 1966 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Kilbane was born in Achill Isle and served as a Cleveland police officer. He also served as President of the Irish Civic Association and became a longtime friend of Michael McGlynn, another St. Patrick's day Grand Marshal. He was married to Anna and they were parents of James P. Kilbane, a common pleas judge, and Anna Esther Sutter. James Kilbane died before April 30, 1981.

1967 - James M. Lynch

James M. Lynch from North Olmstead was the Grand Marshal in 1967. Lynch was the superintendent of the West Park branch of the U.S. Postal Service. Lynch was president of the Irish Civics association and the cofounder of the United Civics Association of the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland. Lynch was also

the past president of the Branch No. 40 of the nation association of letter carriers. Lynch served as the co-chairman of the St. Patrick's Day parade. He was married to Margaret H. and they were parents of James M., Thomas R., Dennis R., Kenneth N., William N., Mrs. Charles Kenzig, Mrs. Raymond Brow, Mrs. Roy Sidorok, and Mrs. James Ptacek. He died June 13, 1973 at the age of seventy.

1968 - John E. Ryan

John E. Ryan was the Grand Marshal of the 1968 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ryan was born in Cleveland, but moved to Tipperary, Ireland as a boy. He worked for the railroads there and fought in the Irish Republican Army from 1918-1922. When he returned to Cleveland, he worked a cement finisher. Ryan lived in Cleveland, County Tipperary, and Limerick, Ireland. Ryan was the chairman of the Gaelic Hurling Club and was a member of Gaelic Athletic Association, West Side Irish American Club, Cleveland Gaelic Society, Old Shinn Fein Club, American League for an Undivided Ireland, and the Irish Musicians Association. Ryan was married to Mary and died October 23, 1978.

1969 - Thomas Scott

Thomas Scott was the Grand Marshal of the 1969 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Scott was born in 1906 in County Sligo, Ireland. In the 1920's, he left Ireland to come to New York. Scott was a musician and Irish dance teacher, as well as a fiddling instructor and he opened his first Irish dance school in Cleveland in 1942. Scott often accompanied Irish musician Michael Coleman. He was married to Lillian and was the father of Peggy Henderson, Betty Kish, Thomas Jr., and Tessie Burke. He died approximately December 3, 1988.

1970 - James J. Boland

James J. Boland was the Grand Marshal of the 1970 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Boland was born in County Clare in 1893 and immigrated to the U.S. in 1923. Boland was a millwright foreman for the Weatherhead Company and was also a veteran of the Irish Republican Army. He was a member of the West Side Irish Club for thirty-three years. He was married to Catherine, and they had two sons, James and Jake, and two daughters, Kathleen and Margaret.

1971 - Michael B. Comer

Michael B. Comer was the Grand Marshal of the 1971 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Born in Glenamaddy, County Galway, Ireland, Michael Comer founded Comer Contractors and Drudgers Limited, which built the Liverpool Gladstone Docks, while in England. Mr. Comer came to United States around 1950. He founded the Shaw-Comer Company and built the Lakewood Hts. Blvd. and Berea Rd. Bridge. His company also constructed the hot cave at NASA, which could handle radioactive cobalt. He sold out in 1967. Comer gave away the majority of his fortune to the needy. He had a radio show "Echoes of Erin" on WXEN 106.3 FM, which became well-known for playing Celtic music and Comer's pitch donations to the needy. The Program ran for 28 years, including moves to other stations. His daughters were competitive Irish dancers as children and he had a son who became an attorney. In all, he had five children.

1972 - Patrick T. Duffy

Patrick T. Duffy was the Grand Marshal of the 1972 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Duffy was born in County Roscommon, Ireland in 1902 and arrived in Cleveland in 1923. Duffy worked as a painter and decorator for the Fred Epple Co. between 1936 and 1969. He coached and played for the Cleveland Gaelic

Hurling Club, was president for the Cleveland Gaelic Athletic Association, and was the Midwest Representative to the National Gaelic Athletic Association. Duffy was also part of the West Side Irish American Club. His wife was Marie B. Duffy and he was father to Patrick Duffy and Mary Giblin. Patrick T. Duffy died on November 11, 1981 at age seventy-eight.

1973 - Honorable George J. McMonagle

Honorable George J. McMonagle was the Grand Marshal of the 1973 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. McMonagle was born in Cleveland in 1906 and graduated from Marshall Law School in 1930. McMonagle practiced law for thirty-four years, until 1964, when he was appointed to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas as a judge. He retired from this position in 1997. McMonagle was a charter member of the Irish Civic Association and was a member of the Irish Goodfellowship Club. McMonagle was married to Virginia and the late Hazel and was father to Sally, the Honorable Richard J., James and Michael. He died on February 14, 2002.

1974 - John P. McNea

John P. McNea was the Grand Marshal of the 1974 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was born in Newport, Ireland. He fled to England in 1925 and soon to the United States after fighting with the Irish Republican Army. John worked for the Traffic Department, painting stripes on streets, and putting up signs from 1952 to the mid-1970s. Playing the accordion, he led the "Johnny McNea and the Irish Ensemble" on an ethnic radio show from 1935 to 1952. He was also an active member of the West Side Irish American Club and the Knights of Columbus. John was married to Delia McNea, Father to William J. McNea, former president of the Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association, John P. McNea, a former Cleveland fireman, and Ann Sammon.

1975 - Patrick J. Byrnes

Patrick J. Byrnes was the Grand Marshal of the 1975 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He fought against the British presence in his youth in County Clare before immigrating to the United States in the 1920s. He became a steelworker in Cleveland. He and his wife, Anne, became award-winning traditional Irish dancers and he served the important role as a founder of the West Side Irish-American Club. He was also a member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, the Cleveland Feis Society, and the Cleveland Gaelic Society. He was specifically noted as "a friend to hundreds of immigrants."

1976 - James M. Carney

James M. Carney was the Grand Marshal of the 1976 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was born in Cleveland and attended Holy Name High School. Carney inherited his father's company, the West Park Excavating Co. The company provided working capital for later ventures, but would eventually be turned over to friends. He graduated in 1939 from Western Reserve University with a bachelor's degree and completed Western Reserve Law School in 1941. He served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1946 to 1952 and ran unsuccessfully for mayor twice as a Democrat in 1971 and 1973. However, he became a prominent member of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, serving as the Vice Chairman for many years. He was even named the most powerful man in the city by Cleveland Magazine in the 1970s. He was appointed in 1986 to the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority board, and tried many reforms within the city. His work in Cleveland helped spur investments all around the nation until he retired in 1991. Carney died on December 8, 1996 at age eighty-four.

1977 - Thomas F. McManamon Sr.

Thomas F. McManamon Sr. was the Grand Marshal of the 1977 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. McManamon was born in Cleveland in 1922 and was the owner of Thomas F. McManamon & Associates Inc. Insurance agency. He was also a former Cleveland sidewalk commissioner. He was one of the co-founders of the United Irish Society of Cleveland. He attended St. Ignatius High School until 1940, when became a World War II bomber in the Army Air Corps. He also co-founded the West Side Football League. He was married to Patricia McManamon and was father to Thomas F., Terrence J., Timothy, Ted, Todd, and Tracy. He died on February 8, 2007.

1978 - Patrick J. McGeever

Patrick J. McGeever was the Grand Marshal of the 1978 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Born in Donegal, Ireland, he came to the United States in 1924. He was a pipefitter at East Ohio Gas Co. He became a prominent member of the St. Jerome Catholic Church, having been an altar server and an usher. He was also a member of Northeast Council 2786 Knights of Columbus and the old 36th Ward Democratic Club. He was married to Elizabeth J. McGeever and father of daughter Marilyn Zuppert and foster-daughter Marie Kocevar.

1979 - Bryan Kilbane

Bryan Kilbane was the Grand Marshal of the 1979 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was born in Doonever County, Ireland and arrived in Cleveland in 1922. He worked as a laborer and was a member of the Laborers Local 122 until 1939 when he became a pipefitter and became a member of the Pipefitter's Local 120. He was a member of the West-Side Irish American Club and helped to found the Fife and Drum

Corps within the club in 1935. From 1958-1975, he served as a democratic committeeman for Ward 21. He passed away on March 2, 1979 before the parade was able to take place. Kilbane was married to Celie and was father to Catherine, Roseann, Margret, Bernard, Martin, Thomas, Michael, John, and Joseph.

1980 - Oliver E. Murphy

Oliver E. Murphy was the Grand Marshal of the 1980 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Oliver Murphy was born in Cleveland in 1904 and attended Central Institute, a business school on East 55th Street. He played semi-pro basketball and baseball for teams sponsored by Towell Cadillac, where he had his first job working in the service department. He ultimately joined his father's business, O. E. Murphy Co., a trucking company, founded by his father in 1902. Oliver Murphy became the owner and President in 1933 and retired from that company in 1967. In 1971, he started working for the Ohio BMV as an inspector, until he retired again in 1978.

1981 - Canon Liam Kitt

Canon Liam Kitt, born of County Galway, was the Grand Marshal of the 1981 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Father Kitt immigrated to the United States in 1944 after being a star of the All Ireland Gaelic Football team in the 1930's. Kitt Attended St. Patrick's College and St. Patrick's Seminary. His first assignment in the U.S.A. was as Assistant Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish. He continued on to work at St. James, St. Thomas Moore, Immaculate Conception, Ascension, Annunciation, St. Peter, and St. Vincent De Paul Parishes. Father Kitt retired in 1986 after serving as Pastor for St. Vincent De Paul in Elyria. He continued to be involved in his sport by coaching the St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Team, which was the first to win three straight national championships in 1964. Kitt was the

founder of the United Ireland Society as well as being very active in other Irish-American clubs. He was also instrumental in coordinating performances by entertainers from County Galway in Cleveland. He had three brothers; Thomas Kitt, Rev. Sean Kitt, Michael Kitt of Dublin, a member of Irish Parliament. He was born in Ireland in 1915 and returned to Ireland after his retirement.

1982 - Martin L. McLaughlin

Martin L. McLaughlin was the Grand Marshal of the 1982 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Martin was born in 1907 to Michael and Margaret McLaughlin. He was one of five sons and his brothers were Michael, Patrick, John, and Peter. He served as a Gaelic Athletic Association Leader. With his brother, Michael, he was also on the Cleveland Shamrocks, which played Gaelic football and soccer into the 1940s. The 1941 team made it to the Western Amateur Soccer Finals.

1983 - Michael McGarry

Michael McGarry was the Grand Marshal of the 1983 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. McGarry was born in Carragariffe Ballaghadereen, County Roscommon, Ireland in 1901. Michael was a painting contractor and founder of Mike McGarry & Sons. He left Roscommon in 1922 due to lack of opportunity and British suppression. He married Catherine O'Meara in 1927; she also was from the same county in Ireland. He took whatever work he could find during the depression until landing a position with the paint shop at Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co. in 1932. In 1945, he started Mike McGarry & Sons Painting and Decorating. This company has continued on and prospered under the management of subsequent generations. He moved to Euclid in 1961 and was Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1983, aided by his son Patrick, grandson Ronald Bank and his son John McGarry, the vocalist. His son, John, sang the Irish

National Anthem at the St Patrick's Day Parade in Cleveland for many years. The family was known for many years of throwing large St. Patrick's Day parties. Initially, Mike McGarry would paint the floor of the shop green and had the party there. By the late 1980's, after Mike McGarry's passing in 1987, the party had grown to one-thousand guests of friends, family, and customers.

1984 - John T. Patton Sr.

John T. Patton Sr. was the Grand Marshal of the 1984 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Born in County Mayo in 1897, he came to U.S in 1910 and settled in Cleveland. He was a pipe fitter by trade. He was one of the original members of the West Side Irish American Club and was also a member of the Irish Musicians Association, the Pioneers Total Abstinence Association, St. Colman's Parish, and the Holy Name Society. He was on the executive and examiners board of the Pipefitters Local #120, which he had been a member of since 1916. He was married twice, and both of his wives had passed by the time he was chosen to be Grand Marshal of the 1984 St. Patrick's Day Parade. They were Winfred Navin Patton and Grace Kerrigan Patton. He had seven children and his son John T. Patton, Jr. was his aid for the parade. He was believed to be the oldest man ever to be the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade at the time.

1985 - John O'Neill

Mr. O'Neill worked for White Motor Co. for twenty-nine years. After White Motor closed, he worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation. O'Neill was a Golden Gloves boxer and fought out of Angle Gym. He attended Thomas Edison High School and always cherished a picture of him touching boxing gloves with the legendary heavyweight champion Joe Louis. O'Neill entered the Army and served in Korea during the Korean War. He helped coach young people at St.

Edward and Lakewood high schools. He volunteered to coach and manage the West Denison baseball team. He was a member of the Boosters Clubs at Lakewood and St. Edward high schools. He was involved with the youth club at St. Rose Catholic Church.

1986 - Michael Roddy

Michael Roddy was the Grand Marshal of the 1986 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Roddy was born in Roscommon, Ireland, but spent most of his life in Cleveland after immigrating in 1948. Mr. Roddy worked as a pipefitter and AFL-CIO union steward at East Ohio Gas Co. before retiring in 1974 after twenty-five years. For fifteen years, he was a school crossing guard at St. Clement School. He had been a sergeant-at-arms and a trustee for the West Side Irish American Club, a member of the Irish Benevolent Association and the Greater Cleveland Feis Society. He was often referred to as "the Quiet Man" after the John Wayne movie about an American who settles in Ireland. He was noted for never being flamboyant, but quiet, reliable, and to have made an impact on those around him. Mr. Roddy was also involved in the Pioneer Total Abstinence Society, the Knights of Columbus-Lakewood Council and St. James Parish. He was involved in altar service. Michael Roddy died in July, 1995.

1987 - Thomas McCaffery

Thomas McCaffery was the Grand Marshal of the 1987 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was a carpenter in the construction business and also played the fiddle in Irish Halls and at weddings. He inspired Kevin McGinty to create a video documentary on Irish Fiddling ("Tom McCaffrey, the Gentle Bard"). He spent his youth in County Mohill, Ireland. His family lived next to a Royal Irish Constabulary Barracks and many of the policemen were musicians. He said that was how his family got their music. He moved to the United States

in 1955. He provided leadership in starting an Irish music school for young people.

1988 - Owen R. Quinn

Owen R. Quinn was the Grand Marshal of the 1988 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Born in County Cavin, Owen immigrated here in 1955 and was active in Irish-American clubs. Owen R. Quinn was the husband for 47 years to Anne T. He was the father of Mary, Kathy, Francis, and Eileen Egan. Grandfather of Bridget and Shane Quinn, Owen, Seamus, Catherine and Clare Egan. Brother of Molly O'Shea of England, Eileen Keegan and Kashie Quinn (both of Ireland) and the late Emmet Quinn and Sheila Pearce.

1989 - Gerald T. McFaul

Gerald T. McFaul was the Grand Marshal of the 1989 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He spent thirty-three years as the nine-term elected Cuyahoga County Sheriff. He spent nine years as a Cleveland City Councilman. He was born May 20, 1934 and had two brothers, Tom and Ed, and two sisters, Kathleen and Mary Ann. He oversaw a major expansion of the Cuyahoga County jail system which he attributed to a growing drug problem. He instituted many rehabilitation programs including drug and alcohol drug rehabilitation. He was a member of both the West Side Irish American Club and the East Side Irish American Club. He received many awards including ones for "Lifetime of Pursuit of Justice" and his assistance with the "Child Support Roundup." He was married for twenty-six years to Betty Slosarik with whom he had four children: Sharon, Collen, Kevin and Jerry Jr. Many years after their divorce, he married Connie Coletto. He was accused of numerous crimes, which finally got the best of his career as County Sheriff in 2010. He was convicted of two felonies and was given a relatively light sentence without jail but involving house arrest and probation.

1990 - James P. Reynolds

James P. Reynolds was the Grand Marshal of the 1990 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was seventy-six at the time. James Reynolds was born in Cleveland and into the St. Ignatius Parish. He was the last surviving child of May Dugan, who was a West Side activist and advocate for the poor in their community. For thirty-three years, he drove West Side bus routes for the Regional Transit Authority. Mr. Reynolds was active in the local Irish community as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the West Side Irish American Club, and as the co-chairman of the 1979 parade. He dedicated much of his time to producing the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He became a Charter member and President of his division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Mr. Reynolds was married to his wife, Mary E., for fifty-two years. She was an Irish Mother of the Year for the St. Patrick's Day parade once. Together they had three sons, James M., Kevin, and Patrick, and two daughters, Maureen Hartin, and Eileen Wallenhorst.

1991 - John B. Quinn

John B. Quinn was the Grand Marshal of the 1991 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. John Quinn worked thirty-eight years for the East Ohio Gas Company and was President of the Natural Gas Workers Union the final six years. Mr. Quinn was a fullback on the Holy Name High School football team that played in the first Plain Dealer Charity Game. Mr. Quinn received two Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his service in the Army's 36th Infantry Division in Africa, Italy, and Southern France during World War II.

After serving in the war, he studied at John Carroll University. Mr. Quinn was a charter member of the East Side Irish-American Club and a Lifelong Member of the West Side Irish-American Club. He was active in local Irish fraternal organizations throughout his life. He

was married to his wife, Rita, for fifty years before death parted them. Together they raised sons, Terry and Brian, as well as two daughters, Mary Joan Antos of Concord Township, Cathy Welsh, and Colleen.

1992 - Terry Joyce

Terry Joyce was the Grand Marshal of the 1992 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was the voice of the parade at the reviewing stand for twenty-five years. Terry Joyce came to the United States from County Mayo in 1957 and stated that he loved his new country. He became a labor leader in the local Cleveland unions. He was also noted for helping many local politicians and working tirelessly for laborers. He was honored with the "Walks of Life" award from the Irish American Archives Society. Terry Joyce passed away in 2009.

1993 - Alphonsus O'Leary

Alphonsus O'Leary was the Grand Marshal of the 1993 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He is a Cleveland native who had lived in County Tipperary until the age of six, then returned back to Cleveland. Alphonsus O'Leary was a painter at the Brook Park Ford factory. He was so loyal to his employer that he refused to ride down Euclid Avenue as Grand Marshal in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in anything but a Ford motorcar. On being the Grand Marshal O'Leary said: "The three greatest things that have happened to me in my life were to get married, graduate the U.S. Army Airborne parachute jump school at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1951, and now to be elected the Grand Marshal. I am very honored." For more than forty years, O'Leary had been active in Irish athletic, cultural, social and temperance groups. Mr. O'Leary sang and performed as an accordionist for an Irish entertainment group. He was also an active member in St. Colette Parish. Mr. O'Leary was father to the seven daughters he raised with his wife Mary and lived in Strongsville.

1994 - Thomas Byrne

Thomas Byrne was the Grand Marshal of the 1994 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Tom Byrne, native of County Sligo, Ireland, arrived in Cleveland from Ireland the night the Indians won the World Series, and quickly made friends upon stopping in at Cooley's a West-Side Bar. Mr. Byrne first worked as a gravedigger and then later on the dock at CW Transport, a trucking company in Valley View and Brooklyn Heights. He also worked for the city of Lakewood as a school crossing guard and night watchman. Most importantly though, he played Irish music. He performed all over the Midwest, although he never learned to drive and never learned to read music. He would catch buses to most of his concerts and upon playing in Washington, D.C. for the bicentennial celebration, the Smithsonian named him a master flutist. In 1987, the Ohio Arts Council gave him the Governor's Award in recognition of his "zeal for quality, love for the arts and continuing pursuit of creative expression." His good friend and "breakfast buddy" John O'Brien commented that Byrne would have two or three Irish musicians stop by every Saturday night as well as session with thirty-five to sixty Irish Musicians at the West Side Irish-American Club. O'Brien also commented that he was never concerned with being paid for the music he loved and "would have loved to play music on his way to Holy Cross" where he was to be buried. Mr. Byrne gave free tin whistle lessons in an effort to keep Irish music alive. He also was noted for playing the fife in the St. Patrick's Day parade for thirty-four years.

1995 - Edward Campbell

Edward Campbell was the Grand Marshal of the 1995 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. His "Irish Heritage was important to everything he did." Mr. Campbell worked as a pipefitter in local breweries and at a nuclear power plant. An immigrant himself, he was noted for helping immigrants get on their feet. His son

remembers his childhood home being like a hotel for Irish immigrants. Campbell helped organize the many Irish clubs in the region into the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland, an umbrella organization that puts on the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition, he was the president of the West Side Irish-American Club in the 1970s. He passed away in 2009 at the age of eighty-three years.

1996 - Thomas Ross

Thomas Ross was the Grand Marshal of the 1996 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was a tool and die maker at Midland-Ross Corp who lived in Parma Heights. In 1993, he was elected president of the Boland Berry Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the largest Irish-Catholic organization in the United States. Ross was a World War II veteran who fought at Normandy; he held the Silver Star and other decorations. He and his wife, Margaret, were married for more than fifty-three years. They had two sons and four grandchildren. He was born June 20, 1917 and died September 9, 2005.

1997 - Joseph L. Boland

Joseph L. Boland was the Grand Marshal of the 1997 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Boland spent twenty-five years with the city of Cleveland in maintenance, where he rose to be Commissioner of City Maintenance before retiring in 1988. In 1951, he joined the Cleveland Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart and swore off all alcohol. Boland was born in Ireland and became naturalized in the U.S. on January 22, 1954. He was a bachelor, born June 1, 1925 and died April 29, 2003.

1998 - Patrick T. Kilbane

Patrick T. Kilbane was the Grand Marshal of the 1999 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Patrick Kilbane was a cement mixer and a member of Cement Masons Local 404. He did most of the original cement work for the West Side Irish American Club in Olmsted Falls. He is a member of St. Patrick's Parish, West Park, and may be one of the oldest living Grand Marshals.

1999 - Raymond "Rip" Reilly

Raymond "Rip" Reilly was the Grand Marshal of the 1999 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was born in Cleveland where he was a Cathedral Latin School alumnus and worked his way through John Carroll University as a tree trimmer. He did public relations work for the university and later handled similar duties for Ohio Bell. He worked for Ernst & Young for twenty-four years before retiring as editorial manager in communication services in 1992. He was co-founder of the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland. As a result, he planned and promoted the St. Patrick's Day parade with his wife for thirty-seven years. He was known for his cool presence and rapier wit. Although known as the "brains" of the Parade, he was quick to give others credit for the parade. It's not the size of the parade that's important, Reilly said but that "the St. Patrick's Day Parade be for the entire family." In 2003, the parade was dedicated to him, as he had died a month earlier of Alzheimer's disease. A sister gave him the nickname Rip, to describe his unruly conduct as a child, and it stuck. He had a son, John Joseph. A His wife, Mary, died in 1999.

2000 - William Chambers

William Chambers was the Grand Marshal of the 2000 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. When he was a child, he would often march in the St. Patrick's Day

Parade, a tradition that he would keep for most of his life. He attended and graduated from Holy Name High School, followed by John Carroll University. After college, he went into the family business, Chambers Funeral Home, and established himself as a prominent member of the funeral home scene in Cuyahoga County, being elected President of the Cuyahoga Funeral Directors Association and the Cleveland Diocese Catholic Cemeteries Association. On top of being a devoted funeral director, he was also devoted to his Irish heritage. He was a lifetime member of the West Side Irish-American Club, a charter member of the Irish American Club East Side, a member of the Irish Heritage Club, and a founding member of the United Irish Societies. Chambers was also a devoted citizen to his hometown of West Park, which can be seen with his tenure as president of the West Park Kiwanis and service on the board of the West Park YMCA. He was married to Shirley Frindt since 1957 and was the father to Therese Arth. He passed away on May 31, 2004.

2001 - Lonnie McCauley

Lonnie McCauley was the Grand Marshal of the 2001 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. She was the first female to hold the position. She devoted her life to preserving Irish history and culture in the Cleveland community. She earned a Master's Degree in Library Sciences at Kent State University and studied at Trinity College in Dublin. She helped to start Irish dance, language, and bodhran (Celtic drum) lessons at the East Side Irish American Club. She also wrote "The Irish Directory of Greater Cleveland." For her efforts and experience, she was named the first director of the Irish American Archives at the Western Reserve Historical Society in 1999. Sadly, she was not able to attend the parade as Grand Marshal, for she was in the hospital being treated for her recently accelerated cancer. She passed away the day after the parade. She was the mother to five children.

2002 - Frank Sheehan

Frank Sheehan was the Grand Marshal of the 2002 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was born in Ireland in the late 1930s and immigrated to the United States later in life. He was one of the six founders and Treasurer of the Irish Northern Aid program. This program sought to facilitate the Irish peace process and educate the masses in efforts to help form a unified, 32-county Ireland. He was a postal worker. His parents were Thomas and Alice (nee Kelly). He was brother to Thomas J., Daniel J., and Mary Kathleen Manley. He did not appear to have been married or have children. He was born September 12th, 1937 and died May 16th, 2008 at the age of 70.

2003 - Eamon D'Arcy

Eamon D'Arcy was the Grand Marshal of the 2003 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was born in Newry, County Down, Ireland and soon immigrated to Cleveland, where he became a master stonecutter. He was involved in many organizations in the Cleveland area including the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, where he was a member for 60 years, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, where he served as Executive Director. He was married to Nancy O'Callahan and was the father of five daughters; Mary Kay Flaherty, Eileen Malloy, Patricia Aerni, Annette Blanc, Sharon D'Arcy and one son Kevin Patrick D'Arcy. He passed away on May 16, 2014, aged 85.

2004 - James "Jim" Patrick Caffrey

"Jim" Patrick Caffrey was the Grand Marshal of the 2004 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Caffrey was a loyal member of the West Side Irish American Club, American Legion Post 738, and AT&T Pioneers. Additionally, Caffrey is a WWII Navy veteran. At the age of 88, Jim Patrick Caffrey passed away on January

10, 2015. He was husband to Josephine (nee McGinty) and the late Elsie (nee Salitra). Caffrey was father to daughters Elizabeth Caffrey Bowen (John), Christine Caffrey, and Patricia Caffrey Rzonca (Dale) and stepfather of James Cotner, Thomas Cotner (Valerie), Joan Barno (Jack), Caroline Rickner (Scott), and Mary Jo Cotner.

2005 - Helen C. Malloy

Helen C. Malloy was Grand Marshal of the 2005 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. She was parade organizer of the 126th St. Patrick's Day Parade and president of the West Side Irish Club.

2006 - William (Bill) M. Carney

William M. Carney was the Grand Marshal of the 2006 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. William M. Carney was the building commissioner of Euclid. Mr. Carney oversaw all of the details as the executive director of the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the 1990's. William Carney also was a founding father of the East Side Irish American Club, which had over 3,500 members by 1992. He was the father of Cathleen Marein, who was married to Mark, Coleen Figueira, who was married to Brent, and Theresa Jackson. Mr. Carney passed away In Bay Village at the age of 74.

2007 - Stephen L. Mulloy

Stephen L. Mulloy was the Grand Marshal of the 2007 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was a member of Building Laborers Local #310 for forty years. Steve Mulloy sang the Irish and American national anthems for several years to kick off the parade events. He was a member of the United Irish Societies, and served as its executive director from 1983 through

1986. He helped organize Cleveland's annual St. Patrick's Day parade for the societies from 1974 through 2008. He was a founding member of the Mayo Society of Cleveland, the Cleveland Branch of the Irish National Caucus, and the St. Jarlath Gaelic Football Club. In his earlier years, he played with the St. Patrick Gaelic Football Club. He was a member of the Shamrock Pipe Band. He was a bagpipe player for the band when it won the All American Pipe Band Award in 1957 at Iona College, N.Y. He was a past officer of the Irish Northern Aid. In 2004, he led a group of Clevelanders, including then Mayor Jane Campbell, to Achill Island to help coordinate the twinning of the two cities. He also arranged several tours to Ireland for the Cleveland Irish Players, a local theatrical company. He and his wife, Anne, were married 53 years. The West Side Irish American Club named Mulloy the 2000 Man of the Year. He has also received the Mayo Society of Cleveland Man of the Year Award. Members of his family include his wife, Anne (nee O'Donnell), and their children Anthony, Stephen, John, Thomas and Terence, all of Cleveland, Patrick of North Olmsted and Brendan of Bay Village, Mary of Avon and Anne of Las Vegas. He had 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, along with one brother and two sisters. He passed away at the age of seventy-four from cancer.

2008 - John Campbell

John Campbell was the Grand Marshal of the 2008 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Campbell was born in Dooriel, Ballycroy, County Mayo, Ireland. He retired from Lincoln Electric. Mr. Campbell was the patriarch of a large Euclid family and owner of a west side bar, the Pride of Erin. He was chosen the 2008 Grand Marshal because of his years of service to the Irish-American community, including his efforts to revitalize the Cleveland chapter of Irish Northern Aid.

He arrived in Cleveland in 1957. Campbell and his wife, Patricia, raised 10 children on Cleveland's East Side while Campbell worked as a machinist at Lincoln Electric. In 1982, he and a friend, Bartley Leneghan, also from Ballycroy, opened the Pride of Erin at West 123rd Street and Lorain Avenue. This was one of the first bars in Cleveland to serve Draught Guinness and is considered one of the best places in Cleveland to get a pint. He passed away at the age of seventy-eight on January 16, 2014 in Cleveland. He was the husband of the late Patricia E. (nee Mannion); father of Kathleen M. Cooper (Christopher), John J. (Julie), Mary T. Stack (David), Kevin P. (Denise), James J., Ann C. Dunham (Michael), Noreen M. Halley (Christopher), Patricia E., Sheila A. Kropf (Thomas), and Brigid M.; brother of Hugh of Ireland and the late Pdraig, James, Thomas, Anthony, Michael, Daniel and Kathleen; He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

2009 - Thomas Reynolds

Thomas Reynolds was the Grand Marshal of the 2009 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was a retired landscaper. Thomas Reynolds was an immigrant from County Leitrim, Ireland who has served as president of the Cleveland Pioneers Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart twice and was honored as the temperance society's man of the year.

2010 - John Hayes

John Hayes was the Grand Marshal of the 2010 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. Hayes was a retired Ironworker and member of the local 17 previous to becoming the Grand Marshal. He was born in 1926 and he held the position as Executive Director of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was on the committee for over thirty years. Hayes was noted for saying, "I've

loved this parade ever since I was a little kid. I just want to help make sure it's here for the children of these children." He was a long time member and on the Board of the West Side Irish American Club. He was honored in 1992 as that club's Man of the Year. He was the husband of Mary A. (nee O'Donnell), father of Bill (Cheri, nee Gura), Mike (Joan, nee Phalen), John (Marilyn, nee Lapp), Pat (Sharon, nee Mog), Jim (Lucy, nee Horan) and Kevin (Jodi, nee Murphy). John passed away July 16, 2013.

2011 - Gerry Quinn

Gerry Quinn was the Grand Marshal of the 2011 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He founded the Irish American Club East Side and the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland. Quinn also hosts the Gerry Quinn Irish Radio, his own Irish American broadcasting. He received the Achievement in Radio Award and was named the Best Ethnic Program in Northeast Ohio. He was born in Garracloon, County Mayo. His father was Liam Quinn, the schoolmaster of the local National School, which was founded in 1885. He married Nellie Stack, also of Irish parents. They have a daughter, Mary Ellen, and five sons: Patrick, Sean, Kevin, Gerald and Michael.

2012 - Walter J. McNally

Walter J. McNally was the Grand Marshal of the 2012 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. For many years, he was the Executive Director of St. Patrick's Day Parade. His family moved to the South Euclid area after his grade school years. Mickey then joined the Army, spending two years in Germany, and was again recalled to serve in the Army during the Cuban Crises. In 1964, Mickey met Bonnie Scott. They were married in St. Gregory the Great Church on August 21st, 1965. Bonnie and Mickey became the parents of Beth and Amy. Dr. Beth McNally is now doing research at

Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Mickey worked for the Xerox Corporation, where he retired in 2001, after more than 35 years of service. A charter member of the Irish American Club East Side, he was the first layout Editor of the Club's Newsletter, and was also a member of the First Float Committee in 1979 and remained an active member of both committees for many years. Mickey loves sailing and sailed out of both Northeast Yacht Club and Edgewater Marina. His other hobbies include painting, playing the piano and the drums, and gardening. He has volunteered at many events including the Cleveland Feis, the Irish Summerfest, and The Cleveland Cultural Festival. Mickey is a member of The Irish American Club East Side, The West Side Irish American Club, the Western Reserve Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Padraic Pearse Center, where he was a Trustee and has been an Associate Member. Mickey has been a drummer with the Cleveland Memorial Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums Band. Mickey and Bonnie have lived in Highland Hts. for forty years and have been members of St. Paschal Baylon Parish. Walter J. McNally was born June 6, 1937.

2013 - Kevin McGinty

Kevin McGinty was the Grand Marshal of the 2013 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He is well-known in the Cleveland community for his role as the Irish host of the "Sounds of Britain and Ireland" on WCPN with his co-host Joe Nichols who is from Liverpool. This show plays music, conducts interviews and reports news that is British, Irish, Scottish and Welsh. The show started in 1984 and the two have been co-hosting since 1990 to present (2017). McGinty, born during 1942 in County Mayo, Ireland, came to the US in 1960. He ultimately ran a home decorative painting business. He was also very involved in community theater. He had the idea of on-camera interviewing for better preservation of Irish culture. An example is that, in 1993, he made a video of a fiddler, Tom McCaffrey, which documents the

performer playing in Cleveland venues and teaching the fiddle to the young. The video helped document Irish culture in Cleveland. The first copy went to the Irish Archives of the Western Reserve Historical Society. McGinty performed the interviews and his friend Joe Nichols wrote, produced and directed the video. McGinty has also been involved in the West Side Irish American Club and organized June festivals as well as fundraisers.

2014 - Andrew Dever

Andrew Dever was the Grand Marshal of the 2014 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He is a native of Currane, County Mayo, Ireland. Dever and his wife, Margaret, moved to Cleveland in 1958. Before arriving in Cleveland, he traveled to England and Australia, where he met his wife. Dever recalls that eighty percent of the less than two-hundred families in Currane have come to Cleveland and he is among the last. He is the father of nine children and grandfather of twenty-three. He is active in the West Side Irish American Club, St. Jarlath's Gaelic Football Club, the Mayo Society, and the Cleveland-Achill Twinning. He has participated in the parade for forty-nine years and was honored as Man of the Year by the West Side Irish American Club in 2010.

2015 - Daniel M. Corcoran

Daniel M. Corcoran was the Grand Marshal of the 2015 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. In 1972, he joined the Shamrock Club, where he volunteered in many club activities and started the Shamrock Club's Library. Dan volunteered as a Parade Marshal for the Columbus St. Patrick's Day Parade and was instrumental in bringing the first Irish dance school to Columbus so his daughters could participate. Dan worked for Ohio Bell, Western Electric, and AT & T. He was transferred to the Cleveland area in 1975, where he enrolled his

daughters in the Burke School of Irish Dance. There, Dan met Sean Boland, who encouraged him to become active in the Greater Cleveland Feis Society. Dan was appointed as the first At- Large member and served as treasurer and president. In 1980, the Feis Society appointed Dan as a delegate to the United Irish Societies and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. In 1993 he was appointed Deputy Director and was elected as the Executive Director in 2007. Dan is a member of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians and is Secretary of the Boland Berry Division, Gaelic Society, West Side Irish American Club, and charter member of the Irish Heritage Club. Dan and Diana had been married for 54 years, with daughters Chris and Shannon and grandchildren Bridget and Alexander when they celebrated their last anniversary on September 1, 2016. Dan passed away on January 7, 2017.

2016 - Jack Coyne

Jack Coyne was the Grand Marshal of the 2016 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. He became involved with the Irish while a member of the Benedictine High School Band, which led the parade in 1948. He started Irish Dancing at the old Irish American Club at 118th Street where he met his wife, Mary O'Rourke. Jack and Mary are the proud parents of six children. Keeping with the theme of the 2016 Parade, Jack was the President of the Local Chapter of the Irish National Caucus (Irish American Lobby Group formed to counterbalance British influence in the United States Congress and Government) at a time when Northern Ireland was engulfed in violence. Jack was also the Cleveland Director of "Project Children" and American Northern Ireland Partnership dedicated to showing Protestant and Catholic children they have nothing to fear from each other and much to gain. Jack and Mary personally handled all of the obstacles to bring over 300 children to Cleveland for a wonderful summer. Jack was a founding member of the Irish Famine Committee,

who built the Famine Monument, planted a time capsule, and was dedicated on September 16, 2000. Jack also became a founding member and President of the Irish American Political Action Committee (IPAC). IPAC raised money to support local and national Irish American political candidates. The IPAC evolved into The Irish American Charitable Foundation (IACF) of which Jack serves as Treasurer.

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