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<u>Division 1 Monthly Meeting</u> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and <u>St. James the Greater Church</u> – 8:15 pm

#### **Special Events Committee Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> Wed – Parade, Emerald Ball, Irish Country Fair etc

Goff Mall American Legion 101 - 7:00 pm

#### AOH National Convention - Albany, NY

July 9 – 12, 2012 Click for Details



### President's Podium

Brothers

Finally getting caught up after a busy March and launching the Hibernian Fianna hurling team. Since I missed the March podium, I'll just make sure this one is extra long to make up for it. So, if you're in a hurry, best put this down and come back to it later...

First off, thanks to all the Division 1 members who volunteered for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a challenging event this year (competing with downtown, a huge crowd, pouring rain at the end of the parade) but, once again, it was pulled off successfully. The parade requires lots of volunteers and I'm proud to say that Division 1 supplied the vast majority again...we couldn't do it without you guys!

The Hoses, Handcuffs & Hardhats event was another huge success! (See Jim, I remembered to add the Hardhats). Electrician's Hall was packed (Standing Room Only) for the second year in a row. Lots of food, drink and music kept the crowd lively even if they had no place to sit. Hats (hardhats?) off to Jim Wahl for putting this fundraiser together...it takes a lot of work.

The latest Texas Hold 'Em tournament fundraiser blew the rest out of the water. We had a full house of players (90+) and plenty of volunteers to pull off a huge success! However, we still need a Hibernian to win this thing...c'mon, start practicing. The next one will be held in the fall (date to be announced). Thanks to our resident gambler, Sean Carmody, for developing and organizing these tourneys.

Despite some worries, the weather co-operated for the annual Easter Uprising Commemoration at Calvary Cemetery. Multiple speakers discussed the specific contributions of many of the key Nationalists. Attendance continues to rise every year and I encourage everyone to make this event next time. It is an important historical reminder and an impressive setting. Thanks to VP Connor Adams for organizing this event (with the added touch of live music).

Hurling season has begun. The AOH Fianna had a rough start (losing the first 3 games) but moved into the victory column this past week. Come out and support the team any week, but especially May 5th. That is when we will be having the Picnic at the Pitch (yeah, that's right...I'm giving it a name!). Previously known by the breath-robbing Hibernian Picnic at the Hurling Matches, this event is open to all Hibernians and their families. A tent will be set up at the field - St. Vincent Park on St. Charles Rock Road, just east of Pennsylvania Ave. (near Normandy Golf Course) and we will be serving free hot dogs and beverages (wink). Come out and enjoy the day with your brothers and take in an authentic Irish sport. The Picnic will start at 11:00am (time of the first match) and continue through the last (about 4:30pm) or until we run out of refreshments. There will be a small ceremony before the first match and the AOH will throw out the first sliothar (ball). Your very own Fianna face off with McGurk's in the second match at 12:30. We should also have the official Fianna t-shirts for sale at the tent (so bring an extra \$20 to support the cause!). You can always go to www.stlgac.com to check the schedule and see how the team is faring.

In March, the division added 1 new member: Jake Riley. We have purged the delinquent from the rolls for 2012 and that leaves us with 159 current members. For those of you who have not been able to make the meetings, the attendance has been strong (50 in January, 62 in February, 51 in March, 41 in April). It is great to see how many of our brothers are becoming truly active and not just paying dues. Remember, if you can't make the meetings, and want your picture on the site with the rest of the division, please e-mail a digital photo to Publicity Chairman/Webmaster Bill Burns (webmasteraoh@stlhibernians.com).

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Tim Kinealy President AOH – Fr. Tim Dempsey – Div. 1



Hoses, Handcuffs & Hardhats



The Parade - Grand Marshall Jackie Smith



Div 1 Beer Booth

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