



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.

**Slainte**  
09 October 2015

**Wednesday 14 October 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** will be available for the upcoming 2016 season. Tickets drawings will start in January and tickets will be available at the meeting or please call Mike Tiernan at 980-3883 or Pat Hume at 334-2148. Because the tickets are numbered and we must account for each one, we cannot do a mass mailing. Tickets are \$10 each again with only 1,000 being sold. Monthly prizes are one \$200 and five \$50 winners. If we sell all 260 of our tickets, our division will make \$598.

♣ **Name badges** have come in for those who placed orders: Gary Mackin, Kevin Sheehan, Jerry Costello, Chris Frillman, John Bechtoldt, John Sheehan, Ken Kenney, Tom Sullivan and Bruce Cullen. Cost \$8.50 pick-up at the stated monthly meeting.

### **FUTURE EVENTS-GENERAL INFORMATION**

♣ **Annual Memorial Mass - November 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday**, Our second annual Memorial Mass for AOH and LAOH deceased members will be on Saturday, November 7th at 5P.M. at St Nicholas Church in O'Fallon. The Mass will be followed by dinner at the O'Fallon K of C 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 on coming to the Mass and dinner this year.

♣ **State convention**, 2015 Peoria Illinois, - The State Convention held in Peoria where our very own Bob Simpson was elected State President. Friday evening saw a bit of rain and very few attended the Oktoberfest on the Riverfront, but a trip to the nearby Irish pub made up for it. Saturday morning, discussions concerning state business with a break for lunch; then nominations for and election of state officer followed by Mass, and the banquet. The first Illinois State Board Raffle concluded in September and was a success for both the Board and our members. Our division had **18** of the 72 winners with prize money totaling \$1,350.

♣ **Bowling Fundraiser** – A big Thanks Mike Lenz and Jim Kelley and all who participated and/or helped with the Half-Way to St Patty's Day Bowling Tournament. Everyone did a bang up job on the bowling event on 25 September, this was a memorable event, and hope-fully, it will lead to it being an annual fundraiser even though we were short of bowling teams. Those who did not attend you missed a very good evening of comradeship.

♣ **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**

Irish legend credits St Patrick with the Celtic Cross. It is believed he combined the pagan sun god (the circle) with a traditional Christian cross to create a Celtic cross.

The Celtic Trinity Knot symbolizes the 'Trinity' and represents the three forms of God as a single being. God the father, his son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

**James Gamble** (1803–1891), soapmaker, industrialist and co-founder of the Procter & Gamble Company. He was born in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

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