



# Manhattan Irish Fest

**MANHATTAN IRISH FEST  
IS PROUD TO PRESENT  
THIS CERTIFICATE TO  
THE 2019  
GRAND MARSHALS**

*John & Barb Kestel*

**AND SHALL HENCEFORTH  
BE RECOGNIZED AS  
GRAND MARSHALS  
OF MANHATTAN IRISH FEST 2019**



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MANHATTAN IRISH FEST**



The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Manhattan Irish Fest is will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Downtown Manhattan. The Irish American Society of County Will (IASCW) is the official Fest host in conjunction with the Village of Manhattan. The parade will begin at 11am on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning on North Street then proceed to State Street.

Each year, the Manhattan Irish Fest honors individuals who exhibits the grass-roots ideals the Fest exemplifies of service to the community, devotion to family, and love of country. We are proud to introduce John & Barb Kestel, the Grand Marshals of the 2019 Manhattan Irish Fest Parade.

John served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was the commander of the Manhattan American Legion from 2008 – 2018. John currently serves as a commander of an American Legion Honor Guard that participates in funerals at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, as well as numerous other cemeteries around the area.

Barb is a former school teacher in the Mokena and Frankfort school districts. She is also a retired Realtor and now works full time as a homemaker and caretaker.

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