



# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA



**JANUARY 2016 Edition**  
**Chicago Division #32 AOH**

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**Trustees:**

**January Elections will determine-see below.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Division #32 Executive Board Nominations & Election**

Elections will take place at the January 2016 General Meeting. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend & vote. Accepted nominations to date are: President-Ray Prendergast; V.P.-Kevin O'Malley; Treasurer-Mike O'Malley; Financial Secretary-Pat Flaherty; Recording Secretary-John Resch; Chairman Standing Committee-Terry Smyrniotis; Marshal-Gerry Holly; Sentinel-Marty Moriarty. Trustees (6 to be elected) from the following nominees; Tom Burke, Bernie Byrne, Gino Cooney, Mike Hill, Gerry Loughran, B.J. Mattingly, John Molloy, John Moriarty, Jack Morrissey, & John O'Donnell.

**Freedom for All Ireland Fundraiser**

A Texas Hold'Em tournament will be held on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 @ Six Penny Bit @ 1pm. A Freedom for All Ireland recognition plaque received by The Division from our National organization for last year's fundraising event was presented to Tom Birt of the Six Penny Bit at the December Exec Meeting, in recognition for his lifelong efforts & guidance in this most important cause. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>, Onahan School.

**Soup Kitchens at Our Lady of Lourdes**

Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 celebration being held at the Irish American Heritage Center on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass & a reception commemorating the events are 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 20<sup>th</sup> @ Chevy Chase.

**DIV 32 Events Recap for December**

A fun evening of Christmas cheer was orchestrated by Marty Moriarty at the annual Division 32 party on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

A heartfelt thanks was sent to all who provided hams, gifts & gave their support to the Christmas Soup Kitchen held on December 16th at Our Lady of Lourdes, from Pastor, Fr. Mike Shanahan, & Bill Thome, Director. You can read more about the Lourdes Soup Kitchen on the link below.

<http://www.ololchicago.org/SocialConcerns/SoupKitchen.aspx>

**.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 January 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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**

Brothers,

First I would like to thank TOM ROWAN,DAN HELFENBEIN, DENNIS GOLLOGLY, KEVIN RIORDAN & KEN SIEGL for your service on the board for the last two years.

The critically important process for choosing new leadership for the Division has begun. At the November /December meetings, members were nominated for the open leadership positions. In January we will elect new leaders followed by Swearing-In at the meeting. I urge all members to come out to the January meeting and show your support for these dedicated Brothers who have stepped forward to offer their time and energy to the essential task of leading this great Division. Your support is vital to the continued success of Division #32.

2016 is right around the corner and we have a full schedule under progress for the first six months of the year, dates are set. Committees in place, things moving forward, (help needed).....Ray

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

<i>January</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>AOH General meeting</i>	<i>Edgebrook</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>AOH Executive Board</i>	<i>Six Penny Bit</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
<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>

**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.

Thank you notes were received from Catholic Charities & The Women's Center for recent charitable contributions.

**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.

**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**

*Brooklyn the movie gets great reviews by our members who saw the premier.* BROOKLYN tells the profoundly moving story of Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan), a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon, her new vivacity is disrupted by her past, and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

**Prayers for Those in Need**

**DECEASED:** Jim Fahey, Betsy Flynn, Shirley Maloney & the Victims at San Bernardino.

**SICK:** Kathleen O'Connor, Jim Barrett, Mike Jeffers, Marge Walsh, "Aunt" Eileen Norton, Jack Degnan, Maggie McTague, Kathy John, James Barnum, Julia Rowan, Maggie O'Shaughnessy, Johnnie O'Brien, Karen Smith, Kathy Barker, Dorothy Denzler, Karen Hill, Jessica Blake, Susan Naughton, Jack Hagerty, Dominic Rice, Tom Hinchy, Joan Gray, Tony Newman, Sr., Betsy Gallagher, Joyce Garb, Patsy Denten, Linda Anderson, Neil Froeming, Kevin Clark, June Clavey, June Snyder, Sarah Birt, Luke Vanderloop, Meghan Healy, 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.

**FaceBook**

We have many that joined us on Facebook. Aoh Aoh <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009116547665>. We currently have 240+ friends.