

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

*February 21, 2023, Wilmington, NC* --- The Downtown Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee (Committee) today announced that Connor Barth has been re-appointed Grand Marshal of the 22nd Parade, which will take place on March 11, 2023, starting at 11:00 AM in downtown Wilmington. The March 2022 Parade was canceled due to inclement weather.

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 active in real estate in the Wilmington area. He is also a partowner of Blue Shark Vodka. Connor's Irish heritage relates back to Counties Mayo and Donegal, Ireland.

Connor commented that he is honored to lead this year's Parade, especially now that the Parade is in its 22nd year and remains a significant celebration of Irish-Americans in the Cape Fear region.

Joe Costy, spokesperson for the Committee, stated that the re-appointment of this year's Grand Marshal represents the continuing efforts of the Irish-American community to expand its presence, awareness and outreach in the area and carry forward 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.

In addition to the Parade, the Committee organizes an Annual Cape Fear Hooley, with live traditional Celtic music and dancers.

For more information:

About the Parade: <u>http://www.wilmingtonparade.com</u>, or contact Joe Costy at 910-444-9743 and <u>wilmingtonparade@gmail.com</u>. https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksDayParadeWilmingtonNC