

Thomas P. Giblin
2014 Honorary Grand Marshal

Thomas P. Giblin of Montclair, New Jersey, has a lifetime dedication to the Labor Movement, Government, and Irish-American causes.

Tom's Father, John J. Giblin, immigrated from Tibohine, Frenchpark, County Roscommon in 1927. His maternal grandparents came from Counties Mayo and Sligo. Tom was President of the County Roscommon Society of New York, Inc. for three years, and is a frequent visitor to the county. He was instrumental in establishing the Sister City relationship with Newark, New Jersey and Castlerea, and he has served as the coordinator of six transatlantic visits by the Castlerea Brass and Reed Band during the last seventeen years.

Tom was raised in Newark, New Jersey and graduated from Seton Hall Prep and Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. He later attended graduate classes at Rutgers University and Seton Hall University.

Tom Giblin has been a member of Local 68 Operating Engineers since he was 17 and has served in various offices such as Business Manager, President, and Treasurer. Local 68 IUOE represents Stationary Engineers and Building Maintenance Mechanics throughout New Jersey. Mr. Giblin is also serving as President of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO since 1997.

He also served as an Essex County Freeholder, Essex County Surrogate, and now as a New Jersey Assemblyman in his fifth term. He is the Chairman of the Regulated Professions Committee and Vice Chair of the Higher Education Committee in New Jersey's General Assembly. He has also been the Essex County Democratic Chairman and the New Jersey Democratic State Chairman for four years.

Active in the Irish American Organizations, Giblin has been the Grand Marshal in various St. Patrick's Day Parades, namely, Newark, Nutley, and Woodbridge, New Jersey. He was President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 9, Montclair, NJ, a Past President of the Independent Irish Society, Inc., and was the General Chairman of the Garden State Arts Center Irish Festival, as well as a Delegate to the United Irish Counties Association-New York.

Tom Giblin is the Father of five children and a grandfather of eight.