

## 2003 Dignitaries

### 2003 Mr. Pat: Scott Wilhelmy



Scott was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota and has lived here nearly his whole life, growing up with eight brothers and sisters. Scott is married and has two wonderful children. Marrying his "Wild Irish Rose," Rose Hughes, is the best decision he ever made. Scott has owned and operated multiple Irish retail stores throughout the Twin Cities.

### 2003 Miss Shamorck: Joann Richardson



Joann Grimm (Richardson) now lives in Seattle (after 5 years in Chicago) with her husband Matt, who she met at an event while she was running for Miss Shamrock and he was playing with the Brian Boru Pipe Band. They have a wестie named Freddie Mercury that is the Irish Mascot on St Patty's Day, and they are involved in the Irish Music scene in Seattle, but they do miss everyone in St. Paul around the Irish Holiday season!

### 2003 Distinguished Irish Woman: Sister Geri Lane OSJ



Geri Lane was born in Graceville, MN on March 22, 1939, exactly 100 years after her great-grandfather, Patrick Lane was born in Roscommon County, Ireland.

Geri grew up in Graceville, a village in West Central Minnesota and experienced St. Patrick's Day dinners, Irish tenor contests and Irish jigs. They even got off school on St. Patrick's Day! At age 20, Geri entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Paul and has been a "CSJ" for 43 years.

In 1987, she began working in the Archdiocesan AIDS Ministry Program and continued for the next three years. Geri then trained to become a certified chaplain, and has since worked at St. Joseph's Hospital working as a staff chaplain in the cardiac area.

### 2003 Grand Marshal: Michael McFarland and Patty Courtney



The 2003 Grand Marshals for the St. Patrick's Day Parade are Michael McFarland and Patty Courtney. Michael and Patty were married on March 17, and then lead the 37th Annual St. Patrick's Day parade down 4th Street to Rice Park. The couple are lifelong residents of St. Paul and attended Hill Murray High School in Maplewood. Patty is currently employed by the Federal Court System and Michael is employed by the St. Paul Hotel. Michael and Patty plan to celebrate their honeymoon this summer in the west of Ireland.

### 2003 Celebrity Grand Marshal: Katie McMahon



Katie McMahon was born in Dublin, Ireland. Katie was still a baby in her highchair when she first began to sing, and has gone on to become classically trained in the Irish harp, piano, recorder and singing. During her third level education in Dublin she attended Trinity College, and while there also trained in Drama and the Italian language for two years. Katie McMahon is best known as the Voice of Riverdance.

She has released several CDs, and tours all over the world with her band and dancers. [www.katiemcmahon.com](http://www.katiemcmahon.com)

### 2003 Honorary Irish Person: Lori and Julia

