



THE HIBERNIAN



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

NOVEMBER 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

It's a Sad Day down here at Division 87. It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of the passing of a True Pillar of our club, Tom Wenger Sr.!! He unfortunately lost his battle with cancer! He will be greatly missed down here at Division 87! Please keep the Wenger family in your prayers. RIP Wengo!!!

There will be a division meeting on Wednesday, November 14, at Juniata Golf Club where there will be an election for recording secretary of the Home Board! Please come and vote!

Also, December 1 is going to be our annual Hibernian Ball at the Casbah Caterers on Thompson Street, 7 p.m. to midnight. You can contact Jerry Spoerl or Chuck Welsh for tickets.

We also will be having a kids Christmas Party, which will be held at the Madison Club in December. If you would like to make a donation to help, please contact Ed Obie O'Brien. Anything would help! And lastly we will have our Christmas Party at Division 39 on December 11 at 7:30!

Sincerely, *Gene Long*



NEXT DIV. 87 MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Special meeting location at
Juniata Golf Course, 1391 E. Cayuga St.

Attention Veterans!

Last year, the national AOH began trying to document the past military service of our members. As you may know, the national office requires the financial secretary of each division to complete a full roster at the end of each year. This updated roster is submitted with our per capita dues.

As part of that process last year, they asked for the veteran status (if any) of each brother. They want to know the members who served in the military and what branch they served. That's why we added a line on our dues renewal form for members to list their veteran status.

Some brothers have responded on the appropriate line. Others have ignored it. And that's OK.

But we would still like all of the Division 87 veterans to let us know what branch you served. The Philadelphia County Board has created special pins to recognize member veterans. So to get a pin, you should contact us. After everybody has a chance to respond, we will put a list together and request pins for deserving brothers. Please email me at kennywj@hotmail.com to let me know your veteran status.

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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, Tom Wenger, Aunt Dot, Matt Kaupp, Michael Joe McNamara, Charles Brophy 3rd, Tim McHugh, John McIntyre, Ed Price, Jack McCann, Jim Ward, Roy Adair, Mary Kate McGovern, Matt Edgar, Fred McAnany.

Deceased: Steve Tanzak, Fr. Joseph McKenna, Theresa Kenney, Bill Newmiller, Jack Sweeney, Jack Maley, Tom O'Malley, Betty Whartenby, Theresa Weber, Tom Wenger, the Pittsburgh shooting victims, the California shooting victims.

Irish Happenings

11/18—St. Katharine Drexel Mass, Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, 11 a.m.

11/18—Irish Hall of Fame dinner at Irish Center, 6815 Emlen St. 5 p.m.

DUES/NEW ADDRESS

Dues: \$35 per Year!

Member ID#, 36PH87 _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Vet?/Branch? _____

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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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AOH's Pearse Kerr to be inducted into Philly Irish Hall

(The following is an excerpt from Irish Philadelphia's profile of County Board Member and FFAI Co-Chairman Pearse Kerr, who will be inducted into the Philly Irish Hall of Fame on Nov. 18. To read the full story, go to irishphiladelphia.com)

Pearse Kerr has all the qualities of a great storyteller: pace and timing; a skill for voices and dialects; a ready laugh that shakes a room.

But most of all, he has stories.

They're the stories of a young boy who witnessed his first violent death when he was 12 and living in Belfast. He and his family were leaving his grandmother's house when they saw a British Army foot patrol approaching up the road. In Belfast in the 1970s, it wasn't an unusual sight. "We were watching them," he says, "when someone jumped out at them with a handgun and shot one in the back of the head."

This was life during "The Troubles."

Born in the United States to Belfast natives Brendan and Betty Kerr, Pearse says he had always been told he was Irish, but that identity was scrambled for him when his parents took their two sons back home to the Falls Road, ground zero for sectarian violence. It was 1970. Pearse was 11 and his brother, Brendan, 5.

His Philly-tinged Yank accent "made everyone in my Christian Brothers school want to fight the Yank," he said, laughing. But even before it wore off, to the British soldiers, police, and the Protestant kids he sometimes met on the bus on the way to school, he was Irish enough. He was Catholic and the enemy. ...

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