



A LETTER FROM THE ORDER OF SHILLELAGH AND BLARNEY STONE

From the humble beginnings as the brainchild of Dick Killibrew, the St. Patrick's Festival has grown to become not only a longstanding tradition, but an integral part of our community. With nearly fifty events throughout the end of February and the entire month of March, there are multiple ways to experience the St. Patrick's Festival with your friends, family and guests. It is also a great time to open your home and invite guests near and far to catch a glimpse into what it is like to live, work and play in Dublin-Laurens County.

For the 54th Anniversary, the Order of Blarney Stone & Shillelagh will feature two member events, the Irish Balloon Glow at Southern Pines and Gala, all while assisting the Festival Committee and maintaining a full calendar of great events that you have come to know, enjoy, and expect.

Our first member event is the Irish Balloon Glow and Tether Fest which will be held Saturday, March 09th at The Southern Pines Recreation Complex. **Members will enjoy a complimentary token for a tethered balloon ride on Saturday, March 9th, weather permitting.** This family friendly event has grown over the past several years to be a fan favorite. Bring the entire family to enjoy bouncing castles, food vendors, and of course the hot air balloons!

Our second member event is new this year. On Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm, please join us for a special St. Patrick's Gala: *Have the Time of Your Life*. This year's theme is taking us back to the roaring 20s! Guests are encourage to wear their best 20s themed or semi-formal attire. Entertainment will be provided by Band of Gold and it will be held at The Icehouse! Members of the Order of the Blarney Stone and Shillelagh will be enjoying heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while dancing the night away! You certainly don't want to miss this event. **Admission is included for the members of the Order of the Blarney Stone or Shillelagh.**

In addition, the St. Patrick's Festival is excited to host a **Super Sunday Brunch** on Sunday, March 17, at the Dublin Country Club. Please be on the lookout for more information on how you can purchase tickets to attend!

A great way to support the Festival, and to gain exclusive access to the member events listed above, is to join the Order of Blarney Stone (Women) or the Order of the Shillelagh (Men). Memberships are available online (www.dublinstpatricks.com), at the Chamber of Commerce or by contacting the Order Presidents below. Cost for membership is \$35.00 for individuals and \$50.00 for couples.

Or...

Be a St. Patrick's Patron for \$100.00

The success of this Dublin-Laurens County event would not be possible without the support of many small businesses and individuals in our community. As the festival continues to grow and have a positive impact on the area, we need partners in this effort. We have developed the perfect level of support to make it all happen.

Being a Patron includes all of the privileges of TWO memberships in the Order of Shillelagh or Order of Blarney Stone. In addition, you or your company will be listed as patrons at several of the festival events including the Awards Banquet, Chamber Breakfast, Joint Civic Luncheon, and both member events.

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