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Next Meeting — Friday, November 12 • 7:30 p.m.

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Division 1 Calendar of Events

All Saints Day *(pray for the departed at Holy Mass)*	November 1	
Shamrock Event	November 6	
AOH Executive Board Elections	November 12	
Poker Night	November 19	
Thanksgiving	November 26	
Advent	November 28	
Traditional Irish Music Seisiún	Sundays	1:30 p.m.

President's Message

Brothers,

We had a great turnout for the Communion Breakfast on October 10th. The Mass was well attended by members in Green Jackets. It was an inspiring service as well. The children in attendance came up to the altar area and were given a short Sunday school lesson. This was followed by an excellent talk on the origins of the Ancient Order of Hibernians by Brother Tommy Flynn. We were also treated to a lovely version of Our Lady of Knock by Sacred Heart's Peggy Nash.

This was followed by Breakfast back at the Hall. Thank you to Matt Walsh, Glenn Edmonds, John Kane and Dennis Browne for the cooking and shopping. We appreciate your time and effort as always.

Our speaker for the Breakfast was longtime Division 1 member Dennis Mulcahy. Dennis spoke about Project Children and Habitat for Humanity. For those of you who are not aware, Dennis was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work. We were honored to have him speak at our Breakfast. He is a man who truly lives the Hibernian motto.

We had our Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30th. We had a fine turnout and a ghoul time was had by all. A special thanks to Briege Debold for putting it all together.

At this month's meeting we will be electing our officers for 2011. We took nominations at the October meeting but anyone interested in running can still be considered for nomination at the November meeting. This is our division, we should all be participating to our fullest. If it is not possible to take a more active role at this time, please think about it for the future.

I sent a request via e-mail recently for donations of certain items that we would like to send to the Troops, mostly personal items and such. Please give what you can, it means a lot for the service people to know we are thinking of them. If you are not on the e-mail distribution list we will have the list at the Hall. And if you are not on the distribution list . . . Why not?

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on November 12th at 7:30 pm. Please remember to bring a food item for the Pantry and an item or two for the Troops.

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Irish Breakfast

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Food Bank Report – Brother Marty Hogan provided us with details about Our Father's Kitchen in Monroe is doing very well. At times, they have 60 people there for a meal and everyone is welcome to eat there. They accept volunteer workers, food donations, cash donations and drivers to help give rides to the needy. In August we donated $173 worth of food to the Food Bank and Our Father's Kitchen. In September, at their request, we donated 35 pounds of beef and $100 cash for a total of $198.

Goodwill & Welfare – please contact Brother Bob Burns or a member of the executive team and let your brothers know how you are doing and if you have any needs. Thank God, this month we didn't have any bad news to report. On another note, Brother Bob Burns will be our Aide to the Grand Marshall for the NYC parade in 2011. Congratulations Bob and thank you for your dedication.

Associate member (and great Division 1 supporter) Jon Cane and his wife Gail, (LAOH Div.5), became grandparents for the first time recently. Their daughter Melissa,(member of LAOH Div 5) and her husband, Tim Jones, who is a Marine, became the proud parents of baby Melinda. Tim just came back from his second tour overseas.

Pro-Life Report – Our division should have visibility within the Pro-Life community. As such we are asking for volunteers to help represent us at Orange County Right to Life events. Please contact TommyFlynn@optonline.net or wolfetone45211@yahoo.com to find out how you can perform a spiritual work of mercy for the unborn. We will also be asking for volunteers to travel to Washington, DC for a Rosary procession in January 2011. Please try and make time to make this trip.

Thomas J. Fleming Memorial Scholarship Fund – Brother Jim Kelly is now accepting applications from children of members who are in good standing to help with their college education. Please contact Jim so that he can explain the board's process for awarding the scholarships: airborne82@optonline.net

Participation – We need your help in building a division of the AOH that is full of life. We need members to schedule time to make the meetings and bring your friends to the meetings. We also need members to pay their 2011 dues as soon as possible. This will save the division time and money, so please show up at the November meeting and the December meeting to pay your 2011 dues. Meetings are important because they help us build friendship and unity and Christian Charity. Please contact us regarding the upcoming Shamrock Degree on November 6th. We have had a number of new members join this year, it is important for them to show up for this event. If you recently sponsored a new member, pick up the telephone and bring them on November 6th.

Elections for the 2011 executive board — nominations are now open and we are in need of volunteers to run for elected office or to chair a committee. Throw your hat in the ring and submit a letter of intent, we want to go into 2011 with great momentum. We need more members to participate in all aspects of a volunteer organization, even if that means attending 3 or 4 meetings each year.

Other Happenings

SUPERBOWL BOXES are on sale at the hall. Come down to watch some football games on our two new flat panel screen televisions.

Feel free to bring your instrument and participate in a **TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SEISIUN** every Sunday except the 2nd Sunday of the month.

IRELAND 32 fundraiser is back on so please participate in this crucial fundraiser. While you are at the hall enjoying the music and the football, pick up your Ireland 32 ticket(s). The early bird drawing is in December.

There will be a casual **POKER NIGHT** on Friday, November 19th, bring a couple of friends with you to enjoy a night out.

We are beginning to plan another **PUB QUIZ** in November or more likely December — plainly put, it is a fantastic way to have a night out.

We need participation in all of these events so thank you for your continued support.

Advent Season:

November 28th is the First Sunday of Advent which is the beginning of the Liturgical Year. It is also that period of the year during which the Church requires the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the feast of Christmas. The Church teaches that Prayer, Penance and Alms is a great way to prepare for the birth of Christ and so the color Purple is used in the Liturgy.

St. Andrew's Novena for Advent is an ancient prayer which is said 15 times each day; beginning on St. Andrew's Feast Day (Nov. 30) through Christmas.

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayers and grant my desires through the merits of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother. Amen.

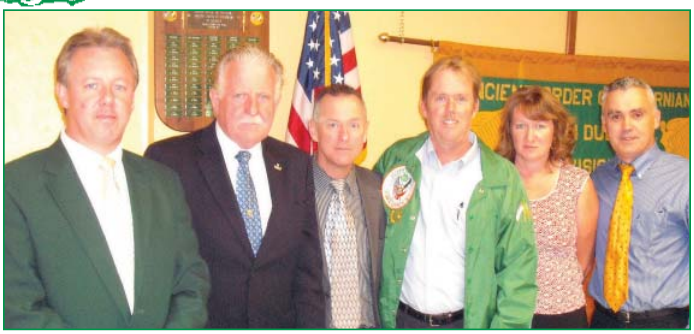
Thomas Fleming Memorial Scholarship Fund

Donations may be made directly to Leo O'Grady or the lounge committee. Checks should be made payable to the AOH. Any questions, call Jim Kelly at (845) 469-0063.

Communion Mass and Breakfast

Hibernians meet and greet before Holy Mass

John McCabe, Denis Mulcahy and John Ryan



Stephen O'Shea, President and founding member of St. Brendan's Gaelic Football Club; Denis Mulcahy, Guest Speaker, President and founding member of Project Chiildren; Tommy Flynn, Pro-Life Chairman; John O'Grady,Division 1 President; Gail Edmonds, President and founding member of LAOH Division 5; Brendan O'Dowd, Past President of Division 1 and MC.

Brothers:

Here is a thank you for the best Communion breakfast ever. Special thanks to the following: Jim Kelly for piping the Division into church; Tom Flynn for speaking to the congregation after Mass; Jerry Bannon for manning an information table after Mass; Father Argano, the celebrant.

On to the hall for the breakfast: Bill O'Donnell at the door greeting people; Dennis Browne, Matt Walsh ,Glenn Edmonds, and Jon Kane for a great Irish breakfast; Denis Mulcahy who was our guest speaker who spoke about Project Children and Habitat for Humanity; President John O'Grady and Brendan O'Dowd for being emcees.

If I've forgotten anybody, I apologize. I put this together by speaking to brothers since I could not be there.

Mostly thanks to all who attended. We now have a new chairman for the Communion breakfast, our vice president, Keith Reynolds.

I will assist him for the Mass/ Breakfast of 2011 and Joseph Duelk Memorial Mass in June. Since 1981 I have chaired this event and I thank you for your support over the years.

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