

15th Amendment 150th Anniversary Parade

May 17, 2020 reenactment of May 19, 1870 parade celebrating the 15th Amendment

Groups to be portrayed in reenactment

Fraternal Orders

Prince Hall Masons, Knights Templar

Order of the Eastern Star

Grand United Order of Odd Fellows

United Order of Knights of Samaria, Banner with inscription “*Love Purity and Truth.*”

Knights of Pythias

Grand United Order of Nazarites, Banner with inscription “Benevolence Equity and Mercy.”

Galilean Fishermen

Occupational organizations

Maltby’s Shuckers Association, Men employed as oyster shuckers at Mr. Caleb S. Maltby’s seafood processing business

Farmers’ Club of Pikesville. Carried farm tools

Metropolitan Hook & Ladder Company in Washington, D.C. red shirts, black pants, white fire helmets

Shipbuilders, employees of the Chesapeake and Marine Railway and Dry Dock Company

Sailors, from the U.S. Revenue Cutter *Northerner*, in sailors’ blue, ship played key role in enforcing the Northern blockade of the South’s coasts

Sailors Beneficial Society uniform: black suits and glazed caps, blue velvet regalia and collars with lace and the emblems of the Society

Brickmakers Aid Society, Master brickmen in regalia

Baltimore Colored Journeymen Brickmakers’ Association. Uniform: black pants and yellow shirts with badges and decorations

Carters Association, Drivers of (horse-drawn) vehicles for transporting goods.

Baltimore Colored Butchers’ Association, men carrying implements of their calling

East Baltimore Laborers' Association, in the regalia of the Order, banner with motto, "Temperance exalteth a nation."

Colored Caulkers Trade Union Society, Cooperative company that own a shipyard and railroad. Banner with inscription "Manifestation of gratitude to our friends."

Wagoners Association Transported produce or other goods via high-sided wagons or carts

Draymen's Mounted Guard of Honor of South Baltimore Draymen delivered beer for breweries.

Military groups

Lincoln Zouaves Armed paramilitary group of former U.S.C.T soldiers, wore Zouave uniforms

Oakmen Invincibles, Armed black militia group

United Sons of Gideon, Company of Zouaves equipped with muskets

Dreadnaught Association of South Baltimore, former crew members from dreadnaught warships, clad in black pants and blue shirt.

19th Ward Lincoln Rangers, armed black militia marching group

Bond Loyal Guards, armed black militia group on horse back

Grand Army of the Republic Union army veterans

Independent Pioneer Corps From Washington, uniform – red shirts, black pants and white gloves armed with axes

Butler Guards Armed militia group, mostly Civil War veterans

9th Ward Invincibles Men dressed in black pants and white shirts carrying a banner with portrait of Owen Lovejoy and words "A Martyr to the Cause of Liberty and Justice."

17th Ward Invincibles, Banner inscribed "We helped to keep the jewel of freedom in the family of nations."

Political Clubs

John Brown Club

Delmonico Delaney Association, Men dressed in black pants, blue shirts, and caps.

Hugh L. Bond Club Men dressed in black pants and white pea jackets

Lincoln Rangers From 17th Ward. Dressed in black pants, yellow shirts, and dark caps

6th Ward Charles C. Fulton Club Wore white shirts with blue collars, black pants, and Melton hats. Carried pioneer axes bearing the name C.C. Fulton

6th Ward Freeman Club, Named after William Freeman, Wore black pants, red shirts, bee hive painted upon the banner with words “No Drones in the Hive.”

Samuel M. Evans Club, 7th Ward, white shirts, blue collars, black belts, black pants, Leghorn hats. Club carried banner w/ painted portrait of the man the club was named after and portraits of Lincoln, Stanton, Winter Davis and Thaddeus Stevens. Inscriptions were “With malice towards none and charity for all” – Lincoln; “Lived and died for his country” – Stanton; “ The iron hand that held Maryland to her allegiance” – Davis

Colfax Club, Named after Schuyler Colfax, Men dressed in black pants and white shirts

Hugh L Bond Club from the 17th Ward

Sheridan Club carried a banner of a painted portrait of Hon. Henry Winter Davis and the words “A Man Among Men.”

Groups named by location

Towsontown Club, White silk banner with words inscribed “Towsontown Baltimore County, First Victory under the 15th Amendment.”

Govanstown Club

Lutherville Club

Long Green Club,

Liberty Council, No. 24 , White and blue silk banner with Goddess of Liberty and Ark on the ocean.

Baltimore County and Long Green Beneficial Association

Hopkin’s Council, From Baltimore County, White and blue banner with Lincoln on it and the words “Give us Equal Rights.”

Anacostia Club, No. 1, Banner read “We are the true supporters of the Republican Party.”

Fifteenth Ward Club, Men dressed in black pants and gray shirts

The Free Sons of Liberty, from Anne Arundel County

Adams Council No. 87, from Howard County, Banner inscribed with council’s name, men in yellow shirts trimmed with blue velvet: red, white and blue belts, black pants and black slouched hats.

6th Ward Loyalists, Had a banner inscribed “Let Soldiers in War be Citizens in Peace,” “In God We Trust”. Also carried a large American flag

10th Ward Republican Association, carried a banner with painted portrait of W. Lloyd Garrison and banner “The Liberator has at last been heard.”

National Wide Awakes of 1870, men dressed in blue shirts opened in front w/white undershirt dress, red neck ties, white belts with red initials “NWA” and black pants

14th Ward Council, Council displayed a banner inscribed “No Government can be free that does not allow all its citizens to participate in the formation and execution of her laws - Thaddeus Stevens “

Other groups in parade

Evening Star Beneficial Association, Black suits, high hats and star on coat red white and blue rosettes.

Wise Men of the East, A beneficiary association, w/banner inscribed “Where is He that was born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), Wore black suits, high hats, white sash with blue trimmings

Hookstown Sons of Temperance

Musical groups

National Band of Washington, D.C.

Bryer’s Brass Band

The Seventh Maryland Band

Briscoe’s Juvenile Cornet Band

Captain Murray’s Brass/Cornet Band

Excelsior Cornet Band of Philadelphia

Boyer’s Band, Named after Professor B.F. Boyer

The Washington Brass Band

Independent Drum Corps No. 1

Seventh Regiment Cornet Band

Ragain’s Band, dressed in black suits, high hats, regalia

Boys in Blue, a drum corps of 12 members, Members carried a large U.S. flag and a banner with portrait of Thaddeus Stevens with words “Ecce Homo” over the portrait, Men dressed in black pants, blue capes, white belts and army caps

Sports groups

Live Oak Boys Club

Fairmount Keystone Baseball Club Young black men from 6th Ward clad in black pants trimmed with yellow & white shirts.

Haymakers’ Baseball Club

Caledonia Club Men dressed in blue shirts trimmed w/ red and white glazed caps, black belts and black pants. Their banner w/ inscription “Give us equal rights and we will protect ourselves.”

Cadets of Temperance King Agrippa Lodge, No. 1

St. Xavier’s School

Lincoln Union Encampment No. 3 Men wearing black and carried a banner bearing the name of the Order.

Junior Sumner Club Boys in striped shirts, black pants red belts and blue caps

Evening Star Society of the Rising Generation Banner of the club represented a girl and boy shaking hands and surmounted with the words, “In Union there’s strength. “

5th Ward Sumner and Wilson Club Had banner and portrait of Lincoln with words “Our Liberator.”