



## 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 over fifty events from the end of February through 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 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Order of Shillelagh & Blarney Stone will feature two member events; the St. Patrick's Gala and Irish Balloon Glow, all while assisting the Festival Committee and maintaining a full calendar of great events that you have come to know, enjoy, and expect.

### ***Become a St. Patrick's Patron for only \$100!***

The success of the festival 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. This sustaining membership level provides participants with additional advertising at a number of festival events like the Awards Banquet, Gala, Chamber Breakfast, Joint Civic Luncheon, and more, as well as to TWO memberships in the Orders of Shillelagh or Blarney Stone and two tickets to the member events and annual membership pins.

OR

Support the Festival and to gain exclusive access to the annual member events by joining the Order of Blarney Stone (Women) or the Order of the Shillelagh (Men). Membership applications are available online ([www.dublinstpatricks.com](http://www.dublinstpatricks.com)), at the Chamber of Commerce or by contacting the Order Presidents below. Cost for membership is \$35 for individuals and \$50 for couples. Basic memberships included tickets to the member events and an annual membership pin, but do not include the exclusive advertising on the Patron banner.

The first member event this year is the St Patrick's Gala on Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Ice House in Downtown Dublin. Back by popular demand, the Band of Gold from Atlanta will help us kickoff this year's festival. This year's theme is "Leap into St. Patricks" and will once again be taking us back to the roaring 20s on Leap Day! Guests are encouraged to wear their best 20s themed or semi-formal attire. Members of the Order of the Shillelagh & Blarney Stone will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres while dancing the night away; a cash bar will be available. **Admission is included for patrons as well as the members of the Order of the Shillelagh or Blarney Stone.**

The second member event is the Irish Balloon Glow and Tether Fest which will be held Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at The Southern Pines Recreation Complex. **Members will enjoy a complimentary ticket for a tethered balloon ride on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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!

In addition, the St. Patrick's Festival is excited to host a **Super Sunday Brunch** on Sunday, March 22, at the Dublin Country Club. Please be on the lookout for more information on how you can purchase tickets to attend!

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