

HOLYOKE

Parade group honors Hogan with Citizenship Award

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Paul Hogan of the James A. Curran Division 1 Ancient Order of Hibernians has been named recipient of the Citizenship Award by the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade Committee.

"I am honored to receive this award, but, it's not really me, it's everyone around me. All of the members of the (Hibernians) work their hearts out to make me look good. Thank you to the St. Patrick's Committee for this honor," Hogan said in a press release.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is America's oldest Catholic fraternal organization, founded in 1836, its website said. The Citizenship Award is presented to a person or organization that may be of non-Irish descent that has made substantial contributions to the parade and/or the Parade Committee, the press release said.

Hogan has spent more than 40 years celebrating

and preserving Irish culture as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which includes a Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, the press release said.

Hogan also has coordinated volunteers from the Hibernians to serve meals at the Kate's Kitchen soup kitchen at 51 Hamilton St. He lives here with his son Patrick Hogan and is a general construction inspector for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the release said. "Paul has done so much for so many people over the years," 2018 Parade President Timothy O'Grady said.

"His efforts should not go unnoticed. We look forward to the 2018 Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade and it will be our pleasure to have Paul march with us as our 53rd Citizenship Award recipient." Hogan and other recipients of awards will be recognized at the St. Patrick's Committee Awards Dinner on Jan. 27 at The Warehouse? 109 Lyman St., the press release said.



Paul Hogan, center, is named recipient of the 2018 Citizenship Award from the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade Committee at an event in Holyoke on Oct. 25. With Hogan are, from left: William Dinn, 2016 Citizenship Award recipient; Barbara Bernard, 2010 Citizenship Award recipient; Sheila Moreau, Citizenship Award Selection Committee Chairwoman; and 2018 Parade President Timothy O'Grady.

The 67th Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade, an event that draws hundreds of thousands

of people, is set for March 18, preceded the day before by the St. Patrick's Road Race.

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