

The 22nd Downtown Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade
Announces Connor Barth
As Parade Grand Marshal

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February 14, 2022, Wilmington, NC --- The Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee (Committee) today announced that Connor Barth has been appointed Grand Marshal of the 22nd Parade, which will take place on March 12, 2022, starting at 11:00 AM in downtown Wilmington. The Committee strives to annually appoint a Grand Marshal who has deep local and Irish connections.

Connor is a graduate of St. Mary's School, John T. Hoggard High School and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Following his college graduation, Connor had a successful multi-year career in the National Football League and is currently a photographer and active in real estate in the Wilmington area. He is also a part-owner of Blue Shark Vodka.

Connor's Irish heritage relates back to Counties Mayo and Donegal, Ireland, and his extended family in America has continued the proud tradition of Irish-Americans as first responders serving their communities.

Connor commented that he is honored to lead this year's Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade, especially now that the Parade is in its 22nd year and remains a significant celebration of Irish-Americans in America.

Joe Costy, spokesperson for the Committee, stated that the appointment of this year's Parade Grand Marshal represents the continuing efforts of the Cape Fear Irish-American community to expand its presence, awareness and outreach in the region and celebrate an ongoing tradition of education and service. The Parade has been described previously as one of the Top 10 St. Patrick's Day Parades in small cities in America.

After the Parade ends, the Downtown Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Festival commences with music, food and activities for the entire family. In addition to the Parade, the Committee organizes an Annual Hooley (Irish music fest), with live traditional Irish music and dancers.

For more information:

About the Parade: <http://www.wilmingtonparade.com> ,
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About the Festival: www.coolwilmington.com