



The Friends of St. Patrick of Hawaii

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Attention Those Along the Parade Route

March 17, 2024

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Hawaii were organized on March 17, 1955 and registered with Office of the Treasury of the Territory of Hawaii. The objects of the 501(c)3 corporation are to be Charitable and Benevolent in alignment with the Founding Organization of 1771 in Philadelphia, five years prior to the Declaration of Independence. In September 2004, our name was changed to the Society of the Friends of St. Patrick, allowing membership to all men and women.

Today the Friends of St. Patrick of Hawaii celebrate their Irish heritage with numerous fundraisers and social gatherings in support of our undergraduate scholarship fund and Benevolent and Charitable programs. More than forty years ago the Society of Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Hawaii presented its first scholarship to one "freshman student" in Ireland. The grant amounted to \$150.00. Today, our Educational Program has a dedicated endowment and a scholarship budget of \$6,000 per year.

Our biggest events are the Emerald Ball and Waikiki St. Patrick's Day parade held each March 17 at 12 noon. The Emerald Ball is dedicated to raising funds for the scholarship fund while the parade, now in its 56th year, celebrates the patron saint of Ireland and Irish culture in Hawaii. It is the longest running parade in Waikiki.

We need the recognition of the parade and the support of Waikiki in our continued efforts to celebrate the Irish amidst the multi-cultures of Hawaii. We apologize for any inconvenience and welcome your comments and suggestions.

You can leave comments at www.friendsofstpatrickhawaii.com or contact Matt McConnell parade chairman at 808-285-0874, mattmcconnell1@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of the Society of the Friends of St. Patrick of Hawaii.

Matt McConnell Parade Chairman