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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

Scheduled Events - ALL DATES, TIME & INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

September

The Soup Bus went out September 10th Tuesday – Soup bus departed from: Holy Cross Cemetery, 9409 Holy Cross Rd., Fairview Heights, Illinois; Approximate Time: 4:30 PM. We had plenty of Helpers. Thank you. For the first time in a good while we ran out of food, and this time one 9-year-old had finished eating, he asked was there anything he could help with.

AOH Illinois State Convention is September 13th and 14th at the Hyatt Place Hotel Chicago O'Hare, Rosemont, IL. For all who attended we wish to say thanks and speaking for myself it was an enjoyable stay and we all had a good time. Renewed old friendships and make a few more. Business meeting covered numerous issues, concerning recruitment, automation at the national level, Project St. Patrick, Label program, and Freedom for Ireland Christmas appeal and the upcoming National convention in July of 2020 Orland FL. Additionally, it was suggested that we all get to know our congressmen and women and on issues of Irish immigration and other pertinent issue contact those government representatives when it is called for to express our concern over how our government is addressing those issue. Regarding our Church, it is true our church is riddled with abuse, but we need to all be more supportive of the church, especially the 99% of priest that need of our support. Mike McAnally spoke on the issue of recognizing our veterans within each division. Sean O'Dowd was elected as our new State President. Our very own Bob Simpson was honored as retiring State President and was recognized by all as to his contributions to the order.

Halfway to St. Pats day bowling event. St. Clair bowl Friday 20 September 2019 7 P.M., I understand the event was a great success and I'm sorry that I could not be in attendance this year. As I was returning from Chicago where we saw the S. Louis Cardinal beat the Cubs. Mike Lenz wishes to extend a thank you for all who contributed to and attended in make this event a success. Additionally, the present line of Officer wishes to extend a thank you to all involved.

OCTOBER

Cathedral Food Truck Fest. 4th Annual Saturday 5 October 2019 4-9 P.M. Mass at 4 P.M. 200 West Harrison St. Belleville, IL. Join us for great food and a Classic Car Cruise In! \$10 per car for Cruise In. No coolers or pets please. For more information, call 618.234.1166.

Cathedral Red Mass 11 October 2019 at 0745 His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton PH.D., S.T.D. Bishop of Belleville and Chief Judge Andrew J. Gleeson, would like to invite members of our organization to attend this Mass. This Mass is held at the beginning of the judicial year asking for divine guidance. Mass begins with a procession led by Bishop Braxton, Chief Judge Gleeson and judges in robes. Reception to follow in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. I will be there by 0730 at the Cathedrals main entrance hope to see you there.

AOH State Board Raffle Drawing for September we had 2 members, (Dr. John Bechtoldt and Charlie Smith) win \$50.00 each. Congratulation.

The 2020 State Board Raffles tickets will be available at the monthly meeting please consider purchasing, not only do you then have a chance to win but our organization receives a portion of each ticket sold. Thank you for your continually support.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Sign up sheets for our upcoming Christmas dinner will be available at the meeting consider attending everyone will have a good time.

NOVEMBER

Big Daddy's 618 Ancient Order of Hibernians Fund Raiser Saturday 9 November 2019 6-9 P.M.
- **Fish fry buffet - Open Bar - Music** \$50 donation for Big Fun and Great Cause! We will benefit greatly from this action/event. Consider attending to show your support for our organization. Any question can be directed to Chuck Hickey @ 618.541.8991.

OFFICERS: President – Mike Tiernan, Vice President – Carl Thunell, Recording Secretary – Dr. John Bechtoldt, Treasurer – Bob Dixon
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