



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



Division #1 - The Father Tim Dempsey Division – St. Louis, MO. www.stlhibernians.org
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Meetings / Events

Division 1 Monthly Meeting – 2nd Friday and [St. James the Greater Church](#) – 8:15 pm

NOTE: April meeting will be Fri April 17

Parade Committee Meeting – 1st Wed thru April
Goff Mall American Legion 101 – 6:00 pm

POLICE AND FIRE RECOGNITION – MARCH 12
Goff Mall American Legion 101, 6:00 PM, \$15

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – MARCH 14,
COTTLESVILLE, MO

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DOWNTOWN ST LOUIS

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE THE REAL PARADE –
MARCH 17 -

EASTER UPRISING REMEMBRANCE – APRIL 26
CALVARY CEMETERY – ASSEMBLE 12:45 –
STOFFOFF 1:30 PM - MORE DETAILS TO COME FROM
[JIM OTTO](#) (314) 276-0833

Missouri River Irish Festival – St. Charles, MO
SEPT 18,19,20

Irish Country Fair, [St. James the Greater Church](#) on Tamm Ave – OCT 4, 2009

HEDGE ROW MASS, OCT 17, 2009

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed three new members into our Division at the Feb meeting. Welcome Jay Ryan, Joe Mayberry and Mike O'Hare

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Note that if you are receiving this newsletter in electronic format – you can click on the highlighted names (for e-mail) and websites to link to them directly. If you have an e-mail address and ARE NOT receiving this newsletter electronically – please send me your e-mail address by send an e-mail to Bill at mailto:web_lad@byrneclan.org



Brothers,



As the new president, let me introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. I joined the AOH in 2001 after meeting Tim Maxwell at the St. Patrick's Day parade. (Yes, if you're looking to blame someone, he's the guy.) I took my major degree in 2003 and served as Division Treasurer 2004-2008. I have been an active member of the Parade Committee for several years and currently serve as it's Security Committee Chairman. I try my best to get to know everyone (usually for several hours at Seamus McDaniel's after the meeting), but in a division as large as ours, that's not really possible. So, please let me know if you have anything you'd like to see happen with the division.

Well, we're off to a flying start for the year and have several new things in the works. We have gained control of all of our financial accounts (thanks to Don Fitzgerald) and our website (thanks to Bill Burns). This gives us the freedom to do some things we couldn't in the past. The Financial Committee (chaired by Don) will be meeting each month to determine which projects/requests for donations will be brought to the division meeting for vote. Please submit any charitable donation requests to Ed Magee (Chairman, Charities & Missions Committee) and he will present them to the Financial Committee. Any ideas for investments, purchases, etc. should be submitted to Don. Bill is in the process of updating our website and making general upgrades, so you will already see changes. This process will be ongoing, as our plan is still being developed, so please be patient.

We have also formed an Employment Committee. This is a nationally-chartered committee which, in the early days of the AOH, assisted new Irish immigrants in finding work. In today's economic climate, it was an appropriate time to form our committee to help brothers who are looking for work. John Gilmore is the committee chairman, but, please don't expect him to be a headhunting service for you. This committee will be what YOU make of it. John needs to hear from those looking for work and, more importantly, from those who know of companies that are hiring or individuals who need work done. He can be e-mailed at celticjobs@gmail.com.

In the spirit of promoting Irish culture (and, possibly, recruiting some younger members), we have entered into a sponsorship agreement with the St. Louis Gaelic Athletic Club. During their hurling season (March-June), our logo will be displayed on the sleeves of all 6 hurling teams in the league. We will be trying to set up a recruiting event for potential new members during one of the match days (3 matches every Saturday, starting March 28th). There will be further information at the next meeting. But if you would like to try a new sport (hurling or gaelic football), please consider joining the GAC. Their website is <http://www.stlgac.com/>.

We are also upgrading our float for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dogtown and have purchased new banners proclaiming our division's founding in 1948. We are looking to stock the float with some actual Division 1 members this year, so come down and ride in the parade if you have the day off. Please contact Sean Carmody at ndsean10@yahoo.com for more information.

In February, we welcomed 3 new members bringing our total to 121. While this is a healthy number, we are always on the search for new, active members. To this end, we will be trying to get more social/recruiting events scheduled this year. Sean Carmody (Organizer) and Matt

Vineyard (Vice-President, Chairman of Social Committee) will be driving this effort while drawing on the experience of Past President Jim Otto.

Don't expect all future President's Podiums to be this long, but we really do have a lot happening. Hopefully, we can harness some energy from the new officers and committee chairs, but we all must help keep up the momentum.

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

Pay Your Dues

Your 2009 dues are now due. The amount is - \$36.00 – mail your check payable to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and mail to the **new** central mailbox:

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Attn: Financial Secretary
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Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra

Cathedral Basilica (4431 Lindell) at 8:00PM Thursday, March 5. Ireland's premier touring Philharmonic Orchestra, present world-class performances of both traditional classical music repertoire and innovative contemporary Irish symphonic music. For more information, call: Ms. Ruth Ferris, at 314-533-7662

The 12th TIONOL is scheduled for the weekend of April 3, 4, 5. We have some great musicians coming from Ireland and are looking forward to a great weekend. Each year we bring some of the very best traditional Irish musicians and singers to Saint Louis in what is now the largest weekend event of its kind in the world. One change, our Saturday concert will be at the Union Ave. Opera House on Union Ave immediately north of Delmar. There is a lighted and secure parking lot for those attending the concert. AOH members can contact Mike Mullins directly and receive a 20% discount on the regular weekend fee or, on concert tickets for Saturday night. Their web site is www.tionol.org and Mike can be reached at 636-926-9192 or by email at mmullins@tionol.org.

Remember Tune in to Irish music on Sunday afternoons on: 'Ireland in America' KDHX Radio (88.1 FM) from 1:30 to 3:00 pm

2009 ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

For more information contact: Jim Mohan, Cell: 314-440-1332, Pager 1-877-532-1731

A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH!

St. Louis--There will be plenty of music, marchers, and lots and lots of green at the 26th annual Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Tuesday, March 17. The big annual Irish event kicks off at 12:30 p.m. on the saint's feast day, in one of St. Louis' oldest Irish neighborhoods.



Over 100 units will be parading including the McBride Alumni and the St. Mary's High School Marching Band. There will also be floats galore featuring Irish dancing and salutes to Irish history and culture from the Mayer and O'Faolain schools of Irish Dance, St. James the Greater Catholic Church and the St. Louis Gaelic Athletics Club. Leading off the parade will be the Ancient Order of Hibernians Irish War Pipers. Following them will be the AOH Honor Guard carrying flags from Irish history.

Like traditional parades held in the Emerald Isle on Saint Patrick's feast day, a good portion of St. Louis' Irish American community are marching as clans under their family crests and banners including the Murphys, the Riordans, the McDermotts and the Doughertys among others.

Prizes are given for Best Float, Best Irish Heritage theme, Best Family Clan and Best Hibernian

Float. The AOH is also sponsoring a contest for the best decorated house on the parade route (Tamm Avenue).

The 2009 AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal is Fr Jim Byrnes, selected by parade organizers in recognition of his many years of service to the Catholic community and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Father Byrnes in addition to serving as pastor to a number of St. Louis parishes, has served as director of Catholic Deaf Ministry, which ministers to the deaf and hard of hearing of the St. Louis community. He also has been heavily involved in the Life Teen Program, developing the St. Louis program into one of the largest in Missouri. He currently serves as chaplain of the Father Tim Dempsey AOH Division 1 and as the State AOH Chaplain of Missouri.



Father Byrnes said he was humbled by his selection. "I am truly honored and grateful at this time of my priesthood to be recognized for my humble service to the Hibernians" he said. "My hope is the same as the AOH brothers and LAOH sisters who serve on the parade committee, namely to continue to provide a fun, family friendly event in which everyone can honor Saint Patrick, the glorious apostle of Ireland, and the contributions of both Irish and Irish-Americans have made throughout the years."

As in previous years St. Louis area firefighters and law enforcement officers will be recognized during the Hibernian parade. The 2008 distinguished honorees are Lt. James Whyte of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis County Patrolman Jacob Maechling, St. Louis City Firefighter Leo Kuehner, St. Louis County Fire Chief Chuck Coyne. Also being honored are labor leader Dick Kellett, of Pipe Fitters Local 562, and civic leader Lou Hamilton, of Hamilton and Associates.

The AOH parades passes through one of St. Louis' oldest Irish neighborhoods in the Clayton/Tamm (Dogtown) area of the city on the south side. Due to construction on I-64 (Hwy 40), the route of the parade has been modified this year. Parade units will assemble on the north side of Oakland Ave. on the east and west sides of Tamm Ave. The units will travel south on Tamm Avenue, past historic St. James the Greater Catholic Church, and disperse at Manchester Avenue.

The parade, sponsored by the St. Louis City and County Boards of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, was created in 1984 to highlight the many contributions of the Irish people to America.

Also in the interest of public safety, all glass containers will be banned. Police officials will ticket illegally parked vehicles and also will be checking for underage drinking in the Clayton-Tamm area. All business establishments in the neighborhood will close at 8:00 p.m.