



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA



MICHAEL P. KEELEY DIVISION 1 ST. CLAIR COUNTY ILLINOIS <http://www.aohil1.org>

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To all St. Pat's Day Parade participants

We are very grateful of your decision last year to continue as a participant in the St. Pat's Day parade. This year 2024 the parade is on schedule; as such if you are still interested in participating in the St. Pat's Day Parade on 16 March 2024, please complete the application and return it to Patrick Hickey parade chairman, 2012 Madison St. Belleville, IL. 62226, NO LATER THAN 28 February 2024.

* The required entry fee is \$50.00. Send your check Made payable to the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) and indicated in the remarks area on your check (Parade)

*Additionally if you intend to participate in the drawing to be in the first position in the Parade **AFTER** the (AOH membership group), Send an additional required drawing fee of \$10 (this is **STRICKLY VOLUNTARY**, it is not required to participate in the Parade).If you are the winner of the drawing you will be duly notified the morning of the Parade when you show up to be slotted on the lot parade staging area.

Once we have received your completed application, **UNLESS** you hear from us otherwise, consider your application accepted. On the morning of March, the 16th, upon arrival at the parade staging area, **at "3rd" and West "A" Street** you will be assigned a position on the staging lot. Please follow all instructions by the parade marshals they are there to help you.

Return your completed application appropriate funds to Pat Hickey parade Chairman. No later than **28 February 2024**.

Patrick Hickey
Parade Chairman
2012 Madison St.
Belleville Illinois 62226

Enclosed:

- 1.) Parade application
- 2.) Parade route map
- 3.) Hibernian Hunger food drive request
- 4.) Parade rules.



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SATURDAY – 16 March 2024 PARADE STARTS AT 11:00 A.M.



Parade starts at "3rd" and West "A" Street -- South to West Main Street -- East on West Main Street-- to and Around Veterans Memorial Fountain Continue -- East on East Main Street -- to Oak Street where Parade Disbands



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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 16 March 2024

**BRING A DONATION
RECEIVE A \$5 CREDIT FOR NEXT YEAR'S ENTRY FEE**



WHO: The Ancient Order of Hibernians

Michael P. Keeley Division 1 St. Clair County

WHAT: Annual Food Drive – All donations given to St Vincent de Paul and Catholic Urban Programs (CUP) for distribution to local food pantries

WHEN: 16 March 2024 – Prior to start of the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHERE: 3rd and West "A" Streets

As you enter the staging area

WHY: We are again asking for your help in feeding the poor of our area. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we have collected hundreds of pounds of food, as well as hundreds of dollars in cash donations.

Boxed or Canned goods

Please No Glass Items

\$ Cash donations will be accepted \$



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We thank you for your participation and your generosity

Parade rules adopted April 2017 (Revised December 2021)

St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will consist of the President, Standing Committee Chairman, Parade Chairman, and two other members appointed by the President after consultation with both the Standing Committee Chairman and the Parade Chairman.

Mission Statement

What is the purpose of the parade? The parade, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Michael P. Keeley Division 1, St. Clair County Illinois is held to honor Saint Patrick as the Apostle of Ireland, celebrate Irish culture, heritage, and faith, and highlight the contributions the Irish and Irish Americans have made to the United States.

1.) The parade is a non-political parade. It has been so designated as such by the parade committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Michael P. Keeley Division 1, St. Clair County, and its members. No Political signage is allowed. No Political campaigning is allowed. No signage showing election for, or re-election to a political office will be allowed on any floats, vehicles, or carried in the parade, or allowed in or on the parade staging area or lot. ELECTED OFFICIALS may show the Office they hold, nothing else is allowed. Parade Marshals/Officials can restrict all signage that does not conform to the purpose of the parade then can ask that you remove such signage. Failure to follow their request results in your removal from the parade.

2.) Remember any decorations or music on your parade float must be consistent with the St. Patrick's Day celebration. You can be asked to alter or remove any material/signage that is found inconsistent - that does not follow that St. Patrick Day scenario or that does not conform to the purpose of the parade. Failure to follow their request results in your removal from the parade.

3.) The police and security officials are there for YOUR protection. Your cooperation is expected if one of them asks you to do something. Failure to follow their request results in your removal from the parade.

4.) Please follow instructions from the Parade Marshals. They are present for your protection and are empowered to remove any non-compliant individuals, groups, or floats from our Parade. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow instructions from police and parade officials/Marshals or be barred from the parade. Remember you are on display before thousands of your fellow citizens, parents, and children. Please behave accordingly. The Ancient Order of Hibernians Parade Committee reserve the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, while assembling or any time during the parade. Upon arrival at the parade staging area, you will be asked for your position number it may be necessary at that time to reassign you a new position number due to restrictions, safety issues on the staging/lot itself. Please follow all instructions by the Parade Marshals they are there to help you. The Parade Committee's decisions about all entries are final.



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5.) All entries upon receipt and approval of their application will be assigned a line-up number and receive further instructions after approval of entry to the parade staging area, from the Parade Chairman or in his stead the Parade Marshall.

6.) All entries must be decorated in a St. Patrick's Day theme. All banners/signage must be neatly lettered and legible. Banners/signage that do not meet the Parades rules must be removed before your entry will be allowed to take part in the Parade. Parade Marshals/Officials can restrict all signage that does not conform to the purpose of the parade the Parade Marshals/Officials can ask that you remove such signage. Failure to follow their request results in you and your unit being removal from the parade.

7.) The Ancient Order of Hibernians Michael P. Keeley Division 1, Parade Committee will secure St. Patrick for the parade. No other St. Patrick's can take part.

8.) Each vehicle must provide "wheel guards." ((2) individuals per van, and or auto, (4) individuals per truck and trailer.) (Wheel guards are to be supplied for each side of the motorized vehicle; wheel guards are to be positioned at each wheel.)

A.) Maximum vehicle width is **8 feet 6 inches.**

B.) Maximum length of entered vehicle cannot exceed 60 feet to include length of trailer. - Measured from Front bumper of pulling vehicle to Rear bumper of trailer.

C.) Maximum vehicle height cannot exceed **13 feet 6 inches.** Measured from Ground to top of Display or Rig.

9.) Please be aware of any overhead obstructions along the parade route when constructing floats. No Vehicle to include Floats should be higher than 13 feet 6 inches. Consider passenger safety when constructing your floats.

10.) All units are to keep the pace set by the lead unit and keep a distance of no more than 30 feet between units. If a Parade Marshal instructs you to speed up or slow down, please do so! All units must keep their designated location within the parade do not swap out or overtake units. (Unless directed to do so by the Parade Marshal.)

11.) Throwing candy, beads, and such items all must be tossed underhanded or handed out by those individuals walking along the curb. (No overhand throwing is allowed), if such occurs and is reported to Parade Official or Marshalls you will have to stop throwing whatever and may be barred from parade participation in the future.

12.) **No** Super Bounce Ball, Silly String, Fireworks, Water-Guns, or anything that might be considered mischievous or hazardous will be allowed so to avoid personal injury.



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13.) Each float operator manages the safety of their participants, their workers, passengers/riders on their float, and or walking in support thereof. The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Michael P. Keeley Division 1 St. Clair County its Officers or Members are Not responsible or Liable for passenger's or workers safety. Additionally, the consumption of alcohol of any kind is prohibited during the parade event. In consideration of allowing the undersigned to participate in the parade, the undersigned agrees to waive, release and discharge the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), Michael P. Keeley Division 1, St. Clair County, Illinois, its Officers and its Members, and the City of Belleville, IL, from any and all liabilities for damages, death, personal injury or property damage which the undersigned participant, their workers, riders and walkers may have, or which may hereafter occur to the undersigned or their participants, workers, riders and/or walkers resulting in whole or in part from any consumption of alcoholic beverages during the St. Patrick's Day Parade, or while on the parade staging area and/or lot.

14.) Where the parade ends, all music must be TURNED OFF.

15.) Respecting the neighborhood means not littering or doing any other action or activities that you would not want to happen to your home or in your neighborhood. Remember you are on display before thousands of your fellow citizens, parents, and children. Please behave accordingly.

16.) Clean up your staging area if you leave trash behind you may face a fee of \$100.00 for cleanup and or barred from parade participation in the future. Please clean your designated area.

17.) A copy of the rules, signed by the person in charge of the Parade / Float entry, must be in their possession at start of the parade.

18.) Entries that must be given special consideration

HORSE / HORSE drawn Carriages ENTRIES:

Consult with a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Parade Committee.

A.) Horses must wear bags before and during the parade.

B.) The rider/driver must always be in control of the horse(s).

C.) Someone must be appointed to follow all horses or horse drawn carriage to perform cleanup of any spillage that might occur.

C.) A copy of the rules, signed by the person in charge of the horse or horse drawn carriage entry, must be in their possession at start of the parade.

19.) Parade Application: Maximum number of vehicles allow per entry is ('2').