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2013 ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER TO HONOR FORMER AOH ICONS

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following Ancient Order of Hibernian Icons to be honored at our March 15 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner: Burke O'Rourke, Larry Miggins & Tom Horan. This event will be held at the Petroleum Club as usual. Each of these honorees presently have sons on our Board of Directors. The AOH is now gone from our landscape here in Houston, but is definitely not forgotten.

HONOREE BURKE O'ROURKE



Here are Burke O'Rourke, with his beautiful bride Ann, and their son Joe, who is presently on our Board.

Burke will always be remembered along with John O'Leary for accepting the responsibility on behalf of the AOH of managing the Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1960. Burke was named Grand Marshal of the Parade in 1987. Burke & Ann Duggan married in Houston in 1953, ironically on the same date as our next Honoree.

HONOREE LARRY MIGGINS

On that same date in 1953, but in Chicago, Larry Miggins married Kathleen McMahon. Larry, a UST grad, will probably always be best remembered as a star performer of the infamous Houston Buffs and the St. Louis Cardinals. Larry is the author of a very good book for young baseball players: "Power Hitting." Even Lance Berkman remarked about his reading this book and finding it educational for young players. Larry and Kathleen are still the backbone of The Dick Dowling Irish Society. They were co-Grand Marshals of the 1997 Parade. This native New Yorker is a former member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.



Here is Larry as the star of the former Houston Buffs.



Here are Larry and Kathleen the day before his recent 87th birthday.

Their son, Neil, is a current Board Member and our Treasurer.

As Treasurer, Neil has become an integral part of our Board activities. He is also co-chair of our Food Bank project along with fellow Board Member Patrick Barden Keegan.



Please visit our Website www.TheIrishSociety.org for regular updates.

HONOREE TOM HORAN

Everyone in Houston knows and loves our next Honoree: Tom Horan. He is the most popular member of the local Irish-American community. This native Houstonian is also a graduate of UST. He was Grand Marshal of the 2001 St. Patrick's Parade. He will always be synonymous with the Shamrock Hotel & Jameson Irish Whiskey. Tom married his sweetheart, Jeani Jeanguenat & they have three gorgeous children: Tom III, Elizabeth King, and our Board Member, Gregory.

Tom and Jeani are being honored on November 9th at the UST Center for Irish Studies Irish Gala. Tom relinquished giving the annual Jameson award two years ago to Gregory. Tom is a former President of the AOH Dick Dowling Division. Tom has marched in 49 consecutive downtown parades and in his 50th in 2013!



Tom Horan and his son, Gregory, at last year's Celebration Dinner.

Pictured is Tom Horan's Great Irish friend, Richard McEvoy, Jeani Horan and Tom Horan at the Parade.

Here is Tom Horan Marching in his 49th consecutive St. Patrick's Day Parade in Houston.



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Celtic Open Golf Tournament

The Tournament will be played at the Cypresswood Golf Club in Spring. Formerly known as the Michael Davitt Irish Open, it helps fund the Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade. Monday, October 29 - Shotgun Start at 12 Noon - \$150 before October 22nd, \$175 on the date. Call (832)978-4192 for information. Box lunch & dinner provided.

William. J. Flynn Center of Irish Studies Irish Gala

Friday, November 9 at the Houstonian Hotel. Phone the William. J. Flynn Center of Irish Studies office at 713-525-3592 if you are interested in attending. Price for the evening is \$250 per ticket.

Irish Cooking Class

Wednesday, November 14 is an Irish recipes cooking class hosted by Pat Sharkey (713) 752-4266 & Pauline Ward (713) 839-0377. Call either for information & registration. Only \$69 per person. BYOB. Location is in the Heights and begins at 6:30PM. More information on our Website, www.TheIrishSociety.org

LARRY JOSEPH MIGGINS - REST IN PEACE

"Larry Joe" Miggins, February 18, 1960 - September 14, 2012, left this physical world unexpectedly. He will be missed greatly and remembered fondly. He was truly a blessing to all who crossed his path. He is the brother of our board member Neil Miggins. God Speed Larry Joe!



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