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2013 ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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HIBERNIANS HOLD SPECIAL BENEFIT TO RECOGNIZE SEVEN OUTSTANDING ST. LOUISIANS

St. Louis-The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will honor seven distinguished St. Louisians at a special benefit and award ceremony on Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 PM at the Electrician's Hall (IBEW Local 1) 5850 Elizabeth, St. Louis, Mo. The Hibernian celebration is dedicated to firefighters, law enforcement officers, public safety personnel and union members killed in the line of duty since September 11, 2001. The annual benefit is held in conjunction the 2013 AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade, March 17 in Dogtown.

The honored include the 2013 AOH Parade Grand Marshal Peggy Skredenske, longtime resident of the Dogtown neighborhood, St. Louis County Police Officer Gary Robertson, retired St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department captain, Henry "Boots" Llewellyn, St. Louis County Firefighter Matt Hogan of West County Fire and EMS and St. Louis Fire Department Firefighter Eugene Floyd, 2013 AOH Labor Leader ironworker, Tom McNeil, and 2013 AOH Civic Leader Rich Callahan, U.S. Attorney for Eastern Missouri.

The event will also feature Irish music and dance. The event is open to the public. The suggested donation is \$15.00 per person. Funds raised help underwrite the AOH Parade and help support Irish charities.

“We are really gratified by all the support St. Louis community, especially our labor unions have given the Hibernians as we try to honor these folks,” said AOH spokesman Jim Wahl. “The Hibernians also wants to thank Local 73 of the St. Louis Fire Department, Local 2665 of the St. Louis County Fire Department, the Emerald Society of St. Louis and the Electrical Workers Union (IBEW Local 1) for all their support in putting on this event,” Wahl added.

St. Louis will get one more opportunity to honor these individuals at the 30th annual Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 17. The parade, a St. Louis tradition, passes through one of St. Louis' oldest Irish neighborhoods beginning at 12:30 p.m. south of the Tamm Avenue overpass at Oakland Boulevard. The route travels south on Tamm Avenue, past historic St. James the Greater Catholic Church, and ends at Manchester Road.

For more information on the AOH Benefit contact Jim Wahl at (314) 421-3100.