

Knights and Ladies of Saint Patrick

48th Annual Induction of New Members



On the cover:

The Celtic knot is an ancient interlocking loop with no start or finish, primarily representing eternity, interconnection, and the cyclical nature of life, death and rebirth. There are eight types of Celtic knots: Trinity Knot, Celtic Cross, Celtic Love Knot, Solomon's Knot, Shield Knot, Sailor's Celtic Knot, Dara Knot, and Celtic Spiral Knot.



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March 7, 2026

Mass at Saint Patrick Church
Erie, PA

Five o'clock in the evening
Induction immediately following

Dinner
Yehl Ballroom, Gannon University



Reflections from our chaplain

Father Mike DeMartinis, pastor of St. Patrick Parish ...

The Celtic knot is a popular and ancient representation of all things Irish. Its ropes intertwine in a continuous loop, never showing a beginning or an end.

Trace your finger along the knot and you come to understand God's never-ending love for us. It represents eternity, whether that means love, loyalty, faith or friendship. That's why the Celtic knot is fashioned into wedding rings, pendants, crosses, or carved into statues. It's an art form visible even on the floor tiles of the great cathedrals of Galway and Dublin, Ireland.

If I had to point to something tangible that represents the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick, it would be a Celtic knot. Since its founding in 1978, the Knights and Ladies have represented a continual presence at St. Patrick Parish and the greater Erie community. It started with six members and has grown to 158 today.

The men and women inducted every year into the organization are selected because of their commitment to service and their love of their faith, family, parish and community. This year's six new members are part of that tradition. They spread the spirit of St. Patrick in our parish, our diocese, and our city.

Congratulations and God's blessings on the new Knights and Ladies: Mary Frick, Sheila Dwyer Grove, Mary Kathleen Hoffman, Diane McCarthy, Betsy Squeglia and William Vahey.



Reflections from our president

Sir Paul W. Causgrove ...

Aitheantas is a Gaelic word meaning recognition.

This month, we recognize our Irish heritage, our devotion to St. Patrick (the patron saint of the Diocese of Erie), and the good people of the Erie community.

In particular, we recognize the unique talents and service of six people who are being inducted as new members of the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick. Each of them brings their individual experiences and commitment to service that will undoubtedly promote our organization as we strive to emulate St. Patrick.

Many thanks go out to everyone who helps the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick continue its mission. Thank you to my daughter, Lady Mary Therese Causgrove, for all her assistance not only with the Erie St. Patrick's Day Parade, but also for serving as the lead for the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick induction dinner.

Thank you, also, to our executive board: Sir Patrick Spiece, vice president; Lady Colleen Welch, treasurer, who also is instrumental in reservations, sashes and plaques; and Lady Mary Solberg, our unofficial secretary, who designs, writes and edits our program. Thanks to all for going above and beyond for our organization.

Finally, I leave you with this Irish blessing:

*May your troubles be less
And your blessings be more,
And nothing but happiness
Come through your door.*



Lady Mary Frick

The next time you see a leprechaun and a pot of gold, you just may think of Mary Frick.

Her Irish heritage and natural gift for business make her the ideal person to count money for the St. Patrick Parish weekly Mass offertory and its annual St. Patrick Irish Festival. She's been overseeing these collections for the past 20 years and has no plans of stopping.

"I have known Mary to always be willing to help or volunteer whenever called upon," says Lady Erin Fessler, who nominated her as a Lady of St. Patrick.



Mary's natural gift for finance began early. While attending St. Patrick Grade School, she began working at the parish Josephinum bingo night. A graduate of St. Patrick and the former East High School, she studied at Mercyhurst University in Erie.

Mary was one of the first female officers at a local bank. She was assistant manager at First National Bank, Erie, and was chairwoman of the local chapter of the American Institute of Banking. She was employed at First National Bank for 15 years and at Marquette Savings Bank for an additional 15 years.

Currently, Mary is considered one of the top bakers of the Irish Festival. She is known for her pepperoni balls and cookies. Baptized at St. Patrick Church, which her grandfather, Daniel Mahoney, helped build in 1904, she has cooked and delivered meals for the St. Patrick homeless shelter. For a few years, she also volunteered at St. Mary's Café, which supplies food for underprivileged children.

She has been married for 50 years to Charlie Frick, with whom she shares three adult children (Patrick, Danny and Mary), and five grandchildren. Mary's parents were married at St. Patrick in 1937, and she and her husband were married there in 1975.

She is grateful for her sister, Susan Merski, with whom she has done much of her volunteer work. "We've always had a sense of service. We both like giving of our time. We just always enjoy the festival, and we love the people we count with," Mary says.

She is looking forward to her affiliation with the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick, which organizes the St. Patrick Day Parade every year. She has attended the parade "through rain, sleet, snow, everything!"

"All of our efforts keep St. Patrick's going," she says.



Lady Sheila Dwyer Grove

Some might call Sheila Grove a firebrand – a 100 percent Irish firebrand, that is.

From her time as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps serving native Americans in Arizona to leading multimedia efforts in the Diocese of Erie, she has set an indelible mark on everything she pursues. Lady Anne-Marie Welsh, who nominated Sheila as a Lady of St. Patrick, calls her a “remarkable woman of faith with a sincere passion for service.”

Claiming roots to the Old Sod on both maternal and paternal sides of her family, Sheila’s ancestors traveled from the west coast of Ireland in the early to mid-19th century, settling in New York and Pennsylvania.

Sheila and her husband, Bill, have been married for 41 years and have three adult children (Will, Ryan and Sarah), and two grandchildren. A graduate of Mercyhurst Preparatory School, Erie, she went on to graduate from Boston College, with a degree in elementary and special education; Edinboro University (PennWest University, Edinboro), with a master’s degree in clinical psychology and a certificate in school psychology; and Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe with a certificate in spiritual direction.

A lifelong member of St. Peter Cathedral, Sheila developed and led multi-year adult education programs, managed social media, oversaw the parish bulletin’s graphic design, and coordinated children’s liturgy and church socials. Currently, she serves on the rector’s council, works as both Eucharistic minister and lector coordinator, and organizes and often oversees the parish’s daily livestream efforts. She played a fundamental role in developing diocesan livestream outreach during the COVID pandemic.

In her career as a licensed psychologist, Sheila served for a time as president of the Northwest Pennsylvania Psychological Association. She also served on the Erie Together early education task force, the Mercyhurst Prep board of directors, and as a consultant for the Cleft Palate Institute of Northwest PA. She was active at St. Peter Cathedral Center, including as chair of the school centennial celebration, as piano assistant for theater performances, as president of the parent-teacher association, and as room parent and brownie leader. In 2019, she received the Mercyhurst Prep School Alumni Award for service, and in 2009, was honored with the school’s Parent Service Award.

Toward the end of her career, she worked for several years with the Communications Office of the Diocese of Erie, where she became an award-winning editor of its weekly online newsletter. She also was a teaching assistant at Saint Vincent Seminary. Currently, she offers spiritual direction.

In retirement, Sheila currently serves on the Taste of the Arts Gala planning committee for the Neighborhood Art House, where she also volunteers as a piano instructor. An avid painter and photographer, she is a member of the Presque Isle Artists Association.

Sheila is looking forward to contributing to the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick, supporting St. Patrick’s annual parade, festival and food pantry. “Certainly,” she says, “these are good activities that are important in our community.”





Lady Mary Kathleen Hoffman

Mary proudly claims both Irish and German heritage, but it is her Irish lineage — from her mother, Rita Maley Hoffman — that she most identifies with.

Becoming a Lady of St. Patrick, in a way honors her mother and her mother's beautiful spirit, Mary says.

"I was absolutely honored to be named a Lady of St. Patrick. It was a very moving thing for me because my mother was my idol. She was everything I want to be — a very giving, beautiful, honest person. For me to do something that would make her proud complements my essence of life. I feel Irish. I think Irish. I love the Irish."

A lifelong member of St. John the Baptist Parish, Erie, Mary is a Eucharistic minister and altar server.

Previously, she served on parish council and was its president. Fourteen years ago, she started volunteering with a community overflow shelter for the homeless provided on a rotating basis every winter by individual churches throughout Erie. Today, she serves as co-coordinator in that effort, which is now known as Our Neighbors' Place, located at the Community Resilience Center in Erie.

A graduate of the former St. John School and the former St. Benedict Academy, she earned her undergraduate degree in special education and elementary education from Mercyhurst University.

During her second year of college, Mary experienced what she calls "an epiphany." While working at the Barber National Institute in Erie, she discovered her calling to serve people with disabilities. For the past 52 years, she has worked with and beside people with special needs, most notably as the co-director of Inspire, a theater program for adults with intellectual disabilities. Inspire produces an annual community play, which started in 1980 as part of a night school program in the Millcreek School District. Mary was a special education teacher in the district for many years before her retirement.

Currently, she is a member, board member and co-chair for the Pennsylvania Association for School Retirees. In the community, she volunteers at Emmaus Soup Kitchen and is a board member for Emmaus Ministries. Additionally, she is a committee member of the Human and Legal Rights Committee at Erie Homes for Children and Adults; is a board member for the Department of Human Services, Mental Health Division; and is a pre-cannasser during elections in Erie County.

Her sponsor, Cheryl Heintz, says of Mary: "She is the epitome of a volunteer. She steps up wherever there is a need. Her compassion to those less fortunate is remarkable. Mary demonstrates a strong faith and lives each day to serve others."





Lady Diane McCarthy

Diane McCarthy is an educator and dedicated volunteer whose faith and family have guided her throughout her life.

A native of Orchard Park, New York, Diane and her late husband, Robert, have three children (Tim, Robert and Wendy), eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Although each of them is a light that guides her, she points to her late maternal grandmother, Iolantha Montgomery, as the person who most molded her in charity and service.

“I would say it was a gift from my grandmother,” Diane says. “She was very special to me in my life, and I missed her terribly when she passed away. She was a very giving person. It’s why I am the way I am today.”

After graduating from the State University of New York at Fredonia with a degree in elementary education, she married and moved to Erie in 1963. She taught at St. John the Baptist School for one year and then taught pre-school the next 36 years at Christ United Methodist.

Always active in her children’s lives, she was a Girl Scout leader for eight years, and a Boy Scout den mother for three years. Additionally, she served on various committees with the Asbury School PTA. She was a member of St. Jude the Apostle Parish until joining St. Patrick Parish in 2009. In the Erie community, she volunteered for a couple of years at Emmaus Soup Kitchen and was a singer for many years with the Erie Philharmonic.

For the past 14 years, she has been a Eucharistic Minister at St. Patrick, and for the past 15 years has been active with the St. Patrick Food Pantry. For six years, she was involved with the St. Patrick Emergency Shelter, providing meals and care to the homeless. Since 2019, she has chaired the dessert committee for the St. Patrick Irish Festival.

According to Lady Colleen Welch, her sponsor, “Diane is always willing to help, as she has with all of the organizations she’s been involved with.”

Diane is honored and excited to be named a Lady of St. Patrick, having been inspired by the service of so many others in the organization. She plans to get involved in its outreach.

“These are people who have given of themselves not just to St. Patrick’s, but to other places in our community,” she says.





Lady Betsy Squeglia

Betsy Squeglia enjoys admiring the historic, life-size Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick Church, not only for their spiritual inspiration, but because many members of her large Irish family sponsored their installation in 1903.

The names of the Malavens and Malaines can be seen alongside many of the stations. They are Betsy's maternal great-grandparents on both sides of her mother's family tree. That Irish legacy continues today, with Betsy maintaining a spirit of service along with a deep love of family and faith.

She has traveled to Ireland once but plans to return again this year with family and friends.

"It's called the Emerald Isle for a reason," she says. "Besides the scenery, though, the best part of Ireland is the people. They are so warm and friendly; they are just good people. The world needs a little bit more of good people."

A longtime member of St. Patrick, she volunteered for a time at the parish food pantry and the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary card party. She has served as a Eucharistic minister. Previously, she belonged to St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie, where she currently is in her 19th year of teaching preschool. Betsy also volunteers for the Erie City Mission during Christmas, and for St. Patrick's Haven, making dinners as needed.

During the onset of the COVID pandemic, Betsy and her sponsor Anne Causgrove founded the Rosary Sisters, a group of women who meet at the St. George Parish grotto to say the rosary and walk. The effort grew and drew in more members. According to Betsy, they have witnessed many miracles as a result. "This rosary group has changed my life," she says.

A graduate of St. Luke School and the former Villa Maria Academy in Erie, Betsy graduated from St. Bonaventure University with a degree in elementary education. She and her husband, Steve, have five children (Matt, Mike, Tom, Tony and Mary Trese). They are the center of her life, which also includes her father, mother-in-law, nine siblings and many nieces and nephews. They can usually be found every Saturday and Sunday gathered for a meal at the family cottage.

"Betsy has a deep-rooted faith and lives by the three C's: Christ, Cross and Church," says sponsor Anne Causgrove. "She is always willing to lend an ear, a hand and her heart to anyone who needs it, either friend or stranger."





Sir William “Bill” Vahey

Nearing his ninth decade of life, Bill Vahey is recognized today as a Knight of St. Patrick, one of many honors received in his long life of service to his family and church, his nation and community.

A current member of St. Patrick Parish, Bill says of his commitment to others: “We need to help one another whenever there is a need. There’s nothing more that I like than helping people. I really have had a blessed life.”

The father of five (Patrick, Joseph, William Jr., Elisabeth and Ellen), 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Bill was married to the late Ellen O’Hara Vahey, whom he credits for all of his success. They were active members for many years at Mount Calvary Parish and later at St. Ann’s.

A graduate of East High School in Erie, Bill immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Germany and other locations as a military policeman. In 1961, he left the Army and joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves, serving 30 years and leading troops in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm as a master chief petty officer.

He made a career with the City of Erie Fire Department, retiring as deputy chief with 35 years of experience. He was instrumental in training city and county firefighters as a Pennsylvania state fire commissioner. He was named an instructor emeritus in 2003.

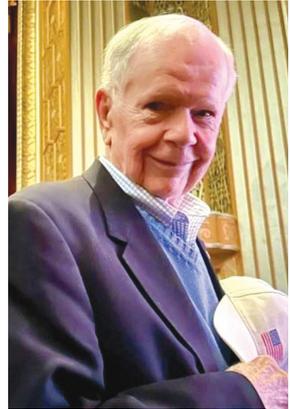
One of his most cherished honors was being inducted into the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation, whose mission is to tell the story of the four military chaplains who died rescuing others as the American troop ship SS Dorchester sank in the North Atlantic on Feb. 3, 1943.

“I try my best to be very humble,” Bill says. “Those chaplains sacrificed their lives for others.”

Proud of his Irish heritage, his paternal grandparents were born in Ireland. His grandmother used to tell him he “was Irish from my head to my toes!” Twice, he traveled to Ireland with his wife, Ellen.

Sisters and Ladies of St. Patrick Kathleen Wehan and Eileen Balczun nominated Bill to the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick organization. They describe him as a “natural leader” who shows respect and empathy to anyone he meets.

They say, “He has never steered away from trying his very best to be a support or aid to all who’ve crossed paths with him.”





LIVING KNIGHTS AND LADIES

158 AS OF MARCH 1, 2026

	Class Year		Class Year
Lady Mary Beth Abbott	2022	Sir Rick Filippi	1995
Sir Chuck Agresti	2018	Lady Mary Flanagan	2020
Sir Anthony Alecci	1982	Lady Mary Frick	2026
Lady Liz Allen	2000	Lady Patricia Fronzaglia	1999
Sir Mark Alloway	2012	Lady Virginia Fuhrman	2025
Lady Jessica Ahlschlager	2024	Sir Timothy Fuhrman	2013
Lady Mary Ellen Atzert	2024	Sir William Gloekler	2025
Lady Eileen Balczun	2015	Sir Thomas Golab	1995
Sir Paul Balczun	2016	Sir Joseph Greulich	2022
Lady Bridget Barber	2003	Lady Sheila Dwyer Grove	2026
Sir John Barber	1998	Sir Tim Gunter	2003
Lady Maureen Barber-Carey	2014	Sir Paul Hakel	2014
Sir Anthony Barry	2012	Sir Jeffrey Hardner	2001
Sir Charles Bool	2004	Sir Patrick Harkins	2025
Lady Diana Bool	2008	Lady Cheryl Heintz	2017
Lady Mary Ellen Brown	2014	Lady Mary Hoffman	2026
Lady Linda Brunner	2010	Lady Barbara Jones	1989
Lady Patricia Brunner	2017	Sir Francis Kaleta	2018
Sir Thomas Brunner	1998	Lady Barbara Kelly	2018
Lady Anne Causgrove	2004	Lady Catherine Kern	2019
Lady Mary Therese Causgrove	2025	Lady Angie Kontur	2016
Sir Paul Causgrove	1997	Lady Carol Kuzma	2013
Sir Terrence Cavanaugh	2012	Lady Mary Frances LaKari	2018
Lady Laura Chandley	2022	Sir Christopher Lampe	2024
Sir Edward Chizewick	1993	Lady Vickie Lampe	2024
Lady Geri Cicchetti	2005	Lady Meg Loncharic	2013
Sir Dario Cipriani	1988	Sir Gary Loncki	1993
Sir Matthew Clark	2024	Sir Brady Louis	1990
Lady Evelyn Coleman	1982	Sir Raymond Luniewski	1996
Lady Jeannette Confer	1984	Sir William Lyden	1998
Lady Kathleen Dahlkemper	2022	Lady Judy Lynch	1992
Lady Patricia DeBello Dailey	2023	Lady Peg Mallin	2018
Lady Mary Daly	2009	Sir John Leo Maloney	2013
Lady Alice Daub	2015	Lady Jean Malthaner	2020
Sir David Dieteman,	2012	Sir Michael Malthaner	2014
Sir Timothy Donlin	2025	Lady Kay Mannino	2008
Lady Erin Doolin Fessler	2025	Sir Frank Mariella, Jr.	1982

	Class Year
Sir Michael Martin	2016
Lady Donna Maycock	2024
Lady Pam McAraw	2009
Sir Tom McAraw	2011
Lady Diane McCarthy	2026
Sir Michael McCormick	2023
Sir Owen McCormick	2008
Lady Jeannette McLaughlin	2000
Sir Sean McLaughlin	2019
Sir Dennis Michalski	2016
Lady Terri Michalski	2018
Sir Scott Mitchell	2012
Lady Barbara Nazarian	2007
Sir Larry Nazarian	2009
Sir Timothy NeCastro	2020
Lady Irene Nemergut	2010
Lady Karen Nies	2024
Sir Michael Nies	1999
Sir Denis O'Brien	1993
Lady Patti O'Brien	2017
Sir Ryan Palm	2019
Lady Judy Pentz	2003
Lady Donna Perino	1990
Sir Sam Perino	1986
Sir Jerry Peterson	1994
Lady Joan Peterson	1988
Sir Caleb Pifer	2014
Lady Carolyn Power	2007
Sir William Power	1996
Lady Theresa Power-Natale	2011
Lady Cyndi Pristello	2008
Sir Randy Pristello	2005
Sir Richard Rahner	2000
Sir William Reinhold	2010
Lady Mary Therese Riley	2011
Sir William Riordan	2019
Lady Denise Robison Mullen	2012
Sir David Romanowicz	2010
Lady Jane Ross	2020
Sir Larry Russell	2006
Lady Diane Rutkowski	2002
Lady Kathryn Sauers	2017

	Class Year
Lady Joyce Savocchio	2020
Sir Joseph Schember	2019
Lady Mary Pat Schlaudecker	2008
Sir Tom Schlaudecker	2001
Sir Mark Shaw	2004
Sir Joseph Sinnott	2011
Lady Debra Slusarz	2017
Lady Mary Solberg	2022
Sir George Spaulding	1999
Lady Diane Speice	2015
Sir Patrick Speice	2019
Lady Betsy Squeglia	2026
Sir Brian Stark	2020
Lady Victoria Blatt Stilson	2024
Lady Patricia Sullivan	1986
Sir David Taccone	2000
Lady Sue Taccone	2006
Sir Thomas Toale	2005
Sir James Toohey	2003
Sir Thomas Unger	2009
Sir William Vahey	2026
Sir Ken Vasil	2008
Lady Nancy Veshecco	2015
Lady Peggy S. Vommaro	2023
Sir Joseph Wachter	1983
Lady Mary Beth Wachter	2014
Sir Richard "Chip" Wachter	2014
Sir John Walsh	2007
Lady Margie Walsh	2006
Lady Mary Wegelin	2017
Sir James Wehan	2016
Lady Kathleen Wehan	2015
Lady Colleen Welch	2007
Sir Stephen Welch	2023
Sir Tom Welch	2006
Lady Anne-Marie Welsh	2024
Sir William Welsh	2015
Lady Michele Wheaton	1996
Sir Larry Wilczynski	2025
Lady Patricia Wheeler	2022
Lady Rose Ann Yadeski	1998



DECEASED KNIGHTS AND LADIES

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Class Year		Class Year	Class Year
Sir Edward Allgeier	1999	Sir Roy Fronzaglia	1985
Sir Richard Andrews	1993	Sir Daniel Geary	2008
Sir Fred Anthony	2004	Lady Yvonne Gersims	1990
Sir Robert A. Ashworth	1994	Sir Joseph F. Giles	1997
Lady Gertrude Barber	1985	Sir John J. Goodill	2000
Lady Arlene Barlekoff	1996	Sir William F. Grant	1988
Lady Lucille Barron	1980	Sir Charles Park Graves	1978
Sir Thomas Barron	1982	Lady Dorothy H. Griffin	1992
Sir Jerome H. Blakeslee	1990	Sir Warren H. Gruzca	1991
Lady Shirley Blumish	2003	Sir C. Francis Hagerty	1979
Lady Lydia Borowy	1991	Sir Gerald Hagerty	1992
Sir Mark S. Borowy	1987	Sir Robert Hain	1985
Lady Patricia Boyle	2002	Lady Jean Hammer	2005
Sir Richard C. Boyle	2007	Lady Patricia Hardner	1998
Sir Daniel J. Brabender	1994	Sir Patrick Hart	1998
Sir Edward Brown	2010	Lady Betty S. Healy	2011
Sir Arthur Calabrese	1989	Sir John Tim Healy	2009
Lady Renee Calabrese	1995	Lady Margaret Higgins	1984
Lady Rita Caldwell	1987	Lady Ruth P. Higgins	1993
Sir Stephen Cash	2005	Sir Thomas P. Hughes	1990
Lady JoAnn Murray Causgrove	1985	Sir Vincent Jenco	1988
Sir Leo Causgrove	1983	Lady Kathryn Krebs	1991
Sir Paul Causgrove	1981	Sir Mark C. Kulyk	2014
Sir Paul Cerami	1981	Sir Andrew Laposki	1980
Sir Raymond Coffey	1979	Lady Camilla Lehan	1979
Lady Josephine Daly	1981	Lady Patricia Liebel	2013
Sir G. Matthew Daly, Sr.	1978	Sir J. Terrence Lynch	2010
Sir John Denny	1982	Sir John Maher	1987
Lady Rose Roach DiGello	1997	Sir James E. Mahoney	1986
Sir Jack Dill	1979	Lady Frances Major	1993
Lady Margaret Dill	1989	Sir John Maloney	1987
Sir Mark A. DiVecchio	2007	Sir Nicholas Maly	1984
Sir Dalhart Dobbs	2001	Lady Sophie Maly	1994
Sir Gary Drapcho	2002	Sir Joseph Martin	1979
Sir James Eastman	1983	Lady Kathleen Masolotte	1987
Lady Margaret Eberlein	1985	Sir Joseph McCallion	1982
Sir Thomas Eberlein	2002	Sir James L. McCarthy	1994
Lady Kathleen M. Esser	1997	Lady Mary McCarthy	1984
Sir Joseph Evans	1980	Sir John J. McCormick	1988
Sir Clyde Fahlman	1981	Lady Nellie N. McCormick	2000
Lady Beverly Feehley	1990	Lady Barbara S. McGill	2006
Sir William M. Feehley	1984	Sir Edward M. Mead.....	1980
Sir Raymond Fiorelli	2002	Sir Joseph E. Meagher	1978
Sir Andrew Fiscus	1987	Sir Carl Nash	1981
Sir Raymond Fitzgerald	2003	Sir Donald Nash	1978
Sir William Flaherty, Jr.	1985	Sir Joseph Nies	1997
Sir John W. Flanigan	1991	Sir A. Robert Olsen	1983
		Sir John J. O'Rourke	1980
		Lady Margaret O'Rourke	1983
		Lady Catherine Quick	2006
		Sir John J. Quinn	1978
		Sir John M. Quinn, Sr.	1991
		Lady Carol Reinhold	2011
		Lady Veronica F. Remo	1992
		Sir Francis D. Riley	2016
		Lady Gloria Rigazzi	2001
		Sir William Rowane	1980
		Lady Marcia Russell	2017
		Lady Martha Ann Schaaf	1999
		Sir Joseph P. Scottino	1992
		Sir Dennis Scully	2007
		Lady Sally Shickler	1985
		Sir Joseph Sinnott	1981
		Lady Irene B. Smerick	2004
		Lady Gail Smith	2005
		Sir Eron DeLeon Soto	1996
		Sir James B. Spiegel	1997
		Lady Kathleen Spiegel	1994
		Sir Rupert Stadtmiller	1983
		Lady Marie Fazio Stark	2001
		Sir Walter C. Strosser	1986
		Lady Betty Szabo	1986
		Lady Genevieve Taccone	1979
		Lady Anne Taggart	1989
		Lady Dolores Theiss.....	2004
		Sir Robert Theiss	2001
		Sir Owen P. Toale	1989
		Sir Charles Trabold	1978
		Lady Eleanor Trabold	1995
		Sir Gerald Trambley	1986
		Sir Russell E. Vance, Jr.	2010
		Lady Frances Patti Vehec	2002
		Sir Michael Vehec	1996
		Lady Margaret Volk	1992
		Lady Dorothy H. Ward	1985
		Sir John Jack Watson	1995
		Lady Mary Margaret Weis	1999
		Sir David Wenrick	1991
		Sir Robert E. Whitman	1988
		Sir Bernard Williams	1989
		Sir John S. Young	2000
		Lady Sally Zyniewicz	1986



A wee bit of history ...

The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick was founded in 1978. Six men were inducted that first year. Women were inducted beginning in 1979.

Currently, there are 158 living Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick; 139 Knights and Ladies are deceased.

A hand-made, kelly-green sash has been created for all new Knights and Ladies since the inception of the organization.

The purpose of the Knights and Ladies:

- to support the mission of St. Patrick Church and preserve its Catholic legacy
- to sponsor and support the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Erie Irish Festival
- to induct new members and honor those who have died
- to support projects and global needs when requested.

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Knights and Ladies Scrapbook



**Enjoy these various snapshots
from 2025.**







In Appreciation

The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Erie

The Rev. Michael DeMartinis
Pastor, Saint Patrick Parish

The Rev. Michael Ferrick
Rector, Saint Peter Cathedral Parish

The Rev. James Piszker
Pastor, Saint John the Baptist Parish

Officers:

Sir Paul W. Causgrove, *President*
Saint Patrick Parish

Sir Patrick Spiece, *Vice President*
Saint John Parish

Lady Barbara Kelly, *Secretary*
Saint Peter Cathedral

Lady Colleen Welch, *Treasurer*
Saint Patrick Parish

The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick thank everyone who has, in any way, helped to make this year's Mass and induction of new members so memorable.

The staff at Gannon University's Yehl Ballroom and Metz Culinary Group went above and beyond once again to provide a terrific venue. Thanks also to everyone who attended this evening's event. Your support helps us continue our mission.

Slainte!





An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



Saint Patrick Church

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