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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

### ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER

On Friday March 15, 2013 our annual Celebration Dinner will honor three AOH Icons. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, now nonexistent here in Houston, will also be celebrated. These 3 lifetime Irish Society members, Tom Horan, Larry Miggins, & Burke O'Rourke continue to represent the best of Houston's Irish Americans. We expect a wonderful crowd, and with your help, we intend to fill the ballroom at the Petroleum Club that evening. To make reservations, call "Lyn" Brogan at 281-531-0656; Pat Sharkey at 713-752-4266. Or Email David O'Keefe at [Dfokeefe@Aol.com](mailto:Dfokeefe@Aol.com).

The Burke O'Rourke family sends its best regards to our organization. Here is Joe (now on our Board of Directors), Burke's wife Ann, "Himself" and his daughter Mary Patricia.



## MIGGINS MEMORIAL IRISH STEW COOKOFF AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Here are Irish Society members Lori Gallagher (Director of the William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies and Irish Society Board Member), Joe O'Rourke (Irish Society Board Member), Gregory Horan (Irish Society Board Member), Tom Horan III, Neil Miggins, and Pete Little (Irish Society Board Member) partying at our booth. The net proceeds from this event went towards the St. Patrick's Parade Commission.



Heard the Tomfooligans yet? Well, they will be appearing at the Bull & Bear at 8PM on Saturday, March 16, 2013. All of us at the Houston Fenians' rally, which we co-sponsored in January enjoyed their talent. They also played the Miggins Festival.

Below is the Irish Society Cooking Team. Below Rt. Gregory Horan, his sister, Elizabeth and brother Tom III. They won 3rd place for his Irish Quesadillas.



## MARCHING IN TWO PARADES!

**March 16, 2013** - We will again march & ride in the Downtown Parade on 16 March 16, 2013. We line up at 11:45AM and the St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at Noon. We'll gather at Minute Maid Park at the corner of Texas Ave. and Hamilton St.

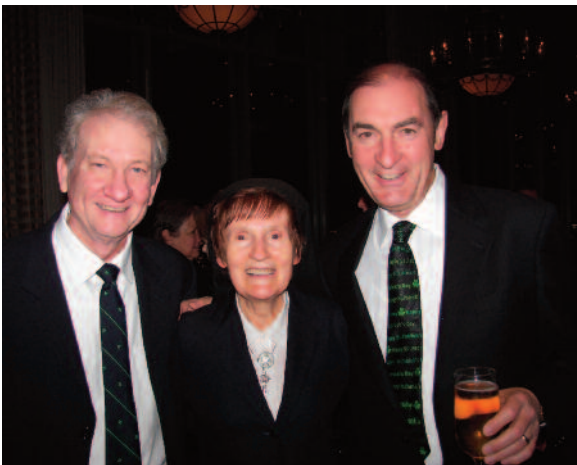
**March 17, 2013** - The Irish Society also has a contingent marching in The FM1960 St. Patrick's Day Parade. They will gather at FM 1960 and Champion Forest Drive. Call Neil Miggins at 713-560-9776 for more information.

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## PLEASE REMEMBER SISTER MURIEL CLARKE - R.I.P.



Here is Sr. Muriel at the UST Irish Gala in 2005 being seated by our then V.P., George McCarthy, who was since recalled as Captain in the US Navy. He is still serving. She was the backbone of the Houston Irish community before our organization took over from her. She remained an integral inspiration to all of us. A native of Cork Ireland, she taught grammar school in Louisiana and Texas for decades. She was a pillar at Saint Charles Borromeo Grammar School here in Houston. On February 13, 2013 she left us for a seat at the Eternal Banquet.



A Memorial Mass is schedule at St. John Vianney Chapel on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at NOON. Fr. Troy Gately, an old friend of Sr. Muriel, will be the celebrant. And as Pastor, he'll be our host. A light luncheon will follow on the premises.

Here is Sister Muriel Clarke with Mike Daly & Eamonn Finnerty at our St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner in 2011.

## TOM HORAN AND LARRY MIGGINS



Tom Horan and Gregory Horan. At right are some of the Miggins' Clan with Lori Gallagher and Bill Flynn at the Peace Through Commerce Conference & Lunch in May, 2012 at UST.



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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS

**3/12/13** - Irish Sing-A-Long at Griff's with the Celtic Chorus of Texas Griffs Irish Pub 3416 Roseland, Houston, Texas 77006 An evening of Irish Pub songs on the back patio 7-9

**3/13/13** - Parade MARSHAL MEETING-LUCKY'S 7:00 pm

**3/14/13** - St. Paddy's Eve Eve Eve w/Blaggards @ The Continental Club Thursday, 10:00pm until 1:00am The Continental Club, 3700 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002

**3/14/13** - Houston St Patrick's Day Queens Contest at Griff's. Begins under the tent at 7p.m. Watch the Beauties compete for the Crown. Griffs Irish Pub 3416 Roseland, Houston, Texas 77006

**3/15/13** - Annual St Patrick's Day Celebration at University of St Thomas Friday, March 15, 2013 Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration Mass at 10:30 am in the University of St. Thomas, Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum Brunch: University of St. Thomas, Jerabeck Gymnasium, 4000 Mt.Vernon Cost of Brunch: \$25 check or cash with advanced ticket sales; \$30 at the door. For more information, contact the Center Director, Lori Meghan Gallagher, JD, at 713-525-3592 or irishstudies@stthom.edu.

**3/15/13** - **Irish Society Annual Dinner at Houston Petroleum Club** Our annual dinner will be held at the **Houston Petroleum Club** on **March 15th**. **Accepting RSVPs now. Ticket price has not changed from \$150 per person. Valet service is included. Open bar all evening. For reservations, call: "Lyn" Brogan at (281) 531-0656 or Pat Sharkey at (713) 752-4266.** The evening begins at **6:30 PM** with a reception. **Grand Entrance of honorees at 7:35. Dinner at 8:00 sharp. Evening concludes at 9:30 PM.** The 3 lifetime Irish Society members to be honored are **Tom Horan, Burke O'Rourke and Larry Miggins. PETROLEUM CLUB of Houston, 800 Bell St. Houston, TX 77002 Phone: (713) 659-1431**

**3/15/13** - THE BLAGGARDS - Victoria, TX @ Victoria Bach Festival's St. Paddy's Eve Eve Party

**3/15/13** - Tomfooligans at The Gooses Acre Irish Pub Friday, March 15, 2013 9:30pm Get your St. Patrick's Day weekend off to a proper start with us at The Goose's Acre! The Gooses Acre 21 Waterway Ave, The Woodlands, Texas 77380

**3/15/13** - St. Paddy's Day kickoff party!!! With the Dead Rabbits at Palmer Club in Texas City Friday, March 15, 2013 9:00pm We're kickin' off the weekend proper down in Texas City! We're not stoppin' till Monday mornin' C'mon!!! The Palmer Club 1112 N. 34th. Street Texas City, TX. 77590

**3/16/13** - 54th Annual St. Patrick's Parade in Downtown Houston 54th Annual St. Patrick's Parade Saturday, March 16th, 2013 at Noon-Rain or Shine! 2013 Grand Marshal **Donna McKenzie**

**3/16/13** - Tomfooligans at The Bull & Bear Tavern & Eatery Saturday, March 16, 2013 8:00pm The Bull & Bear Tavern & Eatery 1980 Westheimer Rd Ste A, Houston, Texas 77077-6670

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**3/16/13** - Paddy's Day Party with The Rabbits at Texas Roadhouse Live!!! Saturday, March 16 7:30pm until 12:00am We're just gettin' the plans underway, but it'll be along the lines of... Free beer, booze, Irish dancers, models, rock n roll, a piper or two, sing-a-longs, tattoos, green, debauchery, cursin', guitars, fiddles, banjos, mandos, And did we mention it'll all be televised? C'MON! Texas Roadhouse Live Studios 6000 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E. #610, Humble, Texas 77339

**3/16/13** - *The Blaggards - Austin, TX @ Fadó Irish Pub - St. Paddy's Eve*

**3/16/13** - Think Lizzy at the Concert Pub Galeria Saturday, March 16, 2013 9:30pm until 12:00am Concert Pub Galleria Houston 5636 Richmond Ave Houston, TX 77057 (713) 278-7272 THINK LIZZY Kick off St Paddy's weekend in Houston w/ THINK LIZZY They'll be at The Concert Pub Galleria w/ Rush Tribute, Subdivided.

**3/17/13** - *The Greening of the Bayou at Noon behind Spaghetti Warehouse in Downtown Houston. With the Texas Army*

**3/17/13** - St Patrick's Day with the Dead Rabbits at Griff's Sunday, March 17, 2013 Griffs Irish Pub 3416 Roseland, Houston, Texas 77006

**3/16/13** - *St. Patrick's Day/ Jammison Irish Whiskey live broadcast 8-10PM on 610am... Jammison girls with the Iska Baha at the Harp Pub Located at 1625 Richmond Ave Houston, TX 77006*

**3/17/13** - 35th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade on FM1960 -03/17/13 - St Patrick's Day at the Mucky Duck St Patricks Day March 17 starts at 12 PM For the celebration, our entire property is covered under a big-top tent and we showcase traditional and contemporary Celtic music and dance inside and outside the Duck throughout the day. There is seating in both areas on a first come - first served basis. Entertainers: O'Maoileidigh Irish Dancers Clandestine The Jig is Up! Jiggernaut Brizeus The Irish Session players Master of Ceremonies and Comic Relief - Jim Mackenzie Martin Burniston's Irish Singalong St Patrick's Day Menu Corned Beef & Cabbage Beef Guinness Shepherd's Pie Fish & Chips

**3/17/13** - *Tomfooligans at Lucky's Pub Downtown Sunday, March 17, 2013 2:00pm until 10:00pm It's only the biggest St. Patrick's Day party in all of Houston, so of course The Tomfooligans are going to be there! Lucky's Pub 801 St. Emanuel, Houston, Texas 77003*

**3/17/13** - St Patrick's Day at Irish Pub Kenneally's St Patrick's Day at Irish Pub Kenneally's - A Houston Tradition 2111 S Shepherd Drive, Houston, Texas 77019 713-630-0486 Live music all day - under the Tent with these bands: Grand Old Grizzly Libby Koch Luther & the Healers Also featuring bag pipers, food & lots of give-aways! Opening at NOON!

**3/17/13** - *St Patrick Day at Mr C's Westchase Tavern Westchase Tavern 10630 Westheimer @ Blue Willow Houston, Texas 77042 713-785-5567. Come Celebrate with Mr C's (Ciaran Simon) Westchase Tavern with some great Irish deals! Free Irish Breakfast 10AM-2PM. Free Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Stew at 4PM.*

**3/17/13** - Murder the Stout's St Patrick's Day Schedule 1-4pm Celtic Gardens Celtic Gardens 2300 Louisiana, Houston, TX 77006 713.900.2500 4:30-5:30pm Luckys Pub Lucky's Pub 801 Saint Emanuel Street, Houston, TX 77003 7-10pm Bull & Bear Bull & Bear 11980 Westheimer Rd #A Houston, TX 77077-6670

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**3/17/13** - St Patrick's Day at Shay McElroy's Irish Pub Celebrate St Patrick's Day in the traditional Irish style Best Pint of Guinness in Houston St Patrick's Day open 11:00AM to 2:00AM In the Rice Lofts 909 Texas St Houston, TX 77002

**3/17/13** - St Patrick's Day at McElroys Pub 11AM – 2AM Celebrate St Patrick's Day in the traditional Irish style Featuring Live Music of The Bourbon Street Band ...And What Army... C & D Band.. Speers Rolling Bistro "Great Food" McElroy's Pub 3607 S Sandman Houston, Texas 713-524-2444

**3/17/13** - St Patrick's Day at Griff's Irish Pub 3416 Roseland, Houston, Texas 77006 Top 'o the Morning to ya. Music, Beer & Friends All Day & Night. Get Your Tickets Early. !!!!!!! Check Your Head At The Door.

**3/17/13** - St Patrick's Day at the Mollys Pub The Mollys Pubs all over the Houston area will be celebrating St Patrick's Day With music, Pipers, Irish Dancers & the great atmosphere that only they have. Call (713) 222-1033 for more details

**3/17/13** - Blaggards in College Station, TX @ O'Bannon's Tap House - ST. PADDY'S DAY!

**3/17/13** - St Patrick's Day at the Harp Pub 1625 Richmond Ave Houston, TX 77006. Doors open at noon. Featuring music by Electric Attitude, Omailighdaigh School of Dance and a visit from the Houston Highlanders Pipe Band, Irish food prepared by Chef Declan. Declan will be pouring some mighty stouts on St Patrick's Day & with Pipers & Irish Dancers It should be a day to remember at the The Harp Pub 1625 Richmond Ave, Houston, TX 77006 (713) 528-7827

**3/17/13** - The 1960 Parade Committee puts on their 35th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade for Sunday, March 17th, 2013. The Parade begins at 2:00PM at Champions Forest and FM 1960. The Irish Society will have a contingent marching!

## ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL LAG

You all know how important our dues program is to our existence. It represents half of our annual budget. The normal dues renewal period is from New Year's Day thru St. Patrick's Day. Because of such a slow response this year the dues renewal period will be extended until March 31st.

Please send your checks ASAP to our P.O. Box. Our honorees this year certainly deserve your support, especially those of you who are former A.O.H. members.



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