



61st Annual Parade

March 18, 2012

"It's Great to be in Holyoke on Saint Patrick's Day!"

Warm temperatures, blue skies and bright sunshine graced Holyoke while she hosted a record setting weekend in 2012. Road Race Day over 6,000 people ran through the City, South Hadley native Zachary Hine beat the record setting field with a time of 29:37.

Irish eyes were smiling on Parade Day as the sun shined through the day and temperatures in the 70's kept marchers and spectators warm on a beautiful early spring day.

Led by Grand Marshal Barry Farrell Jr. we marched through the streets of Holyoke along with our dignitaries Rohan Award winner Mark O'Brien, O'Connell Award winner Kara Shanahan and Gallivan Award winner Sue Poulin.

Prized author Kevin O'Hara was our John F. Kennedy Award winner and our Ambassador Award winners Adrian Flannelly and Aine Sheridan accepted the warm reception as only Holyoke can give.

No parade is complete without beautiful colleens and our Grand Colleen Brianna Fitz along with her court Kelly Donahoe, Juliette Chenier, Kelli Laramee and Allison Lapointe rode on her colleen float to the delights of the crowds who filled the streets of Holyoke.

Parade day 2012 was just a perfect experience as was my tenure as President. This just does not happen by itself. Our membership of 200 individuals come together and make it happen year after year. I want to thank them along with our sponsors for making the year 2012 a special year for myself, my wife Terri and the rest of my family.

Saol Fada Agus Breac-Shlante Chuat.
(Long life and fair health to you)

Russell J. McNiff, Jr
President 2012



2012 Parade President
Russell J. McNiff, Jr.



2012 Grand Marshal
Barry J. Farrell



2012 Rohan Award
Mark F. O'Brien



2012 O'Connell Award
Kara Shanahan



2012 Gallivan Award
Suzanne Poulin



2012 John F. Kennedy Award
Kevin O'Hara



2012 Ambassador's Award
Adrian Flannelly



2012 Citizenship Award
Aine Sheridan



2012 Citizenship Award
Massachusetts State Police Troop B



2012 Grand Colleen
Brianna M. Fitz