



Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue

941 McLean Avenue, PMB 432, Yonkers, NY 10704

<http://www.yonkersstpatricksparade.org>

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Dear Friends:

The 61st Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on McLean Avenue on **Saturday, March 19, 2016**. The Parade Committee is proud to announce that **Patrick Ryan Quinn** is the 2016 Grand Marshal and he will lead the Parade, starting at **1:00 p.m.**

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Patrick Ryan Quinn was born in Yonkers to Rosemary (Keane) and Patrick Liam Quinn. Family roots are in Counties Armagh, Down, Cork, Clare and Westmeath. At St. John the Baptist, Iona Prep and Iona College, Pat was a strong athlete, playing high school basketball and collegiate rugby. In 2013, a month after Pat's 30th birthday, he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Pat began his mission as a strong advocate, spreading awareness and searching for a cure with *Quinn for the Win*. In July 2014, Pat was at the forefront of the historic ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, appeared on several media outlets to popularize it, and raised over \$220 Million globally. He has spoken before Congress, and students at all grade levels. He has received awards internationally and locally from ALS Organizations, Major League Baseball Network, Iona Prep, Iona College, Ireland's Irish America Hall of Fame, American Ireland Fund, the City of Yonkers and other municipalities. Pat and the Ice Bucket Challenge won a Webby Award, where Pat created the 5 word acceptance "*Every August Until A Cure*". Pat was nominated for 2014 TIME Magazine Person of the Year. In July 2014, Pat married Jennifer Flynn with family roots in Counties Donegal and Cork. The Parade Committee is delighted to have Patrick Ryan Quinn as our 2016 Grand Marshal.

Additionally, it is with great pleasure that we announce the following Aides to the Grand Marshal:

Nollaig Cleary, Pres., Cty. Fermangh P&B Assoc. **Dennis Keane**, CFO, St. John's Riverside Hospital
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The 2016 Annual Dinner Dance and Changing of the Sash will be held **Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** at Empire City Casino, Yonkers Raceway, Good Time Room. The Grand Marshal and eight Aides will be introduced. Timothy Rooney, Jr., the 2015 Parade Grand Marshal, will transfer the Sash to our 2016 Grand Marshal, Patrick Ryan Quinn. Reservations are \$90 per person, which includes a dinner choice of prime rib or salmon (chicken or vegetarian options available upon request), an open bar and complimentary valet parking. The Guss Hayes Band will entertain you, and traditional Irish Dancers will perform.

Please return the enclosed reservation card by February 27, 2016, indicating the names of those with whom you wish to be seated. Table assignments are on a first-paid basis, so make reservations early. A Sponsorship form is also enclosed. This year, both the Dinner and Journal have 2 payment options. | *Mail option:* Please make all checks for the Dinner and Journal payable to "St. Patrick's Day Parade Comm." *Online option:* Place dinner reservations and journal ads online at: <http://www.yonkersstpatricksparade.org>. A 3% charge will be added to online reservations.

As you know, the Annual Dinner Dance and Parade Journal provide the majority of the funds needed to run the Parade. All our funds come from our loyal supporters. We do not accept any State or Federal subsidies and are extremely grateful to the City of Yonkers who provides Police, Recreation and DPW services.

We hope you will support our Parade Dinner and Journal. Thank you for your past support and we look forward to seeing you again this year. You are the ones that will make our dinner and parade a success again this year. See you on March 6th and 19th!

Sincerely,

Jean Tickell

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