



THE BRIMMER



FRIENDSHIP, UNITY AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY

FEBRUARY 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,
Traditionally the February and March meetings are always well attended (due to the parade, and in preparation of Irish History Month), so it was great to see so many of you guys attend the January meeting. I only hope it continues throughout the year. I know many of us have very busy schedules and more important obligations that make it difficult to be there on a regular basis so if you have any suggestions or ideas please feel free to let us know what's on your mind. I would like to thank the people from the Madison club for opening their doors to us during the rehab of our new club house. Your hospitality is much appreciated.

The Saint Patrick's Day parade is scheduled for Sunday March 10. We will be wearing the same black jacket and hat from last year. If you would like to place an order, you can do so at the February meeting or any Saturday until March 2. Please see V.P. Jim Carty. We will also remember our brother Tom Wenger by marching down the street with mummery umbrellas (\$5/per) with Tom's likeness on each of them. I can see him smiling down on us as we honor him so properly. Further information will be available on the parade Mass and after party at the meeting and will also be posted in the March Brimmer.

Brother Ed O'Brien is once again running our annual Presidents Day fundraiser to benefit AOH 87, Sunday, Feb. 17, 3-7 p.m. at the "O'Madison" club (Gaul & Westmoreland). \$25 per person includes roast beef, meatballs, salads and reduced drinks (\$2 bottles, \$1.50 cans, \$2.50 wine). Live IRISH MUSIC by The Shanty's. Please come out and support our club.

Sláinte,
Kieran

NEXT DIV. 87 MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Special meeting location at Madison A.A.
3299 Gaul St. (corner of Westmoreland)



Help support the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Philadelphia

Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Observance Association will be holding a benefit on:

WHEN: Sunday, February 24, 2019

WHERE: Heroes Hall – FOP Lodge 5
11630 Caroline Road, Philadelphia, PA. 19154

TIME: 3:00PM – 7:00PM

Tickets: \$40.00 per person (make checks payable: SPDOA, MEMO: FOP Event)
\$20.00 children (16 years of age or younger)

Tickets or Questions, contact Co-Chairs, Kathy Fanning, 267-237-2953, Joe Fox, 215-429-0193 or Ed Dougherty, 267-879-6107

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From the desk of AOH President Judge McKay

As you no doubt are aware from the news, the prospect that Britain’s decision to pursue Brexit will result in a hard border in Ireland is increasing daily. The consequence to the people of Ireland, north and south, cannot be understated. The past two decades has seen the artificial walls of mistrust that were constructed to further special interest slowly being replaced by bridges of peace and understanding. A hard border in Ireland would wind back the clock nearly a hundred years and threatens the peace and prosperity of the entire island.

Congressman Brendan Boyle has introduced a resolution, [H.Res.88](#) , expressing the opposition of the House of Representatives to the impositions of a hard border in Ireland. We ask you to reach out to your local Congressional Representative and ask them to co-sponsor and support this resolution. Broad, bipartisan support for Congressman Boyle’s resolution will send a clear message that the U.S. is watching developments in Ireland and will not tolerate the interests of the Irish people being sacrificed for Brexit.

You may find details on how to contact your Congressional Representative here www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative. You may find a [sample dialogue to use in contacting your congressional representative here](https://aoh.com/gobansaer/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/HR88Script.pdf) (https://aoh.com/gobansaer/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/HR88Script.pdf) but you are of course at liberty to use your own words.

A five-minute phone call to our elected representatives in the cause of the peace and security of Ireland is a small thing to ask in support of the land of our ancestors.



DUES/NEW ADDRESS

Dues: \$35 per Year!

Member ID#, 36PH87 _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Vet?/Branch? _____
 Email _____
 Amount Paid _____ Date _____

(All Checks Payable to “AOH Div. 87”)

This completed form must be submitted to the Financial Secretary with all payments and changes:

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SICK AND DECEASED

Please offer your prayers for the sick and souls of the deceased listed below

Committee for the sick: Debbie Scott, George Lees, Mrs. Kiger, Erin Martin, Anne Dever, Woody Douglas, Aunt Dot, Michael Joe McNamara, Charles Brophy 3rd, Tim McHugh, John McIntyre, Ed Price, Jack McCann, Jim Ward, Roy Adair, Mary Kate McGovern, Matt Edgar, Theresa Suzeret, Peggy Hope, Matt Kelp, Barbara Murphy, Gene Long Jr., Ed Nidosik, Dolores Kearney.

Deceased: Steve Tanzak, Fr. Joseph McKenna, Theresa Kenney, Bill Newmiller, Jack Sweeney, Jack Maley, Tom O’Malley, Betty Whartenby, Theresa Weber, Tom Wenger, Franny McGovern, Sandy Shelton, James Dooley, Rita Savage, Jim Golden, Marie Golden, Barbara Connelly, Denise Connelly, Phyllis DeKnight..

PA FFAI FEABHRA 2019 NUACHTÁN

Feb. 2019 PA Freedom for All Ireland Newsletter

We would like to thank all of those who contributed to the Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal this year. With so many great causes competing for funding, your dedication to fostering the effort for a United Ireland is truly amazing. The National Board is currently prepared to distribute \$78,000 in funds collected by the AOH and an additional \$10,000 collected by the LAOH. State totals should be available by the March newsletter. In keeping with the Truth and Justice focus, the Relatives for Justice and the Pat Finucane Center will be the top recipients this year. Checks will also be presented to a number of ex-prisoner groups that continue to work towards a lasting peace as well as a number of cross community organizations.

After a four week delay in the Ballymurphy Inquest, the proceedings are set to resume on February 4. It has also been announced that additional soldiers will provide testimony of the events that took place over those three days.

The former British soldier accused of shooting Aidan McAneaspie is expected to appear in court next week. Former Grenadier Guardsman David Jonathan Holden was told last year that he is to be prosecuted for the offence of gross negligence manslaughter. It is expected he will appear at court in Dungannon on February 6. Aiden was shot dead close to a checkpoint on the border at Aughnacloy in Co. Tyrone in February 1988 as he made his way to Aghaloo GAC's grounds. The British army originally claimed that three shots were fired after a general purpose machine gun (GPMG) Holden was moving slipped from his hands, which were said to be wet at the time.

Tánaiste Simon Coveney is scheduled to travel to Washington DC the week of February 4th to brief members of the Irish Caucus (Friends of Ireland) on concerns surrounding Brexit which is set to occur at the end of March. Despite the looming deadline, the British government refuses to accept the deal that was brokered with the EU for withdrawal or to come up with a viable alternative that all parties can agree to. US Congressman Brendan Boyle has introduced a resolution (HR 88) opposing a hard border in Ireland. A correspondence was sent out earlier this week with the details of this resolution. We are asking that everyone contact their congressional representative and ask them to sign onto this bill or at the very least support it when it comes to the floor for a vote.

Fundraising: If anyone is sponsoring an event at their division or county, please let us know so that we can include it in our newsletter. We are also working to expand our FFAI contact list. Please make sure that you have a chair in your division and send their contact info to gerrymchale@comcast.net

An Bhreatain amach as Éirinn

SAVE THE DATE

AOH Past National President Seamus Boyle has arranged for a guest speaker from Ireland, Sinn Fein TD Pearse Doherty of Donegal, to appear on Wednesday, March 13, at the AOH Division 39 hall, 7229 Tulip St.

The time is yet to be determined, but save the date.



2019 Pennsylvania AOH

State Convention

July 18-20, Pittsburgh

Thursday, 7/18, Ice Breaker

Friday, 7/19, Open Night

(Pirates vs Phillies at PNC Park)

Saturday, 7/20, Degree Ceremony

Saturday, 7/20, Mass (at hotel)

Saturday, 7/20, Banquet

(Music by Mansfield Five)

LOCATION

DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh - Green Tree

500 Mansfield Avenue

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205

Phone Number: 412-922-8400

Hotel web page: doubletree.hilton.com

* Room Blocks available:

Tuesday, 7/16, through Sunday, 7/21

(\$129 per night plus taxes)

* Free on-site parking

* Free Wifi in rooms

* Each participant will be responsible for their own hotel registrations and costs

Group Name: ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, 2019 PA STATE CONVENTION

Group Code: AOH

Check-in: 17-JUL-2019

Check-out: 21-JUL-2019

Event website under construction:

www.PAirish19.com

MAJOR DEGREES

A degree team will be performing the ceremony on Sunday, April 7, 2019, at the Commodore John Barry Arts and Cultural Center, 6815 Emlen St., Phila. The degree team asks that we stress the importance of the Order's long standing ceremony and the obligation each member must live by in its great motto.

Our goal is that each of us join and unify through a special unity as Hibernians and end the day as a stronger more unified brotherhood. At the time when you were initially sworn into your division and took the oath, you promised "you would learn the lessons and take the test of the Order." Now is your chance to fulfill that promise. Please let me know of your interest by calling or texting 215-917-3372. E-mail is jcart378@aol.com. We already have some members with degrees that want to attend as observers. You will have brothers supporting you there. — VP Jim Carty

NEW CLUBHOUSE

On Saturday, Feb. 9, members were invited to visit the new clubhouse to have a refreshment and check out the progress on the renovations. A lot of work has been done already with a setback at many of the turns. The decision to completely gut the place was a good one as there were many hidden problems behind the walls and ceilings. As the work continues, the Home Board will try to have additional open house dates and times. Again, this is not a grand opening yet but instead a chance to stop in and see for yourself all the effort put in and the plans for the finished product. Posted there is a list of the order for things to be done and a voice mail only number where you can leave a message with your ideas and suggestions on the place. These voice messages will be reviewed by Tom Lavelle and Jim Carr for action. The number is 215-525-3582. This is Jim's work message center so you may get a sales pitch for new gutters also. Please respect the neighbors with parking. There is plenty of parking on Tioga Street just down from the club. The address of the club is 3524 E. Thompson St.

— Jim Carty

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