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The President
welcomes you to
The White House

for a

Celebration of Ireland

honoring

His Excellency
The Prime Minister of Ireland
and Mrs. Kenny



Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Performance by

BAGPIPER TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Adam Tianello

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Sergeant Tianello is a bagpiper with the Ceremonial Brass, The United States Air Force Band, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. A native of Rochester, N.Y., his Air Force career began in 2009 as a member of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

After receiving a Bachelor of Music degree from The State University of New York College at Geneseo, Sergeant Tianello earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Argosy University, Tampa, Florida. Before joining the Air Force, he was a member of the Feadan Or, City of Dunedin, Gates Police, and City of Rochester Pipe Bands. He is a member of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association, as well as the Air Force Association and Air Force Sergeants Association.



Menu

COLD:

Boxy Potato Cakes
with Bacon Crisps

Cashel Blue Cheese Toasties
with Wild Mushroom

Irish Smoked Salmon
on Crispy Potato Pancakes

HOT:

Spring Lamb
with Bushmills Whiskey Sauce

Mini Shepherd's Pie

Guinness-battered Prawns
with Mustard Sauce

New Potatoes stuffed with Kale

DESSERT:

Shamrock Shortbread

Apple Amber Slices

Celtic Chocolate-Raspberry Roulade

Sticky Toffee Pudding



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 generations 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 it has been presented by the Taoiseach-in-office to the President of the United States.

