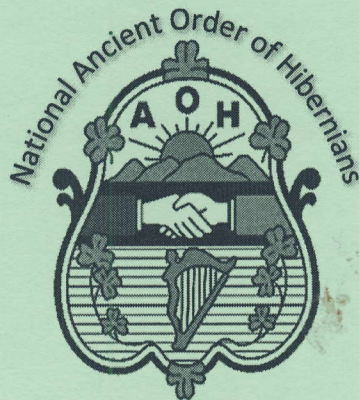


The Ancient Order of Hibernians of St. Louis



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Welcomes you to
“Hoses, Handcuffs and Hardhats”
The 16th Annual Reception Honoring
St. Louis Area
Police Officers, Firefighters,
Civic and Labor Leaders and
the Grand Marshal of the
AOH St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dogtown

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Thursday, March 9, 2017

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of St. Louis welcomes you to the 16th annual reception honoring our Irish Police, Firefighters, Civic Leaders, Labor Leaders and the Grand Marshal of the AOH St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dogtown. This event was started after the horrific events of Sept 11, 2001 to honor the valor and dedication of New York area firefighters and Police Officers at Ground Zero. Under the leadership of the late James D. Wahl, we were pleased to honor two New York City Policemen and two NYC Firefighters. The event was so well received and, since one of the stated missions of the AOH is to promote and cultivate Irish history and heritage, it was decided to "keep the party going" by honoring our local Irish police and firefighters because the Irish have a long history in these occupations. When the Irish first arrived in America, becoming a policeman or firefighter was often the only employment a newly arrived Irish immigrant could find. In 2008 the AOH decided to add the contributions of Irish Americans in labor, the many Irish who have made their mark as civic leaders and the Grand Marshall of our St. Patrick's Day Parade to this event.

The James D. Wahl Family Grand Marshall

James Wahl and Kathleen Adelman met in 1976 in the Clayton County Courthouse, and after five years of dating and frolicking Jim succeeded in marrying Kathy. In 1982 and 1984, we had the privilege of going on holiday to Ireland with our friends. We had a great time meeting the people of Ireland. Life changed for us in 1986 when our first child Kelly was born. In 1989, Kerry was born on St. Patrick's Day. Although he did miss the Dogtown Parade, he succeeded in celebrating her birth later in the day. In July of 1990, the family was surprised with the arrival of twins, Tom and Kristin. In 2015, Kelly married Zach Chew. Jim's family meant everything to him. He sent all four children to MO State, and all received their degrees. Kelly in marketing, Kerry will be graduating in May as a Nurse Practitioner, Tom is presently in law school, and Kristin is managing a restaurant in Columbus, OH. Jim couldn't be prouder of their success. Jim was involved in many organizations, the Democratic Party, CBC Alumni, and the Hibernians. All were important to him, but the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dogtown was his Christmas. To raise money for the parade, Jim and the Hibernians put together the Hoses, Handcuffs, and Hard Hats, a Reception and Award Ceremony. It has been successful for 16 years now. Jim will not be present in person, but in spirit, on this special night. He succumbed to Acute Myeloid Leukemia on Dec. 24, 2016 at the age of 67. We want to thank the Hibernians for selecting the Wahl Family to be the Grand Marshals of the 34th Annual Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dogtown.

Kenny King St. Louis Fire Fighter

Kenny King is a Captain with the St Louis City Fire Department at Engine House 1 in South City. He has dedicated his entire 26 year career with the city department. His desire to be a firefighter began when he was a young boy growing up in his hometown of Ironton, Missouri. He is the oldest of three, including a sister Carol, and brother Brad. His mom, Wilma, still lives in the Ironton area and always makes sure she catches up with him several times a week. As a proud member of the International Association of Firefighters Local 73, Kenny has served on the Executive board in the past. He continues to work as a Union member staying involved in meetings and all other activities. Kenny is active in his community of Washington, Missouri, where he has coached a girls club volleyball team for the last 8 years. He also enjoys bowling, golf, and softball, and has played with the St Louis Fire Department softball team for over 25 years, traveling the country for tournaments. When he's not working or doing something competitive, he's spending time with Karen, his girlfriend of 13 years, whom he met on St Patrick's Day. They have two girls, Brooke and Kasie, who continue to keep life interesting.

John Reynolds, County Firefighter

John Reynolds served 25 years with St. Charles Ambulance District. John served as Vice President and President with Local 3410, prior to merging with Local 2665. With Local 2665, John held the position of 6th District Vice President and Executive Vice President and Emeritus Executive Vice President. John retired in 2009 and is currently Hall and Property Manager for Local 2665.

Ryan Murphy – St. Louis Police Officer

Ryan Murphy, 31, son of Raymond and Joyce Murphy (nee Keane), grew up and went to grade school in Epiphany Parish. The Murphy family came from Leinster, Ireland, while the Keane's came from Cork and Galway, before emigrating to the United States. Raymond, from St. Louis, and Joyce Murphy, from Jersey City, NJ, moved back here after retiring from 21 years of military service. Ryan graduated from Epiphany in 1999 and Bishop DuBourg High School in 2003. He began attending Quincy University and joined the Army Reserves. After two years at Quincy University and completing his military training, he volunteered for a military deployment for thirteen months in Iraq from 2006-2007 as a HUMVEE machine gunner while conducting convoy security operations. Upon his return from

deployment, Ryan applied for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and started the Academy in January 2008. He graduated from the Academy in July 2008 and was assigned to District 7. He was later transferred to the Special Operations Division and later to his current assignment of District 4. While serving with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department as a Police Officer, Ryan Murphy also attended Lindenwood University to complete his Bachelor's and Master's Degree, completing both with honors. During his career, Officer Murphy has been involved in four "officer involved shootings" and has received numerous awards of recognition, to include: the Missouri Medal of Valor, the Meritorious Service Citation, (7) Chief's Letter of Commendation, (11) Captain's Award of Excellence, and named "Officer of the Month" numerous times.

Dave Holmes – St. Louis County Police

Dave Holmes grew up in St. Louis and graduated from Augustinian Academy in 1965. He also attended North Central Missouri State. He served in the US Air Force as a supply specialist. After leaving the service he returned to St. Louis and began a lengthy career in law enforcement. He spent more than 25 years with the Clayton Police Department with 12 years on the Major Case Squad, retiring from the Detective Bureau in 1996. Dave then went with US Bank as a fraud investigator in their Corporate Security Dept. He moved on to M&I Bank as Assistant Vice President in charge of Fraud Investigations, Security training, Branch security and in new construction security features. Dave retired from M&I in 2010 and returned to law enforcement with the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department. Dave is the father of four, Gina, Michelle, Dawn and Brian who is currently serving in the US Navy. Dave retired from the Sheriff's Dept on Nov. 30, 2016 in order to stay home more and spend more time with his wife Charlotte.

Ronald Battelle – Civic Leader

Ron Battelle grew up in St. Louis and graduated from Riverview High School and NE MO State. He is a nearly 40-year veteran of the County Police Dept. and became Chief in 1990. He was the first officer in the history of the Dept. to advance through the ranks to Chief of Police and was responsible for the overall operation of the nearly 1,000 member force that serves a population of over one million. He was appointed to the Department in 1965 and served in patrol and Detective assignments. His management experience as a Sergeant

(1970), lieutenant (1971), captain (1975) and major (1978) include patrol, criminal investigation and staff assignments. His last command before becoming Chief was the Criminal Investigation Division (1985-1990). He is a graduate of the FBI Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute and the US Secret Service Dignitary Protection Academy, Member of the International Association of Police Chiefs', Member and past Chairman of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs' Association, Former Vice Chairman of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis; Member of the Housing Authority of St. Louis County. He has been a member of the Backstoppers for many years, served as an Advisory Director and for the last 13 years he has been Executive Director. Chief Battelle served in the Air Force and was stationed at the United States Air Force Academy. He and his wife MaryAnn have four grown children and five grandchildren.

Michael E. O'Mara, Labor Leader

A fourth generation pipefitter, Mike joined Pipefitters local 562 in 1980. He worked summers while attending Flo Valley Community College and St. Louis U. graduating in 1983. He became a journeyman pipefitter in 1984 and in 1992 was appointed Business Representative of Local 562. He became Asst. Business Manager in 2002 and in 2006 was elected an International Rep for the MINK Area (MO, IA, NE, KS). He also served as a trustee for Local 562 funds and for the St. Louis Teamster-Anheuser-Busch Brewery Workers Pension Plan. He represented his local as an elected delegate to the 1996, 2002 and 2006 United Association general convention. He served as a delegate to Missouri's AFL-CIO St. Louis Labor Council Executive Board. In 1991 he was elected a Director on the Flo Valley Fire Protection District. He was a member of the Board of the St. Patrick's Center and sat on the Missouri Training and Employment Council. He was appointed to the Missouri Council on Vocational Education. In 2000 he was elected as District Four Councilman to the St. Louis County Council serving as Chairman in 2007, 2012 and 2016. During his college years Mike played varsity soccer and was named an "All American" in 1979. He played professionally for the Kansas City Comets and the St. Louis Steamers. He also coached the Busch Gardens Soccer Club and Flo Valley CC. In 1984 he played in the MISL championship series finals with the Steamers. He is a member of the FVCC Alumni Hall of Fame and the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame.

Previous Honorees

2002: New York City Policemen Michael McHugh and Det. Brian Hearn and NYC Firefighters Rich Riccardi and Steve George.

2003: City: Firefighter Bill Hill; Police Officer Mark Kennedy
County: FF Kevin Kehoe and Police Officer Bob Walsh.
Grand Marshall Ed O'Reilly

2004: City: FF Roger Pollihan and Police Officer Gabe Keithley
County: FF Michael Hackett and PO Brian Hale.

Grand Marshall Fr. John Johnson and Special Award to Jim Hanifan

2005: City: FF Gary Brennan and PO Matt Browning. County: FF Tony Young and PO Kirk Lawless. Grand Marshall Con Riordan

2006: City: FF Kenny Sturma and PO Tim McEntee. County: FF Steve Carman and PO Rob McIntosh. Grand Marshall Tom Gibbons

2007: City: FF Mike Pollihan and PO Tom Moran. County: FF Dennis Murray and PO Mike Jones, Grand Marshall Jim Sheerin

2008: City: FF Larry Reinicke and PO Mike Roe. County: FF Ray Hogan, Jr. and PO Lewis Bouwman. Labor Leader Pat Dolan. Grand Marshall: Jim Mohan

2009: City: FF Leo Kuehner, PO James Whyte. County: FF Chuck Coyne, PO Jacob Maechling. Civic: Lou Hamilton. Labor: Dick Kellet. Grand Marshall: Rev. Jim Byrnes

2010: City: FF William Pollihan, PO William Noonan. County: FF James Cook, PO Lisa Hale. Civic: Todd Waelterman. Labor: Greg Booth. Grand Marshall: Jim Holloran.

2011: City: FF Bill Schurwan, PO John Walsh. County: FF Dennis Leone, PO Joe Eagan. Civic: Floyd Warman. Labor: Pat White. Grand Marshall: Archbishop Robert Carlson

2012: City: FF Bruce Williams, PO Jeff Trares. County: FF Mark Woolbright, PO Kevin Quinlisk. Labor: Jim O'Mara. Civic: Judge Mark Neill. Grand Marshall, Jackie Smith

2013: City: FF Eugene Floyd, PO Harry "Boots" Llewellyn. County: FF Matt Hogan, PO Gary Robertson. Labor Thomas McNeil, Jr., Civic Leader: Richard Callahan. Grand Marshall, Peggy Skredanske

2014: City: FF "CJ" Gore, PO Earl Bush. County: FF John Corbett, PO Andy Eagan. Labor: Dan O'Connell. Civic: Rich Riesenbach. Grand Marshall: Mike Peters

2015: City: FF Ken Mitchell, PO Jason Flanery.
County: FF Bob Burkes, Jr. PO Michael Toombs Labor: Mark Boyle
Civic: Eddie Neill. Grand Marshalls: Jim and Sue Venincasa

2016: City: FF Batt Ch Michael Fitzgerald, PO Sgt. Joe Hill County: FF Vince Schramm, PO Sgt. Andy Hale. Labor: Mike Mahler, Civic Leader: Chris Koster. Grand Marshall: Peggy Skredanske

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have helped the AOH so much and so often.

Irish Emerald Ball

*Please join us April 29th for an evening of
dinner and dancing as we honor*



*Irish Person of the Year Brian McKenna
Hibernian of the Year John Callahan
Lady Hibernian of the Year Joan Barry
Young Hibernian of the Year
Andy Vineyard*

*Orlandos Banquet Center, 4300 Hoffmeister. Open bar,
Dinner, live entertainment \$55 per person or \$500 for a
table of ten. Cocktails start at 6. Dinner at 630.*

*For reservations or more info call
Kate Skredenske (314)497-0213 or eball@stlhibernians.com*

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival

Friday, March 17th 12:30 P.M.

"The Real Parade"

Grand Marshal

The Family of James Dailey Wahl

Please come out and
Join us for the parade.
Parade runs along
Tamm Avenue from
Oakland to Manchester.
Join with the Hibernians
As we continue the
celebration after the
parade at the Hibernian
Beer Booth , SW corner of
Tamm and Clayton



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