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FEBRUARY 2017
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GRAND PARADE XXXII WEEKEND



The festivities begin on Friday...

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GATHERING OF THE CLAN LUNCHEON

Friday, March 17th

Doors open at 11:00am | Lunch served at NOON
RiverCenter, 136 East 3rd Street, Davenport

Mississippi River Hall is on the north side of 3rd Street

*Introducing the Irish Mother of the Year
Naming of the Grand Marshal for the Grand Parade XXXII
Announcing the Scholarship Recipient*



GATHERING OF THE CLAN LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH AT THE RIVERCENTER, DAVENPORT
Reservation Form

Menu: Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage, Herb Crusted Tilapia, Roasted Baby Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Fruit Salad, Rolls
Coffee, Iced Tea, Water, Full Cash Bar

Contact Vic Quinn at (563) 322-7505 or vicquinn2016@gmail.com with questions

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Indicate total number of dinners:

TOTAL NUMBER _____

**Please include the names of everyone in your party with this form.*

\$20 with advance purchase – Pre-payment must be received by
noon on Monday, March 13th or \$25 at the door
Make checks payable to ST. PATRICK SOCIETY

TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ _____

Please mail this order form and check to:
St. Patrick Society
Attn: Gathering of the Clan Luncheon
PO Box 4487
Davenport, IA 52808



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JUST STEPS AWAY FROM ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN
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Special rate of \$139 per night
on Friday, March 17th
through Sunday, March 19th

Check-in 3:00 PM | Check-out 11:00 AM

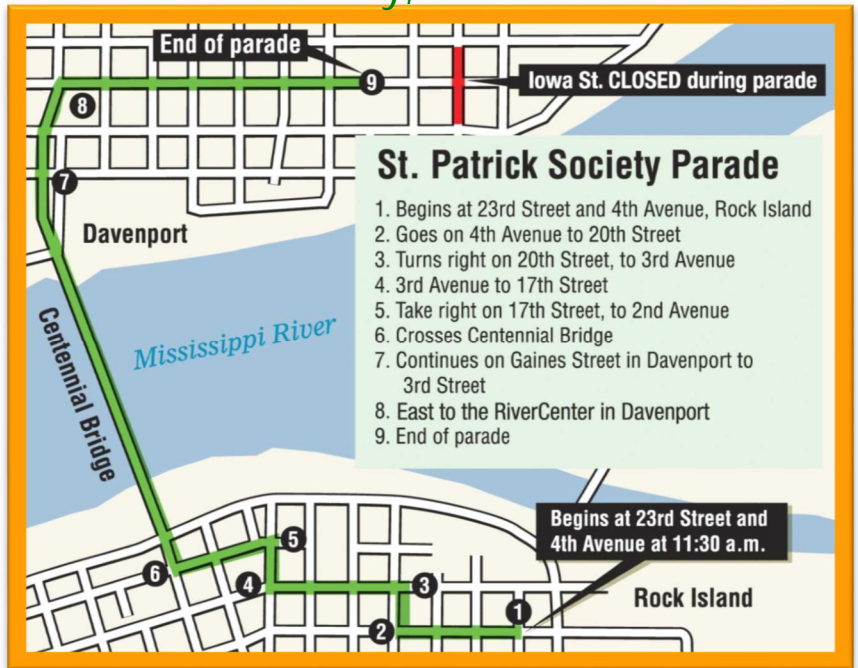
Limited Availability
Must book by Friday, February 17th

Scan this code to visit our website
stpatsqc.com for more details!



Grand Parade XXXII

Saturday, March 18th



10:00AM Parade Mass

St. Mary's Church

2204 4th Ave. Rock Island

Coffee, Juice, & Donuts will be served in St. Mary's Church Hall, south of the church, from 9-11AM

11:30AM Grand Parade XXXII

Marching Begins, from Downtown Rock Island, IL across the Centennial Bridge to Downtown Davenport, IA ending at the RiverCenter

Irish Mothers & Grand Marshals of Years Past will be riding in Trolleys

1:00PM Post Parade Bash

RiverCenter – Mississippi River Hall

North side of 3rd St. Davenport

Irish music performed by The Don't Be Brothers Band, pipers and Irish dancers, presentation of trophies, food, drink, memorabilia, silent auction

Admission is \$15 (your 2017 St. Patrick Society Membership)

Kids Age 15 and younger are free!



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We are partnering once again with River Bend Foodbank to collect monetary donations and non-perishable food items from spectators along the parade route. You'll see their truck and volunteers in advance of the Grand Parade, and there will be receptacles for donations at the Gathering of the Clan Luncheon and Post Parade Bash!



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Volunteers are always welcome! Complete our Volunteer Registry at <http://www.stpatsqc.com/VolunteerSurvey.htm>

A Partial History of St. Patrick's Day in the United States

The first observation of St. Patrick's Day actually took place in 1737 in Boston, NOT in Ireland! The Charitable Irish Society of Boston organized the celebration to honor their Irish homeland. The first recorded parade took place in New York in 1766, and it was made up of Irish soldiers in the British Army. Philadelphia held its first parade in 1780. During the Revolution both American and British held parades to recruit Irish immigrants to their respective armies. By 1848 in New York the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Hibernian Society joined forces creating the largest parade in the United States and one of the largest in the world. Savannah, Georgia's parade dates back to 1813; Chicago 1843; San Francisco 1852; and Atlanta 1858.

source: *St. Patrick's Day – A Celebration* by Nick Constable – Chartwell Books 1998.
Courtesy of Jerry & Rita Harkins

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710 6th Avenue
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Here is your opportunity to volunteer and make a difference! We're looking for help during Spring, Summer, and Fall 2017 in one week increments to keep the Irish Memorial looking its best! During your assigned week, you'll need to stop by the Memorial site three or so times to pick-up debris, pull a few weeds if you're so inclined, and generally keep the area looking presentable – that's it! Interested or have questions? Contact John Scally at pacemkr92@aol.com or 309-737-0932. The first 30 individuals to contact John will be assigned a time!



Upcoming St. Patrick Society General Meeting

Thursday, April 13th at 7:30pm
Knights of Columbus
1111 West 35th Street, Davenport

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
*Nominations to be sent to the Nominating
Committee Chairman Mike Scannell*



REMEMBER

The St. Patrick Society is a non-profit organization 501(c)3. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are tax deductible!

2017 St. Patrick Society Membership Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

\$15.00 Yearly Renewal – Make checks payable to the St. Patrick Society. Mail completed form and check to the St. Patrick Society, Attn: Membership, PO Box 4487, Davenport, IA, 52808.

For inquiries, contact Mike Scannell at (563) 340-4808.

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