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as we celebrate the 30th year of the Parade
in Toronto's history



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Welcome to our first edition eMag titled **Le Chéile**

Le Chéile means 'together' in Irish. We wanted our title to reflect the togetherness that the St Patrick's Day Parade brings to the Irish and Canadian communities.

This is a pinnacle year for as we celebrate two birthdays, the parade turns 30th and Canada marks their 150th birthday!.



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Note from the Chair



On behalf of the St Patrick's Parade Society committee, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here today. I am delighted to be part of the 30th St Patrick's Day Parade celebrations in Toronto. As you are aware, this is a very special year marking the 150th anniversary of Canada. We will be honouring the deep rooted connection between our two great lands.

As a society, we would be unable to be marking the 30th anniversary of the parade without the ongoing dedication and support from our volunteers, sponsors and community groups in Toronto. I wish you all a happy St Patrick's Day, and an enjoyable year of celebration!

Shaun Ruddy

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Meet the Craic Team



Shaun Ruddy
Chairperson



Josee Landry
Secretary



Sarah Harkin
Treasurer



Danny Patton
Parade
Director

Team work makes the dream work!

This is definitely true for our hardworking committee members. Each one of these individuals have a set of skills, personality and expertise that make the parade what it is today!

This committee volunteers hundreds of hours, never letting their enthusiasm and dedication fall through for a moment! This team is comprised of Irish (Donegal, Roscommon, Mayo, Dublin & Kerry) and Canadian individuals, who all share the goal of celebrating Irish Culture & Community in Canada.

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kinds of people in the
world.*

*The Irish
and those who wish
they were"*



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Michael D. Higgins

On 11 November 2011, Michael D. Higgins was inaugurated as the ninth President of Ireland.

A passionate political voice, a poet and writer, academic and statesman, human rights advocate, promoter of inclusive citizenship and champion of creativity within Irish society, Michael D. Higgins has previously served at almost every level of public life in Ireland, including as Ireland's first Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

Michael D. Higgins was born on 18 April 1941 in Limerick city and was raised in County Clare. He was a factory worker and a clerk before becoming the first in his family to access higher education. He studied at the University College Galway, the University of Manchester and Indiana University.

Michael D. Higgins is married to Sabina Higgins, and they have four children. Sabina Higgins attended the Stanislavsky Studio of acting in Dublin and was a founding member of the Focus Theatre.

As a lecturer in political science and sociology in National University of Ireland, Galway, and in the United States, Michael D. Higgins was a passionate proponent for the extension of access to third level education beyond the walls of established Universities. He was centrally involved in the development of extra-mural studies at National University of Ireland, Galway, and he travelled extensively across the West of Ireland to provide accessible evening classes for interested citizens.



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. HIGGINS

I am delighted to send my good wishes to all those involved in the 30th Grand Marshall Ball and the St Patrick's Day Parade in Toronto.

The connection between Ireland and Canada is a profound one. Many of our citizens have, over the years, found new homes in Canada, bringing with them a strong cultural heritage and tradition, which they have kept alive in communities across the country. As Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary we remember with pride the Irish People who have contributed to its rich history, and the great spirit of friendship that exists between our two countries.

St Patrick's Day is of course a most important occasion for Irish people at home and around the world, a time when our global Irish family join to together to celebrate our cultural heritage and ensure it is passed on to future generations.

I wish you all a happy St Patrick's Day, and an enjoyable year of celebration and commemoration.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir.

Michael D. Higgins
Uachtarán na hÉireann
President of Ireland

19 January, 2017



Justin Trudeau

Born on December 25, 1971 Justin Trudeau is Canada's 23rd Prime Minister.

A teacher, father, advocate, and leader, Mr. Trudeau's vision of our country is a place where everyone has a shot at success because we have the confidence and leadership to invest in Canadians.

His passion for public service and vision for Canada are shaped by his experiences and influences — his father, Pierre, and mother, Margaret; the Trudeau and Sinclair families; his roots in the East and West, French and English.

Mr. Trudeau was elected Leader of his party in April 2013. Propelled by hope and hard work, he focused his leadership on building the team and the plan to create growth that works for the middle class, and fair economic opportunity for everyone; on respect for and promotion of freedom and diversity; and on a more democratic government that represents all of Canada.

On October 19, 2015, Mr. Trudeau led his party to victory, winning a majority government with seats in every province and territory across the country. He was elected on a platform for change and growing the middle class.

Mr. Trudeau was sworn in on November 4, 2015, with an equal number of men and women in Cabinet — a first in Canada's history.



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

March 17, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Grand Marshal Ball.



This year marks a momentous occasion in our nation's history: the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation. Throughout 2017, Canadians will come together to celebrate our country's accomplishments and triumphs, as well as our shared values of compassion, diversity and inclusion.

This weekend's events offer wonderful opportunities to recognize the significant contributions Irish Canadians have made, and continue to make, in all fields of endeavour. I would like to commend the St. Patrick's Parade Society and the many volunteers for bringing these celebrations of culture and tradition to the community.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a memorable experience.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

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BREAKFAST

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 A portrait of Mike McCormack, a middle-aged man with short grey hair, wearing glasses, a light blue shirt, a striped tie, and a dark grey suit jacket. He is standing in front of a large window with a view of a building's exterior.

MIKE MCCORMACK

30TH GRAND MARSHAL

Mike McCormack has been the President and CEO of the Toronto Police Association since 2009. As a results oriented leader, success has been achieved in operating areas through bringing a “private-sector” approach to the not-for-profit sector. This includes establishing strategic direction, realigning goals, objectives and performance measures, refocusing on the improvement of fiscal performance, service delivery and sustainable operations.

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Mr. McCormack has director experience with investments funds and associations having served on several boards including Covington Fund II Inc., the Police Association of Ontario, and the Canadian Police Association. He has been an organizer for groups such as PEACE (Police Enabling Action through Community Education), Building Bridges and Pathways to Education with a focus on assisting youth in at-risk communities.

This year, the St Patrick's Parade Society of Toronto are delighted to announce Mike McCormack as our 30th Grand Marshall. The McCormack family has played a pivotal role in supporting the St. Patrick's Day parade in its modern day incarnation, as Michael's father, former Toronto police chief William McCormack, helped revive the parade in Toronto in 1987 following a hiatus. As Grand Marshal, Michael continues the McCormack family's dedication to both Toronto and Canada's Irish community through which William's spirit will live on.

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30 YEARS STRONG IN TORONTO

ARTICLE BY KELLY SMITH

The Irish have a long standing history in Toronto. And parades have always kept the culture and memories of Ireland alive for its proud people. The current St. Patrick's Parade Society has been around for 30 years and its volunteer committee orchestrates one of largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in North America.

But it really began in 1840's after the Irish immigrated during the famine. At first, parades for the Irish were small scale events. In the 1850's the clergy began to organize the parades instead and focused on Saint Patrick and then it became an annual celebration of Catholicism organized by church sponsored societies with processions between St. Paul's Church and St. Michael's Cathedral. There were a few scuffles along the way between the Catholics and the Protestants in our fair city, but as prosperity of the Catholics surged, the demand for the parade petered with the last one held in 1877.

After a 110 year hiatus, this procession came back strong known affectionately as the "people's parade" with over a 1,000 participants including 88 marching groups, bands and floats in 1988. And the Irish came out in full force with the likes of CTV heavyweight Mike Duffy and then Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. CFTO weather man Dave Duvall has taken on the role of Grand Marshall as well as Sid Ryan, past president of the Ontario Federation of Labour, and not to forget past Mayor of Mississauga Hazel McCallion and then Toronto police Chief Bill Blair.

In 2016, the Easter Rising was commemorated with historic float replicating General Post Office where the rising began in Dublin. Not only have the Irish come out on St. Patrick's Day but also everyone who wants to be Irish! In 2002 on our grand day, the Toronto Maple Leafs wore replica emerald uniforms at a game marking the 75th

anniversary of their forerunners, the St. Patricks, who played in the NHL from 1919 to 1927. Not only have the Irish come out on St. Patrick's Day but also everyone who wants to be Irish! In 2002 on our grand day, the Toronto Maple Leafs wore replica emerald uniforms at a game marking the 75th anniversary of their forerunners, the St. Patricks, who played in the NHL from 1919 to 1927. In 2013, Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield sang Danny Boy from the International Space Station. Toronto's rich diversity has always been well represented, the Orange marched along with the Green, and amid drum and bugle corps and bagpipes, harps, laughter, floats, leprechauns, there are the colourful flags representing 32 counties in Ireland. And as we celebrate 30 years of St. Patrick in Toronto, the parade's popularity has grown to 3,000 strong walking. But most of all, we look forward to seeing you there.



Traditional Irish Soda Bread

250g plain white flour
250g plain wholemeal flour
100g porridge oats
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tsp salt
25g butter, cut in pieces
500ml buttermilk

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/gas 6/fan 180C and dust a baking sheet with flour. Mix the dry ingredients in a large bowl, then rub in the butter. Pour in the buttermilk and mix it in quickly with a table knife, then bring the dough together very lightly with your fingertips (handle it very, very gently). Now shape it into a flat, round loaf measuring 20cm/8in in diameter.

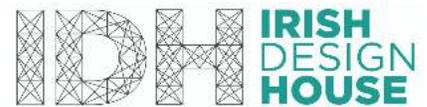
2. Put the loaf on the baking sheet and score a deep cross in the top. (Traditionally, this lets the fairies out, but it also helps the bread to cook through.) Bake for 30-35 minutes until the bottom of the loaf sounds hollow when tapped. If it isn't ready after this time, turn it upside down on the baking sheet and bake for a few minutes more.

3. Transfer to a wire rack, cover with a clean tea towel (this keeps the crust nice and soft) and leave to cool. To serve, break into quarters, then break or cut each quarter in half to make 8 wedges or slices – or simply slice across. Eat fresh.



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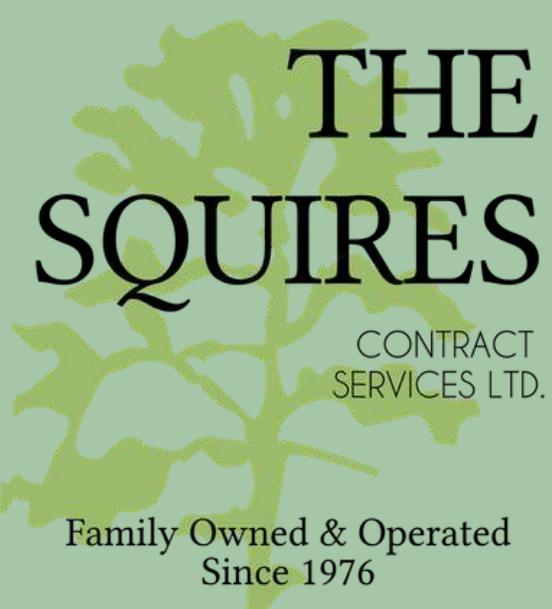
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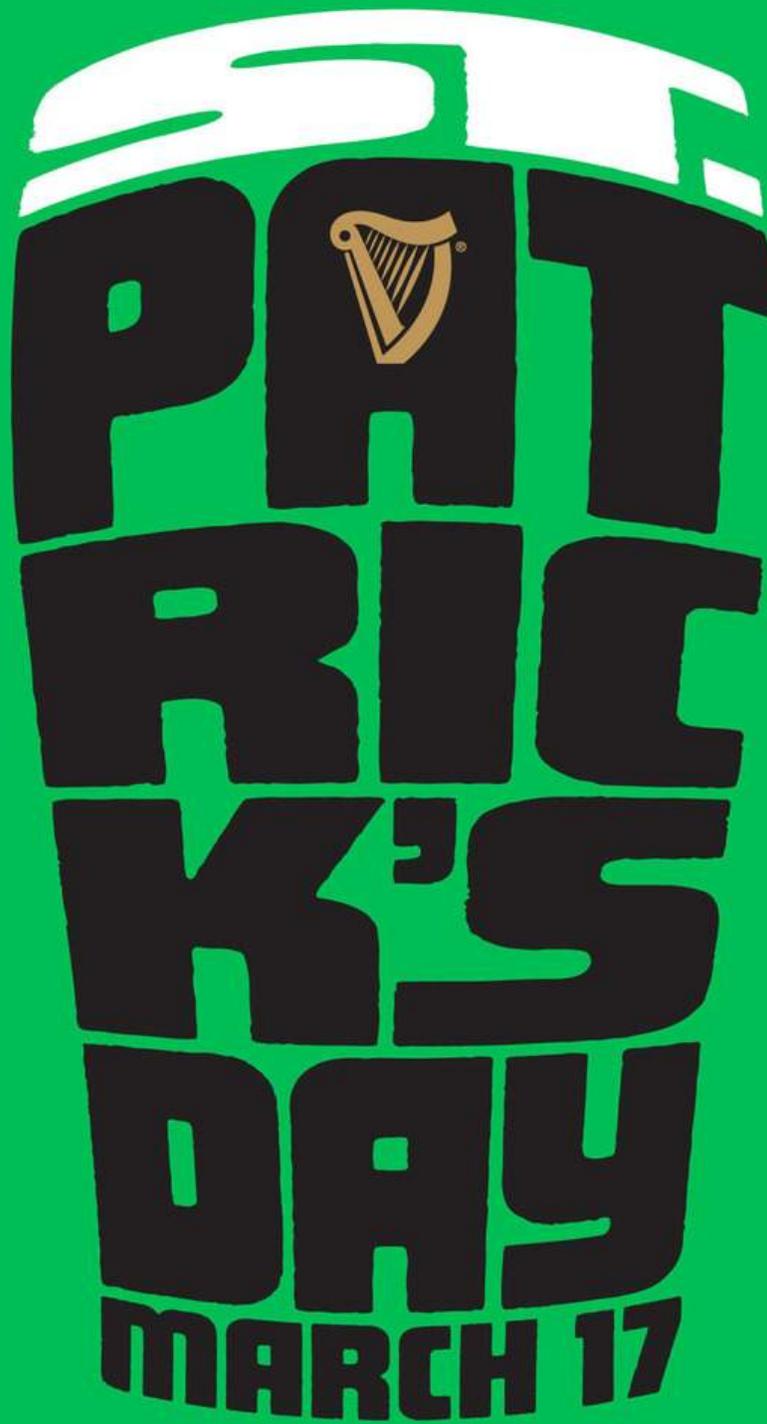
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