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MICHAEL P. KEELEY DIVISION 1 ST. CLAIR COUNTY ILLINOIS

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Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each Month, Time 7:00 P.M. **except for JULY**  
O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239, 402 E. Hwy 50 - dinner and beverages provided.

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**REMEMBER MEETING TIME NOW 7 P.M.**

To increase attendance at our monthly meeting we will draw a member's number, if it is your number we will pay your dues, or reimburse you your dues for 2023, if already paid; you MUST BE at the meeting to be a winner.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS ALL DATES, TIMES, and INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## September

### AOH State Raffle tickets

Illinois AOH State raffle tickets are available at our monthly meeting. Tickets cost \$10 each. Our division gets a rebate of \$2.30 for each ticket we sell provided we sell our allotment of 250 tickets. What tickets we do not sell we have to buy out of our funds, which can have an impact on the monies available for charitable relief. Total payout of \$5,400; annually, begin January 2024 run through December 2024. Prizes awarded are (1) \$200 and (5) \$50 a month.

### AOH State Convention

Myself, Mike McAnally, Don Gravlin, Past president's Mike Tiernan and Bob Simpson, attended this year's convention in Chicago Illinois, I have not received a copy of minutes taken at the meeting, and only say it was attended by a smaller group of members across the state than have in the past years. Discussions revolved around trying to draw in new members, discussion at meeting should be informative and directed to try and enlist more members participation in various action committees, some of which are the (Hibernian hunger, Charities and Missions, Organizer, Political Education, Pro-Life), to name a few, There was an expressed concern that many divisions are not providing complete information on members such as birth dates, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses, simply put, not providing updated information to the national office. Information about the upcoming National Convention to be held in Orlando Florida in 2024, was briefly discussed.

## October

### Charitable Contributions

We approved at our September meeting the new procedures for alignment of contributions to our charitable organizations this year. This is an attempt to align monetary contributions from us to those organizations who need it most within our area. I will send the list out in my November newsletter; we will vote on that finalized list from, at our November meeting no change to that finalized list will be accepted. If you have concerns about charities that have been and or on our list - Please try to attend this month's meeting. You will be given an opportunity to express yourself.

### Office Nominations

Reminder: December this year we hold a nomination and election of officers, if you wish to be considered for one of the following positions: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committee Chairman, Marshall, or Sentinel, please contact Pat Hickey, at 618-257-2145 or Bob Simpson, at 618-795-2029. You can request to be considered for any position regardless of if that position is occupied or not. Term of office is either (1) – two-year term or (2) – two-year terms), as such that requires a nomination, and election of office to take place every 2 years. The nomination and elections take place in December of Odd numbered years, and Installation occurs in Even number of Years. A non-formal installation occurs at the end of the first two-year term just before you begin your 2<sup>nd</sup> term in our office; At that Officers are required to reaffirm their allegiance to their Office and to the Division. A Formal installation occurs at the end of our four years and just prior to the beginning of a completely new cycle (4-year commitment) term session.

### Hibernian Hunger Food Drive

When attending the next three months meeting, (October, November, and December) I want to start a food drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, beginning with the October meeting. As such I request that each member bring food items (canned or boxed) no glass to the meeting. I will collect what every is donated at those meeting and will deliver to St. Vincent DePaul Society after our meeting in December. Thank You

**Votive – Red Mass** If I receive any information regarding the Red Mass, I will immediately pass it on to the membership.

## 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

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