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United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

(Organizers of the St. Patrick's Parade)



March 2018

Dear Friends,

It is both an honor and a privilege for me to be President of this great organization. Since first arriving in Montreal I have admired the excellent work of the United Irish Societies and have always been a supporter. When interviewed by the CBC as Grand Marshal in 2012 I said that the UIS reminded me of a beehive because everybody was so busy. Now as President I realise just how much work is being done by so many, all volunteers. The Executive Committee and all the members who volunteer put in countless hours of their personal time to make this organization function so well. This hard work, determination and commitment results in one of the largest St. Patrick's Day Parades in the world. This provides a great experience for Montrealers and visitors alike.

This year we had our 195th consecutive parade. It brought extra challenges with a new route and even a new direction. However, everyone pitched in and made it a wonderful success.

Our parade comes at a time of the year when we have just put our clocks forward by an hour, the days have been slowly getting longer, the snow has been melting and the temperatures have been moving up gradually. It's a time for celebration, bringing our Irish Community and the greater Montreal Community together to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick and for many the arrival of spring after a long cold winter.

It is encouraging for me to see so many of our younger members getting involved in the society. I hope they can get many of their friends to join our society as that's our future.

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to our Sister Societies for their continued support. I would also like to thank my wife Avy who is always there to provide the support I need to carry out my duties as President of the UIS effectively.

Paul Loftus

President



2018 Montreal St. Patrick's Parade Cheers!

The Erin Sports Association
would like to thank the
United Irish Societies for nominating
our fellow member *Ronnie James*
as the 2018 Chief Reviewing Officer
for this year's parade.



Also, recognizing the
great effort that goes into
bringing the parade to life,
we sincerely wish you
continued success!



To the United Irish Societies of Montreal



Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure once again to address you on this festive occasion of the banquet and awards ceremony following the St. Patrick's Day Parade. My apologies for not being able to join you today but I remain with you in spirit and in celebration.

Thank you for all your hard work. I know there were many hands needed to help organize an event of this magnitude and I congratulate each and every volunteer for helping to make the 195th annual St. Patrick's Parade a success!

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The foresight to know where you are going,
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Statement from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 195th St. Patrick's Day Parade in Montreal, hosted by the United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc. (UISM).

For the last 195 years, Montreal has hosted one of the world's most extraordinary St. Patrick's Day Parades in celebration of the our Irish-Canadian community and their rich cultural heritage. This joyous gathering draws countless thousands of people to join in the festivities, and this year is no exception.

I wish to especially recognize and thank the many hardworking volunteers of the UISM, without whom the St. Patrick's Day Parade would not be possible.

Please accept my warmest welcome and best wishes for a memorable parade!

Déclaration du premier ministre du Canada

C'est avec grand plaisir que je vous souhaite la bienvenue au 195^e défilé de la Saint-Patrick à Montréal, organisé par l'United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc. (UISM).

Depuis 195 ans, on retrouve à Montréal l'un des plus extraordinaires défilés de la Saint-Patrick au monde, qui célèbre notre communauté irlando-canadienne et son riche patrimoine. Ce joyeux rassemblement attire des milliers de gens qui se joignent aux festivités et cette année ne fait pas exception à la règle.

J'aimerais spécialement mentionner et remercier les nombreux bénévoles de l'UISM pour leur travail acharné, sans qui le défilé de la Saint-Patrick ne serait pas possible.

Je vous souhaite chaleureusement la bienvenue et un défilé mémorable !

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United Irish Societies of Montreal Call Out For Members & Volunteers

- To help organize the annual St. Patrick's Parade.
- To help organize the annual Queen's Selection Evening.
- To support the Entertainment Group, who entertain seniors and shut ins.
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- To help organize and attend the annual Awards Banquet & Dinner Dance in honour of the Grand Marshal and Chief Reviewing Officer.
- To support other Irish organizations in their activities.
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Défilé de la Saint-Patrick

Message du ministre Martin Coiteux

Annonciateur de l'arrivée du printemps, le défilé de la Saint-Patrick anime les rues de Montréal qui, pour l'occasion, se couvrent de vert. Avec un cortège composé de chars allégoriques, de fanfares et de milliers de participants, cette grande fête contribue à l'attractivité de la métropole. En effet, chaque année depuis plus de 200 ans, cet événement festif et rassembleur réunit au centre-ville des milliers de Montréalais et de visiteurs.

Le gouvernement du Québec est fier de célébrer l'héritage et la contribution de la communauté irlandaise qui a marqué l'histoire et le développement de Montréal et du Québec. Voilà un autre événement qui met à l'honneur la richesse de la diversité culturelle qui caractérise notre métropole.

Merci à tous les bénévoles qui font de cet événement un succès!

Martin Coiteux

Ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'Occupation du territoire

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Ministre responsable de la région de Montréal

St. Patrick's Day Parade

A message from Minister Martin Coiteux

A herald of the start of spring, the St. Patrick's Day Parade which, for the occasion, will be covered in green, brings the streets of Montreal to life. With a procession of parade floats, marching bands and thousands of participants, this great celebration contributes to the metropolis' allure. Every year, for more than 200 years, this festive event brings together thousands of Montrealers and visitors downtown.

The Government of Quebec is proud to celebrate the legacy and contribution of the Irish community, which has marked the history and development of Montreal and Quebec. This is another event that honours the richness of cultural diversity that characterizes our metropolis.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make this event a great success!

Martin Coiteux

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Depuis 1824, les Montréalaises et Montréalais se rassemblent dans la bonne humeur pour participer à l'une des plus importantes célébrations de la Saint-Patrick en Amérique du Nord.

Cette tradition festive, qui annonce l'arrivée du printemps, exprime parfaitement les valeurs d'ouverture et le sens de la fête qui caractérisent si bien notre métropole. Qu'ils soient Irlandais d'origine ou de coeur, les participants sont chaque année toujours aussi nombreux à venir célébrer la fierté de l'un des peuples fondateurs de notre métropole.

La communauté irlandaise a profondément marqué l'histoire de Montréal. Le trèfle apparaît d'ailleurs fièrement sur le drapeau montréalais et encore aujourd'hui, nos concitoyennes et concitoyens d'origine irlandaise contribuent à forger l'identité de la métropole.

Je souhaite donc que ce 195^e défilé soit couronné d'un franc succès et je tiens à saluer le travail de tous les membres du comité organisateur qui ont déployé beaucoup d'énergie à la préparation de ce joyeux rassemblement.

Bonne fête de la Saint-Patrick!

Since 1824, Montrealers have been gathering for the jolly Saint Patrick's Day festivities, among the biggest of their kind in North America.

This festive tradition, that heralds the return of spring, perfectly expresses our city's openness and festive spirit. Whether they are of Irish origin or just Irish at heart, participants come in great numbers, year after year, to celebrate the pride of one of the founding peoples of our metropolis.

The Irish community has had a profound impact on the history of Montréal. In fact, the clover leaf is proudly displayed on our city's flag, and our fellow citizens who are of Irish descent continue to contribute to the identity of our metropolis.

I wish for this 195th parade to be highly successful and I salute the work of all members of the organizing committee, who have put so much energy towards preparing this jolliest of gatherings.

Happy Saint Patrick's!

Valérie Plante
Mairesse de Montréal
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**Que cette journée de la Saint-Patrick
soit mémorable et joyeuse !**

**Wishing you a memorable
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Le conseil d'arrondissement de LaSalle
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and wishes everyone a happy
195th St. Patrick's Parade.



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Elizabeth Quinn

Grand Marshal 2018

195th St. Patrick's Parade



Elizabeth was born to Mary Florence Dennison and Joseph Quinn. She and her brother Joseph were raised in Verdun where they attended St. Willibrord School and Parish. Elizabeth graduated from Notre Dame Mother House, obtained a Bachelor of Education from McGill University, majoring in Religious Studies. Additionally, she obtained certificates in the teaching of Mathematics and Art from Concordia University and graduated with a Certificate in Pastoral Animation from the University of Montreal.

Elizabeth is married to Alfred Mackay. She is retired after 32 years as an elementary school teacher and currently enjoys spending time with her husband at their country place.

Elizabeth has been active in the Irish Community for close to 30 years. She filled several positions on the Executive Committee of the United Irish Societies and led the organization as its president in 2000 and 2001. She continues to be an active participant on various committees including the Queen's Selection Committee, the Banquet Committee, and the St. Patrick's

Parade Committee. She is a member of the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal and of Innisfail Social and Sports Association

Elizabeth has been volunteering during most of her lifetime. She has served on the Executive and Board of Directors of Catholic Community Services and is presently the President of the Board of Directors of St. Antoine 50+ Community Center. She enjoys all things musical, and has entertained at various events. She has several hobbies involving needlework and sewing and makes many of the sashes you see worn by parade participants and dignitaries both in Montreal and Toronto.

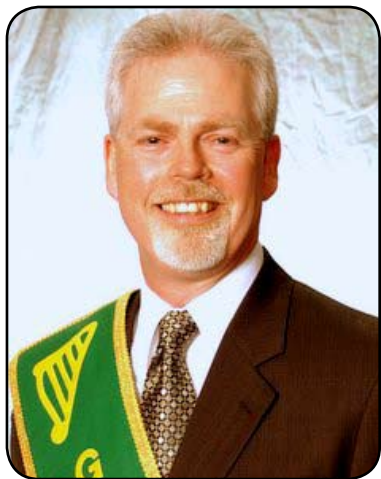
In 2008 Elizabeth received the Liam Daly Heritage Award in recognition of her continued devotion and generosity entertaining others and in 2015 served as Chief Reviewing Officer of the annual parade.

Elizabeth's Irish heritage stems from numerous counties, including Mayo, Tipperary, Monaghan, and Kildare.

The United Irish Societies is pleased to present Elizabeth Quinn as the Grand Marshal of the 2018 St. Patrick's Parade.



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Ronald (Ronnie) James

Chief Reviewing Officer 2018 195th St. Patrick's Parade



Ronnie James is well known throughout the Irish community. A member of the Point Saint Charles diaspora, he attended Riverside Elementary and Lorne School before moving on to Montreal High School. Ronnie was a proud member of Leo's Boys, speaking glowingly about his experiences whenever he has the opportunity.

Ronnie is perhaps best known as the longtime Equipment Manager of the Montreal Alouettes. His association with the Alouettes began in 1996 upon the team's return when he served as Assistant Equipment Manager. In 1998 Ronnie was promoted to Equipment Manager, a position he held through the 2016 season. After twenty years in the equipment room, Ronnie is now the team's Travel & Logistics Coordinator. During his time with the Alouettes, Ronnie has played a part in nine Grey Cup games. He now owns 3 championship rings, which he earned in 2002, 2009, and 2010.

What is less known about Ronnie is his benevolent activities. He has donated an endless amount of raffle prizes, auction items, and a significant amount of time to the Point Wish Softball Tournament, the Point Saint Charles Hall of Recognition, and numerous other community initiatives.

He has helped serve meals at the Welcome

Hall Mission and, at Christmas time, has packed and delivered baskets on behalf of Saint Gabriel's Parish and the Erin Sports Association.

Ronnie has coached and managed youth sports teams, in some cases teams his children were not even playing on.

A member of the Erin Sports Association and the United Irish Societies of Montreal, Ronnie is proud of his Irish heritage. He contributes to the success of the annual St. Patrick's Parade by serving as a deputy marshal, although he is best known for his work with the Erin Sports Association where he serves as Chairman of the very successful Irishman of the Year Breakfast.

In 2017, Ronnie was awarded the Ian Stevenson Memorial Trophy at the Point Wish Softball Tournament in recognition of his dedication in volunteering for the tournament during its 25-year run.

Ronnie has been married to his wife Susan for thirty seven years, and resides in Chateauguy. Their son RJ resides in Ottawa, where he works as the Equipment Manager for the CFL's Ottawa Redblacks, while their daughter Mallory resides in Alberta.

The United Irish Societies of Montreal is pleased to present Ronnie James as the Chief Reviewing Officer of the 2018 St. Patrick's Parade.

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Cindy Bray and Gerry Tibbo

2018 Simon McDonough Humanitarian Award Recipients



Cindy Bray was born to Albert Bray and Viola Pine. One of nine children, she attended Sarsfield School and then Saint Gabriel's.

Gerry was born to Juliette and Gerald Tibbo. One of six children, Gerry also attended Sarsfield School prior to his family briefly living in LaSalle. They returned to Point St. Charles, and he attended James Lyng High School.

Lifelong friends, Cindy and Gerry were married in St. Gabriel's Church in 1985. Together, they have three children: Todd, Victoria, and Ashley.

Cindy and Gerry have long been church volunteers.

She volunteered her cooking skills for the resident priests and seminarians, and together, along with Terry Clahane and Darleen Marchand, they catered various church events. They ran the Parish's bingo evenings, flea markets, helped with the children's liturgy, and numerous other activities. They continue to help with the Parish's Christmas basket program, Lenten lunches, and two annual fundraising

breakfasts in support of the children celebrating their first communions, and who are being confirmed.

Cindy sang in the St. Gabriel's choir, performing in cabaret and Christmas shows. Gerry, also a member, sang duets with Lisa Forget for concerts and weddings.

Cindy and Gerry both volunteered their time toward the Point St. Charles Aces youth football organization. For many years, Cindy worked at the canteen on game days, and Gerry coached and served as vice president for over twenty years.

In 2012, Gerry was inducted into the Point St. Charles Hall of Recognition. Also in 2012, both Cindy and Gerry received the Parish Volunteer of the Year Award, presented annually at the Gary Clahane Golf Tournament.

The United Irish Societies of Montreal is pleased to present the 2018 Simon McDonough Humanitarian Award to Cindy Bray and Gerry Tibbo for dedication to their community.

Previous Simon McDonough Humanitarian Award Recipients

1993	Maureen Kelly	2002	Rev. Father Thomas McEntee	2010	Adrian Bercovici
1994	Kenny Meehan	2003	Father Emmett Johns	2011	Kelvin & Janice Berry
1995	John P. Gilroy	2004	Donald Pidgeon	2012	Ernie Pousseau
1996	William Pidgeon	2005	Joseph Quinn	2013	Michael Spears
1997	William O'Donnell	2006	Ann Cruise-Broden	2014	Francis Baddeley
1998	Frank Monroe	2007	Brian McBrien	2015	Mabel Fitzgerald
1999	Sr. Dianna Lieffers	2008	Brian Dowd	2016	Richard McConomy and Pierrette Sévigny
2000	Liam Daly	2009	Edith Cavanaugh	2017	Erin Sports Association
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Alan Jones

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Liam Daly Heritage Award Recipient



Born in Wales, Alan Jones became interested in Irish traditional music in the late 1960s, after first hearing it played in local folk music clubs and then hearing the great travelling Irish Uilleann piper Finbar Furey on BBC radio. Following numerous years of persistent searching, he eventually obtained his own set of Irish pipes and has since spent his life learning about the instrument and its practitioners. Alan has been a longtime member of Na Piobairi Uilleann (the Irish Pipers' Association) and has travelled extensively in pursuit of his passion for Irish traditional music and culture.

Alan, an engineer by profession, emigrated to Canada in 1979, and it was not very long afterward that he was being interviewed and performing on Liam Daly's Montreal Irish TV show. While pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at Concordia University he undertook numerous Irish Studies courses, further expanding his knowledge of Irish history, geography, culture and music.

As an avid supporter of things Irish, Alan frequently performs at various events, in concerts and at festivals etc., playing and promoting the Irish pipes and Irish traditional music. He has marched in St. Patrick's parades

playing bagpipes, has piped for the Irish community's annual march to the Irish Memorial site at the Victoria Bridge in Montreal, has performed at the Grosse Ile Memorial site 150th anniversary for Parks Canada, played his Uilleann pipes for Cine Gael's 1916 Uprising 100th anniversary vintage silent movie showing, and performed the theme music for the acclaimed film Love and Savagery, which was filmed in Ireland and Newfoundland, and directed by John Smith, produced by Kevin Tierney, and featured Alan Hawco as one of the principal actors. He has performed on behalf of Concordia University in promoting the Irish Studies department with mayors and ministers at the municipal, provincial and federal levels. In 2004, Alan was the invited Uilleann piper who performed with renowned Irish flute player and ethnomusicologist Desi Wilkinson, in a special concert called "Ireland on the St. Lawrence" – which traced the strong musical roots between Irish and Quebec (French Canadian) traditional music.

For his commitment to Irish traditional music and Irish culture, the United Irish Societies of Montreal is pleased to present the 2018 Liam Daly Heritage Award to Alan Jones.

Previous Liam Daly Heritage Award Recipients

2004	April O'Donoghue	2008	Elizabeth Quinn	2013	Andriù MacGabhann
2005	Lynn Lonergan Doyle	2009	Lisa Forget	2014	John Gilroy
2006	Patricia Burns	2010	Donald Pidgeon	2015	Siamsa School of Irish Music
2007	St. Patrick's Society	2011	Kathleen McAuliffe	2016	Montreal Shamrocks GAC
		2012	Jeffrey Charles McCarthy, CD	2017	Richard "Ricky" Clahane



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I would like to congratulate the United Irish Societies of Montreal
for another successful St-Patrick's Day Parade and for
bringing the "green" back to our city despite the chill in the air.

Thank you for all you do as an organization to make us all feel Irish
throughout the entire month of March.

May your Annual Banquet be festive, and food and drink plentiful!

Sláinte!

The United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc. 2018 St. Patrick's Parade Queen and Court

Kathleen Brown-Vandecruys

Parade Queen

Kathleen Brown-Vandecruys is a 23-year old recent graduate of McGill University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Political Science. She is currently employed by the City of Dorval's Aquatics and Sports complex while waiting to become an Infantryman for the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves' Canadian Grenadier Guards Regiment.

Kathleen's Irish ancestry can be traced back to her mother's family who hailed from Crossmaglen, County Armagh as well as Newry, County Down.

Her love of volunteering began in high school where she helped several adult organizations. It truly blossomed when she was a catechism teacher for children at St Veronica's church, then a leader in summer programs with the City of Dorval. She continued to volunteer at an NGO called ELIMU Pamoja with children as an online English teacher. For the last two years, Kathleen has been involved with Asociacion Incawasi, a non-profit organization in Peru that focuses on improving the educational, social, and nutritional situation of children of all ages.



Darragh Kilkenny-Mondoux
Princess

Darragh is the eldest daughter of the eldest daughter of a fierce Irish matriarchy hailing from counties Cavan, and Leitrim. She is a 24 year old student at Concordia University's Liberal Arts College, where she discovered her love of James Joyce after having studied the works of Homer, the Bible, and extensive works from Modernist movement. It was upon presenting an essay on Ulysses at the Montreal Bloomsday Festival that she felt her degree would be complemented by a minor at the university's School of Irish Studies. Darragh is a life-long volunteer at St Monica's Parish in NDG, where she initiates projects, plans events, and is involved with their childcare program. She has worked as a live-in nanny for two wonderful boys in Montreal West, and regularly entertains at birthday parties as a mermaid, or princess.



Olivia O'Keeffe
Princess

Olivia is 24 years old and part of a very large Irish family in the Montreal area. She is currently employed as a political attaché for the Provincial MNA. Already with a degree in Political Science, she plans to return to university to obtain a public relations diploma and then on to a Master's degree. With a heavy work schedule often taking up 7 days of each week, she manages to find time to volunteer with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, helping them organize several large events per year to raise money for the 13,000 students at that board. While in school, she was on the varsity flag football team. She now plays in an adult league and is currently training for an Olympic distance triathlon.



Taylor Pogue
Princess

Taylor is a 22-year-old student at Concordia University currently completing her BA with a major in English Literature and a minor in Business Studies. She works in human resources at PUMA Canada while attending school and volunteers with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the West Island. The program matches volunteers with a child in need of support and mentoring. Taylor finds volunteering to be both enriching and rewarding. She has helped her current match blossom from a child to a young teen through activities such as cooking, reading, and playing. Taylor enjoys learning about new cultures via one of her passions: cooking. She is currently a member of the Pierrefonds Ladies Volleyball Club and regularly practices yoga. It not only nourishes her mind but provides excellent physical benefits and reminds her to be present in every moment.



Lauren Tracey
Princess

Lauren is 22 years old and has traced her family back to 1841 in Dunmore, County Galway. The first of her family to come to Canada was her great-great-grandfather, Dennis Tracey, in the 1800s. His family settled in what was St Patrick's Parish and he operated a stall in what is now Atwater Market. Dennis was a benevolent man who let recently arrived immigrants take shelter in his stall's hay lofts. His sons later owned and operated Tracey Bros, a ship chandeller and general store at 66 McGill street. Lauren is in her first year of graduate studies at McGill University and is writing her thesis to obtain her Master of Science degree in Exercise Physiology. She leads a clinical study involving patients with COPD at the Montreal Chest Institute. She is also a teaching assistant at McGill. Lauren is currently employed at a pharmacy as a lab technician, a position she has held since the age of 16.

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As round our blazing fires we throng,
the starry heavens o'er us;
Impatient for the coming fight
And as we wait the morning light,
Here in the silence of the night,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

CHORUS :

Soldiers are we, whose lives are pledged
to Ireland, Some have come from a
land beyond the wave,
Sworn to be free, no more our ancient
sireland
Shall shelter the despot or slave.
Tonight we'll man the Bearn Baoghail,
In Erin's cause come woe or weal,
Mid cannon's roar and rifle's peal,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

In valley green, on towering crag, our
fathers fought before us,
And conquered 'neath the same old flag
that's proudly floating o'er us;
We're children of a fighting race,
That never yet has known disgraced,
And as we march, the foe to face,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Sons of the Gael, men of the Pale, the
long watched day is breaking,
The serried ranks of Innisfail shall set the
tyrant quaking;
Our camp fires now are burning low,
See in the east the silvery glow,
Out yonder waits the Saxon foe,
Then chant a soldier's song.

AMHRAN NA bhFIANN

Seo dhibh a cháirde duan oglaigh
Caithréimeach, bríoghmhar, ceolmhar,
Ár dteinte cnámh go buacach táid,
'S an spéir go mín réaltógach.
Is fionnmhar faobhrach sinn chum gleo
'S go tiúnmhar glé roimh tigheacht do'n ló
Fa ciúnas chaoimh na h-oidhche ar seol,
Seo libh, canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

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Sinne Fianna Fáil atá fá gheall ag Éirinn,
Buidhean dár sluagh tar túinn do ráinig
chughainn:
Fámhóid bheith saor, sean-tír ár sinnsear
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Ní fágfar fá'n tíorán ná fá'n tráil,
Anocht a theigeamh sa bhearna baoghail,
Le gean ar Gaedhil chum báis nó saoghail,
Le gunna sgréac, fá lamhach na piléar,
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Cois banta réidhe, ar árdaibh sléibhe
Ba bhuadhach ár sinnsear romhainn,
Ag lámhach go tréan fá'n sár-bhrat séin
Tá thuas sa ghaoith go seolta,
Ba dhuthchas riamh d'ár gcine cháidh
Gan iompáil siar ó imirt áir,
'Siubhal mar iad i gcoinnibh námhaid
Seo libh, canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

CURFA

A buidhean nach fann d'fuil Ghaoidheal
is Gall,
Sinn breacadh lae na saoirse,
Tá sgéimhle 's agannradh i gcroidhthibh
namhad,
Roimh ranngaibh laochra ár dtíre,
Ár dtainte is tréith gan spréach anois,
Sin luisne ghlé san-spéir anoir,
'S an bíodhbha i raon na bpiléar agaibh:
Seo libh, canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

CURFA





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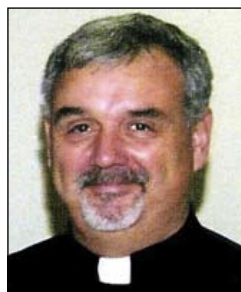
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 Charity Society
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 St. Andrew's Society
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1958.....	Erin Shannon	1979.....	Lynn Hume	2000.....	Jennifer Nolan-Arditi
1959.....	Maureen Wholey	1980.....	Andrea Egerton	2001.....	Nadia Collette
1960.....	Doris Kennedy	1981.....	Linda McLernain	2002.....	Kellyann Ryan
1961.....	Betty McGrory	1982.....	Catherine Crowe	2003.....	Erin McCarthy
1962.....	Patricia Browne	1983.....	Suzanne Shannon	2004.....	Tara Hecksher
1963.....	Anna Gavigan	1984.....	Linda McKeown	2005.....	Stephanie Glezos
1964.....	Margaret McGregor	1985.....	Carolyn Byrne	2006.....	Courtney Elizabeth Mullins
1965.....	Arlene Morell	1986.....	Rosaleen Carroll	2007.....	Andrea McGlynn
1966.....	Veronica O'Shaughnessy	1987.....	Janice Campbell	2008.....	Briana Yerbury
1967.....	Clare Leonard	1988.....	Kimberley Amiot	2009.....	Erin Mackasey
1968.....	Maureen McCabe	1989.....	Margaret Aherne	2010.....	Katherine McKendry
1969.....	Vickie McDonough	1990.....	Valerie Shannahan	2011.....	Olivia Crawford
1970.....	Brenda Reid	1991.....	Kimberley Anne Tyrell	2012.....	Keira Kilmartin
1971.....	Deborah McHenry	1992.....	Kelly Pierson	2013.....	Alyssa Caughy
1972.....	Susan Murray	1993.....	Jennifer McKeogh	2014.....	Sarah Murphy
1973.....	Deborah Tierney	1994.....	Colleen Murphy	2015.....	Carly Meredith
1974.....	Maureen Ann McNally	1995.....	Shelly Howe	2016.....	Samantha Cambridge
1975.....	Maureen O'Shea	1996.....	Jaime Andrea Kirnan	2017.....	Mary Lynne Loftus
1976.....	Patricia Canty	1997.....	Amanda Elizabeth Hoover	2018.....	Kathleen Brown-Vandecruys

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1929.....	Ald. Thomas E. Fagan	1959.....	Dr.L.P. Nelligan	1989.....	Rev. William McCarthy
1930.....	P. O'Donnell	1960.....	Jack Cronin	1990.....	Liam Daly
1931.....	Insp. Toby Kavanagh	1961.....	Councillor Gerry Snyder	1991.....	James P. Coleman
1932.....	Dist. Chief P. Doolan	1962.....	Councillor Ken McKenna	1992.....	Richard McConomy
1933.....	Insp. Patrick Lawton	1963.....	Dr. Kenny Mooney, M.D.	1993.....	Derek Deegan
1934.....	Christopher Carson	1964.....	Richard F. Walsh	1994.....	Donald Pidgeon
1935.....	Ald. Leo J. McKenna	1965.....	T.P. Slattery, Q.C.	1995.....	Keith Matticks
1936.....	Ald. T. Kilfeather	1966.....	Bryce Mackasey, M.P.	1996.....	Bishop N.E. Willard, V.G.
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1957.....	William (Bill) Fitzpatrick	1979.....	John McConomy	2002.....	Mabel Ann Fitzgerald
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1959.....	Dr. Thomas J. Kierens	1981.....	Rev. Peter McGlynn, p.p.	2004.....	Georges Bossé
1960.....	Edmond Coleman	1982.....	Rev. T. D. McEntee, C.D.	2005.....	Michel Sarrazin
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1966.....	John A. Belton	1988.....	Sam L. Elkas	2011.....	Brendan Deegan
1967.....	Mayor Jean Drapeau	1989.....	Mayor Raymond Savard	2012.....	Danny Doyle Sr.
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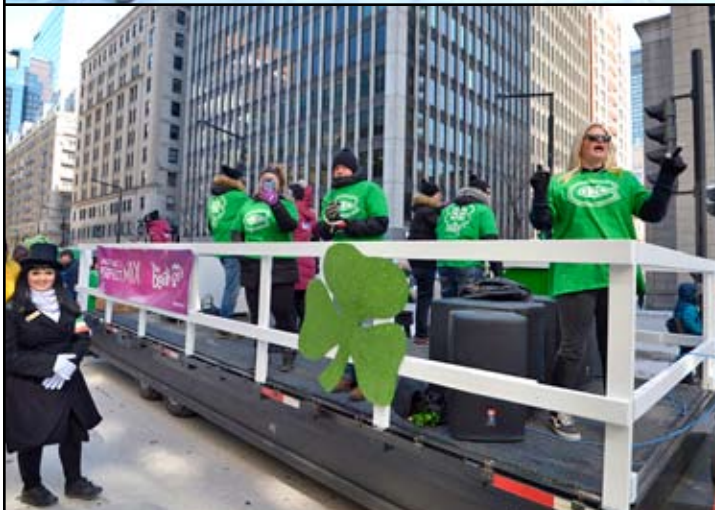
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The United Irish Societies of Montreal at Ninety

Ninety years ago the United Irish Societies of Montreal was founded for the purposes of organizing the annual St. Patrick's Parade, taking over as its custodians.

Since that time the organization has seen thirty five individuals serve as President from various walks of life. John I. McCaffrey, founding president who served during the 1929 and 1930 seasons, was known as the organist at St. Ann's Church. Mabel Fitzgerald became the first woman to serve as its president, serving during the 1992 and 1993 seasons. The longest serving president in the organization's history was John Loye, who served from 1934 to 1957. Loye was a historian, writer, draftsman, and commercial artist.

In its history the organization has honoured eighty nine men and women by naming them Parade Grand Marshal. The only man to be so honoured twice in this time is Dr. L.P. Nelligan, who was honoured in 1939 and 1959. Many politicians have led the Parade along its route, from local city councillors, to provincial representatives, to members of parliament. In 1980 future prime minister Brian Mulroney was honoured as Grand Marshal. It wasn't until Margaret Healy served as Grand Marshal in 2005 that the organization saw its first female. The first former president to be named Grand Marshal was George O'Reilly, who assumed the position for the Olympic year Parade in 1976. Seven

subsequent former presidents went on to be honoured as Grand Marshal and, in 2012, current president Paul Loftus led the Parade along Saint Catherine Street.

The Chief Reviewing Officer was introduced to the Parade in 1952. Originally an honour reserved for those Irish by birth or descent, the first non Irish person to be honoured was fittingly the 1967 Chief Reviewing Officer, Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau. Since then, community leaders from various backgrounds have taken the salutes at the Reviewing Stand. Mabel Fitzgerald continued to be the trailblazer in the organization when in 2002 she was honoured as the first female Chief Reviewing Officer.

In 1956 the Queen's Pageant was introduced. The Pageant was held at the Montreal Sailors' Club in Old Montreal. Different Parishes had promoted young ladies as Queen

of their units in prior years. Today the Queen's Selection Evening is a public speaking event open to single women from eighteen to twenty five years of age who are either Irish or of Irish descent who live in the Montreal area.

While undoubtedly the people who have been honoured in various ways were humbled by the community recognition, it is the quiet work in the community that the organization is most pleased with. From the mid 1960s through 2014 the Entertainment Committee travelled to men's hostels, seniors residences, and other places where people could not necessarily get out during the cold Winter months, entertaining men and women and spreading their joy and happiness through song and dance.

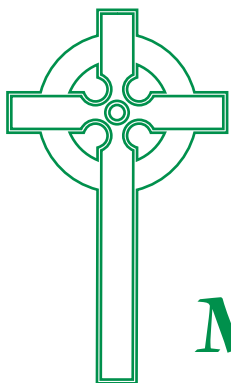


The jewel in the organization's crown has to be the annual Christmas Draw. Since 1967 the organization has promoted a Draw. The \$154 proceeds from the inaugural year were donated to the Montreal Children's Hospital for the purchase of a special wheelchair. Tickets were sold for a modest sum of 5 for \$1.00 or \$.25 per ticket. In 1979 prizes of alcohol were eliminated, replaced by cash prizes. In 1981, the price of tickets increased to \$1.00, which remains in effect today. In 1992, total prizes increased to \$2,000, also in effect today. The purpose of this project is to have a self financed, membership driven, event that helps less fortunate

members of the community at a time of the year when they are at their most vulnerable. The members are encouraged to sell a total of eight thousand tickets and they may submit names of families in need to the committee chairperson. The proceeds of the Christmas Draw benefit approximately sixty needy families, mainly in the Southwest, Verdun, and LaSalle boroughs of the City of Montreal.

As in 1928, the organization continues to bring the community together. It continues to work hand in hand with its sister organizations toward the common good, whatever the goal may be. May the United Irish Societies of Montreal live on for another 90 years and may it bring joy and happiness to many more generations of Montrealers of all backgrounds.

Ken Quinn, Historian, U.I.S.



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"It's about sharing our culture and welcoming people to join us," says Elizabeth Quinn, Grand Marshal of Montreal's 195th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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Go ahead, be 'Irish for a day,' says St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal

Elizabeth Quinn loves everything about Montreal's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, but what she loves best is that festive feeling, that sense that everyone is "Irish for a day".

"If you walk along the parade route, it's like the League of Nations on both sides," Quinn told the Montreal Gazette. "All ethnic groups are there and they all wear green and they have their thumbs up, saying they are Irish for a day. We all have a good time and that's what it's all about."

Quinn is the Grand Marshal of Montreal's 195th St. Patrick's Day Parade, which begins Sunday at noon on the corner of City Councillors St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. The route — altered this year to accommodate roadwork underway along Ste-Catherine St. — will follow de Maisonneuve Blvd. westward to Mackay St. and then south to René-Lévesque Blvd.

For the past 30 years, Quinn has been actively involved with the United Irish Societies, which has organized Montreal's parade for the past 90 years. A committed community volunteer, Quinn first joined to participate as a singer in a UIS-sponsored group that entertains seniors in retirement homes. She loves to sing, particularly old Irish favourites.

A retired school teacher, Quinn became more and more involved, eventually being elected president of the organization in 2000 and 2001. She continues to sit on a number of its organizing committees. Still, Quinn said she was shocked to learn she had been nominated last October as grand marshal of the parade.

She is only the second woman to serve, following Margaret Healy back in 2005. But Quinn says she was surprised to be nominated, not because she is female, but because she is such an active member of the UIS.

"Normally we don't really give our own that honour. ... So when I was nominated, I was very shocked of course and dismayed. I kept saying, 'Oh no, no, no. You have to pick someone else. This is crazy.' But they said, 'No you've been around a long time and you do a lot so we would like to honour you.' So what could I say?"

"Anyway, it's a great honour for me because I've been a part of who they are for many, many years and there is nothing better than getting an award from your peers."

Still, Quinn finds herself squinting a little uncomfortably in the limelight.

"I'm used to being in the background. I'm a backstage worker and I like it that way. But it is grand. The only thing is there are so many things to go to, you can't imagine."

Of course the busiest day of Quinn's mandate will be this Sunday. She'll be meeting with other parade organizers and dignitaries for breakfast at a downtown hotel, then heading off to the annual "Green Mass" at St. Patrick's Basilica (454 René-Lévesque Blvd. W.) at 10 a.m. where the Archbishop of Montreal Reverend Christian Lépine will preside.

Then it's off to the parade, where she hopes to wave to as many as 500,000 "Irish" Montrealers and tourists.

The parade this year will consist of about 20 floats, 25 marching bands and about 4,000 individuals.

Participants will include Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante, local police and firefighters and various media personalities as well as members of the Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment of Canada Pipes and Drums, the Kahnawake Peacekeepers, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts organizations, and representatives from many of the city's Irish pubs plus many more.

"The Irish love to celebrate. We love to dance and sing and party," Quinn said. "It's about sharing our culture and welcoming people to join us."

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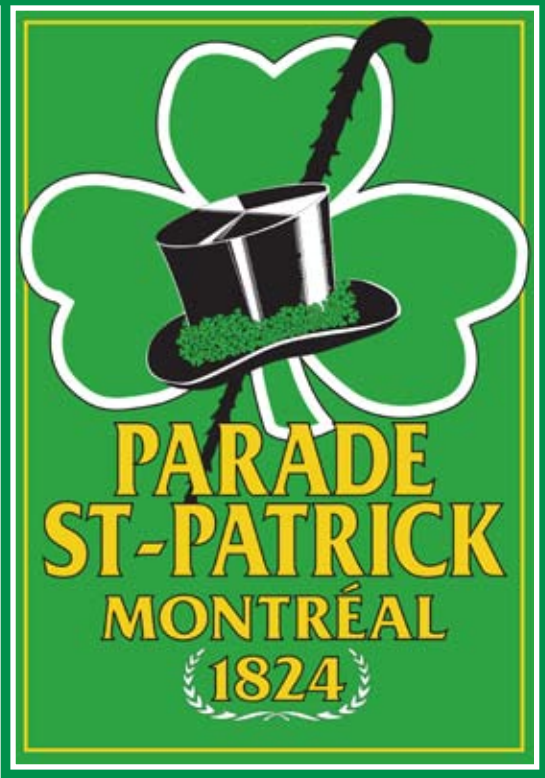
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