



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA



MICHAEL P. KEELEY DIVISION 1 ST. CLAIR COUNTY ILLINOIS

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Ancient Order of Hibernians 23rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade – 15 March 2025

*Participant Name:	*Contact Person:
*Address:	*Phone:
*City:	*Email:

*Please Indicate the Number of Years You Have Participated in the Parade? [] **** Required information ****

**** MAXIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS PER ENTRY: 2 ** *Type of Entry (Circle Entry Type) below ****

** Units per Entry 2 defined as: (1 Car or Truck towing a Trailer/Float) or (2 cars or 2 trucks No Trailer in tow) **

Circle Entry Type: Family or Individual Entry / Organization Unit / Band Unit / Commercial Unit / Marching Unit / Automobile / Truck / Float / Motorcycle / Antique Car / Horse(s) / Carriages /:Other Type Describe :

NOTE: No political signage showing election for, or reelections to a political office will be allowed on any floats, vehicles, or carried in the parade or political campaigning allowed, or allowed in or on the parade staging area or lot.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS may show the Office they hold - nothing else will be ALLOWED. **

Parade Marshals/Officials can restrict all signage that does not conform to the purpose of the parade. Parade Marshals/Officials can ask that you remove such signage. Failure to follow request results in you and your unit being removal from the parade.

Parade Participation Require \$50.00 Entry Fee. Make checks payable to: Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Do not mail CASH Applications sent with Cash, will be returned to sender without action	Mail checks and application (Not Later than: 28 February 2025). TO: Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) ATTN: Parade Chairman, P.O. Box 247 O'Fallon, IL. 62269
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SPECIAL DRAWING FRONT OF PARADE POSITION DIRECTLY BEHIND ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MEMBERS

An added fee of **\$10.00** gets you entered in the drawing for position behind AOH Members on the day of the Parade.

Strictly VOLUNTARY I have enclosed along with entry fee the required added Drawing fee **\$10.00**

Your Name: _____ PARADE ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 - DRAWING FEE: \$10.00

THIS DRAWING IS STRICKLY VOLUNTARY IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE IN PARADE TOTAL ENCLOSED: []

To: Ancient Order of Hibernians	From: Parade Participant: _____
Dear Chairman,	(Your Name)

Accept the undersigned application as a participant in the St. Patrick's Day Parade 15 March 2025, in Belleville, IL.

I understand participation in the parade is by INVITATION ONLY and subject to COMMITTEES' APPROVAL.

The undersigned as a participant in the St. Patrick's Day Parade is solely the responsible party for all its participants, workers, riders, and walkers of the undersigned, and in no way reflects the responsibility of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), Michael P. Keeley Division 1 St. Clair County Illinois, for the participant vehicles / float, their workers, riders, and or walkers. It is further understood that the undersigned shall hold harmless the Ancient Order of Hibernians Michael P. Keeley Division 1 St. Clair County Illinois, its Officer, and its Members, the State Office of Illinois Ancient Order of Hibernians, its Officer, and its Members and the National Office Ancient Order of Hibernians its Officer, and its Members and the City of Belleville, Illinois from any liability whatsoever which may occur to the undersigned or their participants, works, riders, and or walkers, during the parade or while in or about the staging area and or lot and authorizes the (AOH) to supply the undersigned participant's contact information to City of Belleville Illinois emergency services. (Fire and Police Departments).

Furthermore, The undersigned agrees that the consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind is prohibited during the parade, and while on the parade staging area and or lot, and 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 Officer, and its Members, the State Office of Illinois Ancient Order of Hibernians, its Officer, and its Members, the National Office Ancient Order of Hibernians its Officer, and its Members and the City of Belleville, Illinois, 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 participant, 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.

Parade Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Ancient Order of Hibernians 23rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade SATURDAY – 15 March 2025 PARADE STARTS AT 11:00 A.M.

Parade Lot / Staging area 3rd & West A St.

begin loading 09:00 A.M.

Upon arrival you will be assigned a lineup spot on the Parade Lot



Starting Point "3rd" and West "A" St.

Finished Point Oak and East Main

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

* VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE be able to provide the name of the **Family, Clan, or Person** who sent the Parade Application. It is needed to assign you your location upon the lot. Thank You



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Hibernians Hunger Food Drive

15 March 2025

Collection Point at Parade entry Location



WHO: The Ancient Order of Hibernians Michael P. Keeley Division 1 St. Clair County

WHAT: Annual Food Drive – All donations given to St. Vicent DePaul food
Pantry for distribution to local food pantries

WHEN: 15 March 2025 – 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. It changes lives. One donation at a time. Through the transformative powers of giving. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we have collected hundreds of pounds of food, as well as hundreds of dollars in cash donations. Your donations reach families in crisis. Thank You!

Boxed or Canned Items *Please No Glass Items*

\$ Cash donations will be accepted \$

We thank you for your participation and your generosity.



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Parade rules adopted April 2017 (Revised December 2024)

St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee consist of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) President, Standing Committee Chairman, Parade Chairman, and two members appointed by the President in consultation with 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. So specified., as such by the parade committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Michael P. Keeley Division 1, St. Clair County, Illinois, 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. ELECTED OFFICIALS may show the Office they hold, nothing else allowed. Parade Marshals/Officials can restrict all signage and can ask that you remove signage that does not conform to the purpose of the parade. Failure to follow their request results in you and your unit's removal from the parade.
- 2.) Remember 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 and can be asked to stop playing any music that does not follow the 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.) 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 ask that you remove such signage, failure to follow their request results in you and your unit being removal from the parade.
- 4.) The Police and Security officials and Parade Marshals are there for YOUR protection. Your cooperation is expected if they ask you to do something. Failure to follow their request results in you and your unit's removal from the parade.
- 5.) 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 follow all applicable rules and regulations and follow instructions from Police, Security and Parade Officials/Marshalls or be barred from the parade. You, and your Float are on display before thousands of you fellow citizens, parents, and children. Please behave accordingly. Cameras are everywhere. The Ancient Order of Hibernians Parade Committee reserves 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, provide information request by Parade Marshals, information is necessary to ensure that you are placed on the Parade lot in assigned position. Please follow all instructions by the Parade Marshals, they are there to help. The Parade Committee's decisions about all entries are final.
- 6.) All applications received, and approval will be assigned a line-up number on the morning of the parade. You will be giving your position on the parade staging/lot area the morning of the parade, from the Parade Chairman or a Parade Marshall.



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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 participant must provide "wheel guards (wheel guards are walkers alongside of vehicles) for their entries." ((2) individuals per Van, Truck and or Auto, (4) individuals per any Vehicle with Trailer in tow.) (Wheel guards are to be supplied for each side of the motorized vehicle; and or with Trailer in Tow, wheel guards should be positioned at each wheel of said vehicles). (Children are VERY FAST)

A.) Maximum vehicle width is 8 feet 6 inches, and Maximum vehicle height cannot exceed 13 feet 6 inches. Measured from Ground to top of Display or Rig. Beware of overhead obstructions along parade route - Nothing on Vehicle to include Float display should be Higher than 13 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.

9.) All units are to keep the pace set by the lead unit and keep no more than 30 feet between units. If a Parade Marshal or the Police or Security or Fire Department personnel 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 Marshals, Police, Security or Fire Department personnel*). ATTENTION: Drones may be used for real time monitoring of public safety. Drones are flying in accordance with FAA safety regulations and 7:25 ILCS 167. The Beville Police Department may use these, during such events. As this parade.

10.) Throwing candy, beads, and such items must be tossed underhanded or handed out by individuals walking along the curb. (No overhand throwing is allowed) if such occurs and is reported to Parade Marshalls, and or Police, and they contact you; you will have to follow their instruction or face being barred from future parade participation.

11.) No Super Bounce Ball, Silly String, Fireworks, Water-Guns, or anything that might be considered mischievous or hazardous will not be allowed, this action is taken to avoid personal injury to parade participants and or observers.

12.) 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 the Participant vehicles / float, their workers, riders, and or walkers. It is further understood that the undersigned shall hold harmless the Ancient Order of Hibernians Michael P. Keeley Division 1 St. Clair County Illinois, its Officer, and its Members, the State Office of Illinois Ancient Order of Hibernians, its Officer, and its Members the National Office Ancient Order of Hibernians its Officer, and its Members and the City of Belleville, Illinois its Officials from any liability whatsoever which may occur to the undersigned or their participants works, riders, and or walkers, during the parade or while in or about the staging area and or lot and authorizes the (AOH) to supply the undersigned participant's contact information to City of Belleville Illinois emergency services. [Fire and Police].

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

14.) 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. You and your actions are on display before your fellow citizens, parents, and children. Please behave accordingly. This day and age, you are being more closely scrutinized than ever.

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



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- 16.) A copy of the rules, signed by the person in charge of the Vehicle / Float - entry, must be in their possession.
- 17.) 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.
 - D.) 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 the start of the parade.
- 18.) **Vehicles:** Maximum number of vehicles allowed per entry is (2),
Units per Entry – 2 - defined as:
 - (1 Car towing a Trailer/Float; will be considered as 2 entries)
 - (1 Truck towing a Trailer/Float; will be considered as 2 entries)
 - (2 Cars independent of a Trailers/Float is considered 2 entries)
 - (2 Trucks independent of a Trailers/Float is considered 2 entries)



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