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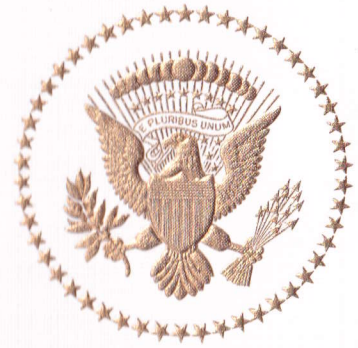
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The President and Mrs. Obama
welcome you to
The White House
for a
Celebration of Ireland
honoring
His Excellency
The Prime Minister of Ireland
and Mrs. Kenny



Tuesday, March 20, 2012

The High Kings

Ireland's Folk Band of the year The High Kings comprising Finbarr Clancy, Brian Dunphy, Martin Furey and Darren Holden. Coming from accomplished musical pedigrees, The High Kings grew up in households soaked in the Irish musical tradition and each member of the band witnessed first hand the power of well-crafted Irish music on an audience. Since The High Kings started, they have sold out hundreds of shows, in Ireland and the U.S., made numerous TV appearances, and achieved platinum status with both albums. The High Kings showcase their incredible versatility and skills as multi-instrumentalists, playing 13 instruments between them, bringing a rousing acoustic flavor to brand new songs as well as some old favorites. The High Kings are continuing to live up to their reputation as a phenomenal live band, serving up laughter, good times and even the odd sing along.

O'Malley's March

O'Malley's March has been mining the deep traditions of Celtic music for the past 24 years. Having evolved from a folk trio into a full-blown Celtic rock band, singer/songwriter Martin O'Malley and his bandmates have performed in concert with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, toured Ireland and released five CDs of traditional and original Irish music.

U.S. Air Force Reserve Pipe Band

Originally formed in September 1961, the U.S. Air Force Reserve Pipe Band has traveled worldwide representing the United States Armed Forces as one of two active duty bagpipe bands. In May 1992 the Pipe Band became the first foreign military unit to march through Red Square in Moscow, Russia, and the only foreign unit at the Victory in Europe Day Fiftieth Anniversary parade in Saint Petersburg, Russia. The Pipe Band has performed traditional bagpipe music at the Capitol steps for the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of Ireland, Speaker of the House and other Congressional members since 1993.

Remarks by
The Vice President

The President

The Prime Minister
of Ireland

Presentation of Shamrock

Performances by

The High Kings

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Shamrock Ceremony

St. Patrick's Day is a time of joy and pride for Irish men and women everywhere. The presentation of the shamrock symbolizes the bond between Ireland and the United States and celebrates the contributions of centuries of Irish Americans. The shamrock is presented on St. Patrick's Day, a day when Irish America is bound together by a green thread woven through the cities and into the heartland of the country.

The tradition of presenting a bowl of shamrock to the White House began with John Joseph Hearne, the Ambassador of Ireland to the United States (April 17, 1950–August 4, 1960), and has continued through successive administrations. The first presentation of a bowl of shamrock to a U.S. President took place in 1953 when President Eisenhower accepted the gift from Ambassador Hearne. The previous year, Ambassador Hearne reportedly dropped off the gift at the White House while President Truman was away.

The shamrock has traditionally been presented in an Irish cut-glass bowl symbolizing the ongoing tradition of Irish craftsmanship, skill and attention to detail. The shamrock has also been presented in a silver bowl. The first Taoiseach to present shamrock to a president was John A. Costello in 1956. The next Taoiseach was Jack Lynch in 1971, and subsequently has been presented by the Taoiseach-in-office to the President of the United States.



Menu

COLD

Smoked Trout

Chives and Pickled Red Onion
on Profiteroles

Cheddar Scones with Shaved Ham
Orange Marmalade

Boxty Potato Cakes
Pancetta Crisps

Cashel Blue Cheese Toasties
Wild Mushroom

HOT

Colcannon Soup
Cheese Straws

Mini Shepherd's Pie

Beer Battered Prawns
Mustard Aioli

DESSERT

Quince Bread Pudding

Macintosh Apple Tart

Chocolate Cape Gooseberries

Sticky Toffee Pudding

