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# Hibernian News

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## Meeting Night

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

St. Theresa Church Hall

6:00 PM

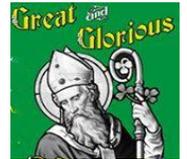
## Charter Night

The First Anniversary of Norbert Dorsey Division One, AOH Division One Hernando County will be celebrated at the February meeting. 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.

This will be a Social night, Wives and friends are invited. Location and menu to be announced in a future email.

Our plans to have a Valentines' Day Dinner Dance at Saint Therasas had to be canceled due to BYOB issues.

## March 8<sup>th</sup> Saint Patrick's Day Party



We have a great Saint Patrick's Day Party planned for March 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Tickets are \$14 per person 2 for \$25 for AOH members.

**All indications are that this event will be a sellout. After our meeting Tickets will be open to the public. The last time Danny Justice performed at Timber pines all tickets were sold out in a ½ hour.**

If you would like to get tickets but cannot attend the meeting Call Bob Criste at 484-686-7157

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## AOH Shirts and Patches

AOH shirts and patches will be available at the meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## Upcoming Important Dates

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting Saint Theresa Church Hall 6:00 PM

Date to be announced - Charter Night/Social

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

Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting Saint Theresa Church Hall 6:00 PM (Shamrock Degree)

## Shamrock Degree

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, at our regular meeting the Shamrock Degree will be exemplified.

State President Greg Sean Canning will preside if possible.

We have not had a Shamrock Degree since our first meeting February 2013.

## Major Degrees of the Order

As most of you know, Florida does not have a Major Degree Team, Yet, but we will. As State Vice President, it is my job to form one. In order to have a Degree Team all members must be degreed. To accomplish this I am in negotiation with Savannah Division One in GA. and the Major Degree team in South Carolina to put on a Major Degree in Savannah in May. The cost for the Degree Team to travel to Savannah and put on the Degree is Approx \$1000.00. we need a minimum of 20 candidates @ \$50 + transportation to GA (\$25 van rental & gas). The Major Degrees of the Order if exemplified correctly are both educational and memorable. If you have an interest in participating in this project please contact Jim Cahill 352-593-4325

## Saint Theresa's Fundraiser

On Saturday February 1, 2014. The Knights of Columbus Council 11877 will be holding an Italian night fundraiser at Saint Theresa's Church Hall. Price is \$15 per person includes music by Southern Exposure featuring a Sinatra style singer, an Italian Buffet with Chicken Parm, Pasta, Meatballs & Sausage & desert.

No BYOB. A limited amount of beer & wine will be served. Many of our brother members are Knights and we should support them.

For tickets call Jim Cahill 352-593-4325.



### Presidents Message

Happy New Year to you, my brothers! I hope this second newsletter finds everyone well rested and content with their holiday season. We are nearing our 1 year anniversary and need to close the charter. Please get all dues submitted by next meeting. I would hate to eliminate any members, but this will be the reality if dues are not submitted. We are planning a Febuary social for our anniversary, and a March St. Patty's day event. Lets sell as many tickets as possible and have a great time. We must also work on membership, the more the merrier. I look forward to our Shamrock degree and the opportunity to get our major degrees and forming a degree team. Slainte, Yours in Christ

Dr. Mike

### THE BAGPIPER (Contributed by Pat Conrey)

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothing like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years." Apparently I'm still lost....it's a man thing.



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