

MICHAEL P. KEELEY DIVISION 1 ST. CLAIR COUNTY ILLINOIS

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Slainte 11 January 2023

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.

<u>CHRISTMAS</u> <u>DINNER</u> Let us just say that for all those in attendance the meal was a great success, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all who came out and made that meeting a success, and to Mike for his efforts he put forth to ensure a successful meal.

Charitable donations were made to the following: AOH FFAI Christmas appeal organization, Flash estates Bel manor-TDL group, Saint Vincent DePaul, Catholic Urban program, Holy Angels Shelter, Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Mercy, Hospice of Southern Illinois, Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation, Shriners Hospital for Children St. Louis, Fontebella O'Fallon (Caratase family Solutions), Camp Ondessonk, School Sisters of Notre Dame St. Louis, Saint Louis Fisher's house, Althoff Catholic school scholarship, Oblates, East Side Heart & home family center, Violence Prevention of Southern Illinois, Caratase Family solutions, Hospitality house Chester IL., Special Olympics of Illinois for Foz Ryan, St. Louis Children's Hospital, AOH FFAI Christmas 10 Club, ((and a onetime Special donations to the City of O'Fallon II., (All Inclusive Children's Park)).

St. Pat's Day Parade committee will hold its 1st meeting Thursday, 12 January 2023, 6:00 P.M. at Tim & Joes located in the Arcades Center at 6500 West Main St. Belleville, IL. Past President and Parade Chairman Pat Hickey request that all those interested, please attend this meeting. The Parade is schedule for and has been approved by the city for Saturday,11 March 2023. All additional information will be sent to all members.

AOH State Board 2023 Raffle Tickets Sales were a great success this year thanks to all the Members who participated and made this event/raffle a success for us, as a division, and for the State board, and let's not forget you as a possible winner.

Dues for 2023 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. Remember <u>Dues \$30.00</u> (working), \$25.00 (retired / student), (Members of the Clergy and Active-duty personnel dues are waived), (initiation fee \$10.00 plus yearly dues – reinstatement is \$5.00 plus yearly dues). We are trying something New this year to try an increase members turn out at our meetings. Besure to attend the monthly meetings, at each monthly meeting we will draw a member's number if that member is <u>in attendance</u> we will pay his dues, or reimburse him his dues for 2023, if already paid, but you <u>must</u> be at the meeting to be a winner.

SUPERBOWL Charlie Herr will again collect for the Superbowl fundraising event he should be at our January meeting, stop bye, and enjoy the meeting.

Scheduled Events ALL DATES, TIMES, and INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

January 11 January 2023 Dues Collection at Meeting

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

February 8 February 2023, will seek members input on having a Traditional Irish Dinner at the March Meeting

March 10 March 23, 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. Mark your Calendars

11 March 23, 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

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17 March 2023, Friday 10:00 A.M., (*Tentative*) Tri-Color Flag Raising Ceremony - St. Clair County Courthouse Mark your Calendars

17 March 2023 11:00 Kick Off Dogtown St. Pat's Day Parade and Festival (dogtownunited.org)

June – (*Tentative*) Irish Open Golf Tournament - More information will be forth coming.

September 23 September 2023, Saturday Illinois AOH State Convention Chicago South Side no Hotel information yet; more information forthcoming plan now to attend.

If you have a new <u>email address</u> or <u>street address</u> or your <u>phone number</u> has changed <u>keep me informed</u>. If your address should have an East, West, North, or 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.

OFFICERS: President – Patrick Hume, Vice President – Mike Lenz, Recording Secretary – Don Gravlin, Treasurer – Bob Dixon, Financial Secretary – Mike Tiernan, Standing Committee Chairman – Thomas Wiegert, Marshal – Chris Frillman, Sentinel – John Sheahan Mailing Address: Ancient Order of Hibernians – Michael P. Keeley Division 1 St. Clair County, Illinois P.O. BOX 247 O'Fallon, Illinois 62269, Meeting Location: Knights of Columbus Hall 402 E. Hwy 50 O'Fallon II. 62269 - Meeting 2nd Wednesday each month 7:30 PM