

No Blarney! The march of the Irish approaches

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Hibernia Marching Society

You know what they say: Everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day. So get to grinning and kick up your leprechaun heels. We are! Saturday, March 12, beginning at 2 p.m.

Starting at the Biloxi Yacht Club on Beach Boulevard, we'll line the streets in the Irish tradition, "with hearts as light as a song" and "thoughts as glad as shamrocks." For two miles, there'll be a procession of music, dance, floats, throws, flags, and pageantry.

Presented by Hibernia Marching Society of

Mississippi, 2022 marks our 44th year of this coastal merriment. Come out and meet this year's Grand Marshal and Colleen, Keith Crosby and Celeste Foster O'Keefe. And following closely behind them are our 2020 Grand Marshal and Colleen, Chuck Kelly and Susan Cain.

Numerous high schools across the Coast are sending their bands, dance teams, cheerleaders, and ROTC units. There'll be throws galore from decked-out floats and cars. Fofo will be there. And can you even have a parade without a fire truck? No! We love our fire departments, so we'll probably have two. There'll also be marching groups and the Shriners in their tiny cars. It's all about fun!

Making everything on the parade route all the more delectable, Grillin' on the Green is firing up the Town Green with savory eats: Ribs, brisket, and seafood. If you're licking your lips, you'll want to check that out.

I can't resist one last Irish saying: "The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been and the memories we make along the way."

So let's make some new ones. All of us!

For membership in Hibernia Marching Society, you don't have to be Irish, just Irish at heart. Join at hiberniamarchingsociety.com



Festive and fun are the rules of the day



Grand Marshal Keith Crosby and Colleen Celeste Foster O'Keefe

St. Patrick's Day Parade Route



Cookin' on the Grillin'



It's called Grillin' on the Green and they'll be cookin' from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Town Green, even as the St. Paddy's parade rolls by. This annual event features more than 20 grillmeisters displaying their culinary skills. You'll also find a kids zone, live entertainment and arts and crafters, but no admission or parking fees.