

A Cairde,

I hope you were able to find this Newsletter in the midst of all the fliers with this month's mailing.

This is a very positive indication of all that is going on at Division 1. We are continually trying to put on entertaining and worthwhile events that our members can take part in and appreciate.

Don't forget to utilize the scholarship application this year if you have a family member that qualifies.

We had a great day last May 24 at 'Fleming's Fling' in the American Legion, Greenwood Lake. There, this years Scholarship winners were presented with their awards. We owe a great deal of thanks to the 3 main members of the Scholarship Committee for all their hard work in running it every year: Leo O'Grady, John Brophy and Jim Corcoran. To those who do not know, the scholarship is named after the late, great Hibernian and Division 1 member, Thomas J. Fleming.

Please consider attending the other upcoming events.

The Hibernian Idol in conjunction with the Kid's Movie Night will give everyone a chance to attend. If you fancy yourself a bit of a crooner, now is your chance to prove it. The more people who 'perform' the better.

I can only speak for myself, but I think everyone on the Executive Board should be mandated to sing. However, we would only do so with the understanding that you would all be laughing with us, and not at us.

When we all get our voices back (a week later) we will be able to attend the Division picnic. This is always a great day, both for the adults and the children. We should never pass up on an opportunity to have our children meet, play and get to know each other. They are the ones that will continue to carry the Hibernian torch, so it would be nice if they have fond memories of their youth, spent at Hibernian social events. The music provided by The Wild Rovers is always top class, so we will all definitely have a great time.

On a more spiritual side, please come to the annual Joseph Duell Jr. mass on Saturday June 14 at 9 am. in the Chapel on Stage Rd. in Monroe. This year is very significant because not only is it on Joseph's K.I.A. date, but it is also the 40th anniversary of that sad day.

In light of the times we live in, it is very important we remember and celebrate the lives of our fallen heroes. We will be going to his grave in Washingtonville after the mass to lay a wreath and then going to the Hall for an Irish breakfast. Please wear your Green Jackets.

Speaking of the green jackets, we are going to upgrade the division uniform and change it to one that is more modern and 'easier on the eyes'. This will be discussed at the June meeting, so if you have an opinion please attend.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family of Brother Bob Murphy who went to his Heavenly reward on May 28.

May he Rest in Peace. Thank you to all division members who came to his wake and funeral.

Go mbeannaí Dia thú

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