



Ancient order of hibernian's in america

Father Mychal Francis Judge Division 1 of Martin County, FL

Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Newsletter for August/September 2014

Due to the recent resignation of our Vice President, Joe Donahue, there has been a restructure of the Officers. The following is a list of the current Officers for our Division:

President – Dennis McKenna – Phone #772-323-3344

Vice President – Mike O'Connor – Phone #772-342-8965

Recording Secretary – Dave Seyffart – Phone #772-223-5550

Chaplin - Msgr. Blase Gintoli

Financial Secretary – Pat McKenna – Phone #772-529-5252

Treasurer – Tierney Clark – Phone #772-626-8062

Marshal – Kevin O' Connor Sr. – Phone #772-342-9728

Sentinel – Joe Martin – Phone #772-579-7019

Standing Committee Chairman – Pat McKenna – Phone #772-529-5252

Historian - Mike O'Connor – Phone #772-342-8965

**** Anyone wishing to fill the position of “Standing Committee Chairman” or the “Historian” position please contact Dennis or Michael. ****

IN MEMEMORY

It is with great sorrow that I inform you that our sister Holly Harrison passed away on July 11, 2014. She touched the hearts of everyone that ever met her. She will be profoundly missed by family, friends and all who ever knew her. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



We are sorry to report that the majority of our membership have not yet paid their 2014 dues. Our dues are \$35.00 per year and should have been paid to our Financial Secretary no later than February 15, 2014

Brothers, if you have not paid your membership dues for this year (2014), you are in arrears and could be dropped from membership. Please contact our Treasurer Tierney Clark or Financial Secretary Pat McKenna to pay your dues, which now have a \$15.00 fine assessed to them. Please pay, so you are not dropped from membership. If you are facing a hardship please notify a Division Officer, it will be held in the strictest confidence.

The AOH participated in the dedication ceremony for the Martin County 9/11 Memorial at the Cummings Library in Palm City on Saturday June 14, 2014. The memorial features a pedestal supporting a 22 foot long piece of steel recovered from the World Trade Center following the attacks on September 11, 2001. There were 18 AOH Brothers that perished on that tragic day at the World Trade Center plus our namesake Father Mychal F. Judge, "May they Rest in Peace". The ceremony was truly inspiring and memorable. A Big Thanks goes out to Dennis for a job well done.

Our 2nd Annual Hibernian Picnic was held this summer in Stuart on July 4th, followed by the fireworks on the river in downtown Stuart. Fun was had by all that attended. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Elizabeth and Nick for hosting this event.

The 2014 AOH/LAOH National Convention took place in St. Louis, MO. at the Renaissance St. Louis Hotel from July 30, 2014 thru Aug 3, 2014. Our Division President Dennis McKenna attended as a delegate from the State of Fl. Congratulations goes out to our State President Greg Sean Canning who was elected as the AOH National Director for the Southern States at this year's National Convention.

Please remember to take part in the “**Hibernian Hunger Project**”. We all can do our part by bringing can food or nonperishables to be collected at all our meetings and AOH functions which would then be donated in the remembrance of the Great Hunger in Ireland, to the Treasure Coast Food Bank. Brother Pat McKenna is chairing this worthwhile project and will be delivering the food items. Florida has one of the largest populations of food-insecure in the nation which includes 33,340 children on the Treasure Coast of Florida. Together, we can help to make a difference.

Our first Annual Mass to honor “*Our Lady of Knock, Ireland’s only Queen*”, will be held on Sunday August 24, 2014 at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church in Stuart, Fl. at the 10:30 am Mass. The Blessed Mother along with Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist appeared on August 21, 1879 against the back of a Church wall in County Mayo. The Vision lasted for several hours. Since this is one of the recognized holidays for the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, we encourage all members and their families to make an effort to be in attendance.

Any Brother (or family members) planning on participating in the “**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**” 5K Walk on Saturday 18 October 2014 in Stuart, should contact Kerryann Clark, LAOH President at Ph# 772-626-0238 or e-mail her at kerryann1072@aol.com. Let’s all do our part and make a great showing for the AOH, and help fight Breast Cancer.

Permission was given to form a new AOH Division in St. Lucie County. The division will be known as the “Brian Boru Division 1 St. Lucie County, Fl.” They will meet at St. Bernadette’s Catholic Church in St. Lucie West. Father Ulto the pastor at St. Bernadette’s has welcomed them with open arms and has also volunteered to be their Chaplin. This is the first division to form out of our division in Martin County. We wish The Best of Luck to Ray Lynch and Joe Donahue on their endeavor in forming this division.

As Irish and Irish-Americans, we have so many things of which we can be proud. As Hibernians, we regularly hear stories of Commodore John Barry, Michael Collins, Padraic Pearse, Brian Boru, Al Smith, John F. Kennedy, and so many others. We have so many great heroes and role models. We are truly fortunate. Occasionally, it is important to remember that there are also heroes and role models amongst us. Friends, family members, and fellow Hibernians who work hard and give to family, church, and community, making our world a better place. Let us take time to thank them for all that they do.

Don't forget to keep Saturday 20 September 2014 open for our "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party / Dinner Dance". Music will be provided by the "Rowdy Micks". Further details to follow.

Right to Life Story

Please join thousands of Hibernian Men's and Women's Divisions all over the United States of America and put an end to abortion!!!

A worried woman went to her gynecologist and said: Doctor, I have a serious problem and desperately need your help! My baby is not even 1 year old and I'm pregnant again. I don't want kids so close together. So the doctor said: 'OK and what do you want me to do? She said: I want you to end my pregnancy, and I'm counting on your help with this. The doctor thought for a little, and after some silence he said to the lady: I think I have a better solution for your problem. It's less dangerous for you too. She smiled, thinking that the doctor was going to accept her request. Then he continued: You see, in order for you not to have to take care of 2 babies at the same time, let's kill the one in your arms. This way, you could rest some before the other one is born. If we're going to kill one of them, it doesn't matter which one it is. There would be no risk for your body if you chose the one in your arms. The lady was horrified and said: NO doctor! How terrible! It's a crime to kill a child! I agree the doctor replied. But you seemed to be OK with it, so I thought maybe that was the best solution. The doctor smiled, realizing that he had made his point. He convinced the mom that there is no difference in killing a child that's already been born and one that's still in the womb. The crime is still the same!

Irish Humor

The Doctor was puzzled 'I'm very sorry Mr. O'Flaherty, but I can't diagnose your trouble. I think it must be the drink.'

'Don't worry about it Dr. Cullen, I'll come back when you're sober,' said O' Flaherty

You Can't Believe Everything You Read In The Papers

Dermot McCann opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend Reilly.

'Did ye see the paper?' asked Dermot. 'They say I died.'

'Yes, I saw it.' replied Reilly. 'Where are ye callin' from, up above or down below?'

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY – Feast Day September 13th

Few Americans are well acquainted with the gallant Barry and heroic exploits of Philadelphia Irish-Born naval commander, Commodore John Barry. Commodore remains to this day an unsung hero of the young American Republic. As most naval historians note, Barry can be classed on a par with John Paul Jones for nautical skills and daring, but he exceeds him in the length of service (17 years) to his adopted country an American Navy," a title bestowed on him not by current generations, but by his contemporaries, who were in the best position to judge.

In the space of 58 years, the son of a poor Irish farmer rose from humble cabin boy to senior commander of the entire United States fleet. Intrepid in the battle, he was humane to his men as well as his adversaries and prisoners. Barry's war contributions are unparalleled: he was first to capture a British war vessel on the high seas; he captured two British ships after being severely wounded in a ferocious seas battle; he quelled three mutinies; he fought on land at the Battle of Trenton and Princeton; he captured over 20 ships including and armed British schooner in the lower Delaware River; he authored a Signal Book which established a set of signals for effective communication between ships; he fought the last naval battle of he American Revolution aboard the frigate Alliance in 1783

WHY THE HIBERNIANS ? If you've wondered lately just why you belong to our fine organization of Irish Catholic American men other than the comradery and socializing, which is truly rewarding, try this. We organize and participate in social events with other Divisions in the area to foster the feeling of Brotherhood. We are an organization that firmly believes in our rich Celtic culture and heritage, and our beloved Catholic faith, all of which have been severely tested and threatened over many centuries by antagonist. We in the AOH never forget our ancestral homeland, and are always working for the total independence of a united 32-county Ireland, as our constitution avows: "by all means constitutional and lawful." The Order has also provided a continuing bridge with Ireland for those who are generations removed from our ancestral homeland. The AOH sponsors many programs associated with promoting our Irish Heritage.

The upcoming monthly meetings will be held at Manero's in Palm City on Monday August 4, 2014 at 7:00PM and on Monday September 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM (due to the first Monday being Labor Day)



We are all so blessed to live in such a great country where we have the freedom to practice our Catholic faith without fear. It is because of the bravery of those in our Armed Forces that we have this freedom; please remember them in your prayers and ask God to keep them safe and out of harm's way .

The Division Newsletter

Any brother wishing to take on the responsibility of writing the bi-monthly newsletter and sending it out please contact Dennis or Michael, as this was the last issue that Brother Joe Donahue will be publishing being he is transferring out of our Division to the Brian Boru Division in St. Lucie County.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of our brothers as possible at the upcoming meetings and our Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance !!!