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DIVISION 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Immaculate Conception (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)	Tuesday, December 8
4th Sunday of Advent (<i>Children's Christmas Party</i>)	Sunday, December 20
Christmas Eve (Fast and Abstain from Meat)	Thursday, December 24
Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)	Friday, December 25
Circumcision of Our Lord (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)	Friday, January 1
Traditional Irish Music Seisiún	Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Kids Movie Night	Third Friday of the Month
Irish Rebel Song/Karaoke Night	Third Friday of the Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Cairde,

It is with a heavy heart that your humble scribe pens this, my last President's message. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 2 years as President of Division 1. Every president brings his own set of qualities, ideas, and personality to the position. Only you, the members, can say if my term was a success. I have tried to lead by example, always cognizant of the fact that I was the temporary caretaker of a division in a very prestigious organization, and I strived to give the office the dignity and respect it deserves.

I would like to thank Steve Gibbons for inviting me to join this great division in 2003, and Pat Grennan for asking me to run as his Vice President in 2004.

At our last meeting our members voted in a new Board. I wish our new President, Brother John O'Grady the best of luck in his term as our new leader. John has served with distinction as our Financial Secretary in the past, and for the last two years, as our Vice President. I have sought his

wise counsel on many occasions over the years, and as anyone who has taken part in our Pub Quizzes will attest (he usually wins), they don't come any sharper than Brother O'Grady. John will also have the benefit of a great new Vice President in Brother Keith Reynolds, who will be stepping up to the Executive Board from a two-year term as Marshal. Although only a member for less than 4 years, Keith has done more work for the organization than some people do in a lifetime. Among his many accomplishments are: his responsibility for getting our Website up and running, (it is now one of the best looking AOH sites I have seen), and his Chairmanship of, what was undoubtedly one of our most prestigious event ever, our 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance.

The remaining members of the Executive Board continue in their positions. Joseph McMahon will complete a second term as Recording Secretary while Ed Dennehy will do likewise as Financial Secretary. Although one of the youngest,

our longest serving member of the Board is John Brophy Jr., who will be starting his 7th year as Division Treasurer. John has repeatedly said this will be his last term, but year after year no other member steps up, so John graciously takes on the responsibility of this important position.

He does an excellent job. I can't speak for John, but I would think if a worthy member were to come to him over the next few months and say they were interested in succeeding him next year, and ask him if he could show them the ropes, so to speak, he would do so. Just a thought.

I have repeatedly been asked; why did I not run again for President . . . or for another position. My thought process is this; you serve for a finite number of years . . . give it your all . . . then step back, and let another member have the pleasure of serving. This is true for the Division 1 Executive Board, the JDJ Board, or any

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President's Message

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other Committee positions. I believe it is of fundamental importance for any volunteer organization to encourage every member to serve. which keeps the organization invigorated, current, and inclusive.

You chair a committee at the pleasure of the President. He needs to know however how many members are willing to earlier: "you serve, give it your all, and then step aside".

As we reach the end of the year it is time to reflect on what we have done to earn the title 'Hibernian'. Have we lived by our own motto of: Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity? Have we completed our religious duties as practicing Catholics? Have we supported any person, or performance, that may reasonably be interpreted as disparaging to the Church, or our race? Have we promoted our traditions and heritage in any way? Have we tried to attend meetings and Division events throughout the year? Have we volunteered to clean or help

maintain the building.

I know a number of you, like I do, belong to other volunteer organizations, and are otherwise busy with work and family commitments. I firmly believe AOH Division 1, certainly has the potential to be the crème de la crème (pardon my French) of them all. It is a blessing to be considered a Hibernian. Every member has an equal voice . . . no member is more important than another . . . this is your Division. We all get out of it what we put into it. Please take an active role in its growth . . . try and bring in a new member over the next twelve months . . . support the new board, and the events they will plan for us in the future.

I am sorry my message is so long this month . . . but as it is my last, I thank you for indulging me.

So . . . for the last time . . .

Go raigh maith agat go leir, agus go mbeannai Dia thú,

Brendan O'Dowd
Uachtarán

Catholic Action

John O'Connell and Daniel Case head up Publicity and Catholic Action for the New York AOH. They have requested all members to contact Senator Bill Larkin to thank him for defending the sacredness of marriage in his recent vote in the NYS legislature. Senator Larkin's staff reported that

as soon as his vote defending marriage was cast, his office was subjected to a carefully orchestrated barrage of complaints. Please help support the efforts of Daniel Case, our New York chairman of Catholic Action, by thanking Senator Larkin with a quick phone call at 845-567-1271.



Marty Hogan presented a \$500 check to the food bank in memory of An Gorta Mor

Hall Rental

If you want to book the Hall for a Communion party for 2010 . . . or for any other event, such as: Confirmation . . . Sweet 16 . . . 21st Birthday . . . Retirement . . . etc. please contact Dennis: 774 9436

2010 Dues

It is time to get your Dues in for the upcoming year.

We need to submit our per capita assessments to the NY State AOH by January 31st to avail of a discount of 50 cents per member. The money saved would go to our division treasury. Conversely, those postmarked after March 31st will be charged a 50 cent per member late fee. Please help save the Division money by paying your dues early.

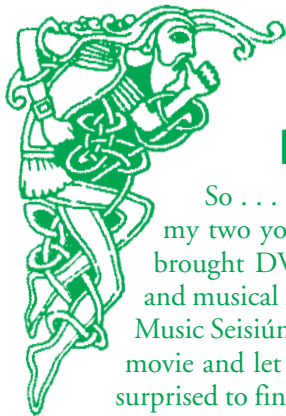
Hire a Hibernian

(leave your card at the Hall)

We are blessed at Division 1 with a lot of members who are Police Officers and Firemen. Every now and then however, we do get a tradesman. We have Realtors, Electricians, Plumbers, Carpenters, Tile Setters, Stone Masons, Auto Mechanics . . . we have accountants . . . and we even have a barber. You may need your hair cut, or your car tuned up . . . or you might want a job done at your house. Please consider using the services of a fellow Hibernian. However, if you are being robbed, or your house is on fire, call 911 . . . you just might get one of our own.

Merry
Christmas
and
A Happy
New Year





Traditional Irish Music Seisiun

So . . . I arrived at the Hall on Sunday with my two young sons and one of their friends. I brought DVDs, a soccer ball, some other toys, and musical instruments, for our Traditional Irish Music Seisiún. My intent, as usual, was to put on a movie and let the kids run around and play. I was surprised to find the musicians banished to the back room. I was informed that this had been done for two reasons. First, only a small handful of people supported the Seisiún, and second, to facilitate the members who have said they do not come to the Hall on Sundays because they like to watch football and cannot hear the commentary because of the music.

For the record, I do not agree with this decision. I wanted the children to be around Irish music, sit in and play a tune, then have a place where they can run around and act like kids, before sitting in for another tune or two. The musicians had to dodge a soccer ball and various other flying objects. To their credit they did not complain.

As a democracy I have no choice but to go along with the wishes of the majority. Our members did not support the music seisiúns as I had hoped.

I can only hope the "Football Fans" will now patronize the Hall on Sundays . . . unfortunately I will not be able to bring the children.

— Brendan

PRO - LIFE

Trading in Body Parts of Aborted Babies

Did you know that an entire industry has grown in the harvesting and selling of body parts from aborted babies? That's right.

Industry representatives pay the abortion clinic for access to the aborted babies to harvest their organs for profit.

Here is a partial price list derived from the Internet.

Livers (8 weeks)	\$150
<i>30% discount if significantly fragmented (meaning severely mutilated during the abortion procedure)</i>	
Kidney (8 weeks)	\$125
Brain:	\$999
Ears:	\$50
Eyes:	\$75
Skin (12 weeks):	\$100
Lungs and heart block:	\$150
Intact cadaver (8 weeks):	\$400
Spinal cord:	\$325

Do Americans find this offensive? Pro abortionists and stem cell research supporters certainly do not. They will argue: "If the baby is going to be terminated it would be a shame to waste its organs." So it is OK to deprive this child of the right to life . . . but it would be wrong to "waste" the organs. We need to be steadfast and resolute as Catholics and Hibernians and loudly say . . . No! This is not acceptable.



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.

Sad to See You Go

The following have decided that being a Hibernian is not important in their lives at this time. We thank them for their membership, and hope that some day in the future they will rejoin our organization. They are:

James Bourne, Paul Byrne, Matthew Carr, James J. Chambers, John J. Corcoran, Timothy Cox, Nicholas Cuddy, Denis J. Curran, Brian P. Farrell, Sean P. Franklin, Shannon Gleeson, John Higgins, Andrew B. Johnston, Frank McKeever, William McMullen, Daniel J. McNeilly, John Patrick Moloney, Thomas Moroney, Paul Mulleady, Dennis S. Murphy Jr., Sean O'Hanlon, Donald O'Sullivan Jr., Donald O'Sullivan Sr., Kevin Pratt Jr., John J. Reilly, Thomas M. Reilly, John F. Rudden, Matthew W. Veth, Timothy Wells.

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