



Ancient Order of Hibernian's

Brian Boru Division 1 St. Lucie County, Fl.

Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

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The Newsletter of the St. Lucie County Ancient Order of Hibernians

Welcome Brothers to the First Newsletter of our Division!

We are Irish and Irish-Americans celebrating our rich Celtic culture and faith. We take particular pride in our Irish Catholic Heritage. We never forget our ancestral homeland, and can always be found actively lobbying for, praying for, and working for the total independence of a united 32-county Ireland, as our constitution avows: "by all means constitutional and lawful." We strive to make our own mark by promoting our Irish heritage and being active in our church and community fulfilling our motto of *Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity*, and having some fun along the way.

The Ancient Order of Hibernian's Brian Boru Division 1 of St. Lucie County, Florida was installed on August 21, 2014, The Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock. The Installation Ceremony and Shamrock Degree were held by AOH National Director and Fl. State President Greg Sean Canning. Our Division is named after Brian Boru the last Great High King of Ireland.



Brian Boru Division 1 of St. Lucie County hold their regular monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM, in the Family Life Center at Saint Bernadette Catholic Church located at 350 N.W. California Blvd. St. Lucie West, Fl. 34986

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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 the family, church, and community, making our world a better place. Let us take time to thank them for all that they do.

“Ireland Unfree Shall Never Be At Peace” - Support a United Ireland

Irish Proverb

May you take deep pride in your Irish Heritage, May a friend be ever at your side, May loved ones grace your hearth, contentment warm your heart, and, until you meet face-to-face, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.



*If any Brother knows of a Practicing Catholic of Irish descent 16 years or older, please ask them to join our Order and give them an application to the AOH so we can have our newly formed division grow. Let us strive to be the biggest and best Division in the State of Florida. *

We ask that you always remember and live our motto of *“Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity”*



Surely our great country is a tapestry linking each of us to a homeland somewhere across some ocean. The connections tie each to those who came before: the tired, hungry, poor, wretched refuse yearning to be free. Most yearned for even more; the chance to make a better life for their children.

I think back upon “the Hunger” that drove so many out of Ireland. An empty stomach is a great motivator.

The Irish have a long history of being oppressed. They suffered for centuries, yet persevered, building a country that Irish around the world are proud of.

Through centuries of oppression, slavery, and poverty, Irish culture, music, literature and faith never died. It survived in Ireland and through the American spirit. We are all blessed, but we must remember the remarkable courage of those who came before us.

The blessings in Ireland came in part from knowing that from the worst of times – “The Troubles” – came a nation that is as impressive as its people have always been.

I am so blessed to be Irish. I know that I live in part, so I might honor those who struggled so hard before me. May we resolve to stay on the path of progress and always remember our ancestors and all those who came before us.

“Cuimhnigi ar na daoine ar thainig sibh”

“Remember the people from whom you came”

Irish Humor

Gallagher is in Boston and he is waiting patiently, also, he is watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing.

The cop stops the flow of traffic and shouts, 'Okay pedestrians'. Then he allows the traffic to pass again. He did this several times, and Gallagher is still standing on the sidewalk.

After the cop has shouted 'Pedestrians' for the tenth time, Gallagher approaches him and says, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'



National Holidays of the Order



The following holidays shall be celebrated in an appropriate manner:

- St. Patrick's Day, March 17th
- Easter Monday (Commemorating the 1916 Easter Rising)

- Independence Day, July 4th
- Our Lady of Knock- Queen of Ireland, August 21st
- Commodore John Barry Day, September 13th

We Want Your Input

We really don't want to miss anything or leave anything out that should be in the newsletter. So please if you have any suggestions for the newsletter or if you feel something should have been in the newsletter and we missed it please contact any Divisional Officer with any or all suggestions.



Pray for peace in Ireland and throughout the world!



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 and their families who have given up so much for our country and to protect our freedom and please keep them in your prayers and ask God to keep them safe and out of harm's way.

