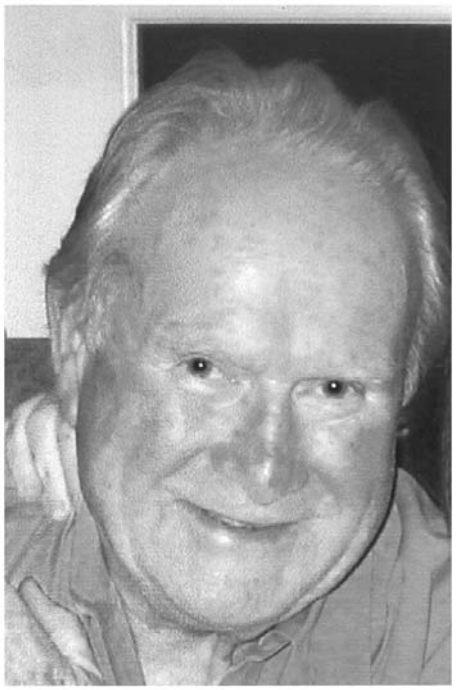
Grand Marshal
2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade
Thomas J. Singleton



Thomas J. Singleton, a Mount Kisco attorney, is our Grand Marshal for 2009. Tom was born in Greenwich, Connecticut to Matthew F. Singleton (County Kildare) and Margaret Bridget Clifford Singleton (County Kerry), being one of six children. Tom has spent most of his life in Mount Kisco and Bedford Hills. He presently lives in Mount Kisco with his wife, Dr. Patricia Singleton, a clinical psychologist. They have two children, a son, Whitney Singleton who is married to Leesa Gordon, formerly of New Orleans, and who is also Tom's law partner in the law firm of Singleton and Singleton, Esqs., and a daughter, Dr. Lauren Singleton Winston, who is married to Timothy Winston, formerly of Manchester, New Hampshire. She is also a clinical psychologist. He is blessed with five grandchildren, Molly Taylor Singleton, Dillon Thomas Singleton, Conor James Winston, Madison Elizabeth Singleton and Ryan Thomas Winston.

After graduating from Mount Kisco High School in 1948, Tom attended and graduated from State University of New York, Albany in 1952; and Albany Law School of Union University 1958. He also did graduate work at the University of Paris (Sorbonne, France) and the University of Maryland. He is a former Mount Kisco Village Attorney and a former Special Assistant District Attorney of Westchester County (1961-1965). He was also General Counsel to the former Mount Kisco Middle Income Housing Corporation and the former Mount Kisco Urban Renewal Agency, a member of the former Mount Kisco Human Rights Commission, a member of the New York Ninth Judicial District Grievance Committee (1991-1999), a member of the Northern Westchester Bar Association (President, 1978-1979), the Westchester County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Tom has been a member of the American Legion, Moses Taylor Jr. Post, No. 136 for 55 years, having served in the U. S. Army in Europe (NATO) during the Korean War. He has been a member of the Mount Kisco Lions Club for 50 years, a former director of the Mount Kisco Boys Club Board of Directors, a member of Amnesty International U.S.A. and Human Rights First and a life member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Tom has been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 16, for over 50 years. He is also an active director of Tara Circle, a group of Irish and Irish American organizations currently in the process of establishing an Irish cultural center in Westchester County. He had been active in numerous organizations seeking freedom and equality in Northern Ireland, including efforts through the Irish Art Center in Manhattan, Irish Northern Aid and various Catholic-Protestant organizations, which for the last four decades have sought equality and peace in Northern Ireland. Interestingly, Tom's family name "Singleton" is an adoptive name. The real family name is "Byrne". Some time between 1901 and 1911 (Irish census dates), Tom's grandfather changed the name to a more "British" sounding name, a not unusual practice of the time, in order to secure employment on the then British controlled railway system to support his wife, eight children and family farm. That background may well account for Tom's life long efforts to assist in human and civil rights struggles and the promotion of Irish drama, art, culture, history and religious freedom.