



**73rd Anniversary**



**West Orange  
St. Patrick's Day Parade**

**GRAND MARSHAL**

**Thomas P. Brennan**

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**In Memory of  
The Most Reverend Thomas. A. Boland, Patrick J. Melvin  
and Brendan P. Tevlin**

**Dedicated to  
1999 Grand Marshal  
Alfie Sharkey**





# West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade

*Celebrating Our Honorees*

*Congratulations to All Our  
— Deputy Grand Marshals —*

**Eileen Cassels Aker**

**Daniel Cunningham**

**Bill McEvoy**

**Steve Shaffer**

*— And a Very Special Congratulations to —*

**Grand Marshal Tom Brennan**

*— 3rd Generation Grand Marshal —*

*From Our Family With All Our Love,*

**Stephen, Kim, Emily, Kevin, Jennifer,**

**Jack and Molly**



# In Loving Memory of Alfie Sharkey

1934 - 2025

The West Orange Saint Patrick's Day Parade proudly dedicates its 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parade to the memory of Alfie Sharkey, whose longstanding service and leadership strengthened this Parade and the community it represents.

Alfie served with distinction on the  
Parade Committee as...

1978 Deputy Grand Marshal

Sergeant at Arms

Vice Chairman

1988 Parade Chairman

1989 - 1999 Trustee

1999 Grand Marshal



*Ar dheis Dé go  
raibh a anam*

Throughout his many years of involvement, Alfie was steadfast in his dedication, passionate in his service, and deeply committed to preserving and celebrating Irish heritage not only in West Orange, but across many Irish communities. His contributions are woven into the very fabric of the Parade and remain an enduring part of its proud history.

May he rest in eternal peace.

*...and until we meet again, may God hold you in the  
palm of His hand.*

# parade history

The roots of the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade trace back more than 60 years to two organizations that remain involved today: the Irish-American Society of the Oranges and the Frank O'Hara Association. In the early years, members marched along Main Street before traveling on to the Newark Parade.

In 1974, a police permit allowed the Parade to expand its route to Township Hall, marking the beginning of its modern form. That same year, the Parade was dedicated to Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, a devoted supporter whose final public appearance was fittingly at the 1979 Parade, just five days before his passing.

The Parade Committee was formed in 1976 and officially incorporated in 1977 under the leadership of its first Chairman, Patrick J. Melvin. Through Pat's vision and dedication, the modern West Orange Parade was born. He remained an officer until his passing in 1996, one day after the Parade he so loved marched once again. The Committee expanded the Parade's financial and organizational foundation, and the first formalized West Orange Parade was held during the Bicentennial year of 1976.

From modest beginnings, the Parade has grown into New Jersey's pre-eminent "Family Parade," known for its unique combination of dignity, class, and size. It now attracts thousands of marchers, including Irish-American, fraternal, civic, and school groups — as well as elected officials at every level of government.

A cherished tradition of the Parade is the annual Parade Mass, where participants gather in faith before stepping off, led by the Shillelagh Pipe Band. The Mass rotates among Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of the Valley, St. Joseph's, and Our Lady of the Lake in Verona, reflecting the deep intertwining of faith and Irish heritage.

Another hallmark event is the annual Investiture Ceremony, the social highlight of the season. There, the Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshals are formally sworn in, piped in, and welcomed into the cherished "Parade Family," alongside returning honorees from years past.

The Parade has continually evolved, introducing flags, banners, pins, websites, social media, sponsorships, and other innovations, creating a unique identity that may be imitated but cannot be duplicated. It has proudly honored men and women from all walks of life and was the first parade in the state to name both a woman Grand Marshal and a woman Chairman. Today, a vibrant and progressive committee, including many children and grandchildren of the founding generation, carries the tradition forward.

In 2016, the Parade added the name Brendan P. Tevlin alongside Archbishop Boland and Patrick J. Melvin in remembrance of individuals whose dedication to the Spirit of St. Patrick and to this community helped shape the Parade's enduring legacy.

Through family, faith, tradition, innovation, and deep Irish pride, the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade continues to thrive, preserving heritage, honoring tradition, and celebrating the enduring spirit of St. Patrick for generations to come.

# West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.

Pride in Our Heritage – Faith in Our Country

GRAND MARSHAL

Thomas G. Brennan

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS

Eileen Cassels Aker; Dan Cunningham; Bill McEvoy; Steve Shaffer

CHIEF OF STAFF

Katie Bogart

OFFICERS

Michael Cunningham, Chairperson

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Jeff Bogart, Adjutant

Chris Wightman, Sergeant At Arms

Joe Ryan, Historian

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Janet O'Keefe-Burke, Bill Kehoe, Michele McCue Shaffer

COUNSEL

Kevin M. Brennan

CHAPLAIN

Fr. James Ferry

Many thanks to all who have participated in the success of the  
West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade

# Special Thanks and Recognition

Mayor Susan McCartney

West Orange Town Council

West Orange Police Department –

Chief Matthew Feula

Officers & Auxiliary



Essex County Shillelagh Pipes & Drums

South Park & District Pipes and Drums

Father Jim Ferry – Our Lady of Lourdes

West Orange TV-36 Lauren Grof-Tisza

Comcast - Tiffany Carr

West Orange Fire Department

Chief Anthony Vecchio

West Orange Department of Public Works

Jim Latore, Director

The Shauger Group

Mary Cassels and Joe Brennan – Liturgy

Essex County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Amir D. Jones

Jeff Bogart – Banners/Flags/Signs

Janet O'Keeffe Burke - Parade Photographer

Rich McMahon - Buses

Frank Niccoletti - Group Recruitment

Rick Mullin - Poet



Dear Friends,

This year, West Orange proudly celebrates the 73rd Annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade. We could not have reached this milestone without the strong Irish-American women and men who make up our community and who work tirelessly to keep our traditions alive. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many non-Irish Americans in our wonderfully diverse town who embrace this celebration year after year. Your enthusiasm, support, and love have helped this parade endure and flourish. We thank you all.

The West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade is honored to recognize five extraordinary individuals whose lives reflect service, heritage, and community spirit:  
Grand Marshal Tom Brennan, and Deputy Grand Marshals Eileen Cassels Aker, Daniel Cunningham, Bill McEvoy, and Steve Shaffer.

Each of these honorees has dedicated themselves to family, faith, and the betterment of our community. They are the ties that bind our Irish-American story together, and we are proud to march behind them today. May this honor be a moment they cherish for the rest of their lives.

This parade does not happen without the unwavering commitment of our Parade Committee. Every year, this group of volunteers gives countless hours—quietly, humbly, and wholeheartedly—to bring this beautiful tradition to life. My sincere thanks to Casey Hughes, our Vice Chair, for her leadership and support, and to:

Casey Cunningham, Janet Burke, Katie Bogart, Mary Cassels, Terry McHugh, Tom O'Rourke, Carol Corcoran, Kevin Brennan, Sheila Parisi, Michael Tevlin, Jeff Bogart, Chris Wightman, Joseph Ryan, Hon. Joseph P. Brennan, Jr., Stephanie Gallo, Maureen O'Hara, Jere Cole, Bill Kehoe, the Hon. John McKeon, and Fr. Jim Ferry.

This parade is a team effort. It does not "just happen." The experience, dedication, and heart of these individuals are something I am grateful for every single day. The Parade Committee is a family—one that takes care of each other—and I am proud to be part of it.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to Mayor Susan McCartney, the Town Council, the West Orange Police and Fire Departments, the Department of Public Works, the West Orange Recreation Department, West Orange High School TV36, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Your partnership ensures that our parade is safe, joyful, and meaningful for all.

With love and gratitude, I want to thank my wife, Casey, for her incredible strength, patience, and devotion as we welcomed our son, James Michael Cunningham, into the world on January 19, 2026. This first parade season with him has been a whirlwind of joy, sleepless nights, and unforgettable moments, and none of it would be possible without her unwavering support and the love she pours into our family every day. Casey and James, I love you.

Finally, we honor the families and Irish organizations whose faith, dedication, and early efforts built the foundation of this parade and kept it thriving for more than seven decades. Thank you to everyone who joined us today, and to those who could not be here but whose support helped put us on the street.

Thank you, and Happy St. Patrick's Day.  
Mike Cunningham  
2026 Parade Chairperson

Dear Friends and Family,

Family, faith, and tradition — that is what the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade is all about! The Sunday before Saint Patrick's Day, for as long as I can remember, begins with Mass followed by the parade — whether I was holding a banner, standing on the sidelines, marching with the Dillon Association, or later leading this parade as Chairman. I truly believe this is the best parade in the country, and that would not be possible without the dedication of an all-volunteer committee, led this year by Mike Cunningham. Thank you all for your time, commitment, and support throughout the years.

Congratulations to my fellow honorees, Deputy Grand Marshals: Eileen Cassels Aker, Daniel Cunningham, Bill McEvoy, and Steve Schaffer. It has been an honor spending the past several months together, and I could not have asked for a finer group of individuals to share this experience with.

To my Chief of Staff, Katie Bogart — thank you for keeping our family organized, holding on to our traditions, and dealing with me throughout this entire experience. You are amazing. Kevin and Stephen — I couldn't ask for two better older brothers. You are my best friends, and I can't wait to march alongside both of you.

Mom and Dad — thank you for your constant love and support. I strive every day to make you as proud of me as I am of you. I love you.

Domenic and Lia — to say I am proud of you both is an understatement. You are funny, smart, athletic, kind, and beautiful. Keep reaching for the stars. Daddy loves you with all his heart.

My beautiful wife, Rina Ann — I would not be here without you. I am a better person because of you. You are my rock, my best friend, my confidant, and the love of my life. Thank you for holding down the fort through all the meetings, events, and phone calls. I love you.

March 15, 2026, will be one of the proudest days of my life. I walk down Main Street in West Orange as Grand Marshal. I will proudly follow in the footsteps of many legends, none more special to me than my grandfather, 1980 Grand Marshal Joseph Brennan Sr.; my father, 1995 Grand Marshal Joseph Brennan Jr.; and my Aunt Mary Pat Bogart, 2008 Deputy Grand Marshal.

May God continue to bless this parade, our families, and this cherished tradition.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day,  
Thomas Brennan  
2026 Grand Marshal

# past grand marshals

James Sheeran * 1976	Darren Dangler 2000
Michael Smith * 1977	Kevin Keogh 2001
Robert Fahey * 1978	Richard Codey* 2002
Helena Sharkey 1979	Bobby Kelly 2003
Joseph Brennan, Sr. * 1980	Timothy Quigley 2004
Michael O'Hara * 1981	Bob Bradley* 2005
Brian Bermingham 1982	Jack McGarry * 2006
Thomas R. Farley * 1983	Joseph Ryan 2007
Terry O'Reilly * 1984	Noel S. O'Keeffe 2008
Gerald F. Keogh * 1985	Francis Gately 2009
Harry Knox * 1986	Kenneth Kunzman* 2010
Thomas Beirne * 1987	Tom Tevlin, Sr * 2011
Patrick McLoughlin * 1988	Greg Dillon * 2012
Joe Keaney * 1989	John McKeon 2013
Gene Reilly * 1990	Jere Cole 2014
Bill Healy* 1991	John "Jack" Sayers* 2015
Tom Drury 1992	Maureen O'Hara 2016
Patrick Fell 1993	Kevin Kinney 2017
Fran McEnerney 1994	Donald R. Shauger, Sr. 2018
Joseph Brennan 1995	Carol Sharkey Corcoran 2019
Agnes Keogh Clarke 1996	Mellen Dangler 2020 - 22
Peter J. Degnan 1997	Mike McCormick 2023
Tom Callahan * 1998	Patrick O'Rourke 2024
Alfie Sharkey* 1999	Noel G. O'Keeffe-2025

# past deputy grand marshals

1976 Ann Keaney \*, Theresa Keogh \*, Leo Finnegan \*, Vincent Murphy

1977 Barbara Lyons, Joseph Brennan, Sr. \*, John Flynn, Alfie Sharkey\*

1978 Louise O'Hara \*, Michael Halpern \*, Harry Knox\*, Alfie Sharkey\*

1979 Mary McGovern \*, Peter Beeres \*, Patrick Heeney \*, Rev, Thomas Walsh \*

1980 Mary Reilly \*, John Breslin \*

1981 Nancy Kelly \*

1982 Mary Lannon \*, John O'Connor\*

1983 Beatrice Buoye \*

1984 Mena McLoughlin \*, Edmund Hanley \*, Phil McLaughlin \*, John Rooney \*

1985 Arlene Dunn, Sheila McGuire\*, Fran McEnerney, John Quigley \*

1986 Jack Sayers\*

1987 George Quigley \*

1988 Agnes Clarke, Kay Kostecki \*, Bob Mahoney\*, John McDermott \*

1989 Carol Sharkey, Joe Alexander \*, Martin Kelly \*

1990 Judith Gibbons \*, James Brown \*, Ray Farrington\*, Tom Wahlers\*

1991 Beatrice G. O'Reilly \*, James Critchley, Dick Cunningham \*, Sean McGinley\*

1992 Greg Dillion \*, Tom Quinn

1993 Dianne Adams, Joseph Boland, Dan Carey, Tom Mooney \*

1994 Susan Aker \*, John McCrone \*, Billy McCue\*

1995 Mary Roth \*, Pat McNally \*, David Tyms, Jim Williams

1996 Marge Sheahan\*, Gregory Boyle \*, Kevin McGinley \*, Patrick Regan \*

1997 Mary Jane Gunning, Tom Kenney\*

1998 Bill Dacey, John Buoye\*, Des McDermott\*, Jack Joyce\*

1999 Peggy Bradley \*, Mary Keaney\*, John Ryan, Sr. Maureen Crowley \*

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- 2000 Sean McGovern, Joseph O'Hara, Frank Schott \*, Neil Byrne \*
- 2001 Jimmy Abbott, Kevin Dillon, Richard Kenah, John "Alfie" Sharkey \*
- 2002 Peggy Brennan \*, Joseph Byrnes \*, Margaret Nagle \*, Patrick Whelan
- 2003 Ed Brady, Mary Cassels, Charlie Doherty \*, Bo Ench\*
- 2004 Hugh Curry, Ed Smith, Dennis Lenihan, Gerry Moran
- 2005 Joe McConville \*, Winnie McNeil \*, Catherine Kelly
- 2006 John Buoye, John Mooney, Shelia Parisi, Mick Nagle\*
- 2007 Kenneth McGuire. Anne Cully Malkinski \*, Kevin Walsh\*
- 2008 Billy Cunningham \*, Andrew McCrone, Jim Reilly \*, Kathy Whelan \*
- 2009 Mary Pat Bogart, Eileen Gilleece, James F. Masker \*, Daniel Meeks\*
- 2010 Bruce P. Byrne \*, Margaret O'Reilly Hughes, William "Skeeter" Keefe\*
- 2011 Colleen Blasi \*, Michael Cassels \*, Lane Curtis \*, Patty Ann Madden
- 2012 Thomas Cannon, Neil O'Hare, Michael Shannon, Ellen Sweeney \*
- 2013 Barbara Hughes, Michael Merwin
- 2014 Gail McGeady, Kelly Reilly, Francis Schott, Jr.
- 2015 William "Bill" Kehoe, Thomas Malkinski, Phylis O'Keeffe,  
James "Jimmy" Williams
- 2016 Brian Aker, Michael Keigher, John McElroy, Tim Sexton
- 2017 Marian Reilly Cardace, Gwen Glazier, Robert Hoehn
- 2018 Robert Lynch\*, Sean McGinley, Brad Squires
- 2019 Carolyn Diver Torchia, Joe Fagan, Terry McHugh
- 2020-22 Bobby Lamb\*, John DeMars, Patrick Giblin, Robert Swenson
- 2023 Megan McNerney Brill, Michele McCue Shaffer, Rich Hughes
- 2024 Dennis Cleary, Larry Lonergan, Matthew Mulligan
- 2025 Kathleen Smith Loria. Rich McDonald, Jim McGuire, Kevin Bolan

\*Deceased

# 2026 Honorees



2026 GRAND MARSHAL  
Thomas Brennan



2026 DEPUTY MARSHAL  
Eileen Aker



2026 DEPUTY MARSHAL  
Steve Shaffer



2026 DEPUTY MARSHAL  
Bill McEvoy



2026 DEPUTY MARSHAL  
Daniel Cunningham

# 73RD ANNUAL LINE OF MARCH 2025

## Division One:

UNIT #1: Color Guard: West Orange Police Department  
ESSEX SHILLELAGH PIPES AND DRUMS  
West Orange Police Department  
West Orange PBA Local #25  
Guests: West Orange Police Athletic League

UNIT#2: Color Guard: Essex County Emerald Society  
ESSEX COUNTY EMERALD SOCIETY POLICE & FIRE PIPES AND DRUMS  
Emerald Society of the State of New Jersey  
Essex County Chapter #1

UNIT#3: Honor Guard: Knights of Columbus, Saint Isaac Jogues Assembly 649  
Banner of St Patrick  
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE BLUE & GOLD  
GRAND MARSHAL: Thomas P. Brennan  
Chief of Staff: Katie Bogart  
Aides to the Grand Marshal  
Guests: Dillon Association, West Orange New Jersey

UNIT#4: THE JOE CHINO BAND  
Color Guard: Essex County Sheriff's Department  
Essex County Sheriff Amir D. Jones  
Essex County Sheriff's Patrol Division Officers  
Essex County Sherriff's Department Apparatus  
Color Guard: Essex County Department of Corrections  
Essex County Department of Corrections

UNIT#5: Honor Guard Milburn Police Department  
Montclair Police Department  
Bloomfield Police Department  
Orange Police Department

UNIT#6: SHARPSHOOTERS BRASS BAND OF NORTHERN NJ  
Color Guard: West Orange Fire Department  
West Orange Fire Department

UNIT#7: Color Guard: Verona Volunteer Fire Department  
NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT PIPES & DRUMS  
Newark Fire Department  
Bloomfield Fire Department  
Clifton Fire Department  
Montclair Fire Department  
Orange Fire Department

Honorable Patricia Juliano Memorial Scholarship-Rutgers University  
East Orange Fire Department  
South Essex Fire Department  
Verona Fire Department and Apparatus  
North Caldwell Fire Department

UNIT#8:

15<sup>th</sup> NEW JERSEY FIELD MUSIC FIFE, BUGLE AND DRUM CORPS  
Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts  
West Orange Mountain Top League  
METROPOLITAN FESTIVAL BAND  
Girl Scouts and Brownies  
West Orange Elementary & Middle Schools  
First Mountain Pre School  
Yogi Berra Museum & New Jersey Jackals Baseball

UNIT#9: Color Guard West Orange High School  
WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND  
West Orange Music Boosters  
West Orange High School Cheerleaders  
West Orange High School Boys Step Team "Ab-salute"  
West Orange High School Girls Step Team "Nu Theta Omega"  
Susan McCartney, Mayor, Township of West Orange  
West Orange Township Council  
West Orange Board of Education  
West Orange Women's Club  
West Orange Human Relations Commission  
West Orange Public Relations Commission  
Federal, State, County and Local Officials

UNIT#10: Color Guard: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Whippany N.J.  
IRISH TROUBADOURS  
VFW Glennon Sayers Post #376 West Orange, NJ  
American Legion Post #22 West Orange, New Jersey

Division Two:

UNIT #1: JOSEPH A. FERKO STRING BAND, PHILADELPHIA PA  
DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL: Eileen Cassels Aker  
Aides to the Deputy Marshal  
Irish American Society of the Oranges  
Guests: Seton Hall Prep Gaelic Society  
Msgr. Michael Kelly, President; Michael Gallo, Headmaster  
UNIT #2: RORY O' MOORE PIPES AND DRUMS  
Frank O' Hara Association West Orange, NJ

UNIT #3: CASTLEREA BRASS & REED BAND, COUNTY ROSCOMMON IRELAND  
Giblin Association  
Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Michael L. Delahunty Division #9 Montclair, NJ  
Newark NJ St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee  
DeNogla Academy of Irish Dance

UNIT #4: FRATENIDAD FOLKLORICA Y CULTURAL SALAY BOLIVIA USA  
DANCERS  
Columbia Bank  
Melan Productions  
1992 "Barbie" Car Featuring Amanda Tyra  
Sorco Carting

UNIT #5: BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BENGAL MARCHING BAND  
Nutley Irish American Association  
Nutley NJ St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee  
Rutherford NJ St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee-Rutherford Irish

UNIT #6: SADDLEBROOK HIGHSCHOOL MARCHING BAND  
West Orange Elks Lodge #1590  
West Orange Elks Ladies Auxiliary

UNIT #7: JERSEY SHORE BRASS BAND  
Our Lady of the Lake School

UNIT #8: BARRINGER HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND  
Barringer High School Cheerleaders  
Barringer High School Junior ROTC

Division Three:

UNIT #1: SOUTH PARK & DISTRICT PIPES AND DRUMS  
DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL: Bill McEvoy

Aides to the Deputy Marshal

UNIT #2: GLEN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND  
Women of Irish Heritage  
Sisters of St. Brigid

UNIT #2: ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY MARCHING TORNADOES BAND  
West Orange High School Air Force Junior ROTC Mountaineer Squadron

UNIT #3: EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL RED RAIDER MARCHING BAND  
Eddie Mal Association, Essex and Morris Counties NJ

UNIT #4: DYMANIC MARCHING BAND  
Pleasant Valley Productions  
Unique Performance Arts Center  
West Orange Arts Council  
Friends of the West Orange Public Library  
Music village Love + Unity Fest

UNIT #5: CAPORALES SAN SIMON USA DANCERS, SOUTH AMERICA  
West Orange Hispanic Foundation  
Puras Paletas  
Benji's Taqueria Grill  
No Limit Martial Arts

UNIT #6: SCIENCE PARK "LEGION OF BOOM" MARCHING BAND  
Euphoria Dance Club  
Iron Jeeps  
Junkin Irishman

UNIT #7: IRVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BLUE KNIGHTS  
Turtle Back Zoo Docents and Zoological Society of NJ  
Myrtle the Turtle  
Zoo Mobile  
The Jamaica Organization of New Jersey

Division Four:

UNIT #1: ESSEX COUNTY EMERALD SOCIETY POLICE & FIRE PIPES AND DRUMS  
DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL: Daniel Cunningham  
Aides to the Deputy Marshal  
Guests: Downtown West Orange Alliance

UNIT #2: WHOLLY BRASS BAND  
Friends of the Edison National Historic Site  
Thomas Edison National Historic Park, US Department of Interior

UNIT #3: ESSEX SHILLELAGH PIPES AND DRUMS  
DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL: Steve Shaffer  
Aides to the Deputy Marshal  
Essex Shillelagh Gaelic Athletic Association  
Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Essex Division, West Orange, NJ  
Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Old Bridge, NJ  
Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Belmar, NJ  
Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Ocean County, NJ

UNIT #4: IRISH MARCHING BAND  
West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

UNIT #5: West Orange Public Works

By Order of:  
Jeffrey E. Bogart - Parade Adjutant  
Kevin M. Brennan - Counsel

# Congratulations

To the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee  
And to my fellow honorees

## 2026 Deputy Grand Marshals

Eileen Cassels Aker

Daniel Cunningham

Bill McEvoy

Steve Shaffer

May your hard work be rewarded, your kindness  
returned a hundredfold. And may this honor be only one  
of many proud moments yet to unfold.



Tom, Rina Ann, Domenic, Lia

*Tom Brennan*

*2026 Grand Marshal*

*West Orange St Patrick's Day Parade*

Who's lining up Division 3????

Congratulations to lifelong Adjutant Staff Member  
Tom Brennan  
2026 Grand Marshal  
West Orange St Patrick's Day Parade



And to the Deputy Grand Marshals:  
Eileen Cassels Aker  
Daniel Cunningham  
Bill McEvoy  
Steve Shaffer

It is a great privilege to follow you up Main Street!  
Enjoy Parade Day!

Jeff Bogart – Parade Adjutant  
Jennifer and Owen Bogart



CONGRATULATIONS TO MY  
FELLOW HONOREES:

GRAND MARSHAL  
TOM BRENNAN

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS  
EILEEN CASSELS AKER,  
DANIEL CUNNINGHAM, &  
STEVE SHAFFER



**SLÁINTE!**

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL  
BILL McEVROY



# Congratulations 2026 Honorees

*In loving memory of Johnny O*



Thank You Parade Committee  
for another job well done.

**2023 Deputy Grand Marshal  
Rich Hughes**

And Family



# Congratulations 2026 Honorees

*In loving memory*



*Johnny O*

1961-2026

*Always*

*The O'Reilly, Hughes, Dolan and  
Harris Families*





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Sons of the Shillelagh  
Essex Division

# CONGRATULATIONS

to

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS:

Eileen Aker, Daniel Cunningham,  
Bill McEvoy & Steve Shaffer

and

2026 GRAND MARSHAL

**Tom Brennan**



**SAVE THE DATE The 56th Annual Shillelagh Dinner Dance**  
6:00-11:00PM, Saturday, April 25, 2026, at The Hanover Manor

*Honoring*

*ShillelaghMen of the Year: Tom Fleming and Chris Wightman*

*Friend of the Friendly Sons: Ironbound Irish Association*

Fortickets/adsplease email: [shillelaghevents@gmail.com](mailto:shillelaghevents@gmail.com)

**Come visit the social & cultural center of the Irish-American community in Essex County**  
**Open to the public and always accepting new members**

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Shaffer Nation

Congratulates and Marches

Proudly With Our Very Own

Steve Shaffer

202 West Orange Parade

Deputy Grand Marshal

# CONGRATULATIONS

TO

**GRAND MARSHAL**

**Thomas Brennan**

**DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS**

**Eileen Cassels Aker**

**Dan Cunningham**

**Bill McEvoy**

**Steve Shaffer**

AND THE

**2026 West Orange Parade Committee**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Gregory L. Dillon**

**2012 GRAND MARSHAL**

**1992 DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL**



Love,

Family & Friends

AT

**DILLON'S PUB**

45 Freeman St., West Orange, NJ 07052

*"Best  
Corned  
Beef"*

**2001 DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL Kevin Dillon**

Debbie, Linda, Dori, Gregory, Patrick, John, Natalie, Nicky, Roman,  
Brian, Melissa, Brian Jr., Scarlett, Sophie, Kevin, Brittany, Pete,  
Dillon-Ann, Katelyn

Congratulations to our Pipe Major  
**Bill McEvoy**  
And all the Dignataries!



from  
**South Park & District**  
Pipes and Drums

Best wishes on a great St. Patrick's Day parade  
and continuing to honor Irish American heritage  
in West Orange!

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Congratulations To  
2025 Grand Marshal

Thomas Brennan

And

2026 Deputy Grand Marshals

Eileen Cassels Aker

Steve Shaffer

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Michael L. Delahunty

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Division 9

Montclair. NJ

The Family of Bobby Lamb  
Salutes the 2026 Parade Honorees  
**Grand Marshal Tom Brennan**  
**Deputy Grand Marshals**

Eileen Cassels Aker • Daniel Cunningham  
Bill McEvoy • Steve Shaffer



**Bobby Lamb • Deputy Grand Marshal 2020-2021-2022**



**Forever in our Hearts**

**Your Loving Family • Wife, Kathy • Children, Dennis (Marie), Colleen (Scot), Kathleen & Kelly (Tom) • Grandchildren, Brian (Melissa), Katie, Connor (Fran), Danny, Kerry, Bridget, Sean, Brendan & Isabella • Great Grandchildren, Riley, James, Scottie, Henry & Ryder**



**Winifred Sharkey and James H. Cunningham: A West Orange family since 1918  
Congratulations Dan Cunningham Deputy Grand Marshal  
West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade  
With Pride and Love from the McNeill contingent of the  
Cunningham family.**

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*Best of Luck!!!*



Matthew P. Mulligan, Past Deputy Grand  
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Grand Marshal  
Tom Brennan  
and

Deputy Grand Marshals  
Daniel Cunningham,  
Bill McEvoy & Steve Shaffer

*May your walk up Main Street be full of sunshine and smiles. It  
is a privilege to share this honor with each of you.*

Thank you to the Parade Committee for putting  
another wonderful parade on the street!

Eileen

2026 Deputy Grand Marshal  
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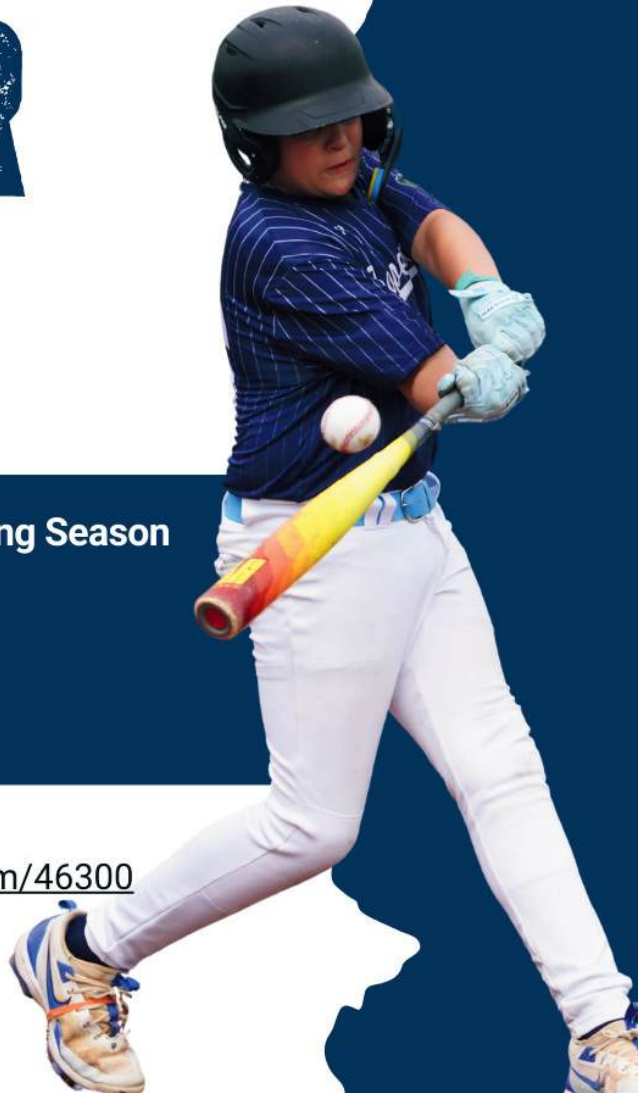
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR  
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*the west orange  
st. patrick's day parade*

and

*Congratulates*

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**Thomas Brennan**

and

**Deputy Grand Marshals**

**Eileen Cassels Aker**

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Congratulations to the Parade Honorees,  
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# CONGRATULATIONS

## Eileen Marie

2026 Deputy Grand Marshal

West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade



Your grace, strength, and unwavering faith are blessings to everyone who knows you. Today we celebrate not only this incredible honor, but the love and generosity you share with your family and community each and every day.

We are so proud of you and love you so much!

With all our love,

Karen Ann, Bobby John, Claudia, Katleyn, and Lauren

**Thank You  
West Orange Parade Committee  
For Another Year Of Excellence**

**A Special Congratulations to  
Deputy Grand Marshall  
*Eileen Cassels-Aker***

**A beautiful example of an Irish woman who is a  
caring mother, loving wife, and treasured member  
of our family**

**We love you very much!**

**Congratulations to All the 2026 Honorees**

- **Grand Marshall -Tom Brennan**
- **Deputy Grand Marshall - Daniel Cunningham**
- **Deputy Grand Marshall - Bill McEvoy**
- **Deputy Grand Marshall - Steve Shaffer**

**The Aker & Dalgauer Families**

**Past deceased Honorees: Susan Quigley Aker, George Quigly,  
Michael Cassels**

**Past Honorees: Tim Quigley, Mary Cassels, and Brian Aker**

# Congratulations

to all 2026 West Orange Parade Honorees  
Tom Brennan, Grand Marshal  
Eileen Cassels Aker, Deputy Grand Marshal,  
Bill McEvoy, Deputy Grand Marshal  
Steve Shaffer, Deputy Grand Marshal  
and

## **Daniel Cunningham Deputy Grand Marshal**

We are so proud of you Daniel,. You are a wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. Your dedication to the West Orange community is outstanding. Enjoy this day, you deserve it.

We all love you!  
Judene, Moira & Liam





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**Grand Marshal**

**Thomas Brennan**



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## TOM BRENNAN

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May you have all the happiness on this day,  
your Irish heart can hold.*

IRISH EYES WILL BE SMILING ON YOU  
THIS MARCH 15TH!

*Rina, Domenic and Lia*



Slainte

Tom Brennan

2026 Grand Marshal  
West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Congratulations, Tom!

Your leadership, pride, and love  
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We're honored to follow you up Main Street  
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Wishing you miles of Irish smiles!  
Love always, Ted and Katie

Congratulations to our son  
Tom Brennan 2026  
Grand Marshal



You are the embodiment of the Parade motto -  
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As you march up Main Street,  
you will be stepping where your  
Grandfather Joseph P Brennan, Sr., 1980 Grand Marshal  
and Father Joseph P Brennan, Jr., 1995 Grand Marshal  
proudly carried the legacy of the family name!

Tom, your entire family is so proud of you!

Love Mom and Dad!!!!



**Winifred and James H. Cunningham, Cecilia and James H.  
Cunningham II circa 1943**

**Congratulations Daniel Cunningham, Deputy Grand Marshal**

**West Orange St Patrick's Day Parade 2026**

**We thank you for continuing the Cunningham tradition of  
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May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and the wind be always at your back.



*Extends our Congratulations to  
the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee  
and to the distinguished 2026 Honorees:*

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AND ITS  
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2026 Grand Marshal

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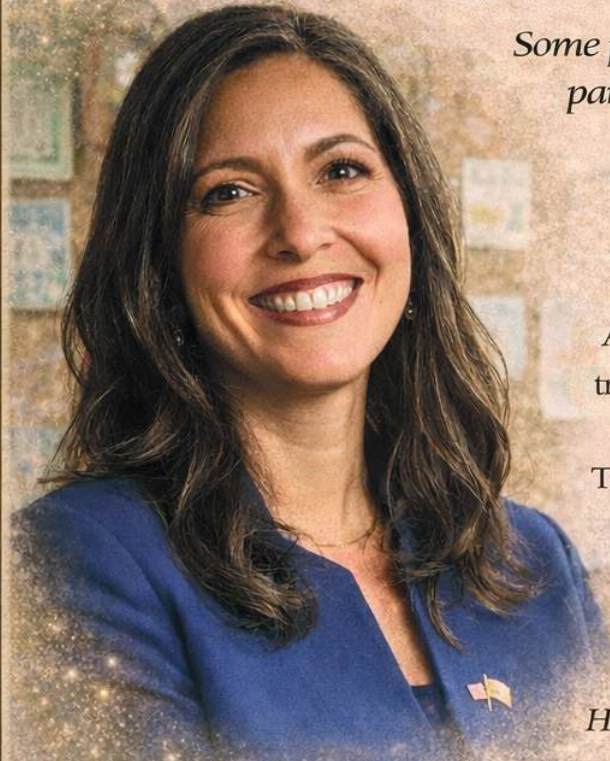
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Grand Marshal

**Tom Brennan**

A lifelong supporter of community traditions and the true West Orange spirit,

Tom's dedication to our town and its people reflects the heart and heritage that make this parade so special.

Honoring Our Deputy Grand Marshals

**Eileen Aker •**

**Daniel Cunningham •**

**Bill McEvoy •**

**Steve Shaffer**

Each has given so much to enrich our community through service, leadership, and unwavering pride in Irish-American culture.

The West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade is more than an annual event—it's a cherished family tradition bringing together generations, friends, and neighbors from near and far. From Main Street to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, this celebration embodies heritage,

**Rosy Bagolie**

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❁ "May the luck of the Irish be with you today and always." ❁



## WEST ORANGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Sunday, March 15, 2026,  
Parade Step-Off 12:15pm

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May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
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Tom Brennan

and

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Eileen Cassels Aker, Bill McEvoy  
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## CONGRATULATIONS

Parade Committee

*73 Years Proudly Marching Up*

*Main Street!*

**1979 Grand Marshal**

Helena Sharkey



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Bill McEvoy,  
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Dağ four dağ de touched  
óğ a óit of Irish Luck  
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and warmed óğ the smiles  
of the peopłe ñou love



# CONGRATULATIONS

Grand Marshal

Thomas Brennan

Deputies

Bill McEvoy,

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Enjoy that Walk Up  
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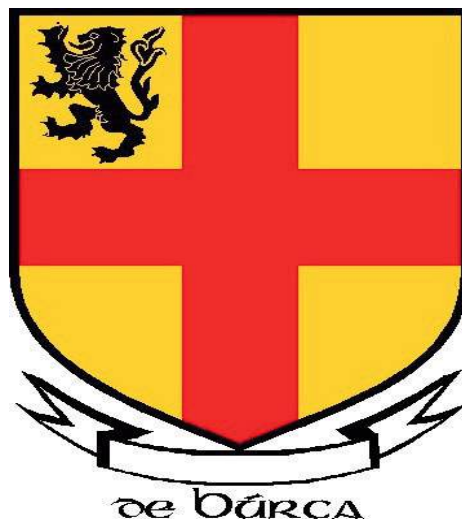
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Thomas Brennan  
And Deputies  
Eileen Cassels Aker  
Steve Shaffer  
Bill McEvoy  
Dan Cunningham



To the Parade Committee for ensuring this  
tradition continues!

Janet, Karl and Family



IRISH EYES ARE SMILING AS WE WALK UP MAIN  
STREET WITH OUR BEST GUY, THE BEST GIRL DAD,  
STEVE SHAFFER

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARADE COMMITTEE

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and

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# **CONGRATULATIONS**

**GRAND MARSHAL**

**Thomas Brennan  
and**

**DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS**

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## **CONTINUED SUCCESS**

**to the**

**West Orange St. Patrick's Day  
Parade Committee**



## **2016 GRAND MARSHAL**

**Maureen O'Hara**

# Congratulations!



*The McEvoy and Anderson families  
would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to the 2026  
Grand Marshall Tom Brennan  
and all of the Deputy Grand Marshals, with special  
congratulations to our brother and uncle,  
Bill McEvoy.*

*In 2026, we celebrated 100 years since our parents' births.  
Dad, Mom, our grandparents, and all our ancestors are  
surely looking down from Heaven and couldn't be prouder.  
Have a grand day!*



# CONGRATULATIONS

West Orange St. Patrick's Day  
Parade Committee

GRAND MARSHAL

Tom Brennan

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS

Eileen Cassels Aker

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Bill McEvoy

Steve Shaffer

**The Williams Family**

**2015 Deputy Grand Marshal**

**James "Jimmy" Williams**

**Teresa, Jimmy, Anthony, Natalie**



*We Proudly Congratulate*

***Eileen Cassels Aker***

**2026 Deputy Grand Marshal**

We'd also like to extend our congratulations to

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**Deputy Grand Marshal Bill McEvoy**

**Deputy Grand Marshal Daniel Cunningham**

**Deputy Grand Marshal Steve Shaffer**



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# CONGRATULATIONS

Eileen Cassels Aker

You are our BIGGEST Fan  
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Love,

Brian, Colin, Dylan and Jack



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**GRAND MARSHAL**

Tom Brennan

&

**DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS**

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All the Best to Eileen, Dan, Bill and Steve



**Congratulations**  
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**Parade**  
from the  
**2026 West Orange Township Council**  
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We Remember  
Thomas Foley, Michael Cassels  
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Those "Smiling Irish Eyes"

We Celebrate  
Deputy Grand Marshal  
Eileen Cassels Aker  
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Congratulations Eileen Cassels Aker  
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Day Parade

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Love,  
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Congratulations

to

Deputy Grand Marshal

Steve Shaffer

From all of Irish Heritage

in

Denville NJ

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Grand Marshal Tom Brennan

Deputies

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and especially

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Tom Brennan**  
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Bill McEvoy  
Stephen Shaffer**



# CONGRATULATIONS



*Congruations to 2026  
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Parade Honorees

**GRAND MARSHAL**  
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*Congratulations  
2026 Parade Honorees*

&  
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Steve Shaffer  
Bill McEvoy

THE KEHOE AND KEARNS FAMILY

Bill Kehoe  
2015 Deputy Grand Marshal





*Congratulations*

*to*

*Steve Shaffer*

*Deputy Grand Marshal*

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on St. Patrick's Day.*

*Anne, Bill & Kevin Kostyak*



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West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee!*

*Grand Marshal*

*Thomas Brennan*

*Deputy Grand Marshals*

*Eileen Cassels Aker, Steve Shaffer  
Bill McEvoy, Dan Cunningham*



*Congratulations - Here's to a great parade!*

*President Steve Blank, the Officers and Members of the Ironbound Irish  
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*West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee*  
*Congratulations*  
*Grand Marshal Tom Brennan*  
*Deputy Grand Marshal Eileen Cassels Aker*  
*Deputy Grand Marshal Daniel Cunningham*  
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## **THE FRANK O'HARA ASSOCIATION**

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regards to the West Orange St. Patrick's  
Day Parade Committee and this year's  
outstanding honorees

**GRAND MARSHAL**

**Tom Brennan**

**Deputies**

**Eileen Cassels Aker, Bill McEvoy,  
Dan Cunningham, Steve Shaffer**



*In Loving Memory of Alfie Sharkey*

Congratulations to Grand Marshal

Tom Brennan

and Deputy Grand Marshals

Eileen Cassels Aker

Daniel Cunningham

Bill McEvoy

Steve Shaffer

Kathleen Smith Loria - 2025 Deputy Grand Marshal

## *Congratulations*

Grand Marshal

Tom Brennan & the entire Brennan Family

&

Deputies

Eileen Cassels Aker, Bill McEvoy

Dan Cunningham, Steve Shaffer

2016 Deputy Grand Marshal

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& This Years Honorees!



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*and*

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Continued Hard Work and Dedication!

Terry, Maryellen, Jimmy, Jack & Michael McHugh

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CONGRATULATIONS 2026 HONOREES



**Grand Marshal  
Thomas Brennan**

**Deputy Grand Marshals  
Eileen Cassels Aker, Dan Cunningham  
Bill McEvoy, Steve Shaffer**

**Special Thanks to the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**

**Mike and Stephanie Gallo and Family**



Daniel Cunningham  
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achievement!

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Congratulations Steve Shaffer  
2026 Deputy Grand Marshal

From your friends at the  
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Morris County, NJ



*Congratulations,  
Eileen!*

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Congratulations to Grand Marshal  
Thomas Brennan  
and Deputy Grand Marshals  
Eileen Aker, Bill McEvoy, Dan Cunningham  
and Steve Share

Best Wishes for a great day to all!



The Squires Family  
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Denise, Brade and Shea

West Orange Parade Committee  
Thanks Our Honorees  
for their dedication and commitment  
to Our Irish Heritage!  
Keep the Tradition Alive!



CONGRATULATIONS  
To The 2026 Grand Marshal  
of the  
West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade!

~Tom Brennan~  
and  
Deputy Grand Marshals

~Eileen Cassels Aker~  
~Daniel Cunningham~  
~Bill McEvoy~  
~Steve Shaffer~



Michael McCormick - 2023 Grand Marshal  
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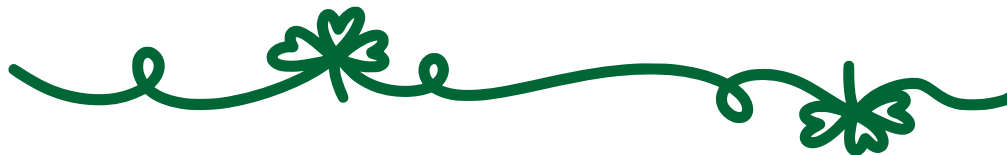
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Congratulations  
to all the 2026 Honorees



Congratulations 2026 Grand Marshal

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Congratulations*

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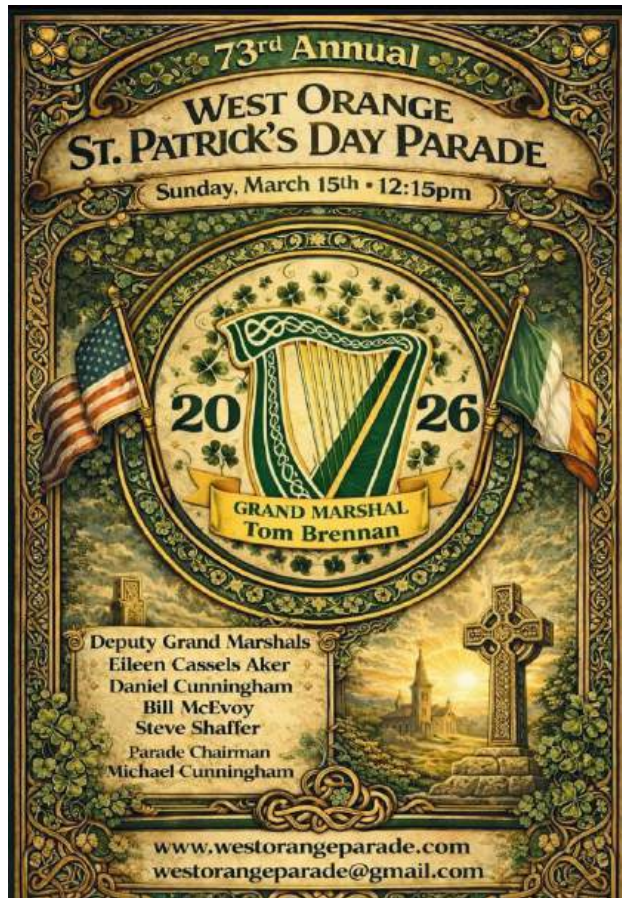
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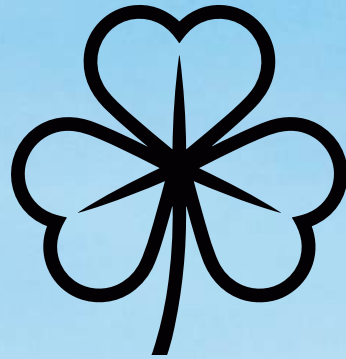
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