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Bryan Tate Named Grand Marshal of 30th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade

The York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee is pleased to announce Bryan K. Tate as Grand Marshal of the 30th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade, to be held Saturday, March 16, 2013, along Market Street in downtown York.

Bryan was quite surprised and honored he was selected as 2013 York St. Patrick Day Parade's Grand Marshal. In recent years, Bryan could be found carrying the lead banner in the parade, and this year will keep his position near the front of the festivities.

Born in York, Bryan is a graduate of Spring Grove Area High School. After attending and graduating from Temple University, he returned to York County and purchased a home in the City of York, where he's lived for 23 years. Bryan and his partner, Ralph Serpe, live in the Olde Towne East neighborhood of the City of York.

Bryan has been employed at the York County Community Foundation since 2004, where he serves at the Vice President of Philanthropy, and previously as Vice President of Community Investment. YCCF President Bill Hartman adds "Bryan's commitment to the City of York, as evidenced by his extensive and passionate volunteering, his Vice Presidency with YCCF and his long term residency, make him the ideal Grand Marshal of this year's parade. We hope as many people who can are able to attend this wonderful event."

Prior to joining YCCF, Bryan served as the Chief of Staff to Todd Platts from 1992-1998 in the PA House of Representatives, and again from 2001-2003 as Chief of Staff for the US Congress, 19th Congressional District. Congressman Todd Platts was quick to show his enthusiasm for the selection, adding, "Given Bryan's long-time and passionate dedication to strengthening our community's quality of life for the good of all citizens, along with his proud Irish heritage, Bryan is the perfect choice for Grand Marshal. I know Bryan will lead the parade with great energy and enthusiasm."

Always a dedicated member of the community, Bryan can be found volunteering for organizations such as: Cultural Alliance of York County, Downtown Inc, Martin Library, Rotary Club of York, St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, York City Recreation & Parks, and of course, the York Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He is founder and past president of the Spring Grove Alumni Chorus and also involved in the Spring Grove Area Scholarship Foundation.

Sonia Huntzinger, Executive Director of Downtown Inc, states, "Bryan is one of the most civic-centric people I know, serving York both professionally and personally. He's been a long-time champion for downtown revitalization, taking a leadership role in so many initiatives that enhance our community."

One of Bryan's favorite activities from 1993 through today is the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY). He currently serves as corporate president of the Central PA HOBY Board of Trustees and previously held the roles of Vice Chair of Operations, Seminar Chairman and Seminar Facilitator. He's been a seven time recipient of the HOBY International Outstanding Corporate President Award, a two time HOBY International Outstanding Seminar Chair Award and the David H. Baker Volunteer of the Year Award from Central PA HOBY.

Bryan has also received accolades for his dedication to York. Among them: Golden Broom Award from Olde Towne East Neighborhood Association, Outstanding Young Pennsylvanian from the Pennsylvania Jaycees, Outstanding Alumnus of the Year from Spring Grove Area School District, and a Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary of York / Rotary International.

Sean Kenny, parade committee chairperson, added: "I've known Bryan as long as I've been in York and he's been quite influential in my involvement in the community. So I'm thrilled to see him leading The York Saint Patrick's Day Parade this year as an honor for all he does to make York a special place."

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