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## Message from the President

Brothers,  
I hope you have all recovered from the St. Patrick's Day Parades. Thanks again to everyone who participated and of course to our esteemed parade Directors, Mike Bradley and Steve Burns. Since then we had our March Madness social on Sunday, March 22nd at Dukes Tavern and a good time was had by all. We hope to sponsor similar events in order to promote Division and family interaction in a relaxed atmosphere. We welcome any and all suggestions for themes, types and venues for future get togethers.

As many of you know, our major fundraiser, the Fleadh an Earraigh, is rapidly approaching. We are accelerating our efforts to obtain Congratulatory Ads acknowledging Brothers McNamee and Moffit and recognizing Blackthorn for their constant support of all that is Irish. Additionally, we are seeking Silent and Chinese Auction items and are depending on everyone's attendance (purchase of tickets) to help advance our goal of establishing a scholarship/s in the name of our Division.

Since our April meeting will not be until the 8th, I am once again reminding all about the Saturday, April 4th Hibernian Hunger Project and the Aid For Friends service project, 9AM at 12271 Townsend Road, Philadelphia. There will be people packaging meals most of the day and I would appreciate any time that you could give in keeping with our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. I hope to see you there.

Remember our meeting on the 8th will be at Dukes Tavern, Springfield. It will be the last one before our event. Anyone who forgot to bring their donation for our Fleadh Basket/s of cheer can bring them to the meeting.

If you have any questions or suggestions I can be reached at pmulhern8@comcast.net or 267-496-2335



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Yours in our motto,

Pat Mulhern

## Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

### A Message from our Chaplain

Dear Brothers,  
Peace!

First, let me apologize for my absence from our monthly meetings. Over the past few years my schedule has not allowed me to be present at meetings or many other Div. 65 functions. Now that I am a Pastor (St. Raymond of Penafort in the sections Mt. Airy) I hope that my schedule will be a bit more flexible and allow me to be with you and enjoy our fellowship.

Second, Happy Easter! The celebration of our Lord's life, death and resurrection is crucial to our Catholic faith. In a world that is troubled by financial uncertainty, endless acts of violence and the many challenges to family life we must remain firm that with God all things are possible – even to have a man who was dead come back to life. The Easter Season continues to fifty days in the hope that the message of Easter – that the light of Christ is more powerful than the darkness of sin – will sink into our lives. Christ has won the battle, He was victorious. Now, it remains to each of us, as Christian men, to live it out!

Finally, please know that you and your intentions will continue to be remembered when I pray each day. May God bless you and those you love with health, prosperity and peace.

Father Chris Walsh

### Fleadh an Earraigh

The Fleadh an Earraigh is only four weeks away and time is running short on purchasing your tickets at a reduced price. The tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door. As in previous e-mails and last month's newsletter we need your support in selling tickets and getting ad for the program book. The Program book is our big money maker so anyone who can secure an ad, please do so. Don't forget your ad too.

Here is what we need help from our brothers: **tickets sales, ads, and Chinese and silent auction items**. We had a great start at the last meeting with bottle of liquor for the basket of cheer so those that still intend to donate a bottle you can bring them to the April meeting.

We are light on gift certificates so if you know someone please try to get something from them. Tickets to sporting events are always nice sellers too.

Jim Mullen

### Hibernian Hunger Project

The "Great Irish Stew Cook-off" was a great success raising \$890.00. The Hibernian Hunger Project Cook-in will be held on April 4, 2009 at Aid For Friends building which is located at 12271 Townsend Road in Northeast Philadelphia. The Cook-in will begin at 9:00 AM and we will go till we are done. The goal is to try and package 11,000 meals for the 2200 shut-ins in the Philadelphia area. The Cook-in is the main event for the Hunger Project. If anyone is interested in participating in this wonderful cause please contact me at 610-299-1772 or via e-mail at [j.j.mullen@comcast.net](mailto:j.j.mullen@comcast.net).

Jim Mullen



May the Irish hills caress you. May her lakes and rivers bless you. May the luck of the Irish enfold you. May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.



## Irish History

### John Field

The golden age of classical music embraced the latter part of the 18th century and the major portion of the 19th. With such composers as the “Three B’s”, Mozart, Chopin and the “Russian Five”, that is hardly a revelation. Overlooked however, is the contribution that Dublin born John Field made in such illustrious company.

Born in 1782, Field was the third generation of a family of violinist and organist. It was John’s grandfather, the organist, who instructed Field on the pianoforte. After a few years, the family moved to London, where young Field came under the tutelage of the piano virtuoso, Muzio Clementi, at that time a rival of Mozart. Clementi immediately recognized the talent of Field, and began his tours of the continent, he never missed an opportunity to showcase Field. Field too Paris and Vienna by storm, and in 1803 arrived in St. Petersburg. Clementi left Field in St. Petersburg, continuing alone on his grand tour. Returning a year and a half later, he found his protégé, widely acclaimed as an artist, and jealously sought After as a teacher.

Nineteen years later, Field settled in Moscow, to even greater acclaim and from 1831 to 1835, he preformed in London, Paris, Brussels, Germany and Italy. However while in Naples, he fell victim to illness. He returned to Moscow where he died on January 11, 1837.

Gearoid O’Broin in his “Poet of the Piano” (Ireland’s Own 1/13/89), about Chopin, remarks that “Irish composer of the Nocturnes, John Field (1782-1837) visited him frequently. His work served as a model for Chopin and influenced his style of composition”.

The Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia states “Field’s music influenced Chopin”.

Commenting on the Field nocturnes, the Encyclopedia Britannic, 9th Edition (1879), stated “But their best claim to fame is the fact that they have been the models of Chopin’s still higher efforts in this same direction”.

In his “Ireland her People”, editor Michael Fitzgerald quotes “ As a composer Field is to be credited with originating that form of pianoforte piece known as the nocturne; his nocturnes were the models for Chopin, and all later composers, and among all his work, they alone have survived. His style was marked with infinite grace, charm, and an intimate knowledge of the most characteristic resources of the pianoforte. Both as a pianist and composer, he was the connecting link between Clementi and Chopin”.

Bill Brennan



We are on this  
Earth together,  
and if we  
would be  
brothers, fight  
not just on  
your own  
behalf but for  
the sake of  
others.

# Happy Easter!

## The 239th Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Parade

On Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> the Mass was magnificent, organized by Len Armstrong and the committee. The Emerald Pipers led a procession up the aisle to start that Mass celebrated by Cardinal Rigali, Bishop Joe Mc Fadden, Father Kevin Gallagher, Father Chris Walsh, and others too numerous to mention for fear of forgetting someone. The singing, always an Irish tradition and treat, was headlined by the Cardinal O'Hara Choir led by Ed Allen & Soloist Karen Boyce McCollum. While the Mass was going on George Hollingsworth, who recently retired from the City and who I cannot do without, was in work clothes screwing down a dance floor at the performing area, while Joe Callan was helping me organize the performing area.

We had a record 187 groups and started the parade at the new route at 16<sup>th</sup> & JFK at 11:00 AM. The bands were awesome, the dancers magnificent, the marchers inspiring, and the crowd never stopped cheering. Timmy Kelly started us off with his usual jaw dropping, tear wiping, rendition of Danny Boy and the crowd's enthusiasm never waned the whole four and one half hours. By the end of the parade we had over 20,000 marchers strong pass through. And we set an Irish record, we finished 3 minutes early and all 187 groups marched through before the TV coverage was over.

The 2009 Theme was: **ST. PATRICK, GUIDE US TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY.** We were led off this year by our friends from NYPD's Finest, the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums of the New York City Police Department who travelled down to honor our fallen hero's in the Philadelphia Police Department and their families. They have played at virtually all of the Funerals for their own hero's from 9/11. I cannot thank them enough for taking me up on my offer to help us this year. John McNesby, President of FOP Local 5 helped me tremendously with a Police Escort all around the City and hosted them at the FOP5 after the Parade. Special thanks to Inspector LB Restock and Captain Tom Helker, without their help and support, we could never be successful.

Kathy Orr, Susan Barnett, and Bob Kelly did another outstanding job and were ably assisted by, Jim Kilgallen, Rose Marie Timoney and Karen Boyce McCollum. I was honored to be asked to go into the booth and do some commentating, but to tell you the truth, it was so hot in there and I couldn't sit still that long, my ADD was in high gear and I left after 20 minutes. So I have a brand new appreciation of our commentators and the preparation and work that they do!!! If you would like to see the parade, go to [www.CBS3.com](http://www.CBS3.com) and you can watch the entire parade, or it is on Comcast Video on Demand for free also.

We had 2 great groups from Ireland Saint Malachy's Orchestra from Belfast hosted by AOH Dennis Kelly Div 1 from Havertown and Monsignor Bonner High School. They were fantastic. We also had for the first time the Cloughaneely Marching Band from Donegal who also performed The Irish Center after the Parade with their award winning routine. They were ably hosted by the Donegal Association of Philadelphia.

Our award winners and info on our Awards Party can be found on our website at [www.philadelphiastpatsparade.com](http://www.philadelphiastpatsparade.com). We look forward to seeing all the winners, sponsors, marcher and friends at our Awards Party on Wednesday April 15, 2009 at Finnigan's Wake at 6:00 PM, where we will also announce our Trip to Ireland Winner. If you have any questions or require information, please visit our website. Come join the fun and get to know our Board members and the CBS3 Celebrities!

Mike Bradley

**Please note: The Division meeting scheduled for April 8th will be held at Dukes Tavern on Saxer Avenue in Springfield. The time is 8:00 PM.**

# April 2009

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 ***
5	6	7	8 ***	9	10	11
12 ***	13	14	15 ***	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 ***	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- 4/4 Hibernian Hunger Project Cook-In  
9:00 AM Start
- 4/8 Division Meeting at Dukes Tavern  
8:00 PM
- 4/12 Easter
- 4/15 Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade Award Ceremony
- 4/24 93rd Anniversary of the Easter Rising

### Division Member Profile: Paul Phillips

Paul was born in South Philadelphia (Grays Ferry) to Paul and Mary (O'Donnell) Phillips. He attended St. Gabriel's and St. Anthony' Grade Schools before graduating from Southeast Catholic High School, (now St. John Neumann High School). He served in the U.S. Navy Air Force for 38 months during World War II. He married Dorothy H. Quinn in 1950. They had three children, Francis, Paul Joseph Jr., Christopher. He was widowed in 1976. He married Alice (Dolly) Wilson in 1981 and inherited 6 more children, Alice, James, Michael, Jeanne, Margaret and John. Together they have 23 grand children and 11 great grandchildren.

Paul is an active member of the Millay Club and Southeast Catholic-Bishop Neumann-St. John Neumann now Neumann-Goretti. Paul served as its President for three years and is still an active member of its Board of Directors. He considers the work with the Alumni his first fraternal love. Paul is also a member of DeSoto Council #315 Knights of Columbus eventually becoming a Grand Knight. He is also a member of the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Observance Association. He has been on the Board of Directors for 49 years, Treasurer for 43 years and President for two years from 1989 to 1990. In 1995 he became Grand Marshall of the parade. Paul is a proud member of AOH Joseph E. Montgomery Division 65. He is also a member of The Irish of Havertown, second Street Irish Society, The Malvern Retreat House serving on the Board of Directors and was Past President, the VFW Post 7390, Catholic War Vets and the EOM Club.

Paul is a resident of Broomall Pennsylvania and belongs to St. Pius Parish and has been active in parish and civic activities. He enjoys the Eagles, Phillies, Basketball, Golfing and Bowling. Paul is a hotel interior coordinator for Design and Supply located in Ambler.

Pictures from the 2009 Springfield Saint Patrick's Day Parade featuring our Brother, Grand Marshal Rich Gildea and the new marching banner.

