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THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
————— FOR THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND —————

A look back in History : The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick - Philadelphia
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Since the Society's founding there have been eight United States Presidents who have held membership in the Philadelphia Friendly Sons of St. Patrick,

George Washington
Andrew Jackson
Ulysses S. Grant
Grover Cleveland
Harry S. Truman
John F. Kennedy
Richard Nixon
Ronald Reagan

During the close of 1945 and in March of 1946 the following officers of the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps signified their desire to become members in "the Philadelphia Friendly Sons of St. Patrick", and were inducted unanimously in March of 1946.

President of the United States, Harry S. Truman
General of the Armies John J. Pershing
General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander, Pacific
General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff
General Joseph W. Stilwell, Chief of Staff
General Alexander A. Vandegrift, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.
General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General, Armed Service Forces
General Mark W. Clark, Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria
Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific
Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations
Admiral Harold R. Stark, Commander, Atlantic Fleet, Chief of Naval Operations
Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet
Admiral Richard K. Turner, Commander, Amphibious, Pacific
Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle, Commanding General, Army Air Force
Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer, Commanding General, United States Forces in China