



# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA



Michael P. Keeley DIVISION 1 ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS <http://www.aohill.org>  
The AOH is the oldest Catholic lay organization in America and is dedicated to  
Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

**Slainte**  
**5 December 2014**

**Wednesday 10 December 2014, 7:30 P.M. O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239, Dinner and beverages will be served. Christmas Dinner this meeting! Salad, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberries, Rolls, and of course Good Beverages!**

**NOTE: Andy Cooney's The Irish Country Christmas show** schedule for 11 December 2014 is **CANCELED** please pass this information along to all those you know that do not receive email correspondence.

I will accept dues money beginning at our December meeting. However, it will not be deposited until January 2015; Because of tax implications; Dues annually **\$30.00, \$25.00** if retired. **No** membership card will be available!

Illinois State AOH Board raffle/Lotto ticket for sale at \$10 each; you can pick them up at the meeting or contact Mr. Tiernan at (618.980.3883), the sooner you get your tickets the better, drawing start in October. Money distribution: Divisions will earn \$2.30 per ticket sold; the state keeps \$2.30 per ticket and absorbs the cost of the raffle. Prize money consists of one \$200 and five \$50.00 winners each month starting in October 2014 and run thru September 2015. . In the first two monthly drawings, out of \$900 won, \$450 was won by members of our Division!

Here are the winning #'s for November -- \$200.00 # 617 Pat Hickey - \$50.00 #051 Carl Dettmer - \$50.00

#287 Eileen Norton - 50.00 #292 Mary Flaherty - \$50.00 #607 Vicki Sullivan - \$50.00 #668 Douglas Downey

✱Remember our Charitable contribution/donation will be finalized at our December meeting for this year, effective payout January 2015; The amounts to be given to the charities we support from our hard work will be discussed and finalized, please try to attend so your input can be heard.

✱Elections: We will conduct the election for Division officers at the December meeting. Please attend so your voice can be heard. If you would like to run for any of the Division offices, please contact President Hickey at 257-2146 or be a little early for the meeting so you can make your intentions known. Any regular member in good standing is eligible to run for office. Offices to be voted on are: President, Vice-President, Recorder, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary.

✱Ten Club. Mike Burke will be collecting donations for the Ten Club at the meeting. Our Division traditionally ranks in the top 10 in the country for this appeal. Mike will have a nice Irish hat and a green sport shirt suitable for embroidering with the Division logo to give away to 2 lucky donators.

✱50/50. We will have a 50/50 drawing at the meeting with the Division's proceeds going to the Ten Club donation.

✱The Great Rivers Choral Society will present A Celtic Christmas II with Celts and the Clarkson School of Dance on Sunday Dec. 14 at 2P.M. at St. James The Greater Catholic Church in Dogtown. A free-will offering will be taken during the concert.

✱Belleville, Illinois will hold it's first annual Christkindlmarkt--German Christmas Market! Stop by and see all that Main Street Belleville has to offer. But by all means stop in the **Old Irish shop at 25 East main**, Peter Townsend brought so much Irish merchandise, he had to rent a storefront in addition to his wooden booth. His store will operate, **Nov. 28 through Dec. 23**. Peter carries T-Shirts, Irish music CDs, various figurines, coat-of-arms wall hangings, Irish Christmas ornaments and shamrock wineglasses. Jewelry lines include Irish watches and costume pieces, as well as Connemara marble pendants, earrings and bracelets.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

✱**St. Louis Emerald Ball**; this, is a very enjoyable Irish evening that a number of our members have attended over the years. We've been informed that the 2015 Ball will likely be later in the winter, most likely one of the first couple of weekends after St. Patrick's Day. For the last several years, it has been held the first weekend in February. When information is available, it will be posted it under "Events" on the St Louis Division 1 website: [www.stlhibernians.com](http://www.stlhibernians.com)

✱**Packet Stuffing** evening Mar. 6 2015; **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Top of the Morning 5KRun/Walk & ½ Mile Kids Fun Run** Mar. 8, 2015, Shiloh ; and our very own **St. Patrick's Day Parade** March 15, 2015; more information forthcoming but you need mark your calendars now to start your planning for how you will participate in these events. (Dates subject to change)

*"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still!!"*

OFFICERS: President – Patrick Hickey, Vice President – Mike Tiernan, Recording Secretary – Jeff Blair,  
Financial Secretary – Patrick Hume, Treasurer – Bob Dixon, Standing Committee Chairman – Gish Johnson  
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