



## **2010 ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

### **HIBERNIANS NAME 2010 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE GRAND MARSHALL**

**St. Louis--** Local St. Louis attorney and founder of John D. McGurk's Irish Pub, James Holloran, has been named the Grand Marshall for the 27th Annual Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) St. Patrick's Day Parade. The annual Irish gala will get underway at 12:00 p.m, Wednesday, March 17, in one of St. Louis oldest Irish neighborhoods.

Holloran was selected by parade organizers in recognition of his support to the St. Louis Irish-American community and his efforts in promoting traditional Irish music and culture.

The AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by the St. Louis City and County Boards of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, was created in 1984 to parade to honor Saint Patrick as the Apostle of Ireland and highlight the many contributions of the Irish people to America. This year's parade is also dedicated Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers, Public Safety personnel and Union members killed in the line of duty since September 11, 2001.

“This year's parade features over 100 marching units and colorful floats featuring the contributions of the Irish to America,” according to parade organizer, Jim Mohan. “Like traditional Saint Patrick's Day parades held in Ireland, many St. Louis Irish will march under their family crests and banners.”

The AOH parade passes through the Clayton/Tamm (Dogtown) area of the city, one of St. Louis' oldest Irish neighborhoods. The parade starts south of the Tamm Avenue overpass at Oakland Avenue, traveling south on Tamm Avenue, past St. James the Greater Catholic Church, and ends at Manchester.

In the interest of public safety all glass containers will be banned and spectators will not be allowed to view the parade from the Tamm Avenue overpass.

Police officials will ticket illegally parked vehicles and also will be checking for underage drinking in the Clayton-Tamm area. All business establishments in the neighborhood will close at 8:00 p.m.

More information on the parade and the Ancient Order of Hibernians can be found at:

<http://www.stlhibernians.org/events.htm>