



2008 CHICAGO ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Union League Club of Chicago
Friday, March 14, 2008

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Master of Ceremonies Alderman Ed Burke, featured speaker Irish Minister Batt O'Keeffe TD, Irish Consul General Martin Rouine, Patrick Thompson of the Host Committee and British Consul General James Clark.



The Cork Delegation, led by Mayor of Cork Tom Sheahan (third right), with Minister Batt O'Keeffe TD.



The magnificent Union League Club dining room.

The Irish American Partnership's Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast Celebration was held on Friday, March 14 at the elegant Union League Club of Chicago. The Republic of Ireland's Minister for Housing, Urban Renewal & Developing Areas Batt O'Keeffe TD, gave a presentation on the current status of Ireland's economy, the significant progress in Northern Ireland and the continued important role of Irish America.

Master of Ceremonies Alderman Ed Burke introduced Fr. Jack Clair for the invocation, Patrick Thompson who spoke on behalf of the Host Committee, Mary Sugrue McAleer who thanked guests for their support of the Partnership's efforts, and Bishop Francis Kane for the closing prayer.

Many thanks to all who attended.



Host Committee Member Patrick Thompson presents an engraved Waterford Crystal gavel to Alderman Ed Burke for his dedication and support of The Irish American Partnership.