





MICHAEL P. KEELEY DIVISION 1 ST. CLAIR COUNTRY ILLINOIS <u>http://www.aohill.org</u> The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Catholic lay organization in America and is dedicated to Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ancient-Order-of-Hibernians-in-America-Michael-P-Keeley-Division

## Slainte

08 December 2019

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each Month, Time 7:30 P.M.

O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239, 402 E. Hwy 50 - dinner and beverages provided

Scheduled Events - ALL DATES, TIME & INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**A Sincere Thank You.** Brothers, through our hard work at a number of functions this year, at our November meeting we were able to allocate \$10,600 to the charities that brother Hibernians proposed as dear to them.

## **NOVEMBER Recap**

**AOH Memorial Mass**. We decided to not conduct the Annual Memorial Mass this year because of poor attendance the past couple of years.

**Big Daddy's 618 Ancient Order of Hibernians Fund Raiser** – Sat. 9 November 2019 6-9 P.M. Fish fry buffet - Open Bar – Music \$50 donation for Big Fun and Great Cause! We want to thank all who participated in this year's event because of your participation we were able to add an additional fund of \$400.00 to our Charites this year. The outcome of this year's event led to some new and additional ideas for the upcoming new year.

## DECEMBER

December 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday The St. Vincent de Paul Soup Bus will depart from: Holy Cross Cemetery, 9409 Holy Cross Rd., Fairview Heights, Approximate Time: 4:30 PM. The following have volunteered to work Jim Kelley, Mike McAnally, Bob Simpson, Pat Hume, and Mike Tiernan.

**December 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Member Dinner.** The caterer has given us a grace period for reporting numbers. If you have not signed up but want to attend, please call Mike Tiernan ASAP. At (618-980-3883) Remember, the Division covers the cost of the dinner.

**10 Club Freedom for All Ireland (FFAI)** Christmas Appeal fundraising drive will be accepting donations as usually this time of year. Funds raised goes to support various charitable functions and activities in Ireland that are crucial to maintaining the Peace all the while trying to achieve an unrestricted independence promoting peace and unity for all Ireland. Let's make this a memorable year. We should not underestimate what our giving means to the people during this tumultuous time there.

**AOH 2020 State Raffle Tickets**. If you receive 2020 raffle tickets in the mail or signed out tickets at a meeting, PLEASE return either the stub with the money after you sell the tickets or the tickets at the December 11<sup>th</sup> dinner or by mail in the envelope provide as soon as possible. The Division has to account for each ticket so if you know you will not be able to sell the tickets return them so maybe other brothers can sell them. Additionally, the Division must buy all unsold tickets; we need the complete ticket returned. If you did not receive tickets in the mail but can help sell them, please call Mike Tiernan at 618-980-3883. The Division still has over 50 tickets to sell our Division gets to retain \$2.30 for each ticket sold. 1<sup>st</sup> drawing will be the end of January 2020.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** - We will be **collecting can goods <u>No Glass items</u>**, for **Catholic Urban Programs** (CUP). **Cash or checks will be accepted**. Checks make payable to Ancient Order of Hibernians. Jim Kelley will do the collecting, purchasing and delivery of goods.

My I wish everyone and their families a Joyous and Merry Christmas Season.