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East Durham St. Patrick's Day Parade

On Sunday March 16, 2025 our hamlet of East Durham held its 2nd St. Patrick's Day Parade since forming the Parade Committee led by Hibernian's Mike O'Connor, Seamus Balfe and Melanie Wesslock. The parade was attended by thousands of people and was a huge success. This year's Grand Marshals were Colleen McGrath Fenlon and Dermot Fenlon. Both Greene County Hibernians. NYS AOH Chaplain Fr. Henry Reid was the Aide to the Grand Marshals and 2024 Grand Marshal and Mass Rock Hibernian Neil Kellegher also marched up Rt. 145 with Dermot , Colleen and their family.

**Grand Marshals
Colleen & Dermot
Fenlon lead the
East Durham
Parade 3/16/25**

A 9am Mass was held at the Shrine by Fr. Henry Reid and Dcn. Mike McDonald both Dermot and Colleen did readings and the Mass was well attended. As the parade was about to begin a little rain began to fall. Welcoming everyone to the Irish Alps and the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mass Rock AOH member Max Wesslock was the parade St. Patrick once again and step danced down the road.

There was a huge presence of Hibernians in the parade this year. Besides Our Lady of Knock LAOH and Mass Rock AOH , many Hibernians from Albany also marched. There was also the East Durham Tractor Run group and the Honda 50 club that are made up of members of Mass Rock Hibernians. The Pipes and Drums of Greene led by John Gallagher also marched in the parade and many of their members are also Mass Rock Hibernians.

Upcoming Events

The Greenville St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 29th lineup is at noon, St. John the Baptist Church and the parade kicks off 1pm. Let's show some support once again to our Greenville friends.

The Nugent Association is one of the oldest Irish American clubs and they take over the Blackthorne Resort April 25-27 weekend. There is Irish music all weekend and we will attend the Friday happy hour called Beat the Clock. It's a great opportunity to sell our raffle tickets and some merch. 6pm start in the Beer Garden.

The first weekend of May is the annual NYS AOH Spring meeting and festivities. Friday is the golf tournament. Saturday the meeting is held at the Shamrock House. Fr. Henry's BBQ is held at McGraths and the annual cornhole tournament will also be held at McGraths. All proceeds go to the Thomas McNabb Scholarship. Sunday is the annual mass held at the Mass Rock.

East Durham Memorial Day Weekend at the MJQ Irish Cultural Centre is right around the corner. We will have the tent set up to sell raffle tickets and merch and hold our Whiskey raffle drawing on Sunday 3pm. Proceeds going to the Irish Arts Week Music Scholarship we have started in Tim McSweeney's name.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY APRIL 17 - 7PM.

Membership dues for 2025 are OVER DUE. They are \$35. If you have not sent in your due's please do so. Or we will have to remove you from the roster. Send checks to MASS ROCK AOH - PO Box 437 Cairo, NY 12413

Photos from the East Durham Parade

