

Greater Valdosta Community Christmas Parade

December 5, 2020

6pm-until

Please read through the below information, as it has been updated and several changes have been made.

- This year's theme is *Christmas Nights & Winter Lights*
- The parade will begin at the corner of Woodrow Wilson Drive and Patterson Street and continue south on Patterson Street. It will disband at the old Bank of America building in Downtown.
- Units may begin lining up at 2pm until 4 p.m. On Woodrow Wilson Drive. Traffic must enter from Ashley Street, where you will be directed to your position. Line up for the parade is on a "first-come" basis.
- **To maintain the overall effect of the parade, all entries must be decorated in a holiday theme or the theme of the parade & will be strictly enforced. Decorative lighting is encouraged.**
- Float entries are **preferred** as it makes the parade more enjoyable. Only floats will be judged. A float is classified as a truck pulling a trailer or flatbed. Float decorations and parade float kits may be purchased at www.victorycorps.com
- All entries must maintain **FORWARD MOVEMENT** during the entirety of the parade.
- **All entrants must have identification signs on both sides and/or front of their entry with a *MINIMUM* of six inch letters.** Television coverage cameras and program announcers must be able to easily read the name of the unit or sponsor. Handwritten signs will not be accepted. Please have your signs printed or made so that they look nice to attendees as well as on site media and parade spotters.
- **If music is played on or from a parade entry, the music must be appropriate to the season and theme of the parade. Vulgar music/sounds that is/are questionable in content will not be permitted and you will be asked to leave parade immediately.**
- Semi-Trucks are allowed to be used to pull floats. Please make sure the trailer tandems are pushed up.
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- **Enclosed cars will not be accepted as parade entries,** with the exception of official vehicles that have received prior approval from the Parade Committee. Cars and pickup trucks may be used as floats if they are decorated with the parade theme. Individuals will not be allowed to ride on the hoods of vehicles, no exceptions.
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- **No entrant shall be dressed as Santa Claus.**
- **A description of the entrant, in 25 words or less, must be turned in with the application.** This information will be used by television announcers and parade emcees as you pass through Downtown.
- Parade Marshals have the authority to seek the removal of any person or units from the parade, when, in their judgment, parade guidelines are being violated.
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- Fees should be paid by November 20, 2020. There will be a **\$25 late fee** for applications and fees received after November 20, 2020.

- Applications may be mailed to the **Ossipe Temple No. 65**, PO Box 874, Valdosta, GA 31603-9998 or placed in the drop box in the **Valdosta City Hall Annex** outside of the **Main Street Office**.

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- Entry fees are non-refundable.

-Rain date will be on December 12, 2020 if weather becomes an issue.

-The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse entry of any application in any division of the parade.

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- Floats will be judged on Overall Appearance (first impression and visual appeal), Special Effects (created by use of lights or luminous materials), Creativity/Workmanship (unusual use of material, special designs) and Use of Theme.

COVID-10 Guidelines

- **No walking groups. All entries must be on a float at all times. No one will be permitted to walk the parade route as a group or as an individual walker next to a float; ENFORCED.**
- **No candy/ cards/ flyers or any item may be passed out, thrown or distributed in any manner before, during or after the parade; ENFORCED.**
- **Masks are strongly encouraged.**
- **Please limit the number of people on floats to allow for social distancing.**
- **Line up on Woodrow Wilson will be socially distanced.**
- **Band entries must be pre-approved through the Ossipe Temple or Valdosta Main Street.**

In the interest of safety:

- **Trailers with exposed wheels will not be allowed to participate in the parade. Wheels must have a fender or cover.**
- **Parade participants are required to have their hands and legs inside of the vehicle or trailer at all times. Body parts must not hang from trailer.**
- **Burnouts or stunt driving maneuvers will not be tolerated.**

Violators will be promptly removed from the parade by officials or police.

By signing below, I agree to and understand the above rules, regulations, policies and conditions of the Greater Valdosta Community Christmas Parade.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____

For further information or questions about the parade: Robert Cosby (229) 269-1681
Or Valdosta Main Street at (229) 259-3577.

Greater Valdosta Community Christmas Parade- Application

Group/Business: _____

Name: _____

Home/Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Please indicate the type of entry below:

- Dignitary Float Car/Jeep/Truck Club Band (prior approval needed)

To help our announcer during the parade, please tell us in 25 words or less about your organization/ group and give us a Description of your float.

FEES: A check for **\$50** for the first entry and **\$10** for each additional vehicle **up to 4 total if they all are representative of the same brand/logo, excluding car/motorcycle groups**, must accompany this form (A vehicle pulling a float is one entry.) There will be an additional **\$25** fee for all entries received after November 20, 2020.

Please make checks payable to the **Ossipe Temple** and mail them P.O. Box 874, Valdosta, GA 31603 no later than **November 20, 2020**. **Entries may also be placed in the drop box in the Valdosta City Hall Annex outside of the Main Street Office.**

I hereby make application to enter the Christmas Parade and understand that the Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entrant. I further understand that this application in no way constitutes approval or ultimate selection for participation. By signing this form I relieve the City of Valdosta, Ossipe Temple No. 65, and all other sponsoring agencies of any kind and all liability from personal injury or property damage. I also agree to abide by the policies for parade entries listed in the application.

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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