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SEPTEMBER 17, 2021



The President's Corner

Welcome: Members, Friends and Honored Guests,

It has been a challenging period for us all since the Society of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick last met in January 2020. It is my pleasure and privilege, however, to report that in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Society has continued to work diligently to fulfill our mission. Having postponed our March 2020 Gala, we quickly pivoted so that by April we were providing food assistance for those affected by the pandemic. And, true to our traditions, we have continued to raise funds for worthy charitable causes ever since.

It is wonderful that we are finally able to gather together to celebrate our 250th anniversary, and particularly gratifying to be doing so at the Bellevue Hotel. 115 years ago, our members hosted the hotel's first ever Saint Patrick's Day celebration in 1906, and it became a tradition that lasted for over 70 years. It's no secret that our Society had struggled in more recent decades, declining in both membership and charitable works, but the last six years have demonstrated a profound and renewed commitment to our principles of liberty and charity. And that commitment is equally evident in our proposed name change to The Society of the Friendly Sons and Daughters of Saint Patrick.

We take great pride in the fact that our Society is older than the United States itself and that its early members played an important role in the founding of our nation. The first Friendly Sons were as proud to be American as they were proud to be Irish, and they never forgot their roots. I believe that, despite all that has changed since 1771, our founders would recognize in today's Society the same basic spirit that inspired them from the very beginning.

We continue to cherish both the heart and soul of the Irish and the American spirit of liberty

and charity. And to illustrate that, I have a few highlights of our achievements in recent years. All of our members, past and present, should be proud.

- Since 2015, the Society's scholarship endowments have grown from \$70,000 to over \$1.6 million, significantly impacting the lives of many individuals.
- In 2019, we created an initiative to donate up to \$250,000 in matching grants as we prepare for our 250th anniversary. We recently met that target, effectively raising half a million dollars for scholarship endowments and grants, including the following:
- We continue to support local, national, and international causes that share in our mission to promote Irish culture and celebrate our heritage.

In recognition of its 250th Anniversary, the Society has received two special gifts enabling us to reward an additional \$250,000 in donations this evening.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously towards those accomplishments. Your participation in our events and fundraising efforts truly makes a difference in the lives of many.

I particularly want to thank Kevin Maloney for his outstanding leadership and guidance during his tenure as Society President from 2018-2020, along with the previous and current board members for their support.

Tonight we celebrate the incredible history of our Society's last 250 years, and we look forward to setting the tone for the Society's next 250 years!

Ryan M. Heenan
President

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PROGRAM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ryan M. Heenan, President

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. David R. Drain, Past-President

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Kevin M. Maloney, Past President

TRADITIONAL TOASTS

Kevin M. Maloney, Past President

“To the Immortal Memory of Saint Patrick”

“To the Immortal Memory of George Washington”

“To the Immortal Memory of the Founders of the Friendly Sons”

“To Ireland”

“To the United States of America”

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

Ryan M. Heenan, President

DINNER

GUEST SPEAKERS

Consul General Helena Nolan

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Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD

32nd President of Villanova University

*Maurice H. Fitzpatrick**

2020 Heimbold Chair of Irish Studies at Villanova University

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. Liam Kelly

Chairman, President and CEO of Teleflex

TRAD. SESSION & DANCING

The Poor Man’s Gambit

** Based on international travel restrictions.*



BILL OF FARE

~SALAD~

Red Leaf Kale, Spinach, Watercress and Arugula

*Local Purple Ninja Radishes, Pumpkin Seeds,
Maytag Blue Cheese and Artichokes*

Apple Vinaigrette Passed by Server

Artisan Rolls and Butter

~DUO ENTRÉE~

Guinness Braised Beef Short Rib

*Paired with Branzino and Jumbo Lump Crab, I
rish Cider Tarragon Mustard Sauce*

*Roasted Heirloom Potatoes, Asparagus, Veggie Sweet Pepper
and Marquis Carrot*

~ALTERNATING DESSERTS~

*Milk Chocolate Stout Mousse Martini
with Twill Garnish*

and

*Baily's Coffee Cheesecake with Shortbread Crust
and Whiskey Cream*

TABLESIDE WINE SERVICE

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GUESTS OF HONOR

Liam Kelly

*Chairman, President and CEO
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Maurice H. Fitzpatrick

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Consul General Helena Nolan

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SPECIAL GUESTS

Representatives from:

The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick – San Diego, California

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The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick

Guest of Honor

LIAM J. KELLY
Chairman, President and CEO
Teleflex



Liam J. Kelly is the Chairman, President and CEO of Teleflex. Mr. Kelly became Chairman of the Teleflex Board on May 1, 2020 and has served as the company's President and Chief Executive Officer since January 1, 2018. He joined Teleflex in April 2009 and held a variety of roles, including President of EMEA. He was then promoted to the position of Executive Vice President and President, International in June 2012. In April 2014, Mr. Kelly was appointed Executive Vice President and President, Americas. In April 2015, Mr. Kelly was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. From May 2016 to December 2017, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer.

Prior to joining Teleflex, Mr. Kelly worked at Hill-Rom where he held management and senior leadership positions from 1999 to 2009. He was the Vice President of International Marketing and Product Development and previously had been Managing Director of their UK & Ireland businesses.

Mr. Kelly was named to the Colfax Corporation Board of Directors on January 1, 2020. Mr. Kelly also serves on their Governance Committee.

Mr. Kelly holds a Bachelor of Business Studies from University of Limerick.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick

Guest of Honor

MAURICE H. FITZPATRICK
2020 Heimbold Chair of Irish Studies
at Villanova University



Maurice H. Fitzpatrick is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and was a recipient of the Japanese Ministry of Education scholarship 2004-2017 and a lecturer at Keio University, Tokyo, 2004-11, and a lecturer at the University of Cologne 2012-2016. He has made two documentary films for the BBC: *The Boys of St. Columb's* (also an Irish public television RTÉ production) which tells the story of the first generation of children to receive free secondary education as a result of the ground-breaking 1947 Education Act in Northern Ireland, whose participants included St. Columb's Nobelists John Hume and Seamus Heaney; and a second film for the BBC, an examination of Brian Friel's play, *Translations*. In 2017, he wrote, directed and produced a documentary feature film, *In the Name of Peace: John Hume in America*. He is also the author of a book entitled *John Hume in America* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2019). Maurice was a Poynter Fellow at Yale University in 2018 and is the 2020 Heimbold Chair of Irish Studies at Villanova University.

NECROLOGY

Every year, as part of our tradition, we pay tribute to our fellow members who are no longer with us.
Tonight we pause to remember those whose deaths we learned about this past year.

2020

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The Parting Glass

Of all the money that e'er I spent... I've spent it in good company.
And all the harm that ever I did... alas it was to none but me.
And all I've done for want of wit... to memory now I can't recall.
So fill to me the parting glass... good night and joy be with you all.
If I had money enough to spend... and leisure to sit awhile.
There is a fair maid in the town... that sorely has my heart beguiled.

Her rosy cheeks and ruby lips... I own she has my heart enthralled.
So fill to me the parting glass... good night and joy be with you all.
Oh, all the comrades that e'er I had... they're sorry for my going away.
And all the sweethearts that e'er I had... they'd wish me one more day to stay.
But since it falls unto my lot... that I should rise and you should not.
I'll gently rise and softly call... good night and joy be with you all.

Thank You To All Our Members And Supporters In 2020!

Total Raised \$255,052.

St. Patrick Guardian - \$5,000+

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2020 Issued Grants & Endowments - \$206,500

Little Sisters of the Poor – Holy Family Home John C. & Bernadette Heenan Funded & Society Match Grant	\$100,000	Issued
Merion Mercy Academy School Endowment-Mullarkey Family Donation and Society Match Grant	\$50,000	Issued
St. Joe's Prep FSSP/Kevin Maloney'00 and Michael Maloney '04 Funded and Society Matching Grant	\$12,500	Issued
Irish Diaspora Center , St. Patrick's Day Observance Association , 174 Trust, Shriners Hospital, Phila.Protestant Home, Ivins Outreach Center, St. John's Hospice, Shamrock Reins, Duffys Cut, Mayo & Donegal Associations, Philadelphia Ceili Group Festival	\$10,000	Issued
Villanova University Scholarship addition to Society Endowment Joseph P. Heenan Sponsor Directed	\$7,000	Issued
GAA Scholarship—GAA donation directed to restricted account	\$5,000	Issued
Camphill Special Schools- Joseph P. Heenan Sponsored Donation	\$5,000	Issued
St. Joseph's, Gwynedd, & Neumann Universities - Society Endowments	\$4,500	Issued
Villanova University Scholarship addition to Society Endowment Villanova University Sponsor Directed	\$3,500	Issued
Villanova University Scholarship addition to Society Endowment Dennis Stanton Sponsor Directed	\$3,500	Issued
St. Joe's Prep Scholarship FSSP/Kevin Maloney'00 and Michael Maloney '04 Endowment—Kevin Maloney Sponsor Directed	\$3,500	Issued
St. Joe's Prep Scholarship FSSP/Kevin Maloney'00 and Michael Maloney '04 Endowment—Bern Kueny Sponsor Directed	\$2,000	Issued
Approved Total	\$206,500	Issued
FSSP Endowed Scholarship Funds – delayed in 2020 due to COVID-19 – travel restrictions	\$0	Issued
<i>2020 Total Grants Funded</i>	<i>\$206,500</i>	TOTALS


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2021 Issued Grants & Endowments - \$483,450

Neumann University Endowed Scholarship for Nursing Students \$100,000 & Camphill Special School Addition to Scholarship Endowment \$25,000 Joseph P. Heenan Family Funded	\$125,000	Issued
Little Sisters of the Poor – Holy Family Home John C. & Bernadette Heenan Funded	\$125,000	Issued
La Salle High School Endowed Scholarship Funded with Society \$50,000 Funds & La Salle College High School Class of '86/ Melinson Family \$50,000 Match	\$100,000	Issued
Pediatric Cancer Medical Aid Grant to McKenna Family Individual Donations and Society Grant	\$21,650	Issued
St. Joe's Prep addition to Scholarship Endowment Kevin Maloney and Michael Maloney Funded with Society Matching Grant	\$12,500	Issued
Angel Flight East Joseph P. Heenan Family Funded	\$10,000	Issued
Villanova University Scholarship addition to Society Endowment Joseph P. Heenan Sponsor Funded	\$7,000	Issued
Neumann University & Gywnedd Mercy University/Society Endowments	\$5,000	Issued
Camphill Special Schools Joseph P. Heenan Family Funded	\$5,000	Issued
Villanova University Scholarship addition to Society Endowment Villanova University Sponsor Funded	\$3,500	Issued
<i>In the Name of Peace: John Hume in America</i> National PBS Sponsorship via Maurice Fitzpatrick	\$2,000	Issued
Irish Diaspora Center , 174 Trust, Shriners Hospital, Phila. Protestant Home, Ivins Outreach Center, St. John's Hospice, Shamrock Reins, Duffys Cut, Mayo & Donegal Associations, Philadelphia Ceili Group Festival	\$6,800	Issued
Approved Total	\$423,450	Issued
FSSP Endowed Scholarship Funds – delayed in 2020 due to COVID-19 – travel restrictions	\$60,000	Issued
<i>2021 Total Grants Funded</i>	<i>\$483,450</i>	TOTALS



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Dr. Joseph Lennon, Director of the Center for Irish Studies
800 E. Lancaster Avenue, St. Augustine Center 105E
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11 November 2019

Dear Dr. Lennon and The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick,

I would like to extend to you my warmest thanks to you for awarding me the Stephen P. Stanton Scholarship for Experiential Education in Ireland. My summer abroad experience in Galway was perhaps the most formative six weeks that I have had in my life. Your contribution and confidence allowed me to encounter a world beyond my own. During my time in Galway, I had the privilege of studying Irish History and Irish Archaeology, both of which included out of the classroom adventures. Our history class spent one evening at the King's Head Pub to debate the actions of Oliver Cromwell in late-seventeenth century Ireland. For archaeology, we traveled twice to the Burren in County Clare to view the various monoliths and settlements of ancient Ireland.

Beyond my time in the classroom, I got to know the beautiful city of Galway and other parts of Ireland as well. We enjoyed the lively nature of the city, taking in as much of the culture and attractions that was available. As a group, we had the opportunity to spend a week in Dublin and weekends in the Aran Islands and Dingle. We also had the opportunity to take day trips to Croagh Patrick, Kylemore Abbey and Connemara National Park, and the Cliffs of Moher, to name a few. Without the Friendly Sons' scholarship, none of that would have been possible. My time in Ireland connected me back to my roots, grounded me in the present, and helped prepare me for my future. I have now picked up Irish Studies as a minor, which I had never even considered before. Now, it seems a natural fit. So thank you for everything you've given and continue to give. It is incredibly appreciated by not just myself, but all those students to whom you award scholarships and provide the opportunity to explore and experience Ireland.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew M. Clarkin".



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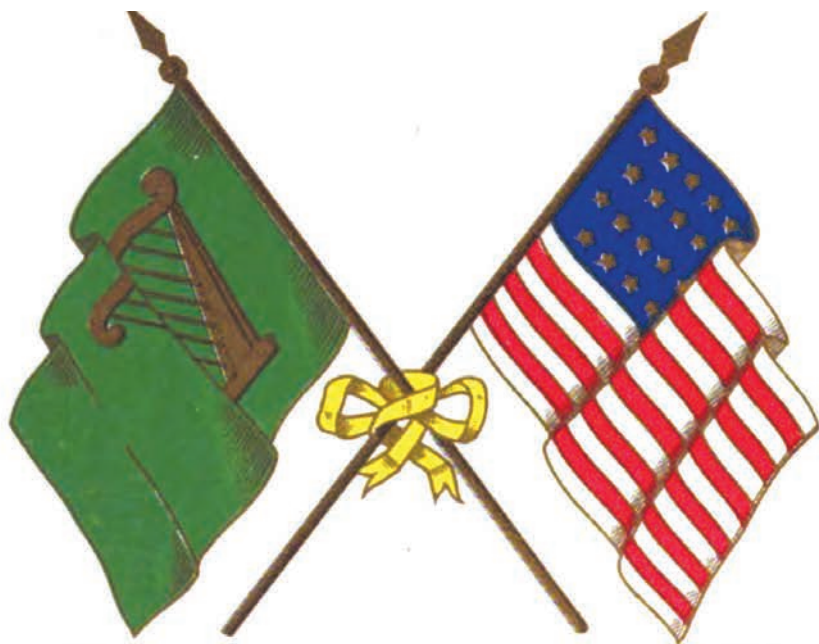


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Stephen P. Stanton Memorial Scholarship

Steve playing "The Voyage" for his Grandparents and family on Christmas Eve. Steve's Parents, Family and Friends want to thank the FSSP for their continued support of the Stephen P. Stanton Memorial Foundation in assisting students to study in Ireland. We would like to thank Villanova Irish Studies Program for their management and commitment to the Scholarship.

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Adopted 1772

MEDAL OF THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF SAINT PATRICK

On the right Hibernia — on the left America — in the center Liberty joining the hands of Hibernia and America, represented by the usual figures of a female supported by a Harp for Hibernia — an Indian with his quiver on his back, and his bow slung, for America — underneath Unite. On the reverse, St. Patrick trampling on a snake — a cross in his hand— dressed in Pontificahbus, — the motto “Hier.”

These devices, designed some years before the Revolution, were certainly ominous, if not prophetic, — The Goddess of Liberty” joining the hands of Hibernia and America, with the superscription, “Unite,” was sufficiently significant, considering that the effect of that union powerfully promoted the subsequent dismemberment of the British Empire, and the establishment of the liberty and independence of America. The motto Hier, or, without the aspirate, Iar, In the Celtic Language, signifies “West,” — and from it came the name of the country Ere, Erin, or Ireland; and Ierna, aspirated Hibernia. But the word “Hier” had in it a duplicate and equivocal signification; peculiarly appropriate as the motto of a society whose object was to “Unite,” in fellowship, the sons of the little Isle of the “West,” with those of the great continent of the “West.”

Description and artwork from the book titled “The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick” by Thomas A. Daly 1920

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“I loved how we were able to explore Ireland and get a sense for the true style of life in Ireland.”



Matthew Savage

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“I am blessed to have had the opportunity to explore my roots while also obtaining a fantastic education...”



Alexandra Zawislak

Class Year: 2020
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“I am beyond thankful for this scholarship... because you made it possible for me to travel for the first time in my life.”

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A photograph of two children walking away from the camera on a paved path. The child on the left is wearing a bright yellow raincoat and pink boots. The child on the right is wearing a bright red raincoat and pink boots. They are holding hands. The path is wet, suggesting it has recently rained. The background shows a grassy area and some trees.

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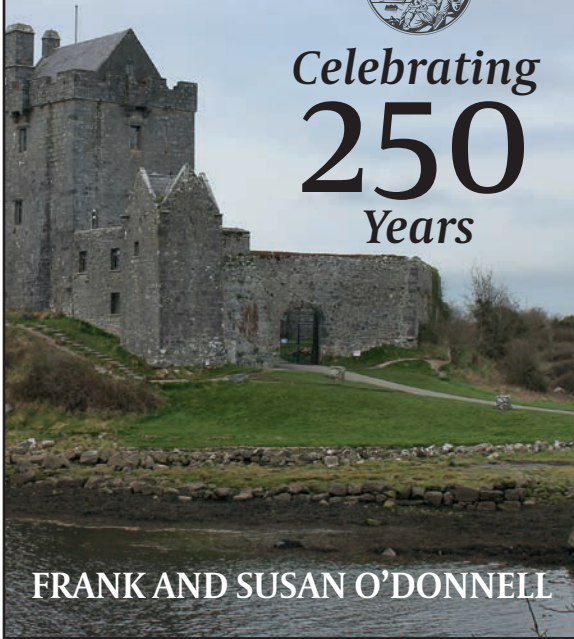


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Note of Gratitude

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Christopher Shearer | Business Administration

Note of Gratitude

It is with a grateful and sincere heart that I thank you for providing me the opportunity to study abroad in Ireland – without your generous support, I would have had a very difficult time attending such a revered institution in such an incredible country. When I began thinking about studying in Galway, I was unsure how I was going to achieve that goal and it was such a relief to know I had your assistance in helping me attend National University of Ireland.

Through this experience I have truly been transformed. I have a much clearer appreciation for the incredible and diverse world in which we live, for the different perspectives we all have, and for the shared experiences from which we all benefit. Although I don't yet know where I will land after graduation, I do know that without this generous scholarship I would not be launching into this next chapter of my life on such a strong foundation.

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To: The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick
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B's mother

To: The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick
From: The Family of R.

I am writing to thank the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick for making the tuition assistance possible for my daughter. Without the assistance my daughter would be unable to attend The Camphill School. Our whole family is blessed by her attending Camphill. My daughter is severely autistic and the calm holistic setting gives her a peace and security that makes it possible for her to make progress on her educational and life skills goal. Thanks again!

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