

St. PATRICKS
FOOTBALL CLUB
of BOSTON



St. Patrick's Football Club of Boston

The St. Patrick's Football Club was founded in the winter of 1972, when it was decided that the formation of a new club would benefit the position of Gaelic Football in Boston. When one looks back at a time when immigration had closed its doors a few years prior, and many of the strong clubs in Boston were struggling to field competitive teams, the idea of starting a new club appeared a bit crazy.

The founding fathers decided that the club should be named St. Patrick's Football Club, after the patron saint of Ireland, representing a unifying force for players from all parts of Ireland. The shamrock was adopted as the club's emblem because it is widely known as the symbol of the Irish throughout the world.

In the spring of 1973, a young and eager St. Pat's Team took off with great enthusiasm and seemed to bring a new energy to the football scene which spread throughout the existing clubs. Football once again became a promising force in Boston. In their first year, the St. Pat's found themselves the team to beat. Former players from clubs already disbanded came out of retirement and joined the new club. The club found themselves in the position of adding a junior team.

During the summer of 1973, the club consistently sought to establish itself within the guidelines of the G.A.A. Although the valiant efforts of both team members and faithful supporters did not result in any visible success, the club still believes that its most valuable achievement exists in the loyalty and dedication of the team members and supporters.

Instilled with the enthusiasm of a very successful inaugural banquet in 1974, the St. Pat's Club ended the 1974 season with both the Senior and Junior Championships, as well as the Curran Cup. The club is very proud of its past achievements on the field, which include: New England Divisional Senior Championships in 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1981, and 1984; Divisional Junior Championships in 1974, 1975, 1978, and 1987; and Divisional Intermediate Championship in 1998. The club achieved the ultimate success of winning the North American County Board Senior Football Championships in 1976 and 1984.

The club has its history of accomplishments and memories in the history of Boston and Gaelic Sports. One of its proudest accomplishments, the winning of the 1984 North American Senior Championship of the Centenary Year of the G.A.A., was elevated to the highest with the presence of the legendary Michael O'Hehir, as Guest of Honor at the 1985 Annual St. Pat's Banquet, at which time he presented the 1984 Championship medals.



ST. PATRICK'S FOOTBALL TEAM - 1978

The St. Patrick's Football Club has a proud record of contribution to the continued success of the Divisional and County Boards of the G.A.A. As individual members, they have always unselfishly volunteered their services and time for many years to serve on their respective boards, keeping our national games alive throughout North America. The members of St. Pat's have played a major role in the success of the new Home of the G.A.A. at the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton. The roof shingles of the Activity Building were purchased from the proceeds of the 25th Anniversary Banquet Ad Book in 1998, and the St. Patrick's Football Club and the County Leitrim Association were the major players in the fundraising efforts for the McGettigan-Stewart Room at the Centre.

The members of the club have played a very active role in promoting and keeping underage football alive in Boston, and having played a role in the winning of the North American County Board Minor Championship in 1998. All the achievements and contributions of the Founding Fathers of St. Pat's are proudly realized and appreciated in the participation of their sons playing on the St. Pat's Junior Team in the Millennium Year

The officers, players, members, and supporters of St. Patrick's Football Club fondly remember the players and members who are no longer with us. In remembering the past, the club looks forward to the new Millennium with the spirits, pride, and friendship that has brought us to this point.



ST. PATRICK'S BANQUET
JANUARY - 1977