

Message from the Mayor



2014 marks Waterford City's 1100th Birthday, and this year's Tricolour Celebrations will most certainly provide attendees with insight into the historical and cultural importance of Ireland's oldest city.

We are particularly delighted to introduce new aspects to the weekend's events such as Friday's Citizenship Ceremony, which will take place in City Hall, overlooking The Mall where the Irish flag was flown for the first time at number 33. The sensational Omagh Waterford Peace Choir will also be performing on Sunday at the Flag Raising Ceremony and the Mayor's and Chairperson's of Ireland's 32 Local Authorities, accompanied by a school from their area will each be presented with a Tricolour to mark the occasion.

We hope that the Tricolour Celebrations will be both educational and entertaining for all who come out to experience this commemoration of an event that is important to not only our city, but the country as a whole.

Cllr. John Cummins, Mayor of Waterford

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The 1848 Tricolour Celebration

7th - 9th March 2014

THE MALL, WATERFORD

A Celebration of Irish Culture



Flag Raising
Ceremony &
Military Parade
Sunday 9th
starts 3pm

The 1848
Tricolour
Celebration



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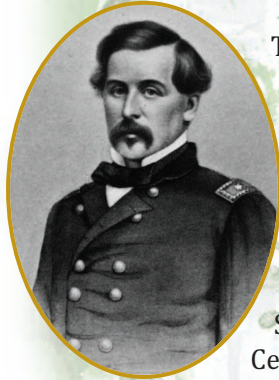


The Celebration

The 1848 Tricolour Celebration marks the conception and unveiling of the Irish Flag by Irish and American Patriot, Thomas Francis Meagher on the 7th of March 1848 at 33 The Mall, Waterford City.

The 1848 Tricolour Celebration is a commemoration of this most significant event in Irish history.

Events



The 1848 Tricolour Celebration is an annual event that takes place in Waterford at the site where Thomas Francis Meagher (Meagher of the Sword), raised the first Irish Tricolour. This exciting celebration has been growing in popularity and events over the weekend for 2014 include: A Citizen Ceremony, where new citizens of Ireland will receive their certificate of naturalisation, officiated by Minister Alan Shatter TD. in City Hall. Gala Dinner on Saturday in the Granville Hotel and The Flag Raising Ceremony on Sunday. This year on Sunday we will have a representation of Mayors and School Children from around the country receiving their Tricolour from the City of Waterford, a Military Parade and Guard of Honour and music by the Omagh and Waterford Peace Choir

Thomas Francis Meagher Trail

FOLLOW THE THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER HISTORY TRAIL

*Stay or Dine in the **Granville Hotel** on Meagher Quay, birthplace of Thomas Francis Meagher. Relax in **Aoife's Cafe** located at 33 The Mall, site of the first raising of the Tricolour by Thomas Francis Meagher. Visit **Bishop's Palace**, take a tour and view Thomas Francis Meagher Memorabilia. Dine in **Sabai Restaurant, The Mall**, Thomas Francis Meagher's residence later in life.*

"The white in the centre signifies a lasting truce between the 'Orange' and the 'Green', and I trust that beneath it's folds, the hands of the Irish Protestant and the Irish Catholic may be clasped in generous and heroic brotherhood". - Thomas Francis Meagher



Programme of Events

EVENT:

WHEN:

WHERE:

OPEN TO:

DETAILS:

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Friday 7th March - **TIME**

City Hall Waterford

Closed Event

100 candidates will take an oath of fidelity to the nation and receive their certificates of naturalisation, becoming new Irish Citizens. Officiated by Minister Alan Shatter, TD, Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence in City Hall.

EVENT:

WHEN:

WHERE:

Thomas Francis Meagher Gala Dinner

Saturday 8th March - **7.30pm**

The Granville Hotel

(Birthplace of Thomas Francis Meagher)

TICKETS:

€40 - (Tickets available from:

The Granville Hotel, Waterford - T: 051-305555)

OPEN TO:

General Public Event

DETAILS:

- Canapés/Drinks Reception,
- 4 Course Dinner + Wine

MAIN EVENT:

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

WHEN:

Sunday 9th March - **2.45pm**

WHERE:

The Mall, Waterford

OPEN TO:

General Public Event

DETAILS:

- Military Parade
- Ceremonial Raising of Tricolour with Military Salute
- Coast Guard Helicopter & Military FlyPast
- Guard of Honour by members Irish Naval Service Reserve
- Members 69th Regiment New York (Fighting Irish - founded by Thomas Francis Meagher)
- Members Thomas Francis Division Ancient Order of Hibernians.
- Attending Naval Ships - Open to Public
- Omagh and Waterford Peace Choir
- Barrack Street Band & Thomas Francis Meagher Fife & Drum Band



**A Celebration of Irish Culture
- A day for all the family to enjoy**