

# County Leitrim Society of New York



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(1884-1916)

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Dear Member,

We are in the midst of March madness once again. Spring is in the air, brighter evenings, birds are singing, and this wonderful weather just goes on and on...

Thank you to everyone who marched with us on **Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>** in the **Mineola Parade**. It was a great day and lovely refreshments and entertainment was provided in the **Irish American Center**.

Our March meeting will be held on **Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>** at the **Heritage Bar and Restaurant, McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 7.30 PM**. Please try to attend. We invite new members. If you would like to participate via **ZOOM** the **ID Number** is **530 678 7556** and the **Passcode** is **707748**. For further assistance please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker at 718-445-8365**.

We invite you to march with us on **Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>** in the **New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade**. **County Leitrim** will assemble at **11:20 AM** at **East 44<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Madison Avenue**. We are very honored to march behind the '**Grand Marshal**', **Kevin J. Conway**, who's Irish ancestry is from **Drumshanbo**. Please read and adhere to the parade rules and regulations enclosed. Please be on time as we don't anticipate much delay.

**Payments of dues for 2023** are now being accepted and can be paid in person at any upcoming meeting, or by mailing your check to the **Financial Secretary** at the **P.O. address above**. **Dues are \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple**.

**Welcome to our 6 new members! Brian Baker, Deidre Baker, Liam Baker, Sean Baker, Alice Bermejo and Norman Stewart**. We are delighted that you have decided to join our Society and we look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming meetings.

We are requesting members to consider using **email** as their primary form of communication. This helps to get information out more efficiently, and therefore reduces our mailing expenses. If this is your choice please provide an email address to any Officer or by mailing to the P.O. Box above.

The **New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade committee** announced its annual **College Level and High School Level Research Paper Contest**. In memory of three outstanding Parade leaders who have gone on to their eternal rewards, namely **Francis P. Beirne, Margaret O'Rourke and Rosemary Lombard**. **Three awards** will be given in each category and are based on scores of independent judges. Applicants must submit **completed Research Paper** with the **official application form** scanned and attached no later than **Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. **Winners will be announced by Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**. For information please contact **Catherine Muscente** at **516-323-4710** or via email to [paradescholarship@molloy.edu](mailto:paradescholarship@molloy.edu).

Please **mark your calendar** for the **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Parade** on **McLean Avenue, Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023**. The day begins with **mass** at **St. Barnabas High School Chapel at 11.15 AM**. **County Leitrim** will assemble at **First Street and McLean Avenue (by Chase Bank) at 12 Noon**. The parade will commence at **1:00 PM**. **Please bring your sash**. We offer our **congratulations to Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald who is the 2023 Grand Marshal**.

**Congratulations to Deidre Baker** (daughter of **Meg (McKeon)** and **Jim Baker**) on her '**Irish Echo's 40 under 40 award**'. Deidre is an **elder care attorney, Secretary of Nassau Brehon Society**, and on the **Executive Committee of NYS Bar Association**. On another note, her brother **Brian** is retiring at end of the month from the **United States Air Force** after 20 plus years, retiring as a **Lt. Colonel**, having done **seven deployments to the Middle East**. We thank him for his service and wish him a very happy and well deserved retirement. So much to celebrate in the Baker household!

The **Bayside Parade** will take place on **Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. Assembly is at **33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Bell Boulevard, Bayside**. This is always a very enjoyable day out for all the family.

In preparation for the '**big Leitrim game**' in **Gaelic Park** at **6pm** on **Easter Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>**, there are a few events lined up which might be of interest to you. Please see attachment. For information please contact **Frank Brady at 914-963-8729**.

**St. Sebastian's Parish** in **Woodside, Queens** present a concert to celebrate St. Patrick's Day featuring **St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band** direct from **Kingscourt, County Cavan** on **Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Doors open at **7pm**. Admission is **\$20.00** at door. Special guests will be performing. For information please contact **Fiona Smyth 718-706-0554**.

Please remember our **sick members**: Mary Callaghan, Martin Beirne, Sean Clarke, Pat O'Brien, Angelo Leggiero, Maureen Waters, Tommy Moore and any other members who may be suffering for whatever reason. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Our heartfelt condolences to the heartbroken family of **Ronan Moran, Drumshanbo** on their unimaginable loss recently. Ronan was in College at the University of Limerick and had become a very accomplished young footballer. To the family of **Peter Donohoe**, aged 50 (**Aughavas/London**), **cousin of Cathy Miceli**, the late **Michael Wall (Gortletteragh)** and to the family of **Padraig McGloin (Glenade)**, former Leitrim footballer. May they and all our departed Rest in Peace.

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our **first responders, medical staff** and all **essential service employees, victims of earthquake in Turkey and Syria** and for peace in Russia and Ukraine to bring an end to this deadly conflict.

**On this International Women's Day, we salute all the great women in our Society.**

**Have a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day.**

Sincerely,

**Margaret Taylor Finucane**  
*President*

**Anna Mulvey Buggy**  
*Corresponding Secretary*

## Parade Rules and Regulations

- 1. All units must have two (2) flags. Irish & American flags or no flags at all. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
  - An American flag on the right end and an Irish flag on the left.
- 2. A minimum of eight (8) abreast. Ten (10) if room is available.**
  - A unit with 250+ members must march 10 abreast.
- 3. Two (2) marshals from each marching unit should bring up the rear.**
- 4. The only banners allowed are ones identifying the unit or 'England Get Out of Ireland'.**
  - ONLY ONE BANNER FOR EACH UNIT. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 5. Green hats, sneakers or other 'odd ball' dress is not permitted.**
- 6. No animals or mascots.**
- 7. No eating, drinking or smoking in the line of March.**
- 8. No displays of any kind will be permitted.**
- 9. Units should make sure they are in proper formation before approaching Fifth Avenue**
- 10. After units get on Fifth Avenue, no stragglers should be allowed to join the unit. Unit marshals should be on the alert for this at each intersection. Please be vigilant.**
- 11. Leaders of organizations shall not delay the Parade by leaving their place for any purpose**
- 12. Shirts with advertising are NOT an appropriate form of dress. No children's pull or push wagons permitted.**
- 13. Please remember: you are on 5th Ave. for one hour, once a year and you should march with pride in your heritage and dress accordingly; BUSINESS DRESS CODE IS REQUIRED.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Affiliated organizations will be held responsible for the conduct of their marchers**