



United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland

and *Irish American Archives Society*



Dear Friend of the Irish in Cleveland:

We request your support for a book project four years in the making: 175 Years of Celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Cleveland. We need your help to cross the finish line and keep the publication price affordable.



A few years ago, the Parade Committee of the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland was looking forward to celebrating the 150th anniversary of Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2017. But now the Irish American Archives Society is poised to assist the Parade Committee in commemorating the Parade's **175th anniversary** instead.

With the help of newspaper, manuscript, and photograph collections in local libraries and archives, along with oral histories, club records and family photographs, we've recovered 25 years of forgotten history. Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Parade has been sustained since 1842 by

Temperance Societies, Hibernian Guards, Fenians, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, along with the Irish-American Civic Association and the United Irish Societies, which has managed the Parade since 1958.

Irish American Archives Society, working with the United Irish Societies, has produced a 200-page, full color history of Cleveland's 175-years of celebrating St. Patrick's Day, which will be released in May 2017. Funding to defray publishing costs has already passed the halfway mark; details about how you can help to bring the project to fruition can be found on the reverse of this page. We hope you will share our pride in this significant chronicle of our community legacy. To the day we celebrate!

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*Above: Vintage photograph of the Irish American Civic Association, courtesy of the Hon. Richard McMonagle.
Right: Fr. James O'Donnell, Parade Co-Chair in 2009. Photograph by Tony Psaltis, Buckeye Photography.*