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Slainte 12 January 2022

Meeting 2nd Wednesday each Month, Time 7:30 P.M. O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239, 402 E. Hwy 50 - dinner and beverages provided.

THIS IS YOUR JANUAURY AND FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

PLEASE FOLLOW POSTED GUIDELINES REGARDING MASK WEARING

<u>CHRISTMAS</u> <u>DINNER</u> Let us just say that for all those in attendance the Hot Dog meal was well accepted and everyone I do believe enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all who came out and made that meeting a success.

Charitable donations were made to the following: <u>AOH FFAI Christmas appeal organization</u>, <u>Flash estates Bel manor-TDL group</u>, <u>Saint Vincent DePaul</u>, <u>Catholic Urban program</u>, <u>Holy Angels shelter</u>, <u>Poor Clare monastery of Our Lady of Mercy</u>, <u>Hospice of southern Illinois</u>, <u>Cardinal Glennon Children's foundation</u>, <u>Shriners hospital for Children St. Louis</u>, <u>Fontebella O'Fallon Caratase family</u>, <u>Camp Ondessonk</u>, <u>School Sisters of Notre Dame St. Louis</u>, <u>Saint Louis Fisher's house</u>, <u>Althoff Catholic school scholarship</u>, <u>East Side Heart & home family center</u>, <u>Caratase Family solutions</u>, <u>Hospitality house Chester IL.</u>, <u>Special Olympics of Illinois for Foz Ryan</u>.

The Parade committee held its 3rd meeting Wednesday 15 December, 6:30 P.M. at Big Daddy's 618 location. Discussed the parade application and attached documents. Recommendation made to those documents and those changes were implemented.

The 10 Club yearly drive for Freedom for All Ireland (FFAI) funds were collected at the December meeting, the raffle drawing winners were Father Hayes, and Ken Kennedy. Thank you to all those who made this drive a success.

AOH State Board 2022 Raffle Tickets 16 tickets remaining, will have available at our January meeting.

Dues for 2022 will be collected at the meeting in both January and February and beyond as needed. Dues can also be paid by mailing a check to: AOH, P.O. Box 247, O Fallon, IL 62269, with "Dues" in the memo line. Just as a reminder <u>Dues \$30.00 (working)</u>, <u>\$25.00 (retired / student)</u>, (<u>Members of the Clergy</u> and <u>Active-duty personnel dues are waived</u>), (initiation fee \$10.00 plus yearly dues – <u>reinstatement is \$5.00 plus yearly dues</u>).

SUPERBOWL Charlie Herr will again collect for the Superbowl fundraising event he should be at our January meeting, stop bye, and enjoy the meeting. Food and Leprechaun juice will be available. Hopefully, No Hotdogs

St. Pat's Day Parade as of this very moment is schedule for and has been approved by the City for Saturday,12 March 2022. Additional information will be sent to all members.

Scheduled Events January thru June ALL DATES, TIMES, and INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

January 12 January 2022 Dues Collection at Meeting

Super Bowl card (Special instruction on this action will be given at the meeting)

February March 9 February 2022, will seek members input on having a Traditional Irish Dinner at the March Meeting

11 March 22, 5:30 P.M., Chalk the Lot - staging point West C, West A, and 3rd St in Belleville

We will need about a dozen members to assist with this action the more the merrier will have leprechaun juice available. <u>Mark your Calendars now!</u>

12 March 22, 0:900 A.M. St. Pat's Day Parade - STEP off 11:00 A.M. staging point West C, West A, and 3rd St in Belleville

We will need numerous members to assist with this action the more the merrier leprechaun juice ??? Mark your Calendars now!

<u>17 March 2022, Thursday 10:00 A.M.,</u> (Tentative) Tri-Color Flag Raising Ceremony - St. Clair County Courthouse <u>Mark your Calendars now!</u>

17 March 2022 11:00 Kick Off Dogtown St. Pat's Day Parade and Festival (dogtownunited.org)

June – 12 <u>June 2022</u> Weekend before Father's Day (Tentative) Irish Open Golf Tournament - More information will be forth coming; A big thanks to Dave Meehan and Bob Simpson for all their efforts to make 2021,a great success. In 2022, we hope it will be just as successful - thanks to all workers and all participants and the members of York Town Golf Course.

If you have a new <u>email address</u> or <u>street address</u> <u>keep me informed</u>. If your address should have an East West or North South designated, or if it is a Court, Lane, Drive, Avenue, or Boulevard, let us know. -Please consider obtaining and email address and provide it to us, it helps with timely information and save mailing cost.- Thank you

*The Ancient Order of Hibernians Nation Convention July 13 thru 17, 2022 in Pittsburg PA. Convention registration and hotel information can be found on the convention page: https://www.2022pittsburghconvention.com