



Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Saratoga Springs

PRESS RELEASE

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The Saratoga Springs chapter of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with their 74th annual dinner on March 17th, 2026, at the Holiday Inn on Broadway in Saratoga Springs, New York. The group is a fraternal organization that meets once each year on St. Patrick's Day to honor the patron saint of Ireland and to raise money for local Catholic charitable organizations.

The 2026 officers for the dinner are President Patrick Fleming, Vice President Stephen Rowland, Treasurer Jack Parrish, Secretary Michael Mitchell, and Past President and Keeper of the Shillelagh Mark Phillips.

Many cities throughout the country have chapters of the society, including Albany and Troy, New York. One of the first chapters of the society was founded in post-Revolutionary War New York City by Irish American Daniel McCormick. The purpose of the society was to help impoverished and displaced immigrants who arrived in New York in the wake of the British evacuation. The first meeting of the New York City chapter was held in 1784 at Cape's Tavern.

The Philadelphia Friendly Sons of St. Patrick is believed to be the first chapter of the society and was founded in 1771.



Pictured above are the 2026 officers for this year's dinner:

Treasurer Jack Parrish, Vice President Steven Rowland, President Patrick Fleming, Secretary Michael Mitchell and Past President and Keeper of the Shillelagh Mark Phillips.

