

## November 2008 Newsletter

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On Sunday October 10, it was a great honor and privilege to march into Sacred Heart Church as Hibernian Brothers, two abreast in our green jackets, while Jim Kelly played the pipes to herald our annual Communion Mass.

Afterwards we retired to the Hall where Dennis Browne, Matt Walsh, and Burt Pratt had been working tirelessly preparing our wonderful breakfast.

It was great to see Leo O'Grady fighting fit again, and able to take up his usual position as the Master of Ceremonies. Our guest speaker was AOH County, and Division #1 'Right to Life Chairman' Tommy Flynn, who gave an impassioned talk on the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. In fact his talk, which lasted about 10 minutes, was so impressive, that many present requested a copy.

None of this would have been possible if not for the hard work of Catholic Action Chairman, Bob Burns. We are indebted to Bob for making this event such a success and an integral part of our calendar of events each year. He is already working on next years Communion Mass Breakfast, which he tells me will be Sunday October 11 at 9am in Sacred Heart, and the Joseph Duell Jr. Mass, which will be on Saturday June 13, again at 9:00 a.m. in the same church.

Don Higgins did a great job handling the door. We owe these Hibernian Brothers a great deal of thanks and a big Bula Bus. (round of applause)

Also, a special 'go raimbh maith agat' (thank you) to Martha Burns for baking all those delicious Irish Soda breads.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our Hibernian Brothers and families who attended. Thank You.

Congratulations to our 5 Division #1 members: Brothers Joseph McMahon, Hugh Lynch, John Trazino, Tim Lowry, and Kevin Gannon, who took the Shamrock Degree on Oct 19.

Our next big event will be our annual 'Adopt a Platoon' fundraiser on Saturday November 15 at 8 pm. This event, organized yearly by Brother Jim Kelly, raises funds so Division #1 can send much needed, and very much appreciated merchandise to the men and women serving in the Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please attend.

At the October meeting the nomination of officers to the Executive Board was opened. Nominations will still be accepted at the November meeting before voting. For your information, here are the nominations thus far: President - Brendan O'Dowd. Vice President – John O'Grady. Financial Secretary – Ed Dennehy. Recording Secretary – Joseph McMahon. Treasurer – John Brophy Jr. Marshal – Keith Reynolds. Sentinel – Marty Hogan. Standing Committee – Bill O'Donnell.

I hope to see you at the meeting. Go mbeannaí Dia thú Brendan O'Dowd Uachtarán