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Next Meeting — Friday, January 14th • 7:30 p.m.

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DIVISION I CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Driver's Education Course.....	Thursday, January 13th 9 AM
Poker Night Seven Card Stud	—————Saturday January 29th 7 PM
Adult Celli Dancing—————	Monday's 7 PM
Pipe Band Practice.....	Wednesdays' 7 PM
Youth Step Dancing	Thursdays' 5 PM
Members Social Night.....	Friday's 7 PM
Traditional Irish Music Seisiún	Sunday's 1:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Brothers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and I wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year.

Now we are ready to start the Saint Patrick’s Day season. It was my pleasure to accompany the Orange County Aide to the Grand Marshal, Robert Burns to the Meet the Grand Marshal event at the New York Athletic Club. Mary Higgins Clark gave a nice speech and will do an excellent job as the Grand Marshal. This year will be the 250th anniversary for the Parade. Make your plans early to get the day off and join us at the Parade this year. It is a great feeling walking up 5th Ave. with the contingent that once again was chosen as the Best AOH marching unit.

We had our installation of Officers for the 2011 Board at the December 10th meeting. Brother Jim Kelly presided over the ceremony and our thanks go out to him for assisting us that night. The Board for 2011 will be John O’Grady- President ; Keith Reynolds-Vice-President; Neil O’Riordan –Recording Secretary; Ed Dennehy – Treasurer; Mike Carroll – Financial Secretary; Bill O’Donnell – Standing Committee; Tom McCarthy – Marshal; Tim Curtin – Sentinel. I am looking forward to working with them for the year.

The Annual Kid’s Christmas Party was held on December 19th and although Santa was saddened by a Giant debacle he was able to muster several Ho Ho Ho’s and the children had a grand time. We also had the Early Bird drawing for Ireland’s 32. Please get your tickets paid for as soon as possible and if you are looking for tickets contact Bill O’Donnell to be placed on the waiting list.

We will be hosting a 7 Card Stud fund-raiser on Saturday January 29th at 7:30 PM at the Hall so why not come out and see if you get lucky.

While we look forward o the coming year we also need to remember our members who passed away over the course of 2010. Brothers William F. Neilan(4/13), Gerald V. Conlon(7/6) and long-time member Gregory F. Early(11/25). Remember them in your prayers and all of our Family and Friends that passed over the past year. Our next meeting will be Friday January 14th at 7:30 PM. Remember to bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank, or a new member, but most of all yourself. I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

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CATHOLIC ACTION —

March For Life is an annual pro-life rally protesting abortion held in Washington DC. On the anniversary of the decision in the United States Supreme Court case Rose V. Wade. Many marchers also protest the use of euthanasia. The MARCH for LIFE proceedings begin around noon. They typically consist of a rally at the National Mall near Fourth Street. It is followed by a march which travels down Constitution Avenue and ends at the steps to the Supreme Court, where another rally is held. Many protesters start the day by delivering roses and lobbying their Congressmen. This year the MARCH FOR LIFE is Monday January 24th buses will be leaving from Sacred Heart in Monroe and St. Johns in Goshen. For more information click on the web link. <http://marchforlife.org/>

GOODWILL & WELFARE — Bob Burns reports that Brother John Rudden fell at home breaking three vertebrae in his spine. Brother Don Higgins brother Arthur has been very sick, Brother Bill Tully's wife Barbara passed away, Brother Leo O'Grady's brother in-law Joseph R McClain passed away, Brother Tommy Flynn's mother in-law Catherine Patterson passed away, Brother Matthew Walsh's mother Margaret Ann Walsh passed away. and Brother Glen Edmonds's mother Josephine passed away please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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 wolfe-tone45211@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 Monday January 24th.

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 January meeting to pay your 2011 dues. Meetings are important because they help us build friendship and unity and Christian Charity.

SUPER BOWL BOXES are on sale at the hall, come down to watch some football games on our two new flat panel screen televisions.

Drivers Education Course

Brother Steve Gibbons will be hosting a AARP drivers education course Thursday morning January 13th at 9AM at Paddy Naughton hall

Come out meet some friends and get up to 10% of your insurance and reduce points off your drivers license. The cost is \$14, if you are an AARP member cost will be only \$12 dollars.

Please pay by check only made out to AARP. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact brother Steve Gibbons at 845-726-0855 or gibbons75@gmail.com

Cahal Dune Concert:

The division would like to thank Ed Dennehy and Brian Reynolds who had Cahal Dunne perform at the hall Sunday December 5th. They brought in a fabulous entertainer who had the crowd on their feet. Which is why he was brought in, the adult Celli Dancing Class is trying to raise money to put a hard wood floor down in the hall for dancing. Join Ed and Brian every Monday night for Celli Dancing at the hall at 7 PM.



SUPERBOWL SUNDAY:

The Superbowl this year is Sunday February 6th at 6:30 PM

Superbowl boxes are available at the hall and as usual a great party will be held at the hall. Come on out and cheer on your team.

FOOD BANK REPORT:

Please remember to bring non-perishable goods to the hall for the Food Bank, Marty Hogan is doing a wonderful job representing our organization., *OUR FATHER'S KITCHEN* in Monroe is looking for volunteers to drive people to the kitchen on Wednesdays for dinner.

2011 Dues are due this January. Dues are \$40 please fill out the enclosed form and mail it back as quick as possible as we must pay the State and National dues for you. Don't forget to update your information especially email address as this how we inform you of events and emergencies. If you would like to save the division money and the plant some tree's opt to have the newsletter emailed to you. This way you can read it on your computer, i-phone, i-pad or cell phone anywhere in the world.

St. Brigid of Ireland

Patron of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians February 1 is the feast of St. Brigid of Ireland, often called Mary of the Gael. Her feast day is one of the official holy days of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. Hibernians throughout the country gather annually for celebrations in her honor. St. Brigid's life was a remarkable one, next to St. Patrick she is the most revered saint in all of Ireland.

Brigid was born in a society ruled by the old Gaelic Order and the Druidic religion. St. Patrick had already reached Ireland, and was in the process of changing all that, but though his message had reached the court of Dubhtach, the powerful Leinster Chieftain held firm to the old religion. In his religion, one of the most powerful Goddesses was Brid or Brigid, the Goddess of Fire whose manifestations were song and poetry, which the Celts considered the flame of knowledge. Her feast day was the first festival of the year and was held on February 1. It was the beginning of Spring; the working season for farmers and fishermen, and a time of husbanding of animals, and the Celts called on Brid to bless their work, and bonfires were lit in her honor. Brigid grew in beauty, and her love for all of God's creatures knew no bounds. Even as a young girl Brigid evinced an interest for a religious life and took the veil in her youth from St. Macaille at Croghan and probably was professed by St. Mel of Armagh, who is believed to have conferred abbotial authority on her. Needing a place to establish the first community of religious women in Ireland, Brigid settled on Kildare, and about the year 470 she founded a double monastery at Cill-Dara (Kildare) and was Abbess of the convent, the first in Ireland. Her monastery was at the site (coincidentally) of a shrine to the Celtic Goddess Brigid. In time the eternal flame that virgins had guarded for the Goddess was tended instead by nuns who dedicated it to Christ. She extinguished the ritual fire of the Druids, and lit a flame dedicated to Christ which was thereafter maintained by her followers until it was doused by the forces of Henry VIII. Brigid died at Kildare on February 1 in 525 AD, she was laid to rest in a jeweled casket at Kil Dara. In 835, her remains were moved to protect them from Norse invaders, and interred in the same grave that holds the remains of St Patrick and St Columcille at Downpatrick. She is sometimes known as Bridget, Bride and Mary of the Gael. Her feast day is February 1st.

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