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THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
— FOR THE RELIEF OF EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND —

A look back in History : The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick - Philadelphia
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Since we celebrate Presidents Day today I've listed just a few pieces of history coming from the White House relating to our society.

From the Record Books of The Philadelphia Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the
U.S. Presidential Libraries

- President Ronald Reagan's Letter to the "Philadelphia Friendly Sons of St. Patrick" accepting membership.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1982

It is a very special pleasure to me to accept membership in the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Philadelphia.

I know this is an important evening for you -- not only because of the occasion of St. Patrick's Day, which is so dear to all of us of Irish or adopted Irish heritage, but also because you commemorate the 200th anniversary of George Washington's membership in the Society.

In comparison, my 14 years as a Friendly Son in Los Angeles seem modest, indeed, but I am proud of them and wish all gathered here a happy and festive celebration.

Ronald Reagan

- President Harry S. Truman received a gold medal from John W. Laird, President of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Philadelphia. The ceremony took place March 9, 1948 at the White House and the medal itself is a replica of one worn by George Washington who was an adopted member of the society.
- President Richard Nixon meets with Ireland's Prime Minister John Lynch and with the "Philadelphia Friendly Sons of St. Patrick" President John Kull at the society's 200 year Anniversary.

President Richard Nixon's Daily Diary

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March 16, 1971

WHITE HOUSE TIME DAY

WASHINGTON D. C

10:31 The President and the First Lady went to the South Grounds for the arrival ceremony of Prime Minister John Lynch of Ireland.

11:00 The President returned to his Oval Office.

The President met with:

11:00 12:20 John Lynch, Prime Minister of Ireland

11:00 11:02 members of the press

11:01 11:02 Ronald L. Ziegler, Press Secretary.

12:20 The President accompanied Prime Minister Lynch to his car.

12:25 12:30 The President met with:

William Brickley, Philadelphia Chapter of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, chairman of the 200th Anniversary

John Kull, President, Philadelphia Chapter of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.