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**Ice Bucket Challenge Originator Pat Quinn Named Grand Marshal For Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade; Official Installation At "Changing Of The Sash" Gala
On March 6 At Empire City Casino
Empire City Casino General Counsel Tim Rooney, Jr. to "Pass the Sash"**

Yonkers, New York - Patrick Quinn, a leading advocate for increasing awareness of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), has been selected **2016 Grand Marshal** for the 61st Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade which take place on McLean Avenue on Saturday, March 19. The official installation of Mr. Quinn as Grand Marshall and the Aides for the Parade will take place on Sunday, **March 6**, at a gala celebration of the "Changing of the Sash" in the **Good Time Room at Empire City Casino** at **6:30 p.m.** Empire City General Counsel **Tim Rooney, Jr.**, last year's Grand Marshall will "Pass the Sash" at that time.

Tickets for the gala Dinner/Dance are priced at \$90 per person, and include an open bar, prime rib or salmon dinner (chicken and vegetarian option), complimentary valet parking, and entertainment by the legendary Guss Hayes Band. For reservations and more information visit <http://www.yonkersstpatrickspatride.org/dinner-menu-page>.

Quinn was and remains at the forefront of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, connecting to a myriad of networks to popularize the challenge around the United States and around the World in the fight against Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Patrick Ryan Quinn is 33-years-old, and was born and raised in Yonkers. He attended St. John the Baptist grade school, Iona Preparatory School and Iona College. A strong athlete, he played basketball in high school and collegiate Rugby. Pat was diagnosed with ALS in March, 2013.

Pat Quinn's Irish Ancestry: Quinn is of Irish ancestry. His father, Patrick Liam Quinn was born in the town of Newry, linking Quinn's grandmother from Count Armagh and grandfather from County Down. His mother Rosemary's maiden name is Keane, and his great grandparents are from County Cork, County Clare and the County of Westmeath.

In 2014 the South Broadway St. Patrick's Day Parade merged with the McLean Avenue Merchant's Association St. Patrick's Day Parade. This combination began a new era for Yonkers in honoring our Irish heritage, contributions and Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland and the Archdiocese of New York. The Parade will be underway on March 19 following a Mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel on McLean Avenue, when marchers step off at 1:00 p.m. on McLean Avenue west of Bronx River Road.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast, features 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic blackjack, three card poker, craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing & International simulcasting; live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, & more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at *Nonno's Trattoria*; trackside dining with live betting at *Empire Terrace Restaurant*; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. A new \$50 million expansion added *Dan Rooney's*, a high-energy sports bar, and *Alley 810*, a craft cocktail lounge rounds out the entertainment options with retro bowling lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.

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