



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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06 November 2015

Wednesday 11 November 2015, 7:30 P.M.
O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Hall Dinner and beverages provided.

NOTE: Sashes are missing - if anyone has one return it, or call Bob Simpson at 618-233-0032.

♣ **Illinois State Board Raffle tickets** are available for the upcoming 2016 season. Tickets drawings start January 2016; and are available at the meeting or please call Mike Tiernan at 980-3883 or Pat Hume at 334-2148. Tickets are \$10 each. Only 1,000 tickets are available for sale. Monthly prizes are one \$200 and five \$50 winners. If we sell all 260 of our tickets, our division will make \$598. Remember the tickets we do not sell - we as an organization must buy. The cost for those tickets will come out of our operational funds and as such, could have a negative impact to contributions at the end of the year. Like all organizations, operational costs are a continual issue and are rising each year. Only **your full** participation in fundraisers like this can help offset those expenses. We can defray some expenses to our organization from internal operations, but fees, and other incidental cost passed down to us from the State or National Offices are not deferrable.

♣ **Wake Service** was held on 28 October 2015 Wednesday, for brother William E. McGeehon, Born: November 07, 1927 Died: October 24, 2015, the service was held at St. Nicholas Catholic Church O'Fallon Illinois. We wish to thank those brothers who participated in the wake service for brother McGeehon.

♣ **Annual Memorial Mass** - Our second annual Memorial Mass for Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Lady's Ancient Order of Hibernians deceased members will be held on Saturday, **November 7th at 5P.M.** at St. Nicholas Church in O'Fallon. Dinner will follow the Mass at the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Hall, like last year. Donations to help defray the cost of the dinner will be accepted but not required. Bar will be pay as you go. At last year's event, the LAOH members greatly outnumbered the AOH members attending. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Mass and dinner this year. Address: (St. Nicholas Church 625 St. Nicholas Dr. O'Fallon IL.)

FUTURE EVENTS-GENERAL INFORMATION

☺ **DECEMBER Meeting** – Please remember at our December meeting we will determine to which charitable organizations we contribute to this year, those organizations selected to receive a donation will receive it in January 2016. Please remember we will be enjoying our **Annual Christmas Dinner** at December meeting. In addition, let us not forget about our ten (10) club we will be taking donation for it at both November and December meeting - be sure to check with Mike Burke.

♣ **Global Irish Design Challenge:** The Minister for Business and Employment, Ged Nash TD, officially launched the Global Irish Design Challenge as part of Irish Design 2015 (ID2015) on 9th of September. The Global Irish Design Challenge invites designers of Irish lineage, or those with a strong affiliation to Ireland, to present products, projects and concepts that have the potential to revolutionize the way we live. The challenge aims to celebrate and provide a platform for game-changing Irish design innovation, while activating and connecting a broad global network of design talent. It offers a unique opportunity to bring visibility to the exceptional levels of design and innovation taking place across the globe.

Goto: <http://globalirish.irishdesign2015.ie> online entry for the Global Irish Design Challenge it runs until 30 November 2015.

Some key events/facts in Irish History

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip visited Ireland in May 2011, the first British monarch to visit Ireland since George V exactly one hundred years before in 1911!

Leprechaun means "Artisan of the Brogue" or Shoe Maker

Ireland is a nation of horse lovers! There are 26 racecourses in Ireland, 24 in the Republic and 2 in Northern Ireland

OFFICERS: President – Mike Tiernan, Vice President – Patrick Hume, Recording Secretary – Dr. John Bechtoldt,
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