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ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION WEEKEND



Her Honor, Mayor Anisse Parker, joined the Parade Grand Marshals, David, Billy and Mike Carr for this photo at the reviewing stand on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Thank you Mayor Parker.

On the previous evening, March 12, 2010 the Carr Brothers were honorees at the 4th Annual St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner held at the Petroleum Club. It was the largest audience for this event since its inception. Thank you to all who participated and we will see you next year.

REV. HUBERT J. KEALY REST IN PEACE



Fr. Hubert J. Kealy was only 71 when he passed away on March 11, 2010 after a long struggle with cancer. He was a friend and Lifetime Member of the Irish Society. A native of Danville, Pennsylvania, he was ordained in Harrisburg in 1964 and came to Texas in 1987. He was Pastor at the following Churches: Notre Dame Church in Houston, St. Pius V in Pasadena and since 2006 at Sacred Heart Church in Conroe. He was returned home to Pennsylvania for his final resting place. (Left) The Kealy Family Coat of Arms.

4TH ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER



What a night! We are pleased to announce we had our largest crowd at the 4th St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner. We hope to see all of you there in 2011 and more. Thank you for your support.

"Griff" making the traditional Patron Saint presentation to Emcee Lyn Brogan.



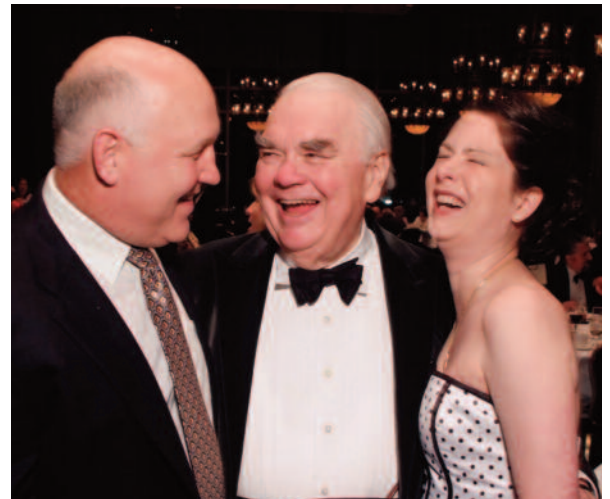
Our Honorees, Mike, David and Billy Carr, receiving the Jameson Irish Whiskey Award, presented by Gregory Horan.

Sean Kearns and new fiancée, Janelle Dino, who were referenced at this event last year as the featured "date of the evening."



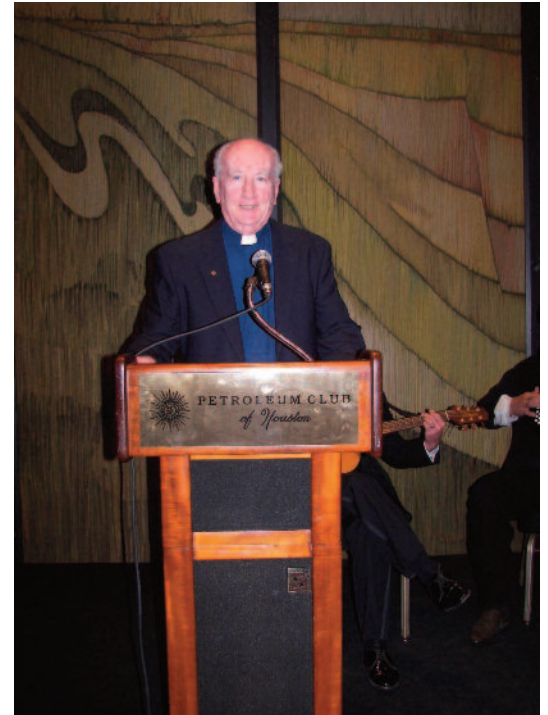
David and Ronica O'Keefe, our host and hostess for the evening.

New Irish Society Member Marty Power providing Tom Horan and Leslie Morris with a good St. Patrick's laugh.



4TH ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER

Our Chaplain for this event on March 12, 2010 was Fr. Jay Walsh, C.S.B. We never had such great Irish humor in an Invocation and Benediction. The latter was a “close” from the famous Irish American orator, Bishop Fulton Sheen. His closing Benediction was preceded by an extremely amusing story about Fr. T. P. O'Rourke, C.S.B., related by Larry Miggins.



Honorary Irish Consul General, John Kane welcoming Tracey and Patrick Barden Keegan, our new Lifetime Members.



Natalie and Michael Flemming enjoy the nights festivities. Michael Flemming is one of the original founding members of the Irish Society.

Our musical director, Marshal Maxwell and our gorgeous songstress, Maureen Miggins Swanson.

Special thanks to David Postma of “Genesis Photos” for the use of his photos.



HOUSTON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

What a beautiful day with great weather! And what a wonderful time we had marching and singing and being Irish. Our yellow fire truck was loaded with Irish Society members and plenty of kids.

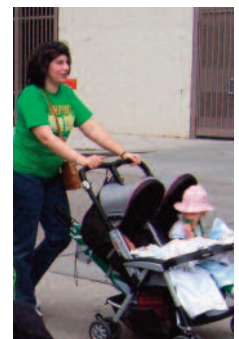


The traditional AOH song sheets provided by Greg Gallagher were handed out to Tom Horan and Pete Little by Lyn Brogan.

Here is John Kane the day of the Parade with Lori Gallagher and Pat Sharkey. John always marches with the UST Center for Irish Studies group.



Stepping off and proudly carrying our banner were the Horan brothers, Tom III and Gregory along with a few of the Irish Society members.



Elizabeth Horan King with son Nicholas. Elizabeth was the mystery woman in our last newsletter.

2010 BLOOMSDAY PARTY



The Irish Society is pleased to announce the location of this year's Bloomsday Event on Wednesday June 16, 2010 from 6 to 9 PM. We will be returning to the Olde City Pub located at 14124 Steubner Airline, just 1/8th mile north of FM 1960. Music will be provided by Hugh and Kendall of "Murder the Stout".

In keeping with tradition we will either be seeking a new Irish Society Molly or perhaps re-crowning our 4th and present Molly, Courtney Cain, shown here.



Please mark your calendar to celebrate with us the literary work of world renowned Irish Author, James Joyce, as his characters Leopold Bloom and his daughter Molly relive the events in his novel Ulysses, all of which took place on one day in Dublin in 1904. The significance of the day, June 16, 1904, was the date of Joyce's first outing with his wife-to-be, Nora Barnacle. We will hopefully start a new tradition for us by having a brief Bloomsday "reading" at this event.

We will be graced by a performance of the O'Maoileidigh Dancers at 7 PM. A welcoming drink and the food are on us. The rest of the evening is cash bar.

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ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Irish Society: This has been the slowest renewal period in my ten years as treasurer. I appreciate those of you who have renewed. If you have not already done so, you may seek reactivation for an additional \$25. We hoped that you "all" would have renewed your membership by now. Your dues provide 60% of our operating budget. Individual membership remains at \$35. It is only \$50 for a family membership. Those under 35 are considered "young adults" and their dues are a one time charge of \$20. It is \$500 for a lifetime membership under age 62 and \$250 for those over age 62.

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