

# IRISH SPIRIT



ST. PATRICK SOCIETY  
OF THE QUAD CITIES

SEPTEMBER 2017  
STPATSQC.COM

Submit nominations for  
**Irish Mother of the Year**  
Due **February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

*Nominees should be involved in family, church, and community, with a good sense of humor and demonstrate pride in their Irish heritage.*

Nomination letters of 150 words or less can be mailed to  
St. Patrick Society, PO Box 4487  
Davenport, IA 52808

Applications for a  
**\$1000 scholarship** are  
available at local high  
schools in December and on  
our website. For questions  
regarding the Scholarship  
Program, please contact  
Matt Wissing at  
(563) 265-9353 or  
wissingm@yahoo.com.  
Due **February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

The St. Patrick Society parade float is in need of a new home! If you or anyone you know has enclosed warehouse space (within decent driving distance of downtown Davenport or Rock Island) to donate to house our float, please let us know! The float measures approximately 15' in length, 9' in width, 10' in height. Your donation may very well qualify as a tax-deductible gift (the SPS is a 501(C)(3) non-profit). Please contact Joe Dooley at [joe.dooley@lee.net](mailto:joe.dooley@lee.net) if you can help!

## ON 17

Upcoming St. Patrick Society General Meeting:  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:30pm  
at Knights of Columbus  
1111 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Davenport

We encourage all members to attend!



## IN 18

### Mark your Calendar!

*Watch for further details and reservation information in the February 2018 issue*

Hotel Blackhawk will once again have a special rate for St. Patrick Society members from March 16-18! Visit [stpatsqc.com](http://stpatsqc.com) for more details.

#### Gathering of the Clan Luncheon

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at

**The RiverCenter**, downtown Davenport

Doors open at 11:00am

#### Grand Parade XXXIII

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from downtown Rock Island to downtown Davenport

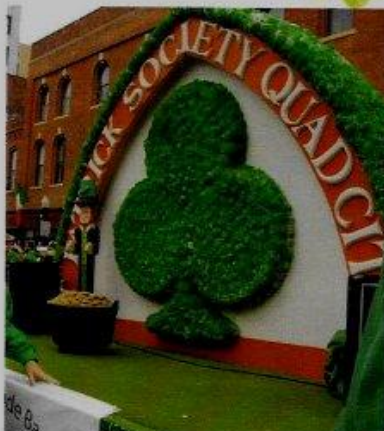
*Parade applications will be considered after January 1, 2018. Please contact Kelly Gilhooly at [grandparade2018@yahoo.com](mailto:grandparade2018@yahoo.com) with questions.*

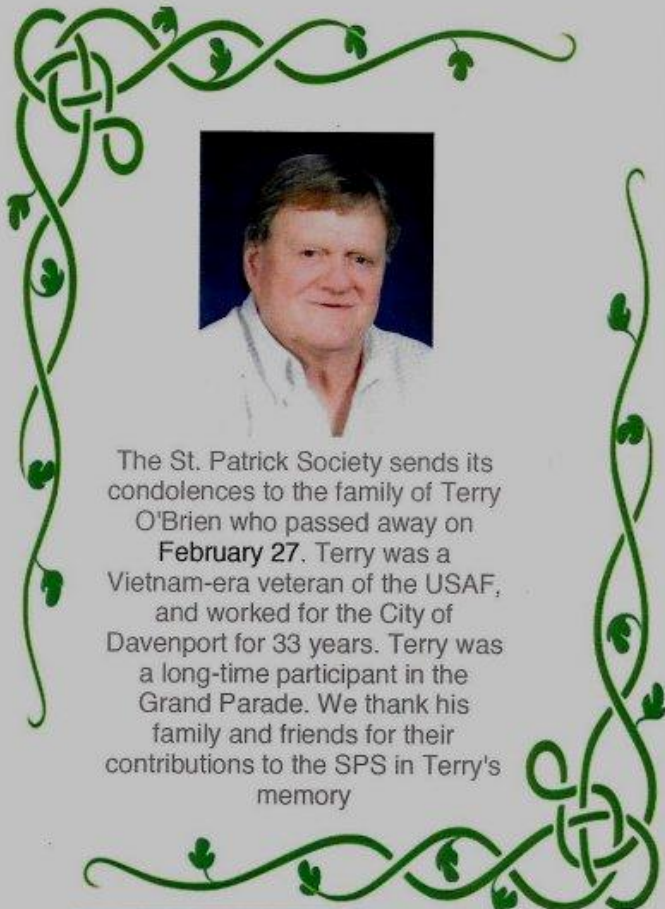
#### Post Parade Bash

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at

**The RiverCenter**, downtown Davenport

Doors open at 1:00pm





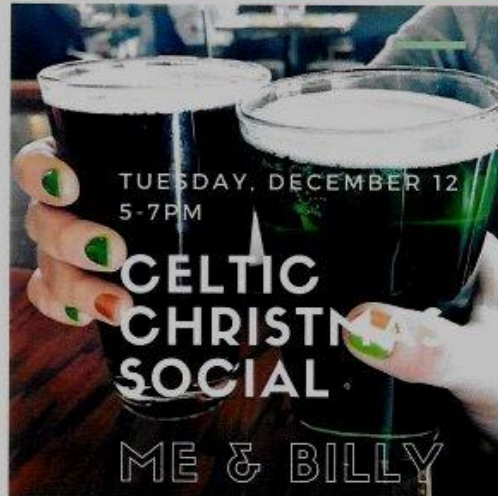
The St. Patrick Society sends its condolences to the family of Terry O'Brien who passed away on **February 27**. Terry was a Vietnam-era veteran of the USAF, and worked for the City of Davenport for 33 years. Terry was a long-time participant in the Grand Parade. We thank his family and friends for their contributions to the SPS in Terry's memory

## FEATURED BOOSTERS

We would like to thank the following featured booster for their continued support of the St. Patrick Society!

**Bi-State Office Furniture**  
 310 East 4th Street  
 Davenport, IA 52801  
 (563) 323-0775  
[www.bistateofficefurniture.com](http://www.bistateofficefurniture.com)

**Kelly Construction**  
 5122 W. Kimberly Road  
 Davenport, IA 52806  
 (563) 386-7635  
[www.desiansinconcrete.com](http://www.desiansinconcrete.com)





Make sure to check out the re-designed St. Patrick Society website at [stpatsqc.com](http://stpatsqc.com). There you will find information regarding the St. Patrick Society including our history, upcoming events and a photo gallery from the Grand Parade, and much much more. Special thanks to Tavis Frazier for his design work and webmaster Gerry Bade!




### Irish Memorial Update

Kudos to Vic Quinn and Denny Benes for their ongoing maintenance of the grounds at the Irish Memorial, 2nd & Harrison, downtown Davenport. The sculpture received a thorough cleaning recently, thanks to Steve Dooley leading that effort.

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**stpatrick society**  
 QUAD CITIES U.S.A. P.O. BOX 4487 DAVENPORT, IOWA 52808 [stpatsqc.com](http://stpatsqc.com)  
*Céad míle fáilte romhat!*  
 A Hundred Thousand Welcomes To You   
 We hope you enjoyed The Grand Parade XXXII!






Members of the County Carlow Rotary Club present a ceremonial banner to the Davenport delegation during a recent visit to Carlow to discuss youth exchange between our communities.

### Follow Me Up to Carlow

The St. Patrick Society and Davenport Sister Cities are seeking support from the Davenport community for an upcoming delegate visit and youth exchange program with County Carlow, Ireland.

The Sister City relationship between Davenport and County Carlow began in 2008 to foster citizen diplomacy and community partnership. Recently, a delegation from Davenport traveled to County Carlow to meet with city officials and the leaders of their Rotary Club to begin planning a visit to Davenport for the Grand Parade in March 2018 and a youth exchange next summer. We are seeking potential host homes for County Carlow dignitaries during their Grand Parade visit, Carlow-lovers interested in joining the delegation in parade festivities, and hosts for the young exchange next summer. If you are a Carlow descendant or are interested in more information, please contact Davenport Sister Cities at (563) 232-3971.

If you love the St. Patrick Society and the Grand Parade and want to help keep both going strong into the future, please consider a tax-deductible donation to the St. Patrick Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Your contribution will help fund the volunteer efforts that make the parade and scholarship program possible.

Mail your donation to:  
St. Patrick Society  
P.O. Box 4487  
Davenport,  
Iowa 52808

#### REMEMBER

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

Long-time St. Patrick Society volunteer and Grand Parade official, Denny Benes, was honored on August 26<sup>th</sup> for his volunteer service to the Honor Flight.  
*Photo courtesy of Maggie Smith Haines*



### 2018 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.

