



Michael P. Keeley DIVISION 1 ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS <http://www.aohill.org>

The AOH is the oldest Catholic lay organization in America it is dedicated to Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

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**03 JULY 2015**

**Wednesday 08 JULY 2015, 7:30 P.M.** O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Hall Dinner will be served and beverages provided.

♣ Thank you to all the volunteers, and golfers, which supported the Irish Open. A, most special thank you to Bob Simpson, for his work setting this up, and running it. The event was very successful and Bob will give an update at the meeting.

♣ Congratulations to the Illinois State Board Raffle winners from our Division's ticket sales: May, Mike Tiernan and Alison Mussel, \$50 each; June, Vicky Sullivan and Cecilia Holzmeier, \$50 each. The raffle drawings continue thru September.

### Some key July events in Irish History

- 1, 1681 - Saint Oliver Plunkett hung, drawn, and quartered in England.
- 1, 1690 - Battle of the Boyne.
- 3, 1918 - Sinn Fein party banned by British government.
- 4, 1605 - Proclamation forcing all Irish to attend services of the established church; Catholic priest ordered out of Ireland by December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 4, 1776 - A cannon at Elizabethtown, N.J., under the command of Irish-born Capt. Daniel Neil, fires first shot at the British after the Declaration of Independence.
- 12, 1922 - Michael Collins named head of Free State army with rank of general.

### FUTURE EVENTS-GENERAL INFORMATION

♣ **State convention September 19, 2015** Peoria Illinois, - The State Convention will be held in Peoria the Peoria Marriott – Pere Marquette Hotel on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Rooms are \$109 plus tax. At the meeting, our Division will have 4 votes plus the President and the State Vice-President (Bob Simpson). We hope Bob Simpson will run for State President. Please let us know at the meeting or by email if you are able to attend. A brief synopsis: Friday evening: free admission and drink ticket to Oktoberfest on the Riverfront sponsored by the Peoria AOH Division. On Saturday morning, meeting with a break for lunch; followed by Mass, and the banquet. More details in the attached flyer.

♣ Mike Lenz and Jim Kelley are working on a possible bowling event for September, more details to follow.

♣ Mid-October or mid-November, we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Memorial Mass followed by dinner for our deceased brothers and deceased members of the LAOH. If you would like to recommend a parish and/or restaurant for the evening, please let Mike Tiernan or Pat Hume know.

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