

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

May 2010

# **Chapter Information**

President	<u>Tim Kinealy</u>
	Matt Vineyard
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	Roy Shoemaker
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## **Committee Chairs**

St Patrick's Day Parade	e <u>Mike Brassil</u>
Emerald Ball	Pat Maloney
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Organizer	<u>Sean Carmody</u>
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#### Meetings / Events

(see website <u>calendar</u> for a more complete listing)

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

NOTE: July 2010 meeting moved to Friday July 16 due to conflict with National Convention

<u>Special Events Committee Meeting</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Wed – Parade, Emerald Ball, Irish Country Fair etc Goff Mall American Legion 101–7:00 pm

95<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention July 7 thru July 11, 2010. A sizable St Louis contingent will be attending. We have a bus going to the convention in Cincinnati Contact Bob Gates or Jim Wahl to reserve a spot on the bus. You can make your reservations for the convention and rooms on the national website http://www.hibernians2010.com/register.html

#### President's Podium Brothers.



Currently, we're focusing our efforts on making a good showing at the AOH National Convention in Cincinnati, OH. Thanks to the efforts of many, but led by Jim Wahl, we are working to get the 2014 convention in St. Louis. I strongly encourage anyone who can to go to the convention. We will need your assistance in the hospitality suite, canvassing for votes and just generally winning everyone over with your wonderful personality (well, most of you...some of you...ah, you get the picture).

On to the business at hand...

The annual Easter Uprising Remembrance was cancelled due to a sudden, severe storm. Apologies to all who planned to attend, but this just gives us incentive to make next year's event even better.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hibernian Picnic at the Hurling Matches was held Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Vincent Park. It, too, was a soggy affair with rain on and off (mostly on) for the entire day. We didn't get too many Hibernians in attendance, but thanks to Sean Carmody, Roy Shoemaker, Mark Petty and LAOH members Mary Margaret Petty and Carrie Kinealy, we served up over 160 hot dogs and 150 beverages to the STL-GAC members and their families. In addition to the above mentioned Hibernians, I remember seeing Pat Maloney, Mike Wightman and Mike Berra, as well as all the AOH members who are in the GAC (Connor Adams, Joe Byrne, Paul Rohde, Joe Kinealy). I do have one bone to pick with the opposing team (Blackthorn)...couldn't my team win a game on the day of the picnic for a change? Oh well, maybe the third time's the charm (2011).

Organizer Sean Carmody has finalized the date for the first AOH Texas Hold 'Em tournament. It will be held on July 24<sup>th</sup> at St. James. Check the events page for more details. This will be our first event after the convention, so we will have a chance (hopefully) to celebrate our choice as host of the 2014 Convention. Let's make this a sold-out affair...this will be a great event for our younger members who don't always enjoy the "intellectual debate" of the meetings.

We are looking into possibilities for the float for next year's parade. However, due to the amount of work necessary to refurbish the trailer, we are leaning towards just having marchers next year. If you want to voice an opinion, please come to the next meeting as we are in the process of finalizing our plans.

At the May meeting, Vice-President Matt Vineyard announced that he will be attending law school in the fall in New Orleans. While he still intends to organize the Trivia Night, he will have to step down as VP. We will accept nominations at the June meeting to fill this position and vote at the July meeting. We thank Matt for his service and wish him the best of luck at law school. I propose we honor his tradition by having his replacement show up 15 minutes late to his first meeting.

The division gained 2 new members in May: Tim Nolan & Patrick Murphy. Tim was a member for about 2 hours before he donated a Weber grill to the division for use at the AOH picnic, so be sure to thank him. We also re-instated former member Joe Kinealy (yes, another one). So far this year, we have added 18 new members which is a nearly 15% increase in membership. Thanks to all members, as you have done a terrific job of spreading the word of the AOH and it shows. This brings the membership rolls to 145, with online photos for 71 of us. 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 (web\_lad@byrneclan.org).

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





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