Division #1 - The Father Tim Dempsey Division — St. Louis, MO.

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Chapter Information

President	Tim Kinealy
Vice Pres	Matt Vineyard
Recording Secy	Mike Raftery
Financial Secy	Roy Shoemaker
Treasurer	Don Fitzgerald
	<u>Bill Brush</u>
Sentinel	Andy Vineyard
Chaplain	Fr. James J. Byrnes
Historian	Paul Winslow

Committee Chairs

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St Patrick's Day Parade	Mike Brassil
Emerald Ball	Pat Maloney
Standing Committee	<u>Jerry Ryan</u>
Social Committee	Matt Vineyard
Organizer	Sean Carmody
Freedom All Ireland	
Finance	Don Fitzgerald
Catholic Action	<u>Ed Magee</u>
Charities/Mission Fund	Ed Magee
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Mailing Address

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Meetings / Events

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

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

Speical Events Committee Meeting 1st Wed May thru Sep Goff Mall American Legion 101 – 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY – DIV 1 & 2, DECEMBER 11, 2009, 6:30 PM, and St. James the Greater Church

EMERALD BALL, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

<u>CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> DECEMBER 11 – 6:30 pm, St James the Greater

We ask that each family bring a "side dish" or desert All meats, cheeses, breads, and drinks(soda, beer and wine) shall be provided FOR THE DIVISIONS ATTENDING: There will be an Officers installation ceremony at 8:00 PM to swear in the incoming division officers

President's Podium



Brothers,

As we approach the holidays and the end of the year, I think it is a good time to look back on the accomplishments and changes of the past year within our division. We have really tried to make our division and the AOH more visible within the community and we have taken steps to consolidate the division

business.

- 1) We have taken control of and radically changed our division website. It is constantly updated and contains current events, history, political updates from Ireland and photos of many of the members. We are currently working on actually taking ownership of the domain name, which would be the last major step. Please take time at the Christmas party to thank Bill Burns for the huge amount of work he has put into the site.
- 2) We now have a division mailbox. This may seem like a small thing, but a large amount of mail has always been divided between the president, financial secretary, etc. and I know former division officers are still getting mail at their homes. The new mailbox helps us keep track of all correspondence and will expedite transition to new officers in the future.
- 3) We have gained control of division finances from all sources thanks to your Treasurer, Don Fitzgerald. Our funds will soon be re-invested and we will have a system in place for transition of control to new officers in the future.
- 4) We entered into a sponsorship of the STL-GAC hurling season and had our logo displayed on the uniforms of all 6 teams. In conjunction, we had our first Hibernian Picnic at the Hurling Matches and it was a success. It was good to get a purely social event for our members and their families.

There are still some key items on the list for next year, including finding consolidated storage space for division property and rework/relicensing of the division trailer. There has also been talk of organizing a blood drive. Hopefully, next year is even more successful. And, since we had our elections last meeting, it will be the current slate of officers continuing into next year with only one change. Your new sentinel is Jeff Gonder.

I hope to see you all at the AOH Christmas Party, which will be held Friday, Dec. 11th at St. James the Greater. While you are there, please congratulate your own Jerry Ryan and Sean Carmody who will be honored as the "Hibernian of the Year" and "Young Hibernian of the Year", respectively, at the Emerald Ball. Check the website for more details. Also, please note our new *Support our Sponsors* page on the website and check there for sponsors and Hibernian-owned businesses before purchasing goods or services.

Please note that volunteers are always needed to help with county-wide events and there is a meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Goff-Moll American Legion Post (2721 Collier Ave., near Brentwood & Manchester). These meetings are for planning of the Irish Country Fair, Emerald Ball and St. Patrick's Day Parade. All Hibernians are welcome.

Membership remains at 130 and we have on-line photos for 52 of them. Once again, if you can't make the meetings, but 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

Congressional Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs: This important committee is made up of 80 members, (both Republican and Democrat.) For over 30 years, they have been instrumental in advocating for peace with justice in Northeast Ireland. Two of our local representatives, Todd Akin and Russ Carnahan have received invitations to join this important committee. If you are in their districts, please give them a call at their local offices and urge them to join. Akin; 314 590-0029 and Carnahan; 314 962-1523. (Representative Clay is already a member) It is very important that we get more Congressmen from across the country to join. For more information, contact George Clough: 314 489-2213.

Donegal Ancestry? "Anyone with a family connection to the Co Donegal that would like to be part of a unit in the St. Patrick's Day parade please contact Dave Gallagher at 314-719-7600 or by email at: www.lrishwarpiper@aol.com

BE CONSIDERATE WITH YOUR E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Several members have been receiving e-mail blasts at their work e-mail address. They would like to be removed. In this section we will publish any e-mail addresses that members would like you to remove. If you have an e-mail address that you would like removed or changed CLICK here to e-mail me the information.



2014 National Convention - In St Louis -

An effort to bring the National AOH Convention to St. Louis in 2014 is being undertaken by a committee formed by Jim Wahl. It will be key to have as many from the St Louis Region to attend the 2010 convention in Cincinnati. St Louis has hosted the national convention in 1888, 1904 and 1960.

We place an advertisement in the President's Dinner ad book that was distributed on Oct 31 – it was linked to our web page