



2014 ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ST. LOUISIANS

St. Louis-The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will honor seven distinguished St. Louisians at a special reception and award ceremony Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 PM at Electricians' Hall 5950 Elizabeth in South St. Louis.

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 benefit is being held in conjunction with his year's 2014 AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 17 in Dogtown (Baile Madra in Irish).

Among those honored will be the Grand Marshal of the 31st Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade, cartoonist Mike Peters, who grew up in St. Louis's Dogtown neighborhood. Peters draws the long-running comic strip Mother Goose and Grimm, that appears daily in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Receiving special honors will be firefighters and law enforcement officers from St. Louis City and St. Louis County. The honorees include Lt. Andy Eagan of the Hazelwood Police Department, Retired St. Louis City Police Officer, Earl Bush, St. Louis City Firefighter, CJ Gore and retired St. Louis County Firefighter, John Corbett.

Dan O'Donnell (Roofers) was selected the AOH 2014 Labor Leader and Rick Riesenbech of Anheuser-Busch was named the 2014 AOH Civic Leader.

The Irish Session Players, Mayer-Torno Irish Dance Group, and Pat White will perform.

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.

Seamus McDaniel's, Pat's Place and Keetons Double Play are catering the food.

"We are really gratified by all the support St. Louis community, especially our civic leaders and labor unions have given the Hibernians," 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 IBEW Local 1 for all their support in helping us put on this event to honor these outstanding individuals. We would also like to acknowledge a number of local businesses that have assisted us in putting on this year's event including, The Dubliner, John D. McGurk's, Pat's Place, Humphries, Bruno's American Grill, Friendly's, the Haven and Keetons Double Play.

St. Louis will get one more opportunity to honor these individuals at the 31st annual Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Parade, Monday, 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 Award Ceremony contact Jim Wahl at (314) 421-3100.

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