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2015 ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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Hibernians Recognizes Outstanding St. Louisians

St. Louis--The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will honor eight distinguished St. Louisians at a special reception and award ceremony Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 PM at Electricians' Hall 5850 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 2015 AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 17 in Dogtown (Baile Madra in Irish).

Among those honored will be co-Grand Marshals of the 32nd Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Jim and Susan Venincasa, owners of Seamus McDaniel's, a Dogtown landmark, located at the corner of Victoria and Tamm avenues. Hibernian officials selected the Venincasas for their many years of support to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Dogtown neighborhood.

Receiving special honors will be firefighters and law enforcement officers from St. Louis City and St. Louis County. The honorees include St. Louis City Firefighter, Battalion Chief Ken Mitchell, St. Louis County Firefighter, Bob Burkes Jr. Florissant Fire Department (retired), St. Louis City Police Officer Jason Flanery and Mike Toombs, Jefferson County Sheriff Office.

Mark J. Boyle (Gas Workers) was selected the AOH 2015 Labor Leader and Eddie Neill, owner Dubliner restaurant was named the 2015 AOH Civic Leader.

The Irish Session Players and Mayer-Torno School of Irish Dance 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.

“We are really gratified by all the support St. Louis community, especially our civic leaders and labor unions have given the Hibernians, especially Anheuser-Busch/InBev "said AOH spokesman Jim Wahl.

“The Hibernians also want 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 Connolly's Tavern, Bruno’s American Grill, Maggie O'Brien's, Friendly's Sports Bar & Grill, and Keeton's Double Play.

“I also want to personally thank Pat Loughan, Pat Maloney, Jim Mohan, Tori Newman and Larry Magee, who help me put this event on every year.”

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