



# ár nuachtlitir



James Powers Division

January - 2015

## Editor's Note...

Just a reminder, it's time to make your New Year resolutions. How about... I promise to eat less and exercise more. Or... I promise to stop sweating the small stuff. For you golfers... I promise to "keep my head down" on every shot. For you husbands... I promise never to forget that a happy wife means a happy life. All are worthy New Year resolutions that I have embraced in the past. But, this year I'm considering a different resolution that, dare I say, is a more noble one. I resolve to follow our Order's motto of *Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity*. As in the past, I will likely fall short of my intended goal. However, I hope it will be worth the effort. Happy New Year. *Shona Bhliain Nua.*

## Did you know...

that before baseball, football, basketball and golf there was a game called Irish Road Bowling? Road Bowling (*Ból an bhóthair*) is a sport in which competitors hurl a metal ball along a country road. The fewest throws to the finish line wins. The sport has been traced to the 1600s when Irish patriots pilfered English cannonballs at night and rolled them down country roads by the light of a full moon. In 1863, the 23rd Illinois Infantry (Mulligan's Irish Brigade) built a fort in Petersburg, WV. As a diversion, the Irish troops rolled cannonballs along what is now Route 50. Since 1995, the West Virginia Irish Road Bowling Association has conducted tournaments on Route 50 in nearby West Union. Many AOH Divisions also conduct Irish Road Bowling tournaments, *Compiled from wvirb.org and wvirishroadbowling.com.*

## Member Spotlight...



George Morgan is a charter member of our Division and its immediate past Recording Secretary. George (and his 2 brothers) grew up in West Grove, Pennsylvania, a picturesque village tucked in the southeast corner of the state. George met his beautiful wife, Annina, in nearby Kennett Square which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. George served our nation in the U.S. Navy. During his service, George commanded a Radar Squadron that covered the North Atlantic from Newfoundland to the Azores. George and Annina have been blessed with 3 sons, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. George loved playing golf with his sons. In 2013, George and his sons played together at the KOC - Council 8104 annual golf tournament. George's son, Nicholas, won the long drive contest. Sadly, Nicholas passed the following September. George and Annina's favorite travel destination is Italy, where Annina was born. They also enjoy traveling to the mountains in North Carolina. However, high on George and Annina's wish list is a long overdue trip to the Emerald Isle.

## The Craic (news, gossip, fun, entertainment, and enjoyable conversation)...

Ireland is home to some very unique traditions. One such tradition is practiced in Portmagee, a tiny fishing village in County Kerry. The residents there celebrate the end of the *Old Year* instead of ringing in the *New Year*. In 1727, on New Year's Eve, residents retiring for the night heard an eerie noise. Some thought the noise was from a wailing banshee (female spirit). In fact, the noise was from the crew of a French ship docked at the village pier. The ship's crew was marching toward the village center. Every crew member was holding a torch and making a loud racket except one shaggy old man. As the ship's crew reached the village center, a shot rang out and the shaggy old man lay on the road as if dead. Suddenly, a young man dressed in a swallow tail coat, white trousers and top hat appeared. The young man informed residents that the shaggy old man was just a symbol of the year gone by. The following year (and all 287 years since then), Portmagee residents have re-enacted the event as part of their *Old Year* celebration. *Compiled from oceanviewportmagee.ie*



### Wacker Saturday

Please join fellow parishioners on **January 17, 2015** beginning at 9:30 AM to help beautify the church grounds. If possible, please bring hedge shears, loppers, rakes and work gloves. Water and refreshments will be provided by the **Ancient Order of Hibernians**.  
Rain date: January 24. For additional information, call **Terry Miller** at: 813-746-9922.

## January Activities...

January 1... FFAI Christmas Appeal \$10+ Club Donation (reminder)

January 15... Monthly Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Rosary Hall—Room 2)

January 17... Wacker Saturday

January 25... AOH—Hernando 1 Fundraiser (see attached)

*Please continue to pray for our ailing Division Brothers...*

Garen Anderson, John McAdam, George Morgan, Phil Mulrenin, Michael Whitley and Forrest Veit



*Ancient Order of Hibernians*  
*Hernando County Division One*



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**Hunger Run for the Poor**  
January 24, 2015

Time: 12 Noon till ?

Includes: Continuous Entertainment (10 Bands), Hot dogs and Burgers at the Brooksville Elks  
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Price: \$10 per person



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- First Card -Poker Run starts at Moose Lodge 1903 Land O' Lakes 9 AM registration. Breakfast available for donation.
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- 3rd Card-Hallcrest Eagles 4497 Lori Drive, Spring Hill, FL
- 4th Card-American Legion 186 Cortez Blvd, Spring Hill, FL
- 5th Card- Brooksville Elks, 13383 County Line Road, Spring Hill, FL  
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For more information call Road Captain Rex Hinkle @ 352-888-1002

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