

Division #1-The Father Tim Dempsey Division – St. Louis, MO. <u>http://www.stlhibernians.com/</u>

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Chapter Information

President	<u>Tim Kinealy</u>
	Connor Adams
Recording Secy	Mike Raftery
	Mickey Jordan
Treasurer	Don Fitzgerald
Marshall	Bill Brush
Sentinel	Sean Adams
Chaplain	Fr. James J. Byrnes
Historian	Paul Winslow

Committee Chairs

<u>Jerry Ryan</u>
Pat Maloney
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Matt Vineyard
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Division 1 Monthly Meeting – 2nd Friday and <u>St. James the Greater Church</u> – 8:15 pm

Special Events Committee Meeting

1st Wed – Parade, Emerald Ball, Irish Country Fair etc Goff Mall American Legion 101 – 7:00 pm

Police and Firemen Awards Event

March 10, 2011 Electricians Hall –

St Patrick's Day Parade in Dogtown March 17, 2011

AOH/LAOH Missouri State Convention April 1-2, 2011 On-Line Details

President's Podium

Brothers,

Well, it's a new year and you kept me on as president...I'm truly beginning to fear for the overall intelligence level of the division. However, the quality of the rest of your elected officers may be able to carry me through. Please welcome the new officers, Connor Adams (elected Vice-President, after filling out Matt Vineyard's term last year), Mickey Jorden (Financial Secretary) and Sean Adams (Sentinel).

Welcome back returning officers Mike Raftery (Recording Secretary), Don Fitzgerald (Treasurer) and Bill Brush (Marshal). We are in the process of filling committee chairmanships...so stay tuned for those.

We made great strides in membership in 2010. After purging the rolls of non-payers, we ended the year with 152 members. The year began with 128, so membership increased by almost 19%. For anyone who has been in the division for more than a couple of years, you can really see the change in the attendance at meetings. Our goal should be to continue adding "active" members, and get a higher percentage of the membership involved in all meetings and events. Keep up the good work!

The AOH Regional Christmas Party was held at St. James the Greater on December 10th. It was a huge success and the largest in many years, with over 200 in attendance. Past-President Jim Otto did a great job organizing the event. Next time you see him, make sure you let him know how much you appreciate his efforts.

Hurling season is near, and the division will be sponsoring the league again. Practice begins Feb. 26th and games start March 26th. For all you younger, athletic-types, this is a fast-paced, physical game...you're not ready to commit completely to golf and bowling, are you? And if you want a chance to knock me into next week (you know you do...admit it!), you better get out there soon...I don't know how much longer the Ben-Gay and aspirin will keep me going. If you are not interested in playing, come out to watch this traditional Irish sport. Please visit <u>www.stlgac.com</u> for more information.

Your organizer, Sean Carmody, will need some assistance with our spring events...The next AOH Texas Hold 'em tourney will be held later in the spring, probably late March/early April. The annual Hibernian Picnic at the Hurling Matches will probably take place sometime in May (like previous years). The date will be set once the season schedule is posted. Spread the word and watch for dates to be posted on the website. Also, we want to get more active in supporting local charities, and have identified one in particular. I am not posting the name until we can get something set up...but we need volunteers. Donating money is great, but we need to be out in the community donating time. Please contact Sean (<u>ndsean10@yahoo.com</u>) if you are interested and we will get you up to speed on our plans.

Since this podium will probably be posted too late to advertise for the Emerald Ball (Feb. 5, 2011), we will give a report on it next month. There are a couple of other regional events coming up in conjunction with the very Irish month of March. On March 10th, the annual Police/Firefighter Recognition Night will be held at the Electrician's Hall on Elizabeth Ave. Note that this is a change as the event has outgrown the Goff-Moll American Legion Post. Note to Jim Wahl, this is a great event...but you really need to come up with a catchy name for it! (I'm sure I got it wrong.) Of course, the St. Patrick's Day parade will be held in Dogtown on March 17th. For those that don't know, the division no longer has a float. However, we will still have a marching unit in the parade and encourage (plead for) all members to come out and march in the parade with your brothers. (If you cannot get the day off, or are a parade worker, you have an excuse, but otherwise......)

We added 1 new member in September: Jerry Quinn (father of Mike Quinn). This brings us up to a total headcount of 153, and we even managed to take photos of Kerry Beirne and Ed Dermody (following a rare sighting). 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

PICTURES FROM THE 2011 EMERALD BALL



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