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2015 ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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Proprietors of Seamus McDaniel's Named 2015 Hibernian Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshals

St. Louis--The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) selected Jim and Susan Venincasa, owners of Seamus McDaniel's as co-Grand Marshals of the 32nd annual AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The Irish gala gets underway at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Saint Patrick's Day.

Seamus McDaniel's, a Dogtown landmark, is located at the corner of Victoria and Tamm avenues. For many years the traditional Irish pub was known as Jack O'Shea's, the name of the original owner. Jim Venincasa grew up a block away from O'Shea's. In 1986, Jim Venincasa and a partner bought the bar and renamed it Seamus McDaniel's. Jim and his wife Susan became the owners in 2003.

Parade organizers selected the Venincasas for their many years of support to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Dogtown neighborhood.

The annual parade, sponsored by the St. Louis and St. Louis County Hibernians, honors Saint Patrick as the Apostle of Ireland, and highlights the contributions the Irish and Irish-Americans have made to the United States. The parade passes through one of St. Louis' oldest Irish neighborhoods.

The 2015 AOH parade will start 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. This year's parade will feature over 100 colorful floats and marching units. Like traditional Saint Patrick's Day parades held in Ireland, many St. Louis Irish will march under their family crests and banners.

The Dogtown Business Merchants Association and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in partnership with the Clayton Tamm Community Association, have once again adopted a “no cooler/backpack” rule for the parade.

This year's parade is once again being dedicated to firefighters, law enforcement, public safety personnel and union members killed in the line of duty since September 11, 2001. Among those being recognized as distinguished honorees during this year's parade will be firefighters and law enforcement officers from St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

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

<http://www.stlhibernians.com>

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