



**St. Patrick's Parade presented by
Hibernia IRISH Society of
Mississippi**

Saturday, March 15, 2025 @ 2pm
Assembly begins @ 9am

Dear Participant:

The Hibernia IRISH Society is *"painting the town green"* by sponsoring the St. Patrick's Parade in Biloxi! The parade will roll at 2:00 pm, Saturday, March 15, 2025. The Board of Directors and members would like to cordially invite you to participate and help us celebrate St. Patrick and all those who are *"Irish for the day"*!

Enclosed you will find all the information needed for participation in the 2025 Hibernia's St. Patrick's Day parade. Please read over the rules and regulations carefully, fill out, sign and return the copy of the parade application with payment. All corporate floats, and private floats with riders **must** attach a copy of their paid liability insurance certificate to the application. Applications returned without this information will not be accepted and returned to the applicant. Please note that the order of your float in the parade will be based on the order your application is received and type of unit. The parade is capped at 75 units for 2025.

The awards, decided by a panel of Judges, will be presented to the **"BEST"** in one of the following categories. Winners will be announced at the First Annual Irish Malarkey at the District Green. First place award is certificate for 2026 parade application fee paid in full, 2nd prize is \$30 off of 2026 parade application fee and 3rd place award certificate for choice location in 2026 parade:

- 1st place - Best Irish Themed Float
- 2nd place - Best Decorated Float Overall
- 3rd place - Most Spirited/Fun Float

The Parade entry fee is \$125 for floats with advertising*, \$95 without advertising, and \$35 for golf carts. Your location in the lineup will be determined by your unit size/type and order of registration. The name you use for your group when registering is the name that will appear on the Parade Roster. **Please use this name when checking in for your parade position on March 15th at the corner of ESTERS BLVD. and MAIN ST., where a registration table will be located.**

The parade will line up on ESTERS BLVD, beginning at the INTERSECTION WITH MAIN ST and extend WEST. Following the enclosed map, the parade will end at THE INTERSECTION OF ESTERS BLVD AND CAILLAVET ST. where throws will stop. **Parade Captains will contact float contacts with arrival times and parade lineup the week before the parade.**

After the completion of the parade, please join The Hibernia IRISH Society for our Third Annual Irish Malarky across from Biloxi City Hall.. Enjoy Irish Music, food, and fun.

NOTE: Parade participation is at no charge to Corporate Sponsors that have an Emerald Green level sponsorship.

**Advertising is any mention of a business, business name/logo on a float, on throws, decorations, in a group name etc.*

Grand Irish Regards,

Kelly Pennell , HMSParadeCaptain@gmail.com



St. Patrick's Parade presented by
Hibernia IRISH Society of Mississippi
Mail your application along with entry fee
to: **Hibernia IRISH Society**
P.O. Box 707
Biloxi, MS 39533

Office Use Only

Received: _____
Number: _____

PLEASE PRINT

Date of Application: _____ Total Length of Float, including tow vehicle: _____ ft
Name of Organization: _____
Contact Name: _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (Cell) _____ Other _____
E-Mail _____

Public Participation Parade: 2pm Saturday, March 15, 2025

Entry Fee:

- ☐ With Advertising* \$125 ☐ Golf Cart \$35
☐ Without Advertising \$95 ☐ Marching/Walking \$ 35

Type of Entry (check one above) and Number of People Participating: _____ Animals: ☐ Yes ☐ No
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I (We), the undersigned agree that as a condition to participate in The Hibernia IRISH Society St. Patrick's Parade that I (we) will obey the rules and regulations attached hereto, and further that I (we) agree to require everyone participating in my (our) group to obey said rules and regulations. I (We) further agree that I (we) will immediately withdraw from the parade if any member of my (our) group fails to abide by the rules and regulations.

I (We), acknowledge and agree that as a condition for participating in the The Hibernia IRISH Society St. Patrick's Parade, and as partial consideration for said participation, which I (we) do hereby hold the The Hibernia IRISH Society, its members, and volunteers harmless, and indemnify them for any property damages and/or bodily injuries sustained because of any negligent or intentional act by me (us) while enroute to, during, or leaving the parade. I (We) understand that this agreement to indemnify includes

attorneys' fees and expenses for defending any claim, as well as any damages awarded for that claim.

I (We), the undersigned agree that as a condition for participation in the The Hibernia IRISH Society St. Patrick's Parade that I (we) do hereby release The Hibernia IRISH Society, its members, and volunteers, from any claim for property damage and/or bodily injury that may be sustained while enroute to, during or leaving the parade.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

For (Organization): _____ Parade Entry Amount: \$ _____

Attached Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance: _____ Effective Date of Policy: _____

As each float passes the Biloxi City Hall, the name of each unit and any information will be announced. Please provide any information regarding your unit, krewe, etc that may be shared.

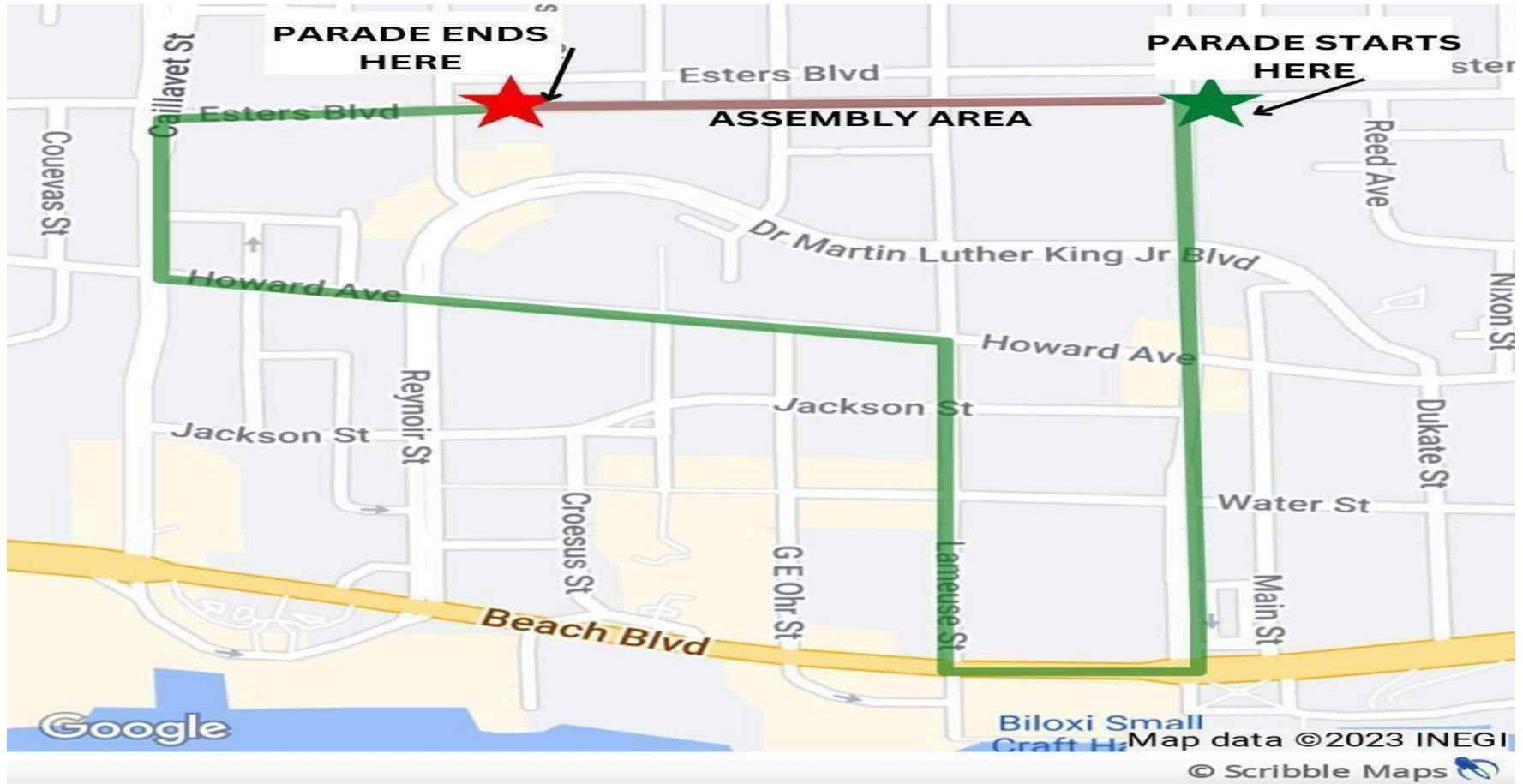
Year Krewe Established_____ Number of years riding in St. Patrick's Parade_____

Number of Members_____

Information about your krewe, tell us why you love St. Patrick's Day Parade and being a part of this community activity.

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**St. Patrick's Parade presented by
Hibernia IRISH Society of Mississippi
PARADE ROUTE
March 15, 2025**



The 2025 Hibernia IRISH Society's St. Patrick's Parade starts at the intersection of Esters Blvd and Main St. at 2:00 PM and proceeds through downtown Biloxi. If this route changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, contact ????????? at HMSParadeCaptain@gmail.com



Hibernia Irish Society

PARADE PARTICIPATION RULES AND INFORMATION

PARADE DATE: March 15, 2025

ASSEMBLY TIME: 9:00 am

ASSEMBLY AREA: Esters Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530 (Same route at 2024)

PARADE START: 2:00 PM

PARADE PARTICIPATION RULES:

GENERAL

The Hibernia Irish Society appreciates your participation in our St. Patrick's Day parade. This parade makes it possible for you to join in the revelry and entertain the parade watchers. You may enter as a float, golfcart, or a marching group. Hibernia reserves the right to limit the participation (on a first-come, first-served basis) of private floats to the extent that the parade route will allow. This determination will be made by the Captain and Co-Captain and the appointed Parade Chairs. Only floats fully decorated units will be allowed in the parade. The 2023 Parade is limited to the first 100 units.

REGISTRATION All participants must be registered with the Hibernia Irish Society, **no later than February 15, 2025**. Only properly registered groups will be allowed to participate.

LIABILITY

As consideration for participating in the parade, each entry must sign an agreement to indemnify and release any claim for property damages and/or bodily injuries sustained while enroute to, during and from the parade.

INSURANCE

Each unit must show proof of liability insurance as required by Hibernia Irish Society. Medical payments coverage is encouraged.

SMOKING

Not Permitted

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Not Permitted for drivers.

CONDUCT

Must be in good taste - **NO** obscene pictures, gestures, language, characters etc. **This includes throws and music**. Those not adhering will be asked to disband from the parade, immediately.

All units will respect the directions of the Parade Staff and Biloxi Police Department.

Drivers are subjected to random breathalyzer tests the morning of the parade, therefore: **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THE DRIVERS.**

Do not throw any objects from floats that might injure spectators. Do not throw anything to the eastbound lanes of Hwy 90.

PRIZES

Floats participating in the parade will be eligible for prizes as follows:

The awards, decided by a panel of Judges, will be presented to the “**BEST**” in one of the following categories. **Winners will be announced at the Third Annual Irish Malarkey across from City Hall.** after the parade. First place award is certificate for 2026 parade application fee paid in full, 2nd prize is \$30 off of 2026 parade application fee and 3rd place award certificate for choice location in 2026 parade.

1st place - Best Irish Themed Float

2nd place - Best Decorated Float

Overall 3rd place - Most Spirited/Fun Float

Judging will take place one hour prior to the parade in the staging area. Judging will be based on theme portrayal, originality, design and beauty, group spirit and costumes (10 points maximum for each of the four categories.) Floats with obscene or inappropriate pictures, characters, or throws will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

COSTUMES

All participants must be appropriately costumed or dressed. Participants that are inappropriate costumes or dress will be asked to leave the floats and not participate in the parading.

THROWS

No hard or sharp objects allowed! **NO obscene throws will be allowed, especially beads.**

PRIVATE

FLOAT RULES In addition to the above, all corporate or private floats must:

1. Have one, per level, approved fire extinguisher mounted and free from any obstructions. Fire extinguishers shall be tagged within 1 year, charged, and minimum size to be 2A/10BC.
2. Have only the name of the *organization displayed. Any other advertising on throws will require a fee of \$50 additional.*
3. Make some effort to use an Irish Theme, which is required for participation in prize awards
4. Supply Hibernia Irish Society with the name and number of a float coordinator who will be responsible for the safe operation of the float and the conduct of its participants.
5. Submit application to Hibernia Irish Society no later than February 15, 2024.
6. Agree that any or all drivers will submit to a breathalyzer test if deemed necessary by the parade or public safety officials.

7. It is STRONGLY encouraged that all parade riders, on second level of any float, to be in a harness and tied off to the float.
8. No generators shall be refueled while parade is moving, or unit is running.
9. NO ITEMS SHALL BE THROWN FROM ANY VEHICLE OR FLOAT ON THE LEFT (DRIVER) SIDE WHILE ON US 90. Violators will be fined.

**MANAGEMENT
AND
ADHERENCE
TO RULES**

The Hibernia Irish Society parade committee and the various law enforcement officers have authority over all aspects of the parade. At their discretion, they have the absolute right to refuse participation in, or removal from, the parade of participants whether during the line-up portion or the parade itself. Failure to provide advance registration or to comply with the Rules as stated above will be considered sufficient reason for refused entry or removal from continued participation in the parade. **ALL** participants must yield to the directions of the parade committee members who work for the good of all, but also do their best to keep St. Patrick's Day parade safe for all.