2016 Dignitaries

2016 Mr. Pat: Michael T. DeCourcy

Michael De Courcy is a life-long resident of St. Paul. He and his wife Merry have three children: Beth De Courcy Miller, Kate De Courcy Knapp and Mike De Courcy Jr. They have five grand children: Michael, Katie, Merry, Ted and Annie.

Michael De Courcy is a graduate of St. Thomas Military Academy. He attended St. John's University and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. He received his J.D. degree from William Mitchell College of Law.

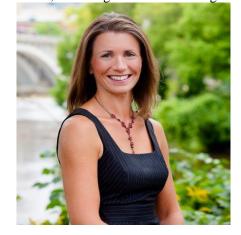
He was employed as an Assistant City Attorney, and left to establish his private law practice from 1975-1990. During this time he was also a part-time Ramsey County Public Defender. In 1990 he was elected Judge of Ramsey County District Court and served until he retired in 2010.

His Irish roots trace back to County Kerry and County Clare, where his maternal and paternal ancestors were born.



2016 Distinguished Irish Woman: Claire Killen

Claire Killen, Realtor ® for over 11 years is the Broker/Owner of Emerald Real Estate, which was established in March 2010. Emerald Real Estate is a boutique style locally based real estate company in the Minneapolis area of Minnesota serving Edina, Minneapolis, Wayzata, the Lakes and surrounding 7 metro area. As a native of Ireland, Claire brings a distinctive approach to her business. Claire gives back to the real estate community by volunteering on local and national association boards, including the honor of being The National Association Presidents Liaison to Ireland.



Grand Marshal: A guest of honor asked to lead the parade.

2016 Grand Marshals: University of Minnesota Gopher football Head Coach Tracy Claeys, and Assistant Coach Dan O'Brien!



