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NEW JERSEY’S LEADERS 2019

MAKE OUR STATE A BETTER PLACE!
St. Patrick’s Day is once again upon us with its month long festivities. To help celebrate the occasion, InsiderNJ.com presents its annual and profiled list of New Jersey’s Irish American leaders and activists as a salute to the holiday and as a harbinger of long awaited springtime.

The annual tribute to the ‘Irish High Holy Days’ is an acknowledgement of accomplishments, numerous contributions and community service.

Once again, the list includes both veterans of previous compilations and quite a few newcomers, as well. Collectively, they have all demonstrated a commitment to their Irish American heritage.

The updated list is compiled to commemorate the 84th Anniversary of the Newark St. Patrick’s Day Parade, the oldest Irish American march in New Jersey (1936-present), interrupted only by WWII (1943-46).

This year’s Irish march in downtown Newark is scheduled for
Friday, March 15 at 1:00pm.
Grand Marshal Sean O’Neill and Deputy Grand Marshal Kathleen M. Conlon have been elected by delegates to lead the parade.

The 2019 Newark Parade is dedicated to

Thomas J. Gartland
(1939-2018)

Tom Barrett, compiler of the list, credits the Newark parade for its sense of tradition and staying power. His father, Thomas P. J. Barrett, a journalist and World War II veteran, was a three-time parade chairman. The list is purely subjective.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY IT!
WILLIAM (BILL) BARONI
Former NY/NJ Port Authority Executive and Law Professor. During his tenure as a New Jersey State Senator, he was the only Irish born member of the state legislature.

JOSEPH P. BRENNAN, ESQ.

JAMES P. DUGAN
Legendary Hudson County political power player. Former Marine Corp. Captain, Chairman of State Senate Judiciary Committee and Democratic State Chairman.

KEVIN BRENNAN
of the West Orange Brennan clan is legal counsel to the WO Parade and Trustee/Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges. Tom Brennan is past Chairman and current Vice Chairman of the WO Parade.

LAUREL BRENNAN
Highly regarded South Jersey Labor leader. Secretary-Treasurer NJ State AFL-CIO. Past recipient of the Evangelina Menendez Trailblazer Award.

BRIAN BORU, INC.
HONOREES
(76th Anniversary): Edwin “Eddie” Donnelly/Pres. NJ State FMBA; Sister Catherine Finnerty, MFIC (St. Francis Academy); Susan H. Gartland (former Caldwell Mayor) and Charles M. McFadden (Pres. Iron Workers Local 11).
DECLAN BURKE
Senior Director/ Center for Science & Digital Assessment Design, ETS, Princeton. “Man of the West” from Dunmore, County Galway, Ireland. Graduate/ Ireland’s National University, MA/Seton Hall, MBA/Rutgers.

MEGHAN BARRETT BURKE, ESQ.

BOBBY BYRNE

EUGENE J. BYRNE, ESQ.
Trustee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges. Former Grand Marshal of Newark Irish Parade. Gene has marched in the NYC Irish parade faithfully for 61 years.

MICHAEL D. BYRNE
General Chairman of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Youngest sub-committee chairman in Parade history.

TOM BYRNE, JR.
**COL. PATRICK CALLAHAN**  
Superintendent/NJ State Police. Recently re-nominated by Gov. Phil Murphy as full-time head of force. Former Chief Honoree/Irish Echo/ Law & Order Awards.

**BRIAN CAMPBELL**  

**TOM CANNAN**  

**DENNIS F. CAREY, III**  

**JOHN CARR**  
Past President/ Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh/Belmar Chapter. Former Belmar/Lake Como Parade Grand Marshal (2012). Past Chairman, NJ Irish Festival and driving force for its new location at Monmouth Park.

**MICHAEL PATRICK CARROLL**  
GOP Assemblyman (R-25), member/ Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Son of the late Maurice (Mickey) Carroll, former NY Herald Tribune reporter and director of the Quinnipiac Polling Institute.
ROBERT “BOBBY” CARROLL  
Son of the late and famed labor leader ‘Big’ Jim Carroll of Heavy Construction Laborer’s Local 472 in Newark. Currently successful attorney in private practice.

CHIP CAVANAUGH  
Chairman/Belmar & Lake Como St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Chip’s mom, Jackie, was a former Deputy Grand Marshal.

DENNIS M. CAVANAUGH  
U.S. District Court Judge/ District of NJ (retired) whose mother was born in County Clare, Ireland. Related to the late Frank McGovern, famed proprietor of McGovern’s Tavern in Newark.

JAMES A. CAVANAUGH  
Former Essex County Freeholder, now successful restaurateur. Owner of the Iron Bar and Revolution/ Morristown. Former Grand Marshal of the Nutley St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

MARY PAT FOSTER CHRISTIE  
Former NJ First Lady. University of Delaware grad. Seton Hall University MBA. Ninth/10 children born to a Pennsylvania Irish Catholic family. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.

MARY HIGGINS CLARK  
Renowned Irish storyteller, award-winning novelist. Authored more than 42 books. Resident of Bergen County and former Grand Marshal of the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
MARY ELLEN CLYNE, PH.D.
President and CEO/ Clara Maass Medical Center. Only person who holds a BSN, MSN and a Ph.D in Nursing from Seton Hall University. 2013 Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.

EUGENE AND RAYMOND CODEY
Dynamic duo. Twin brothers, Gene a retired Superior Court Judge in private practice with Connell/ Foley, LLP and Raymond, Business Manager for Madison Township.

PATRICIA CODEY, SC, ESQ.
Accomplished attorney and Sister of Charity. President/ Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey.

RICHARD J. CODEY
State Senator (D-27). One of the most influential legislative leaders in New Jersey history. Served with distinction and bi-partisan praise as New Jersey’s 53rd Governor and President of the NJ Senate. Strong advocate for mental health reforms.

JERE’ COLE
Essex County Sheriff’s officer (retired). Currently National Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

PAT COLLIGAN
President/New Jersey State PBA. Former Grand Marshal of the Nutley Irish 40th Annual Parade.
JACK COLLINS  

KEVIN P. CONLIN  
Chairman, President/CEO/Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. More than 36 years of executive management experience in health care, with a concentration in hospital systems.

KATHLEEN M. CONLON  
2019 Deputy Grand Marshal/84th Anniversary Newark St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Director/Burn Community & Disaster Programs/ St. Barnabas Medical Center.

HUGH W. CONNELLY  
One of the founders/ Burlington County St. Patrick’s Day Parade. President/Business Banking/Univest Bank & Trust Company.

MARYANN CONNELLY  
Popular principal of Bayonne’s Dr. Walter F. Robinson Community School named for local historian who was the author of “The History of Modern Bayonne.”

FRAN MCHUGH COON & BERNADETTE MCHUGH LENNON  
Fran a RN at Mountainside Hospital, resident of West Caldwell. Former Nutley Parade Deputy Grand Marshal. Bernadette of Point Pleasant is also a Registered Nurse doing the Lord’s work. Trace roots to County Longford, Ireland.
GERRY COONEY
Former professional boxer and Golden Glove champion renowned for bouts with heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, Michael Spinks and George Foreman. Resident of Fanwood.

CAROL SHARKEY CORCORAN
Grand Marshal of the 2019 West Orange Parade. Her mother, Helena Sharkey, was the 1979 Grand Marshal (first NJ woman Grand Marshal) and her father Alfie Sharkey was 1999 Grand Marshal. The family hails from County Roscommon, Ireland.

MICHAEL C. CORCORAN

PATRICIA K. COSTELLO
Essex County Assignment Judge (retired). Stellar judicial career that spanned 25 years including 10 years as top judge in NJ’s busiest courthouse. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.

CRAIG J. COUGHLIN

JENNIFER CRITCHLEY, ESQ.
Partner, Connell Foley, LLP. Named to NJ Super Lawyer-Biz Litigation/ NJ Top 100 and New Jersey Top 50 Women Lawyers.
M ICH AEL CRITCHLEY, ES Q.  
Highly regarded Defense Attorney, involved with numerous Irish American and charitable organizations. Known for his brilliance in court. Former Essex County Irishman of the Year.

KEVIN CUMMINGS  

JESSICA CUNNINGHAM  

JOSEPH (JOE) CRYAN  
NJ State Senator (D-20). Executive Director/Middlesex County Utilities Authority. Former Union County Sheriff. Son of the late and legendary John F. Cryan. Former State Assemblyman and Chairman/ NJ Democratic State Committee.

SEAN DARCY  
Well-known Democratic Party strategist, principal with Round World Consulting and former press secretary to Governor Richard Codey.

ERICA DAUGHTREY  
Popular and well-known Hudson County community activist. Currently serves as Communications Director for U.S. Congressman Albio Sires (D-8). 2016 DNC National Convention delegate.
FRANK DAUKSIS

ELLEN M. DAVENPORT
Former Maplewood Mayor/Essex County Freeholder who served as Secretary of the NJ State Senate. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.

JIMMY DAVIS
Mayor of Bayonne. Retired police officer. Known for numerous community fund raising activities including raising money for slain police officers and autism.

JOHN J. DEGNAN
Former Chairman/ Port Authority of NY/NJ and NJ Attorney General. Vice-Chair/Chief Operating Officer of the Chubb Corporation. Harvard Law School graduate.

TOM DEIGNAN
Author/ "Irish Americans: Coming to America". Contributing writer/ "Irish American Chronicle". Writes weekly Sidewalks column: Irish Voice newspaper. Regular contributor/Star Ledger.

GEORGE DELANEY
Chairman/ Bayonne’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Hails from Ballyhaunis, County Mayo, Ireland.
ELLEN MARIE KELLY DICKSON
Former Mayor of Summit. Served two terms on City Council, including Council President.

PAT DIEGNAN
Assemblyman (D-18). South Plainfield. Graduate/Seton Law School, credited with spearheading legislation known as the most comprehensive laws on concussions in the country.

MATT DOHERTY
Executive Director/ Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA). Former Mayor/Belmar. Member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh; Former Irishman of the Year/ Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh.

MICHAEL J. DOHERTY
GOP Member of NJ State Senate from Warren County. Graduate/ West Point and Seton Hall Law School. Captain in the Army Reserves from 1985-93.

ROBERT H. DOHERTY

ED DONNELLY
President/ NJ State FMBA representing 5000 firefighters statewide. Chairman/Bd. of Trustees/Police & Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS). Nineteen-year veteran/Union Fire Department.
JOE DONOHUE
Former (and legendary) Star-Ledger reporter. Now Deputy Director of the NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission.

JOSEPH P. DONOHUE
Former Ass’t Essex County Prosecutor and currently Superior Court Judge, Criminal Division, Union County. SHU Law Grad.

MICHAEL J. “MIKE” DONOHUE
New Jersey Superior Court Judge. Former firefighter, teacher, practicing attorney, church volunteer and Chairman of the Cape May County Republican Committee.

FR. PAT DONOHUE
28-year Newark “Chaplain to the Irish.” Former Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Vailsburg section of Newark. Former Deputy Grand Marshal for the Newark St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

TIMOTHY M. DONOHUE, ESQ.
Partner/ Arleo & Donohue. Specializes in white-collar criminal defense. Also serves as local counsel to various governmental bodies and businesses. Honors grad SHU Law School.

KATHE’ DONOVAN
Former Bergen County Executive, Clerk and former Chairlady of the New Jersey Republican State Committee. Served on the Port Authority of NY/NJ.
TOM DONOVAN
President/Asbury Park Press (APP) since 2007. Former Grand Marshal / Asbury Park St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

ROBIN L. DOUGHERTY
Executive Director/ Greater Newark Conservancy. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.

TIMOTHY (TIM) DOUGHERTY
Popular three-term Mayor of Morristown. Former Morristown Councilman and Chairman of the Morristown Zoning Board. Serves as Chief Engineer at the Prudential Center in Newark.

JOANN DOWNEY

MEGHAN DOYLE
Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor. Daughter of the late Norman A. Doyle, Jr. (decorated Vietnam war veteran/active with United Irish of West Hudson) and Kearny 3rd Ward Councilwoman Carol Jean Doyle.

PATRICK C. DUNICAN
CHRIS DURKIN

SISTER MARY WALTER DWYER
Sister of Charity and sister of late State Senator Tom Cowan of Hudson County. Principal of Columba School in Newark for 28 years. Now on staff at St. Vincent’s Academy in Newark.

JOSEPH V. EGAN
Assemblyman (D-17). New Brunswick City Council President for more than ten years and serves as Business Manager for IBEW Local 456.

TIM EUSTACE

JOE FAGAN
2019 West Orange Deputy Grand Marshal and Township historian serving along with Parade Deputies Carolyn Diver Torchia of the Women of Irish Heritage and Terry McHugh of Verona, a member of the Shillelagh Club.

JOHN J. FARMER JR.
SUSAN A. FEENEY
Partner/ McCarter & English Law Firm/ Former NJ State Bar Assoc. Pres. and former Newark Irish Parade Deputy Grand Marshal.

JOSEPH FLANAGAN, M.D.
Young ‘Man of the Year’ Honoree/ 118th Anniversary Dinner/ Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges.

GLEN GABERT
Hudson County Community College President. Former Grand Marshal/Jersey City's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

JIM GANNON
Well-regarded Morris County Sheriff, Descendant of NYPD detective. Drum Major/ Police Pipes & Drums. FBI Academy graduate.

RICHARD S. GANNON, ESQ.
One of the founders of/GTB Partners (Gannon, Torpey, Bellin), Trenton. Richard was former managing partner with Winning Strategies/ Global.

ROBERT GARRISON
Eastern Region Construction Market Rep for Laborers’ National LECET Fund. Member/Westfield Board of Education.
SUSAN HAPWORTH GARTLAND
Former Caldwell Mayor/Councilwoman and Deputy Grand Marshal/ Newark Irish Parade. Chair/Board of Trustees of Mount St. Dominic Academy. 2019 honoree: Brian Boru, Inc.

EDWARD M. (TED) GIBLIN
Verona Councilman. Honors graduate Providence College. MBA Seton Hall University. Member/ Board of Governors/ Giblin Association, civic and charitable organization founded 1954.

NOREEN M. GIBLIN
Chief Counsel, NJ Board of Public Utilities. Former State Director/U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg. Served in the McGreevey Administration. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.

PATRICK F. GIBLIN
Mayor/Cranford Township. Graduate/ Villanova and Fordham University (MBA). Former Chairman/Treasurer/ New Jersey Irish Festival. Last year’s Honoree AOH Division #9.

THOMAS P. GIBLIN
Assemblyman (D-34). Business Mgr. Union Local 68, IUOE. Former Essex County Freeholder Board President/Essex County Surrogate, Essex County and NJ State Democratic Chairman. He and his dad only father and son to serve as both Chairman and Grand Marshal of the Newark St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

BRENDAN GILL
President /Essex County Freeholder Board. President/NJ Association of Counties. Head of the BGill Public Affairs. 2018 Essex County Irishman of the Year. Former Grand Marshal/ Nutley Irish Parade.
EILEEN P. GILLEECE

DON GILMARTIN
Traces roots to County Roscommon. Former Newark Parade Grand Marshal. Founding member/ Past President of Essex County Police and Fire Emerald Society.

TERRY GOLWAY
Professor/Kean University. Historian, journalist, author of several works on American and Irish history. Curator/ John T. Kean Center for American History. Former Editorial Bd. Member NYT’s.

WILLIAM L. GORMLEY
Former State Senator and Judiciary Committee Chairman. Assemblyman (1977-1982). His father was former Atlantic County Sheriff. Notre Dame grad, Marine Corp captain.

JOHN F. X. GRAHAM
Founder of Verona based Fairview Insurance. Member/Democratic National Committee (DNC)/ Friend of U.S. Presidents and Secretaries of State. Publisher/Insider NJ.com.

MICHAEL GRAHAM
Chief Executive Officer. Insider NJ, award winning website dedicated to political news in New Jersey. Graduate/Yale University. JD Fordham Law School.

RYAN GRAHAM
Bus. Dev. Director, Fairview Insurance. Former NJ Jaycees State Director and Christie transition team member. Associate Publisher, Insider NJ.
FRAN GRIFFIN
Health Care Consultant. Currently Vendor Chair: NJ Irish Festival. Chaired the 48th Annual NJ Irish Festival at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, NJ.

KIMBERLY ANN (MCFADDEn) GUADAGNO
NJ’s first Lieutenant Governor. Served as Secretary of State. Former Ass’t United States Attorney. 2017 GOP candidate for Governor. Partner/Connell Foley law firm.

JOAN DURKIN

THOMAS B. CONSIDINE
Managing Partner/Gravilaur Solutions, LLC. Former NJ Commissioner/Banking & Insurance under Gov. Chris Christie. Named Top 100 Lawyers of Irish Descent. Formerly of Hudson, now resides in Monmouth County.

KEVIN P. HAGAN

SISTER PERCYLEE HART
JOSEPH A. HAYDEN, JR., ESQ.

JERRAMIAH HEALY
48th Jersey City Mayor and former Chairman of Hudson County Democratic Committee. Renowned singer of Irish Ballads.

ELMER J. HERRMANN, JR.
Supporter/Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. His mother, Theresa Elizabeth, was the niece of Charles P. Gillen, Newark’s only Irish born Mayor and the Newark Parade’s first Grand Marshal (1936).

PAT HOBBS
Well-respected and popular former Dean of Seton Hall Law School. Currently serving as Rutgers University’s Athletic Director.

MATTHEW HOLLERAN
Young Irish American leader, related to the Durkin’s of Essex County/Executive with a Middlesex County security firm.

KATHERINE M. (MATTHEWS) HOLMES
Former Chairwoman/Union County St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Corresponding Secretary/Vice Chair/2011 Parade Adjutant. Traces her roots to Counties Cavan and Donegal.
BRIAN HUGHES
Mercer County Executive. Son of late Governor/Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes. Elected to (2)-year term in 2016/Pres./County Executives of America, a national, non-partisan organization.

JOHN HUGHES
Also, son of the late Governor Richard J. Hughes. Retired Federal Magistrate/US District Court/NJ Villanova Law graduate. Currently engaged in mediation work.

MAUREEN KILLEEN HULINGS
Chair/Board of Commissioners/Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority. Employed/Connell Foley law firm. Executive Director 200 Club. Former Honoree Essex-based Friends of Brian Boru.

LEO J. HURLEY

MATTHEW HURLEY
Bloomfield resident now with the U.S. State Department. Counsel General serving in Guadalajara, Mexico.

DEBORAH HUTCHINSON
President of the American Irish Association Inc. of Woodbridge now celebrating its 52 Anniversary Year.
KATHLEEN GINTY HYLAND

MARYALICE JACKO
Grand Marshal of the 46th Annual Woodbridge St. Patrick’s Day Parade chaired by Laura Jacobs and co-chair Maureen Kelly Jurgens and honoring Irish Woman of the Year Susan Crofford, and Irish Man of the Year Ken Gardner.

SEAN JACKSON
Senior VP/Lambertville-based Rosemont Associates and former State Director, top aide to former U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli.

PATRICIA JENKINS
Pat, a nurse, is past president of the St. Rose Grammar School PTA. Member/ Women of Irish Heritage. Former Deputy Grand Marshal Belmar/ Lake Como St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

PATRICK T. JOHNSTON

JIM KEADY
STEPHEN KEALY
Legendary labor leader and former Business Agent (retired) for flagship Laborers’ Local 472 (LIUNA) of Newark.

SEAN T. KEAN

MARY BOYLE CRERAND KEANEY
Served as Deputy Grand Marshal/ West Orange Irish Parade and 2014 Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick’s Day Parade. 2015 Brian Boru honoree, Traces her roots to County Mayo, Ireland.

KELLY FAMILY OF NUTLEY
Sons and Daughters of the legendary Assemblyman and Nutley Parade Chairman John V. Kelly: John, Joseph, Regina and Renee.

MSGR. MIKE E. KELLY

PATRICK FRANCIS KELLY
Grand Marshal/Rutherford St. Patrick’s Day Parade. of Kiltimagh, County Mayo, Ireland serving with Deputy Grand Marshal John Sullivan of Fermoyle (Sneem) County Kerry, Ireland; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Joe Brennan and Firefighter Neil O’Hara.
JAMES J. KENNEDY
Assemblyman (D-22). Elected in 2015. Former Rahway Mayor, lobbyist. Principal, Skye Consulting, LLC.

JOHN C. KENNEDY
Judge of the Superior Court, Appellate Division. (Retired). Former Corporation Counsel/ Jersey City. Fellow: Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center in Washington, D.C.

PATRICK JOSEPH KENNEDY
Former Rhode Island Congressman, son of Senator Ted Kennedy, JFK nephew. Mental Health Advocate. Brigantine Resident.

BERNARD F. KENNY
Former Member of both NJ State Senate and Assembly. Former Grand Marshal/Man of The Year for Hoboken’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Held the rank of Lieutenant in the United States Navy. Member/ Advisory Board/Insider NJ.com.

SHEILA KENNY

SISTER MARGARET KILLOUGH. SC.
St. Vincent’s Academy/Newark. Celebrating 50 years with the Sisters of Charity.
BRIANNA KOSTECKA

KENNETH F. KUNZMAN

KATHERINE SWEENEY HAYDEN
Senior US District Court Judge. Former Asst. US Attorney. Seton Hall Law, JD. Adjunct Professor at SHU.

REV. EDWIN D. LEAHY, O.S.B.

GERALD P. LENIHAN
Director/Security at Seton Hall Law School. Essex County Prosecutor’s Office (retired). Former Grand Marshal and General Chairman of the Newark Parade and the NJ Irish Festival.

STEVE LENOX
Lenox Consulting. Dual American/Irish citizenship. Former State Director/Senator Frank Lautenberg. President/Irish Network USA.
JIM LOGUE
President of the Burlington County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

BRIAN M. LOWE
Public relations consultant. Co-Chaired the 48th Annual New Jersey Irish Festival.

MARY & JIM LOWNEY
Veteran journalist. Raised in Hillside now of Toms River. Photog for The Newark Evening News. Wrote for NYT's/Asbury Park Press. 30-year columnist for the Irish Echo. Author: A Few Believed in Me: A Newsman’s Adventure. Jim and his wife Mary, former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

ROBERT LYNCH
Proprietor of the Kilkenny Ale House/Central Avenue, Newark. Last year’s Deputy Grand Marshal/67th West Orange Parade

BARBARA A. LYONS

KELLY STEWART MAER
More than 20 years of legislative and lobbying experience. Heads up state and federal Gov’t affairs for Capital Health Systems. Served as Treasurer of the NJ Democratic State Committee.
COLLEEN M. MAHR
President/NJ League of Municipalities. Vice-Chair of Union County Democratic Committee. Mayor of Fanwood Boro. Former President/New Jersey Conference of Mayors. Director of Business Dev. for DMR Architects.

KEVIN MCCABE
Middlesex County Democratic Party Chairman. President of Carpenter Contractor Trust. Former NJ Labor Commissioner. Member/ NY/NJ Port Authority Board of Commissioners.

MARIANNE MCCONNELL
Vice-Chair/Morris County Democratic Committee. JD/Seton Hall Law School. Currently on the Madison Borough Board of Health and Legal Services of Northwest Jersey.

JOHN E. MCCORMAC
Mayor of Woodbridge. Elected In 2006 in the oldest original township in the state of New Jersey. Former NJ State Treasurer.

MARY MCCORMICK
BSN, MSN, NP-C, Seton Hall University. Summit Medical Group, Frequent Irish traveler and champion golfer.

GREG AND MATT MCDERMOTT
Brothers: Greg, former Mayor of Westfield and Matt, experienced government lobbyist with the Kaufman Zita Group. Sons of the legendary late Francis X. McDermott, former/NJ Senate President/Union County GOP Chairman and candidate for NJ Governor.
THOMAS J. MCENERY
Highly regarded, long time President/Nutley Irish-American Association. Former Nutley Parade Grand Marshal, Member of the Year and honoree of the John V. Kelly Memorial Foundation.

FRANK MCENERNEY
Accountant. Member of numerous Irish American organizations. Long time Parade official in West Orange. Former Essex County Irishman of the Year.

JACK MCGARRY
Retired East Orange PD detective sergeant and acclaimed piper with the Essex County Emerald Society Police & Fire Pipe Band. Former Grand Marshal of the West Orange Parade.

MICHAEL B. MCGLYNN

JENNIFER NAGLE MCGOVERN
Founder/Director of the award winning DeNogla-Ardmore Academy of Irish Dance started with her sister Alison Nagle in 1993. Former Newark Parade Deputy Grand Marshal.

PHILIP F. MCGOVERN. JR.
Managing Partner of Connell Foley law firm and a member of the firm’s Executive Committee. Received the “Irish Legal100” Award 2015-2016 and named Best Lawyers in America 2013-2017.
SEAN MCGOVERN
Former Roseland Councilman. Newark based attorney and well-known proprietor of McGovern's Tavern in Newark.

JAMES E. MCGREEVEY

JOHN E. MCGUIRE, JR.
Former member of NYPD and decorated veteran Detective/Essex County Sheriff's Department (retired). Former Essex County Irishman of the Year and past West Orange Democratic Chairman.

PATTI MCGUIRE
Princeton Public Affairs Group. Former Deputy Chief of Staff/Governor Jon Corzine, former aide to U.S. Senator Robert Menendez. Successful lobbyist and officer of New Leaders Council of NJ.

VINCENT MCKELVEY
Hamilton Township St. Patrick's Parade Committee Chair and President/Ancient Order of Hibernians, Msgr. Crean Division 1.

JOHN MCKEON
Well regarded State Assemblyman (D-27). Financial Institutions & Insurance Chairman. Former Mayor of West Orange, attorney and long time organizer of the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade.
PATSY MCLoughlin
Grand Marshall of the 38th Annual Bergen County St. Patrick’s Parade sponsored by the Council of Irish Associations of Greater Bergen County, Kevin J. Duffy, President.

HENRY (HANK) McNally

Owen McNany
President of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges, Inc., now celebrating its 118th Anniversary.

John McPartlan

BerNADEtte P. McNPherson Esq.

Jim McQueeney
Former White House Bureau Chief/Star-Ledger. Successful public relations executive, political analyst and the host of New Jersey Now on My9 (WWOR-TV). Served as Chief of Staff for U. S. Senator Frank Lautenberg. Roots in County Leitrim.
MARY ELLEN MCVEIGH
Curator of Education, Liberty Hall Museum/ Kean University. MA/ Seton Hall. Family hails from the Irish Aran Islands.

JOHN MEADE
Former Grand Marshal/Newark St. Patrick’s Day Parade (1997) and owner of the St. James’s Gate Publick House in Maplewood.

MARY MEEHAN
Seton Hall University’s 1st woman President (retired). BA, MA and Ph.D (Seton Hall). MS/Health Policy &Management/ NY Medical College

ROSEMARIE L. MELLODY
First woman Grand Marshal in the 84-year history of the Newark St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Resident of Upper Montclair. Native of County Longford, Ireland.

MAGGEE MIGGINS

MONMOUTH COUNTY IRISH AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC HONOREES 2019.
Manasquan Mayor Ed Donovan; Eatontown Council President Patti May Kelly; Spring Lake Councilwoman Syd Whalley; Neptune City Council Pres. Pamela Renee and Chairwoman of the NJ Democratic Woman’s Caucus Laura Matos.
WILLIAM F. MOEN, JR.

KAITLYN MOONEY
President and Co-founder of the Union County Daughters of Ireland.

MAGGIE MORAN
Managing Partner of Kivvit, award winning national Public Affairs firm. Former Deputy Chief of Staff/Governor Jon Corzine. Leader in state politics. Former State Director for NJ Senators Corzine and Lautenberg.

TOM MORAN
Accomplished veteran Star-Ledger Editorial Page Editor/Columnist. Once told NYT’s, he has “a front-row seat on the spectacle of NJ politics.”

PAUL D. MORIARTY
Assemblyman (D-4). Deputy Speaker/Chairman/Consumer Affairs Committee. Member, Labor Committee. Former Washington Township Mayor/Emmy award winning investigative journalist.

WILLIAM ‘BILL’ MULLEN
President/NJ State Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Former President of Ironworkers Local 11. Influential voice among legislative leaders in Trenton.
PAUL MULSHINE

JOHN MURPHY
Financial Advisor/ Private Advisor Group/ Morristown. Former Freeholder, Morris Township Committee/ Mayor. Active member: Morris Township Volunteer Fire Dept., Former Grand Marshal/Morris County Irish Parade and 2019 Annie Moore Award honoree/ Irish-American Cultural Institute along with honoree Henry McNally.

MARY K. MURPHY
Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Authority. 2017 Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.

MICHAEL MURPHY

PETER MURPHY
Chairman/Passaic County Republican Committee. Once described as “the hardest working person in politics.” Owner: Murph’s Tavern.

PHILIP D. MURPHY
CAROLYN A. MURRAY
NJ Superior Court Judge. Former Essex County Prosecutor and counsel to NJ Attorney General. Georgetown University (cum laude) and NYU Law School. 2012 Essex County Irishwoman of the Year and former honoree of the Friends of Brian Boru.

ED NEAFSEY

MEG NEAFSEY
Deputy Grand Marshal of the 2019 Belmar/Lake Como Irish Parade which celebrated 45 years. One of seven children. Toms River resident.

JOE NOLAN

JOE NORTON
Stalwart leader of the Bloomfield Irish Club, former Caldwell GOP councilman and owner of the Bloomfield Travel Network.

NUTLEY IRISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Celebrated it's 41st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade: Grand Marshal Ed Saegers and Deputy Grand Marshal Noreen Haveron, Member of the Year Allen Magill, Firefighter of the Year Battalion Chief Rich Cavanagh, and Parade Queen Kellie Cole.
BILL O’DEA
Author; The Legacy of Haguesville. Was the youngest member ever elected to the Jersey City Council at age 26 in 1985. Long time member of the Hudson County Freeholder Board.

FATHER PATRICK "PADDY" O’DONOVAN

JASON O’DONNELL
Former principal with Kivvit, a national Public Affairs firm. Served in NJ State Assembly (D-31). Former Public Safety Director and Bayonne Fire Captain

KEVIN O’DOWD
Cooper University Health Care/ Senior Executive/VP and Chief Administrative Officer. Former Chief of Staff/Governor Chris Christie.

BRENDAN (DAN) O’FLAHERTY
Economics Prof/Columbia Univ. Marathon runner, political strategist, author, Trustee/Newark Historical Society.

ERIN K. O’GARA-MEIER
Stalwart West Orange Irish leader and Director of Constituent Services for State Senator Richard J. Codey.
LORNA O’HARA

MAUREEN E. O’HARA
Renowned West Orange Irish community leader and former Grand Marshal of the WO St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

MARION (CLARKE) O’NEILL
Manager/Corporate Contributions /PSE&G. Philanthropic initiatives in New Jersey and Long Island for over 20 years.

SEAN O’NEILL

DECLAN O’SCANLON
NJ State Senator. Former Republican Assemblyman/ Monmouth County (R-13) known for advocating improvement for drivers who travel on the state’s roads.

KEVIN O’TOOLE
Chairman/ Port Authority of NY/NJ. Former NJ State Senator (R-40) and Essex County GOP Chairman. Former Essex County Irishman of the Year. Columnist/Insider NJ.com.
SEAN PENDER
National Director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), State AOH President and former Grand Marshal of the Hamilton St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

PATRICK O’SHEA POLITANO
Well known Union County political strategist, former journalist. Named for Ireland’s patron saint by his mother Flora O’Shea. Union County Parade supporter.

JOAN QUIGLEY

ANN QUINDLEN
American novelist, journalist, and columnist, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Graduate of South Brunswick High School.

DERMOT QUINN
Professor of History/Seton Hall University and author of *The Irish in New Jersey: Four Centuries of American Life*.

MICKEY QUINN
Deputy Executive Director of the New Jersey General Assembly and Trustee/ Rowan College at Burlington County.
MIKE QUINN
Founding member of the Morris County Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick. Served as Parade Grand Marshal 2017. Instrumental in bringing the parade to Morristown from Wharton more than 26 years ago.

BILL RAFTERY “THE COACH”

DA N REILLY
Former Chairman/ NJ Irish Festival. Supporter of Special Olympics and benefit projects for disabled veterans. 2018 Belmar/ Lake Como St. Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshal.

PAUL REILLY
Former Newark Deputy Mayor and Master of Ceremonies for the Newark Irish Parade and principal/ Essex-based Friends of Brian Boru.

ERIN RICE
Currently, Chief of Staff, State Senator Richard J. Codey. Former aide to U.S. Congressman Bill Pascrell/ Loves the Mets and all things Irish. 2016 Irish Echo Honoree “Top 40 Under 40 Award.”

CELESTE M. RILEY
Cumberland County Clerk, former NJ Assemblywoman (D-3). Former Bridgeton City Council President. Family hails from counties Cork and Mayo.
JOSEPH “JOE” ROBERTS, JR.
Former Camden County Freeholder Director who went on to serve with distinction as Majority Leader and Speaker of the NJ General Assembly.

MARY ROBINSON
Madison resident. Founder and Executive Director of Imagine, Center for Coping With Loss. Named ‘NJ Hero of the Year’ by NJ’s then First Lady Mary Pat Christie.

MICHAEL RYAN

JOHN ‘JACK’ SAYERS
Lawyer, veteran of the Essex County Sheriff’s Dept. and Business Manager for the Township of West Orange. Former Grand Marshal/ West Orange St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

MARGUERITE “PEG” SCHAFFER
Highly regarded and successful Chairwoman/Somerset County Democratic Committee, Partner at Shain, Schaffer and Rafanello, PC. Known for her sharp wit, brilliance in and out of court and tenacious political activism.

FRANCINE SCHOTT
NJ Superior Court Judge (retired). Former Honoree/Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #9’s Anniversary Dinner.
WILLIAM “BILL” SCULLY
Legend in Irish circles for his quick wit, fine voice, classic moustache, short game in golf (which includes putting from sand traps) and as the long time proprietor and host of McGovern’s Tavern.

DONALD SHAUGER
Executive Vice President/The Shauger Group, family owned and operated contracting company founded 1981. Former Grand Marshal/West Orange St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

JAMES SHEA
Jersey City Public Safety Director. Retired Deputy Chief from the New York City Police Department.

JOHN SHEA III
Director/Committee on Political Education (COPE) for New Jersey State AF-CIO.

MIRIAM (MIMS) SHERIDAN
Born in Dublin, renowned for her volunteerism and a strong supporter of the Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Former Deputy Grand Marshal.

MIKIE SHERRILL
RAYMOND SIMIONE
Chief Engineer AT&T facility/ Secaucus, NJ. Local 68 (IUOE) Executive Board Member. Giblin Association 2016 Man of The Year. Chairman of the Association’s Board of Governors.

CHRIS SMITH

BRIAN P. STACK
State Senator (D-33rd District). Union City Mayor since 2000. Former member of the State Assembly.

BARBARA MCCANN STAMATO
Jersey City Democratic Committee Chairwoman. Was named Irishwoman of the Year for Jersey City Irish Parade Committee’s in 2018.

CHRISSIE A. STEARNS
Lawyer/Director, Gov’t & Regulatory Affairs, Gibbons, PC, Trenton. Listed on NJ Spotlight’s “Top 10 Healthcare Lobbyists.” Traces her roots to the Mahons of County Monaghan.

GUY STERLING
Journalist, author/historian. Columbia J-School grad. 35-year newspaper career/reporter with Star-Ledger. Only New Jersey-based reporter to interview Richard Nixon after he moved to the New York area.
SISTER FRANCES SULLIVAN, OP
Well respected Head of School for Mount St. Dominic’s Academy, Caldwell, NJ.

TIM SULLIVAN
Chief Executive Officer/NJ Economic Development Authority. Born. Raised in Bergen County.

BETSY (REILLY) SUTHERLAND
First woman to serve on Sparta’s Zoning & Planning Boards. Former Grand Marshal /Annual Sussex County Irish Parade.

STEVE SWEENEY
Serves with distinction as President of the New Jersey State Senate. Former Business Agent for Ironworkers Local 399 and now General Organizer for the Intl Association of Ironworkers.

JIM TANSEY
Union County Prosecutor’s Office (retired). Former Grand Marshal/Union County Irish Parade, Piper with Essex County Emerald Society. Traces his roots to Counties Roscommon and Mayo, Ireland.

JOSEPH M. TAYLOR
First American executive officer/ Panasonic Corporation (retired). Moved the company’s headquarters to Newark 2013. Former Grand Marshal Newark St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
ELIZABETH ‘BETTY’ SHEEHAN TEEVAN

BRITNEE TIMBERLAKE
Freshman member of the NJ State Assembly (D-34) whose mother Cathy Walsh and grandfather Frank Walsh trace their roots from Trenton and Hamilton, New Jersey to Kilkenny, Ireland.

CHRIS AND MAIREAD TULLY
Chris a NJ State Assemblyman (D-38), former Council President/ Bergenfield and top aide to U.S. Congressman Josh Gottenhiemer and Mairead, a writer with the Irish Echo.

ANN TWOMEY
Distinguished President (retired)/ Hospital and Professional and Allied Employees (HPAE-AFT), state nurse’s union. 2016 delegate to the Democratic National Convention. VP/NJ State AFL-CIO. Member/ Advisory Board/InsiderNJ.com

CARDINAL JOSEPH WILLIAM TOBIN
Archbishop of Newark, Large Irish Catholic family, oldest of thirteen children. Pope Francis announced his elevation to Cardinal (one of 18 nationwide) in November 2016. Installed January 2017. First time the Newark Archdiocese is headed by a Cardinal.

VIRGINIA “GINNY” TREACY
Executive Director/Jersey Nurses Economic Security Organization (JNESO). Respected leader with 35 years of service to labor causes (retired)). Former Deputy Grand Marshal/Newark St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
THOMAS J. WALSH  
Superior Court Judge. Former President/Union County Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Family hails from County Sligo, Ireland. Married to former Star Ledger reporter Diane (Curcio) Walsh. Proud parents of son Tom serving as Lt. in the United States Army.

SHEILA LENIHAN WALSH  
University Hospital, Newark APN. Former Newark Parade Deputy Grand Marshal. (late) Husband, John, was a former Newark Parade Grand Marshal.

MEG WASTIE  
Program consultant/Westfield Historical Society. Former Curator of Education/Museum Early Trades and Crafts in Madison, N.J. Irish lineage traces to Counties Cavan (Monaghans) and Cork (Sullivans).

CHARLES “CHUDDY” WHALEN  

ROBERT C. (BOBBY) WILLIAMS  
Trustee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges. Attorney in private practice. Life long West Orange resident.

KELLY YAEDE  
Mayor/ Hamilton, Mercer County and former Grand Marshal/ Hamilton St. Patrick's Day Parade.
DANIEL J. ZEISER
Director of Union Township Police.

BRENDAN T. BYRNE
In Memoriam (1924-2018)
Governor of New Jersey (1974-82). Last Democratic Governor to win re-election. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for navigating B-17’s over Nazi Germany. Known for his intelligence and rapier wit. One of NJ’s most revered statesmen.

ROBERT J. FOLEY
In Memoriam (1941-2019)

KEVIN P. FREY
In Memoriam (1952-2018)
Administrator for Local 68 IUOE in West Caldwell (1985 - 2015). Member/Essex West Hudson Labor Council, AFL CIO. Recording secretary/treasurer Giblin Association, long-time member and past General Chairman of the Newark St. Patrick Day Parade Committee Member Division 9, AOH in Montclair.

CORNELIUS (NEIL) GALLAGHER
In Memoriam (1921-2018)
Storied political career. Friend of JFK. Hudson County Congressman (1959-73). Captain in U.S. Army, commanded a World War II infantry rifle company in General George S. Patton’s 3rd Army.

THOMAS JAMES GARTLAND
In Memoriam (1939-2018)
Former Caldwell Councilman, devoted husband of former Caldwell Mayor Susan Garland and 50-year Democratic Committeeman (Hall of Fame). Member/honoree of numerous Irish American Associations. Past President of the West Essex Board of Realtors. A soldier and a counselor at the Essex County Jail where he helped many. This year’s Newark Irish Parade is dedicated in his honor.
VINCENT J. GIBLIN  
In Memoriam (1945-2018)  
Member International Operating Engineers Union Local 68 starting in 1964. Elected Business Manager 1975. Elected Intl. VP 1989, then General Secretary-Treasurer. President of the Northeast States Conference of Operating Engineers/ General President of IUOE in 2005. Retired 2012. Chairman/ Casino Reinvestment Development Authority/ Chairman/Board Member/ Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ.

MONSIGNOR JOHN J. GILCHRIST  
In Memoriam (1929-2018)  
Ordained in 1957, parish priest for 61 years/ Spiritual Director to Essex-West Hudson Labor Council and State AFL-CIO. Columnist for the Catholic Advocate. “Scholar, a people’s priest and a friend. He exemplified what a priest is ordained to do and he did just that—he served the people.”

AMY HULINGS  
In Memoriam (1971-2018)  

KEVIN J. RYAN  
In Memoriam (1969-2018)  

BRENDAN TEOVLI  
In Memoriam (1995-2014)  
Seton Hall Prep grad and University of Richmond freshman. Posthumously named 2015 Young Irishman by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges.

Donations in his memory can still be made to:  
Brendan P. Tevlin  
’13 Memorial Field Fund c/o Seton Hall Prep. 120 Northfield Ave. West Orange, NJ Orange, NJ. 07052