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Chicago Division #32 AOH

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Upcoming Events

Our Lady of Lourdes 15th Annual Dinner Dance

This year's theme is Joy & Celebration...in the name of love. Tickets are \$65 per person and include a delicious three-course dinner, five hours of dancing provided by a DJ, free parking and coat check all with a night of fun with family and friends. As an added bonus, you will be supporting Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Tickets can be purchased online by clicking the GiveCentral link and choosing TICKETS for Joy & Celebration In the Name of Love. Celebration is being held at the Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore on Saturday February 6th at 7pm.

<http://www.ololchicago.org/Giving/2016DinnerDance.aspx>

Tickets or a donation to the fundraising can be made on the web link below.

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/104>

The 2016 St. Patrick Day Celebration -will be Saturday, March 12, 2016. John Moriarty has joined Gerry Holly as co – chair. Contracts and a deposit have been sent to DePaul College Prep. Volunteers needed.

NW Side Irish Parade

March 13th, Onahan School.

Soup Kitchens at Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday March 23rd we will be serving hams at our next Scholarship event, the Easter Soup kitchen at O.L.L.

Easter Rising Commemoration

Plan on attending the 100 Year Commemoration being held at the Irish American Heritage Center on April 23rd. Mass & a reception following the event is planned. More details to follow.

Misericordia Heart of Mercy Candy Days

Friday & Saturday April 29-30th we will be collecting on the corners of Milwaukee & Devon, scholarship event.

Annual Golf Outing

May 20th @ Chevy Chase CC. This is our primary Charity fundraiser. Members are asked to begin actively generating sponsors, donations & prizes for the raffle.

DIV 32 Events Recap for January

Elections for Trustees & installation of the new board for a 2 year term highlighted the January 6th meeting. Thanks to all who voted. Congratulations & good luck to the 2016-2017 board members.

New members Kyle Lytle, Garrett Diamond and Zack Gavin were sworn in at the January meeting-welcome these new men in our organization

Our website was redesigned & updated. Check it out!

<http://www.aoh.org/>

The Freedom for All Ireland fundraiser was great fun & a success. Thanks to the O'Malleys, Kevin & Brendan along with Tom Birt & family for hosting at the Six Penny Bit on Jan 31st.

Executive Board Meetings All members are invited to attend. The discussion is a little freewheeling but this is where all the planning for our events takes place as well as petitions for charitable giving. So check us out! Next meeting is on February 17th at Six Penny Bit.

.AOH State News

The exploratory committee continues gathering information on hosting the next State convention. The twelve month raffle commences in January. Good luck to all who bought tickets in support of the AOH State organization. Results will be announced for both January & February in the February Newsletter

National News

Celebration for the Easter Uprising in 2016. will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Hibernians throughout this country are encouraged to celebrate on this one day so it will be newsworthy and show solidarity. This is essentially a "save the date" notice to our members.

President’s Message

As I begin my second term as your president I want to thank all of you for your support and generosity. Welcome the new board as we move forward into 2016-2107.

We are off to the races in 2016 with many exciting events in the near future (5 months). We just completed a very successful TEXAS Hold ‘Em Tournament that raised the money for our contribution to the Freedom for All Ireland Fundraiser, “***(big shout out to the O’Malley brothers)***”. On the near horizon we have the St. Pat’s Party, (Chaired by Gerry Holly & John Moriarty. We will have a float in both the Downtown and Northwest Side Parades. Ending March we have the Soup Kitchen Wednesday March 23rd. In April plan on attending the Mass & a reception commemorating the 100 year Commemoration being held at the Irish American Heritage Center on April 23rd.; is start is 11 AM., followed by a Mass and reception. The next weekend will by Misericordia Heart of Mercy Candy Days Friday & Saturday April 29-30th. To wrap up the first half of 2016 in May (20) we will be Hosting the Annual Hibernian Golf Outing. As you can see volunteers and participation by all members will make all these events successful. . It is your division. All ideas are welcome. So please support the event Chair’s, volunteer, invite your friends to join and participate in events, & we will continue to prosper. “Sláinte!”RAY

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

<i>February</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>AOH General meeting</i>	<i>Edgebrook</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>AOH Executive Board</i>	<i>Six Penny Bit</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>AOH General meeting</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>AOH Executive Board</i>	<i>Six Penny Bit</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>

Charity-Committee: John Moriarty/John Resch/B.J. Mattingly

If you are requesting a charity donation please come to the Executive meeting a month before the request is due and present your case. This will give the Committee time to review the request as well as insure that adequate funds are available.

Membership – Joe Hickey

Div #32 is accepting dues for 2016. Our yearly dues remain at \$50.00 per year. Please note that the Division is required to pay a per capita tax (\$17) to the AOH National Office and State for all of our members as of December 1st 2015 for 2016. Thanks for Your Support! Speak to an officer for special consideration if needed. Thanks to our 42 dues payers YTD.

Mail dues to: Ancient Order of Hibernians - Div 32, P.O. Box 300445, Chicago, IL 60630. Members can also mail dues to Fin Sec Patrick Flaherty at 5142 N Leavitt, Chicago, IL 60625-6829

The division cannot continue to pay National and State dues for members who do not pay dues to the division.

IRISH HISTORY

At the January 6th General Meeting we read the poem “Hibernian on the Hill” by Mike McCormack – we also gave tribute & acknowledgement to women of Ireland who fought courageously during the Easter Rising of 1916.

Prayers for Those in Need

DECEASED: John Cullinan & Bill Pinter

SICK: Web Ryan, Tom Hinchy & Luke Vanderloop, Meghan Healy, Kathleen O’Connor, Jim Barrett, Jack Degnan, Maggie McTague, Kathy John, James Barnum, Julia Rowan, Maggie O’Shaughnessy, Johnnie O’Brien, Karen Smith, Dorothy Denzler, Karen Hill, Jessica Blake, Susan Naughton, Jack Hagerty, Dominic Rice, Joan Gray, Tony Newman, Sr., Betsy Gallagher, Joyce Garb, Patsy Denten, Linda Anderson, Neil Froeming, Kevin Clark, June Clavey, June Snyder, Sarah Birt, Eddie McFadden, Mary Lydon, Lisa Russell, Dorothy Nallon, Kyle Avenir, Molly Oliver, Chuck Shackman, Web Ryan, Bill Pinter, Reid Blake, Mescal Bair, Bob Tilly, Melanie Whitley, Doug Driscoll, Fr. Joe Moyer, Maureen Serb, Kerri Gollogly, & John Cradick. **The list for the sick is being restarted for 2016 at the February meeting**

FaceBook We have many that joined us on Facebook. Aoh Aoh
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009116547665>. We currently have 260+ friends.