



# ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY of SCHENECTADY

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## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2010

### MARCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 9-There will be a meeting of the Board at 7 PM and the membership meeting will follow at 8 PM. There will be a program following the membership meeting, from a series called "The Islands of Scotland." There will be light refreshments, which may include cookies or even vintage Pecan Sandies. Stay and enjoy some fellowship. Even better, bring a prospective member.

### A HIGHLAND EVENING

Please make a change to your calendars; at the request of Proctors, we have moved A Highland Evening from the original date of November 5, 2010, to November 12, 2010. More information will follow.

### LADIES NIGHT

Has been scheduled for April 24, The Turf Tavern in Scotia. Full details will be available in next month's Newsletter. Thanks to Robbie Halley for putting this together.

### KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

We join with St George's in the Stockade on St. George's Day, Sunday, April 25, for a blessing of the tartans, and a parade around the stockade. 9:00 AM.

### ST PATRICK

Don't forget March 17, just around the corner. **Saint Patrick's Day** (Irish: *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*) colloquially **St. Paddy's Day** or simply **Paddy's Day**, is an annual feast day that celebrates Saint Patrick (*circa* AD 385–461), the most commonly recognized of the patron saints of Ireland, and is generally celebrated on 17 March. The day is a national holiday of Ireland: it is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland and a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland. It is also a public holiday in Montserrat. In Poland, Canada, United Kingdom (excluding Northern Ireland), Australia, the United States and New Zealand, it is widely celebrated but is not an official holiday.

Irish Society of Boston organized what was the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the colonies on 17 March 1737. The first celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in New York City was held at the Crown and Thistle Tavern in 1766, the parades were held as political and social statements because the Irish immigrants were being treated unfairly.

The New York parade has become the largest Saint Patrick's Day parade in the world. In a typical year, 150,000 marchers participate in it, including bands, firefighters, military and police groups, county associations, emigrant societies, and social and cultural clubs, and 2 million spectators line the streets. The parade marches up 5th Avenue in Manhattan and is always led by the U.S. 69th Infantry Regiment. The Commissioner of the parade always asks the Commanding Officer if the 69th is ready, to which the response is, "The 69th is always ready." New York politicians - or those running for office - are always found prominently marching in the parade. Former New York City Mayor Ed Koch once proclaimed himself "Ed O'Koch" for the day, and he continued to don an Irish sweater and march every year up until 2003, even though he was no longer in office.

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### Calendar of Events

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| 9 March     | Monthly meeting, 8 PM, Board Meeting, 7 PM             |
| 13 April    | Monthly meeting, 8 PM, Board Meeting, 7 PM             |
| 24 April    | Ladies' Night-Turf Tavern                              |
| 25 April    | Kirkin' o' the Tartans. St George's Schenectady 9 AM   |
| 11 May      | Monthly meeting, 8 PM, Board Meeting, 7 PM             |
| 12 November | A Highland Evening-GE Theatre<br>(Note change of date) |

CUT OUT AND SAVE -GLUE IT TO YOUR MIRROR  
STICK IT ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR.