

City of Cambridge

Councillor Crane

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In City Council,
March 17, 1969.

WHEREAS:-

On March 17th of each year the citizens of Cambridge, site of the preserved Fort Washington as it existed in 1776, are privileged to enjoy double celebrations of Evacuation Day and the Feast Day/Deathday of the glorious Apostle Patrick, and

WHEREAS:-

The City Council of Cambridge, during the nearly thirty year history of the Plan E Charter, has only conducted one meeting on March 17th, and

WHEREAS:-

At that meeting on March 17th, 1947 the Council adopted unanimously by a rising vote the following resolution introduced by Councillor Neville:

"WHEREAS:-

Today, Monday, March 17th, is Saint Patrick's Day, and

WHEREAS:-

It would seem supremely appropriate that our Council should, on this occasion, render homage to a great Saint, who not only more than fifteen hundred years ago converted the people of Ireland to Christianity, but by his apostolic faith brought Christianity to the continent of Europe, and

WHEREAS:-

After a terrible war of devastation which was thrust upon us and which ended for us in glorious victory over the forces of evil, our world, including our own homeland, must need now concentrate upon the forces of the spirit brought to us by Almighty God and by His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS:-

Saint Patrick stands out in history as the symbol of apostolic faith incarnating the spirit of Saint Paul, Saint Patrick, in true humility and nobility and in childlike confidence in God, accomplished perhaps the most far-reaching, bloodless revolution, when he made the Celtic people Christians, for by that act, he implanted in the heart of Europe a leaven of zeal and ideal devotion to religion which continues to permeate and vivify vast masses of Christians, and

WHEREAS:-

In his unforgettable Confession, Saint Patrick wrote: "God inspired me that I should faithfully serve the Irish nation to whom the love of Christ conveyed me. It was He who bestowed upon me so great a grace towards that nation." and

WHEREAS:-

It was Saint Patrick who made the Christian Irish indubitably the most scholarly and cultivated people of the Middle Ages. He moulded anew the Irish character; a transforming Christ-like breath permeated their innermost souls, creating a fiery ardor of apostolic zeal which resulted in the flocking of Irish missionaries to Europe, there, at the risk of their lives to teach the doctrines of Jesus Christ to pagan populations and to lay the foundation of a Christian Society so deep that never have they been overthrown, and

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WHEREAS:-

In spreading the Kingdom of Christ, Saint Patrick brought the people of Ireland from darkness into light and made of Ireland a lovely and Holy Land, and

WHEREAS:-

If we revere Saint Patrick it is because he was God's instrument in history. A thousand years ago, an Irish chronicler wrote: "Saint Patrick had the purity of a patriarch. He was a true pilgrim, gentle and forgiving of heart, a chosen vessel for proclaiming truth - a servant in the service of Jesus Christ."

Be it therefore

RESOLVED:-

That the City Council of the City of Cambridge request our people on Monday, March 17th, 1967, to render pious honor to Saint Patrick and to pray for peace on earth towards men of good will."

RESOLVED:-

That this Council endorses the warm, erudite and meaningful sentiments expressed in the above-quoted Resolution of our late beloved and fondly-remembered Mayor, Honorable Michael J. Neville.

In City Council March 17, 1967
 Adopted by yeas and nays Vote
 Yeas 8 Nays 0 Absent 1

Temp. City Clerk

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Resolutions in memory of St. Patrick

March 17, 1969

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