



# 56th Annual Parade

March 18 , 2007



*2007 Parade President*  
Kathleen M. Krisak

It would take more than a few feet of snow to stop the 56th annual Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade. Much like the U.S. Postal Service, the parade must go on in any weather. It did just that on March 18, 2007. Despite the foot of snow plus sleet and freezing rain the days before the parade, it went on as it has for the past 55 years. The music and floats were again top notch this year with 3 spectacular Mummer bands that delighted the crowds. The Irish are very resilient; and nothing could keep the crowd, which was about half of a normal year estimated at around 150,000, from attending the parade. In spite of the cold all Irish hearts were filled with warmth and good cheer all along the parade route that day.



*2007 Grand Marshal*  
Alan F. Cathro



*2007 Rohan Award*  
Thomas G. Griffin

The 2007 parade was led by our Grand Marshal, Alan Cathro with his wife Susan, and their family. Our Grand Colleen Kim Erin Elliott and her Court had so much fun on the float that day that the bitter temperature did not matter. Our 2007 JKF National Award Winner, Dan Shaughnessy and his family enjoyed their march down the streets of Holyoke. Dan stated that it felt like the World Series parade. Our 2007 Ambassador Award winner Kathleen O' Toole had a little bit of a round about way getting to Holyoke with the snow, but made it in time to enjoy her day in Holyoke. Our 2007 Citizenship Award recipient Sheriff Michael J. Ashe Jr. and the members of the Hampden Country Sheriff's Department were well represented and warmly received in the line of march.



*2007 O'Connell Award*  
Kenneth A. Collins



*2007 Gullivan Award*  
Maurice J. Granfield, Jr.

Our 2007 Award recipients: Thomas G. Griffin - Rohan Award, Ken Collins - O'Connell Award, Maurice J. Granfield Jr. - Gullivan Award, were warmly greeted by family, friends, and all the people that lined the streets of the paper city.

The 2007 President Kathleen M. Krisak was escorted by her husband Peter and her father Edward Ryan. Her nephews Collin, Jack and Adam Stevenson had a fabulous time marching down the parade route and greeting the crowds. It was the culmination of a great and rewarding year. The parade and all the events leading up to it would not have been possible without the help of the more than 200 special men and women who make up the Holyoke St. Patricks Parade Committee. Thank you for such a memorable year.



*2007 John F. Kennedy Award*  
Dan Shaughnessy



*2007 Ambassador's Award*  
Kathleen O'Toole



*2007 Citizenship Award*  
Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr.



*2007 Grand Colleen*  
Kim Erin Elliott