

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

**INSTALLATION OF
THE GRAND MARSHAL**

TOMMY M. SMYTH

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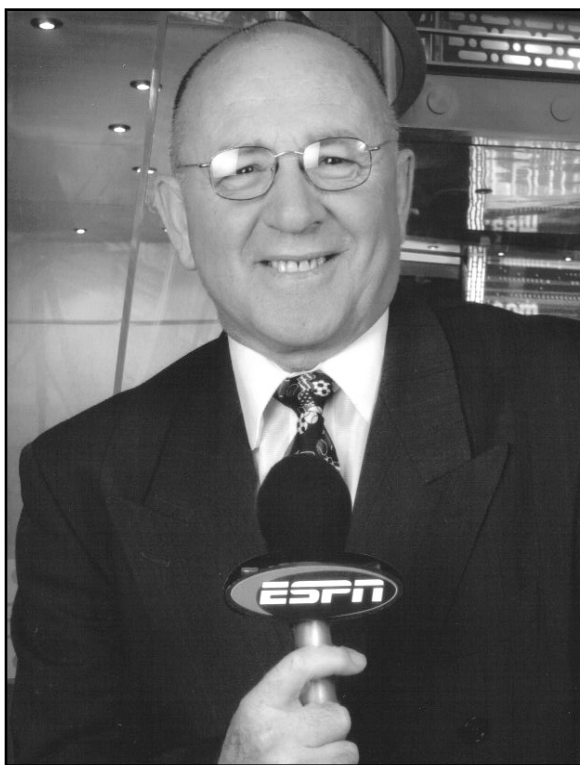
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**2008 GRAND MARSHAL
TOMMY M. SMYTH**



GREETINGS

The Officers, Delegates, Members and I extend a Cead Mile Failte to everyone present tonight on the installation of Tommy M. Smyth and his Aides, as the 247th Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

I want to pay a special thanks to Ray Flynn, the outgoing Grand Marshal, for making the 246th St. Patrick's Day Parade an outstanding success. We thank Ray for the support he has provided our Annual Parade in the media and public life over the years.

I thank all of the Committee for their assistance in making this evening's installation a memorable one. I want to thank you, the Delegates and Members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, for affording me the opportunity to serve as Chairman of this great Parade. I assure you that I will promote and protect the St. Patrick's Day Parade, preserve the dignity of the day we celebrate, and continue to improve the oldest and largest Parade in the world. It is all of our responsibility to be ever vigilant to ensure that the St Patrick's Day Parade remains true to our Faith, Heritage and Culture.

Congratulations to our Grand Marshal, Tommy Smyth, and his Aides, and many thanks to all of you present here this evening.

May St. Patrick bless you today, tomorrow and for the years to come.

We are all privileged to live in the greatest county in the world, the United States of America: A nation of immigrants and a land of endless opportunity.

May God Bless America.

John T. Dunleavy
Parade Chairman

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**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2008
GRAND MARSHAL**

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
GRAND MARSHAL'S SASH
FOR THE YEAR 2008**

**Ray Flynn
and John T. Dunleavy,
Parade Chairman**

**GRAND MARSHAL'S
ACCEPTANCE**

Tommy M. Smyth

BENEDICTION

Rev. John McCarthy

2008 GRAND MARSHAL TOMMY M. SMYTH

Tommy Smyth has lived in New York City for the past 44 years and is an internationally respected TV sports personality in over 200 countries.

Tommy was born in 1945 in Knockbridge, County Louth, Ireland and emigrated to the United States at the age of seventeen in 1963. Tommy is married to Cork born radio host and nurse Treasa Goodwin and together they have a loving family in Anthony and Lisa.

Tommy is one of the television broadcasters for the New York City's, St. Patrick's Day Parade on WNBC and he delights in pointing out his beloved County Louth to millions of viewers every year. When the County Louth Society of New York celebrated their 100th anniversary, they honored him as Gael of the Year, an honor that capped the many awards he has received over the years.

Tommy's love of GAA football started at a young age when he was the youngest person ever elected to the St. Brides football committee in Knockbridge, Co Louth, Ireland. He developed a love for soccer at matches in Oriel Park in Dundalk with his father Patrick and Brother Harry. "This is where I learned the hang of a soccer match and how to talk about it, and it certainly has stood to me all these years."

Tommy played for Louth in Gaelic Park, New York for over four decades and served as President of the New York Louth football club for ten years. He also played soccer with the Shamrocks Club in the German American Soccer League. In the 1960's, Tommy Smyth hosted the popular radio show "Ireland Calls" in New York, a show that is still on the air and now hosted by his wife Treasa on WVOX. 1460am. In the 70's, he became the "Voice of Gaelic Park" the starting point of his broadcasting career. Smyth was the voice of the Metro Stars of Major League Soccer (in the United States) from the team's inception in 1996 to the early 2000s. In 1994 Tommy Smyth emerged as a major figure in the sports broadcasting world with his weekly telecast of The Brazilian championship on ESPN International. Since then, he has been a major part of ESPN's World Cup coverage and when ESPN International began to broadcast the European Soccer Champions league (UEFA Champions League) they looked to Tommy for his soccer expertise. Smyth is one of the hosts on the show ESPN SoccerNet Press Pass which a top rated TV shows in Australia. Its format is a roundtable debate where Tommy has grilled many of the worlds leading soccer figures: Beckham, Keane, Shevchenko, Figo, Ferguson, Wenger and Erickson. Other greats he has interviewed over the years include the Aga Khan, Jack Lynch, Rudy Giuliani Albert Reynolds just to mention a few.

Tommy Smyth outstanding broadcasting skills have been recognized by the television industry when he was presented the prestigious "Telly Award" in 2005 and 2007, making him the first Irishman and soccer announcer to receive this award. Tommy has received five "Emmy" nominations for his work on ESPN and WNBC TV Saint Patrick's Day parade coverage. He not only provides in-studio analysis for most major soccer events from around the world, he also commentates on Gaelic Games, horse racing and harness racing for ESPN. Today, Tommy Smyth is a much-sought after M.C. for many prestigious events in the New York area.

Tommy's home is an "open door" to people from all over Ireland needing a place to sleep or a job. His supporting hand of friendship to fellow countrymen and women is legendary.

He is a member of the Parish of Our Lady of Hope Middle Village and a proud member of the Martin Kearns, Division Four Ancient Order of Hibernians in New York County.

Tommy Smyth family still reside in County Louth, Ireland and they are Colm, Theresa, Sheila, Brendan, Harry, Moira (RIP), Marian and Patsy.

AIDES TO THE GRAND MARSHAL

EUGENE F. GAUGHAN

Knights of St. Patrick Aide to the Grand Marshal

Gene Gaughan was born in Paterson, N.J. to Eugene F. and Ruth Webster Gaughan. He attended Xavier High School in Manhattan and marched in the St Patrick's Day Parade with the Xavier Regiment, forty eight years ago. Since then he has marched with Mayo and Clare his ancestors' counties. Eugene graduated from Holy Cross College and received an M.B.A. degree from Rutgers University. He became a licensed C.P.A. in New York and three other states. Eugene worked for 32 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers, retiring as a partner in 1999. Eugene then attended law school at Seton Hall and received a J.D. degree in 2004. He is now in private practice having been admitted to the bars of both NY and NJ. He has been a member of Crusader Council No. 2706 of the Knights of Columbus since 1963 and is a Knight of St. Patrick. He is married to Margaret Duffy from County Mayo and they reside in Manhattan and Quogue. They are parishioners of the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer in Manhattan and St. Rosalie's Church in Hampton Bays. Eugene is a member of Michael Collins Division 11 of the A.O.H. and is a Trustee of Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan since 1981.

MICHAEL PRUNTY

New York County Aide to the Grand Marshal

Michael Prunty emigrated from County Longford to New York in 1959. He joined the Longford Association and held many positions including President. He became active with the New York GAA and served as chairman of the Senior Football Division, he also served in various positions as a member of the Longford Football Club. Michael is the President of Division 4 A.O.H. New York County. He is one of the founding members of the Emerald Guild Association, which was established to assist Irish and Irish Americans with employment and accommodations in New York. Michael has been a member of the United Irish Counties for many years, and held the position of Vice President in 2006 and was Chairman of the 2007 Grand Ball. Michael has been employed in property management in New York since 1967. He is employed by Douglas Elliman as a building manager of one of New York's most prestigious apartment complexes on Manhattan's Eastside. Michael is married to Elizabeth (Kenny) Prunty from Longford and they are the proud parents of Michael, Michelle Delaney and Kevin. They have seven wonderful grandchildren. Michael is well known in Irish American circles for his endless work in organizing benefits and dances in the community.

JAMES O'FARRELL

Bronx County Aide to the Grand Marshal

James O'Farrell was born in Belfast and immigrated to New York in 1961. He and his wife Bridie live in the Throggs Neck area of the Bronx. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. He works in the Bronx for a Chemical Engineering Company where he started as a Design Engineer and is now Vice President. He enjoys singing and is a member of the Friendly Sons of St Patrick Glee Club and the St Frances DeChantel Church Choir. He has been a soloist at AOH Masses for the unborn at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery Chapel and at the annual AOH Communion Breakfast masses and dances. Jim is the Treasurer of Division 4 AOH in Bronx County. Jim is proud and honored to be selected as the Bronx County Aide to the Grand Marshal of the 2008 Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

MAUREEN LEAHY

Queens County Aide to the Grand Marshal

Maureen was born to Mary Alice Fitzgerald and S. Joseph Leahy in Mercy Hospital on Long Island. Both parents were of Irish descent with ancestors from Kerry and Cork. Maureen began her education at St. Catherine of Sienna in Franklin Square and completed her education by obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from Adelphi University in Garden City. She has recently celebrated 25 years of caring service as a recovery room and ambulatory surgery nurse at Flushing Hospital. After 9/11, she joined New York City's Emergency Medical Reserve Corps. Maureen is currently the Queens County LAOH President and a member of LAOH Division 13, Bayside, Queens where she served as president for two terms. She is a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council in Lynbrook and enjoys playing the tenor drum for the Glor na Gael Pipes and Drum band. Maureen, and her daughter, Stephanie, are parishioners of St. Andrew Avellino's parish in Flushing.

JOHN O'LEARY

Kings County Aide to the Grand Marshal

John O'Leary was born in Astoria, N.Y.C. to Catherine and John O'Leary who trace their roots to County Westmeath and Dublin. John attended both Public and Parochial schools and earned a Master in Criminal Justice from John Jay College. John served in the U.S. Army and after active duty he served in the Army Reserve until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel. John was awarded the U. S. Army Meritorious Service Medal. John worked in Federal Law Enforcement in Narcotics and Firearms for over 33 years and is currently active in conducting background investigations for the F.B.I. John is a member of St Anselm Parish, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and is married to Ellen Kilgannon, a retired Special Education Teacher. John and Ellen are the proud parents of Ellen and have two grandchildren. John served as President of the Kings County A.O.H., he is Director of Grievances for the NYS A.O.H., he is third Vice-President of the St Patrick Society of Brooklyn, an active member of the NYC Friendly Sons of St Patrick and was an Aide to the Grand Marshal for the Brooklyn Irish American Society. He is active in many other organizations which include; Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Association of US Federal Narcotic Agents, Fraternal Order of Police, American Legion, Veterans Corps, "The Fighting 69th", Fort Hamilton Army Retiree Council.

PATRICIA FOX REILLY

Westchester County Aide to the Grand Marshal

Patricia Reilly is a lifelong resident and former Mayor of Mount Kisco, New York. She traces her Irish roots to Mayo, Galway and Tipperary. Patricia is the mother of six and grandmother to ten. She is parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister and member of the Parish Council. Patricia attended Western Connecticut State University and is a graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, N.Y.U.

Patricia Reilly retired in 1995 from the Bedford Central School District where she was a School-Nurse-Teacher for 25 years. She currently serves on the President's Council for Northern Westchester Hospital; She is a Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136; Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester and the Mt. Kisco Beautification Committee and Historical Committee. She was named the Mt. Kisco Citizen of the Year in 1991. In 1995 she was honored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #1852 and in 1998, she was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Patricia is Past President and a fifty-three year member of Division 16 LAOH in Westchester County. In 1996 she was the Grand Marshal of the Mt. Kisco's St. Patrick's Day Parade and was honored as the Westchester Hibernian of the Year in 2004. Patricia Reilly has always been very proud of her Irish heritage and is deeply honored to be selected an Aide

MARGARET DEL BAGRO

Richmond County Aide to the Grand Marshal

Margaret (nee Walsh) was born on Staten Island of Irish immigrant parents from County Cork. She was one of twelve children and has a large extended family of nieces, nephews, step daughter and granddaughter. Margaret was married to the late Gerald J. Del Bagno. She attended St. Peter's Elementary School and St. Peter's High School for Girls. She graduated from St. John's University and attended The College of Staten Island Graduate School. Margaret became a member of the Order of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor. Margaret continued her involvement with social action issues dealing with migrant workers and their living conditions after she left the Franciscan Sisters. Upon returning to Staten Island, Margaret work with various agencies engaged in the care and education of those members of the community who were physically and mentally challenged. She started her own consulting business training company staff members to work in a sensitive and caring manner with individuals who are challenged. Margaret is a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and member of the choir at her Parish Church of St. Ann. She is a member of the Pro-Life Committee, a volunteer EMT and member of the Board of Directors at the Bay Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Margaret is also a volunteer for the Heart Resuscitation Unit of Staten Island. She is a CPR Instructor for the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association, and is involved in the training of new EMT's. She is a member of St. Peter's Alumni Association and St. John's Alumni Association and the S & B Group.

MICHAEL T. GREENE

Nassau County Aide to the Grand Marshal

Michael T. Greene, was born in the Bronx and is the son of the late Michael and Eileen (Greene) Greene, both from Ballinlough, County, Roscommon,. He has been marching in the New York City St. Patrick's Day parade since 1946. He attended De La Salle High School in Manhattan and received a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Science from New York Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Air Force from 1955 -1959. After 36 years he retired as a Detective from Nassau County Police Department where he was active in the Emerald Society and Past President. He is a member of Division 15 A.O.H, Nassau County and a Past President of the Division. He currently serves as Chairman of Immigration for the A.O.H. Nassau County Board. He has been a parishioner of Maria Regina, Seaford, N.Y. for the last 45 years and is also a lifetime member of the Knight of Columbus, in Seaford, N.Y. In 2006 he was made a lifetime membership from the A.O.H. Michael has been married to Maureen for 47 years and they have three children, Dennis, Patricia and the late Michael and six grandchildren, Colin, Katherine, Kristin, Deanna, Jennifer and Meghan.

T. MICHAEL QUINLAN

Suffolk County Aide to the Grand Marshal

Mike Quinlan and his twin Pat was born on Saint Patrick's Day March 17, 1943. His Parents lived in Manhattan and his Grandparents were from Cork City and Tullamore, Co. Offally. Mike was raised in Liberty, NY and now resides in Hampton Bays, NY. He is married to the former Eileen McKnight for 42 years and together they have four adult children, Michael, Kerry Cormican, Tara Hoey and Megan and six grandchildren. Mike served in the US Army for three years and the US Coast Guard Reserve for ten. Mike worked as an electrician for AT&T (Manhattan), Revere Copper & Brass (Rome, NY), The NY Board of Fire Underwriters and US Department of Agriculture, (Plum Island, NY). Mike recently retired and formed his own electrical contracting business. Mike is co-founder of the Michael Collins Division 11 AOH in Hampton Bays and served as its Vice President and President and is currently a Trustee. He is Chairman of The Hampton Bays St Patrick's Parade Committee and was their Grand Marshall in 2006. He is involved in numerous organizations which includes; American Legion Post 924, Disabled American Veterans (Life Member), St. Rosalie's Holy Name Society, Hampton Bays Knights of Columbus Council 7023 (Trustee, Charter Member and 4th Degree), Irish American Society of the Hampton's (past President), Southampton Elks Lodge (Trustee), Suffolk County Good Fellows, American Legion Riders (President), The Patriot Guard Riders, Vietnam Vet Riders, American Bikers aimed toward education (ABATE) and The NY State and Long Island Harley Owners Group.

JAMES P. MCDONNELL

Rockland County Aide to the Grand Marshal

James McDonnell was born in the South Bronx, the youngest of six children of Irish immigrants: Dominick McDonnell (Mayo) and Margaret O'Riordan McDonnell (Limerick). He attended LaSalle Academy, New York City and Iona College where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree. James graduated from Seton Hall University with a Master of Arts. Married for forty years to Ann Marie nee Quinn, they are the proud parents of Brian, Kristin, and Timothy and loving grandparents to Kaleigh and Kieran Talty. James worked as a Teacher and then Administrator in Bergen County, New Jersey for 39 years. James has been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians since 1971 and is very active in the Rockland Feis. In Stony Point, NY where he resides, he is Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Vice-President Exempt Firemen's Association; Chairman of Planning Committee for 2009 Quadracentennial Celebration of the Hudson River and Chairman of the Marian Shrine Chapel Building Committee. James plays bag pipes and was a co-founder of the Rockland A.O.H. Pipe Band, Edward Larkin Memorial Pipe Band. James has marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Fifth Avenue since 1949 with the Monaghan Society when he was just 7 years old

KEVIN R. CUMMINGS

Orange County Aide to the Grand Marshal

Kevin R. Cummings is the fourth children born to Ruth and Joseph J. Cummings. His grandparents immigrated to Staten Island from Donegal and Tyrone. Kevin grew up in the Westerleigh section of Staten Island and was a member of St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Parish where he graduated from grammar school. Kevin attended St. Peter's Boys HS and graduated from Wagner HS in 1972. He attended Wagner College, SI and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Bacteriology. He received a Master of Professional Studies in Health Administration from the New School University in Manhattan in 1990 and in 2000 Kevin received a Master of Public Health degree from New York Medical College in Westchester. He is currently employed by New York Medical College in

Westchester as Director of Web Communications. Kevin is a member and past president of the Fr. Donald J. Whelan, Division 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is the Vice President of the AOH Orange County Board. He serves as a Director for the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade and is a Delegate to the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. He is currently the M.C. for the 32nd Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade and its inaugural county-wide event "Irish Day". Kevin is a bagpiper with the Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums who perform at various events in the Lower Hudson Valley and Ireland. Kevin lives in New Windsor, Orange County, NY. He is married to Rose, his loving wife of 30 years and they have three wonderful children, Rebecca, Logan and Sean.

MICHAEL J. LYNCH

United Irish Counties Aide to the Grand Marshal

Michael J. Lynch grew up in Bracklin, Kingscourt, County Cavan. He is one of six children born to James and Margaret (Carolan) Lynch: Mary, Margaret, Patrick, John and Charles. In Ireland, Michael worked on his father's farm, in a shoe factory, and a saw mill. He immigrated to England in 1955, where he worked for two years before sailing to America in 1957. He worked as a bartender before enlisting in the U.S. Army. Upon completing his service, Michael joined Allied Maintenance, and his work there enabled him to travel throughout the United States and Canada. He was working in Dallas on that fateful day when President Kennedy was assassinated. In 1960 Michael married Roseanne Larkin, and they have two children, Michael and Margaret and are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren: Ryan, Jillian, Kyle and Breanna. He served for many years as President of the Cavan P&B Association and he has worked tirelessly on the annual United Irish Counties Feis. Michael is a member of the Martin J. Kearns Division 4 A.O.H., New York County, and currently serves as their Financial Secretary; he is also a member of the Irish American Society in Mineola. He is an avid golfer.

MARIO BIAGGI

Aide at Large to the Grand Marshal

Mario Biaggi was born in the Bronx in 1917. He graduated from P.S. 171 and Harren High School, New York City. While serving with the NYPD he earned a Law Degree from New York Law School in 1963 and was admitted to the bar of the State of New York. He was a senior partner of Biaggi, Ehrlich & Lang, New York City. He served as community relations specialist with the New York State Division of Housing and was appointed by Governor Rockefeller; Assistant to the Secretary of State for New York, 1961-1965. He joined the New York City Police Department in 1942, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. He retired in 1965 on line of duty disability having been shot, stabbed and mugged seven times. He was awarded the Police Department's highest award "The Medal of Honor" plus twenty-seven other awards. He was also awarded "The Medal of Honor for Valor" by the National Police Officers Association of America, and is included in the Association's Hall of Fame. He was elected president of the National Police Officers Association in 1967. Mario was elected as a Democrat from the Bronx to the Ninety-First Congress and to the succeeding nine Congresses. Mario Biaggi, was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1978, the year the Nobel was given to Menachem Begin Prime Minister of Israel and Anwar Sadat, President of Egypt. While in Congress he initiated the Ad-Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs, highlighting the plight of the Catholics in Northern Ireland. He was very active in support of the Fort Worth Five and also in obtaining visas for undocumented Irish in the U.S. Mario is much beloved in the Irish Community because of his tirelessly work on behalf of the Irish for over fifty years of public life and they have adopted him as one of their own.

ROBERT GIBSON

Grand Council Aide to the Grand Marshal

One of eight children of John and Mary Gibson, Bob is a life-long parishioner of St. Veronica Church in Manhattan. He has lived on the same street his entire life. Bob traces his ancestry to Counties Wicklow and Cavan. Bob is first Vice-President of the Grand Council. He is the founder and President of the Emerald Society of the Triboro Bridge and Tunnel Authority. Bob retired from the Bridge and Tunnel in 1998 reaching the rank of Lieutenant. Bob has one son, Robert Jr., who is a Sergeant with NYPD and four granddaughters: Bridget, Caitlyn; Aishlin and Samantha. Bob has played Santa for the past 15 years at the New York Foundling Home with toys collected from the Bridge and Tunnel employees. Bob enjoys traveling and has been to all 50 states and 32 counties of Ireland. Bob is a member of Division 3 AOH and County Wicklow Society. He has worked at the grandstand for the past 17 years.

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