

Parade rules adopted April 2017 (Revised January 2019)

Ancient Order of Hibernians Michael P. Keeley Division 1 St. Clair County Illinois

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, 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 designated as such by the parade committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Clair County and its members. No Political signage is permitted. Political campaigning is not permitted.
- 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 that is found inconsistent - that does not comply with that St. Patrick Day scenario.
- 3) The police and security officials are there for YOUR protection. Cooperate if one of them asks you to do something.
- 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 or be barred from the parade. 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 assembly area you will be assigned a location/position for your entry by the Parade Marshals, follow their instructions. The Ancient Order of Hibernians Parade Committee's decision regarding all entries is 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 assembly 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 must be neatly lettered and legible. Banners that do not meet the Parades rules must be removed before your entry will be allowed to participate in the Parade.
- 7) The Ancient order of Hibernians Parade Committee will secure St. Patrick for the parade. No other St. Patrick's can participate.
- 8) Each vehicle must provide "wheel guards." (two individuals per van, and or auto, four individuals per truck and trailer.) (Wheel guards are to be provided for each side of the motorized vehicle, wheel guards are to be positioned at each wheel).
- 9) All units are to maintain the pace set by the lead unit and keep a distance of no more than thirty feet between units. If a Parade Marshal instructs you to speed up or slow down, please do so! All units must maintain their designated location within the parade do not swap out or overtake units. (Unless directed to do so by the Parade Marshal).
- 10) Please be aware of any overhead obstructions along the parade route when constructing floats. Floats should be no higher than 15 feet. Consider passenger safety when constructing your floats.
- 11) Throwing candy, beads etc. must be tossed underhanded or handed out by those individuals walking along the curb. (No overhand throwing is allowed)
- 12) No silly string, fireworks, water guns, or anything that might be considered mischievous or hazardous will be allowed so to avoid personal injury.
- 13) Each float operator is responsible for the safety of their passengers on their float. The Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Clair County organization and its members are Not responsible or Liable for passenger's safety.

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- 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 wouldn't want to happen to your home or in your neighborhood.
- 16) Clean up your assembly area if you leave trash behind you may face a fee of \$100.00 for cleanup. Please clean your designated area.
- 17) Entries that must be given special consideration

HORSE 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 must always be in control of the horse.
- C) A copy of the rules, signed by the person in charge of the horse entry, must be in their possession at start of parade.