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Meeting Night

3rd Thursday

St. Theresa Church Hall

6:00 PM

Charter Night

The First Anniversary of Norbert Dorsey Division One, AOH Division One Hernando County will be celebrated February 14, 2014. At this time we will be closing the Charter. Any member in good Standing on this date will be considered a Charter Member. A list of Members will be hung along side the Charter and will always accompany it.

We will be having a Valentines' Day Dinner Dance to commemorate the day open to our friends, family and parishioners of Hernando County.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ Cage O' Hanlan who will sing a few Irish numbers to celebrate the occasion along with dance music for the romantic Holiday.

Tickets will be \$15 per person, 2 for \$25 Buffet menu will include roast loin of pork, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and vegetables. BYOB

March 8th Saint Patrick's Day Party

We have a great Saint Patrick's Day Party planned for March 8th 2014 at the Lodge at Timber Pines.

This affair will be in cooperation with the Hibernian Cub at Timber Pines.

Irish singer Cage O'Hanlan will open and entertain us with some great music to get us in the holiday spirit then Irish Comedian Danny Justice will put on his show. Cage will then close the show with some more of your favorite irish music. Tickets will be on sale at the January meeting. In the Timber Pines tradition you may bring your own food and BYOB.

Dues are due

Our 2014 membership cards have arrived. And our per capita fees are now due. We are asking \$25 for our 2014 dues. Our first year initiation fee was \$40. Due to our fundraising efforts we are able to reduce our dues to barely cover our National and State per Capita fees. If you do not plan to renew your membership please let us know. If there is a hardship of any kind please notify the Financial Secretary. The situation will be kept confidential. Make checks payable to AOH. If you cannot attend our meeting send checks to Financial Secretary James Cahill, 730 Sea Holly Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604-1402. Our Charter will close February 14, 2014. Every member who is a member in good standing will be considered a Charter Member.

History of the AOH in Florida



From the new State Pamphlet
Be sure to visit the State Website
www.aohflorida.org

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AOH IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Written by Brother Patrick Moynihan, a long time Brother of our Order and of Brevard Division 2

Edited by Brother Greg Seán Canning, April 2013

The first persons to call themselves Hibernians in Florida were the members of the Hibernian Regiment of the Spanish Army under the Command of Colonel Arturo O'Neill of County Tyrone who besieged Fort George, drove the British from Pensacola and established Spanish control of Western Florida on the 9th of March 1781. For the next 12 years O'Neill governed Western Florida under Spanish Law. Ninety-five years later the Ancient Order of Hibernians established the first division of the Order in the State of Florida when James D. Redmond became the President of the Jacksonville Division on March 30th 1876. A second division was established in Jacksonville in 1894 and a third division was founded in Pensacola in 1898. No two divisions of the Order were in existence simultaneously in this era and by 1900 there were only 85 Hibernians in Florida; within a very short period all divisions within the State became defunct.

There was a long period of almost three quarters of a century of Hibernian hibernation until the Order was reestablished in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County in 1974 under the guidance of Florida's only National President, Tom Gilligan, and former State President and National Director, Jim French. Soon thereafter a division was established in Pinellas County. Notwithstanding the fact that no State Board had been established at the time, Florida Hibernians organized and administered a highly successful National Convention in Miami in 1980. The State Board was established a few years later (circa 1983) and Eddie Kalfleish, formerly of New York, was elected as the first State President. A State banner was designed and produced by Ernie Kees of the then fledgling Brevard 2 Division.

Past Florida State President Sean Denny is a native Floridian and the youngest person to hold the office in the State. He was, perhaps, the youngest State President in the nation when he was elected to that office in 2007. He represents an anomaly in that the majority of the membership in Florida is made up of émigrés from the various States drawn to the warmth of the Sunshine State in their retirement years for the full year or as snowbirds for the winter months. Consequently, the attrition and mortality rates are high and divisions of the Order in Florida prosper and wane in accord with the movements and health of its members. Therefore, the State has lost divisions in Brevard, Indian River and St. John's Counties. New divisions, however, have been added over the past few years with the help of our State Organizers and senior members.



AOH National Convention



2014 National Convention Information

The 2014 National Convention will take place in St. Louis, Mo. All information will be on the website www.AOH2014STL.com.

JULY 30 – AUGUST 3, 2014

Location:

All registration, events and convention sessions will take place at:

[Renaissance St Louis Grand Hotel](#)

800 Washington Ave

St. Louis, MO 63101

The limited special rate of \$120 a night plus taxes (King or 2 Double). This special rate will apply until the cut-off date or when the room block is filled; at that point other rates may apply.



Presidents Message

Greetings to all of my Hibernian Brothers,
Welcome to our first newsletter and presidents message ! A whole-hearted thank you To Jim Cahill for putting this together. As we come closer to the birth of Christ, let us embrace EVERY aspect of the Christmas season. Make it a point everyday to give of your time, talents, and treasures. We are so blessed to have our families and each other. Please keep those less fortunate in our hearts and prayers. I will be having knee replacement surgery on Monday, and i will miss our meeting. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I would appreciate a prayer or two from you as well. We have 2 major functions next year. One in February and one in March. We need your help to make them happen. Jim will have shirts/patches as well as Christmas magnets at the meeting. Dues are rapidly approaching, bring them in to the meeting. 25.00 for next year. If you haven't paid the 40.00 for the charter year, please bring that too. I thank Brother Matt for heading the meeting in my absence. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! See you all in 2014. Slainte'

Dr. Mike

Upcoming Important Dates

Thursday, December 19th Monthly Meeting Saint Theresa Church Hall 6:00 PM

Thursday, January 16th Monthly Meeting Saint Theresa Church Hall 6:00 PM

Friday, February 14 - Charter Night/ Valentines Dinner Dance.

Saturday March 8th at the Lodge at Timber Pines. Saint Patrick's Day Party

AOH Shirts and Patches

AOH shirts and patches will be available at the meeting on December 19th.

Shirts and patches are \$25 for M to XL \$27 for 2X \$30 for 3 and 4X

Patches are to be ironed on or sewed on the pocket.



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