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Message from President Pat Mulhern

Brothers,
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your gracious response to our St. Vincent de Paul Food drive as well as our Marines Toys for Tots request. Your generosity allowed the Division to donate approximately seventy (70) pounds of non perishable food to the St. Vincent de Paul Society through our capable liaison Brother Jack Kearney. Your overwhelming charity also enabled us to donate close to 100 toys to the Marines.

In this tight economy you should be commended for adhering to our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. I know that your sacrifices will help brighten the lives of others that are less fortunate during this Christmas Season. Thank you for all the support you've provided over this past year and I hope everyone finds happiness and good health this Holiday Season.

Nollaig shona duit!
Merry Christmas to You!

Bliain úr faoi shéan is faoi mhaise duit!
Happy New Year to You!

Fraternally,

Pat Mulhern
President, Joseph E. Montgomery AOH Division 65

Division 65 Newsletter

I am starting our newsletter once again. My original goal was to issue this on a monthly basis but that was a bit too ambitious. I will try to publish one every three months on a go forward basis. I encourage participation as well as feed back. I hope everyone will find this newsletter informative and enjoyable. Any news or upcoming events you may have can and will be included in our newsletter. Just send me what you have and I will make sure it gets into the next edition. Our next issue will be in April.



The division meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Trinity Knights of Columbus in Upper Darby at 8:00 PM.

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Division Elections

At the December meeting we held our elections for the next two year term. Our newest officer is Cathal Nicholas who will assume the Financial Secretary office. He is replacing Art Hunter who is stepping down. On behalf of the officers I would like to thank Art for his service to the division. Art still remains active in support of the division and especially as a key member of the Fleadh an Earraigh committee. Below is the current list of officers and appointees for our division.

President: Pat Mulhern

Vice President: Steve Burns

Recording Secretary: Jim Mullen

Financial Secretary: Cathal Nicholas

Treasurer: Jim Hunter

Standing Committee: Ben Evans

Marshal: John Gallagher

Sentinel: Michael Bradley

Chaplain: Reverend Chris Walsh

Historian: Bill Brennan

Organizer/Membership: Dan Monbourquette

Catholic Action/ Pro-Life: Gerry Woods

Missions/Charities: Michael Bradley

Freedom for All Ireland/Political Education: Jim Feerick

Newsletter/Publicity: Jim Mullen

Webmaster: Pat Hilferty



“May your right hand always be stretched out in friendship and never in want”

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Fleadh an Earraigh

On behalf of the Fleadh an Earraigh Committee, I am pleased to announce this year's divisional award winners Division Historian Bill Brennan , Past President Tom Ford and a posthumous award to Past President John Dougherty. The Joseph E. Montgomery Award winner is Michael Callahan who is a member of Division 22 and Past President of the Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Observance Association.

The Fleadh an Earraigh will be held on April 10, 2011. The location is once again at the Spring Valley Banquet Hall and Meeting Center in Springfield PA. As always we work to improve each Fleadh as well as reducing our costs. We continue to evaluate each event and make improvements that enhance this special day for the division. A big hit is the baskets of cheer that we raffle and once again we ask that each Brother donate two bottles of liquor. One bottle is for the basket of cheer and one to stock the bar. We are now accepting ads for the ad book. We had chosen last year Eccles Printing in Springfield to print our ad book and the signage. A special thanks to Tom O'Connell for introducing Jack Eccles to us. We were able to significantly reduce the printing costs.

For those renewing ads we ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can start the process of updating them. With each annual Fleadh not all ads are renewed so it is important that we go out and find new opportunities to replace those ads. We ask for your help in this as we always do as this is our big money maker. The insertion order for the ad book should be ready shortly as well as our flyer. They will be ready for distribution by the January meeting.

We also plan on doing more advertising to promote the Fleadh. We will once again ask our friends at the Irish radio programs and we also placed an ad in the CCC Celt Directory this year.

The committee will start meeting regularly now that we have entered the new year. If anyone is interested in joining us at the meetings we would welcome the help.

Jim Mullen

Fleadh an Earraigh Chairman



2011 Membership Dues

The dues for 2011 is now due. The dues have been raised to \$30.00 per member and \$35.00 for new members. The dues have been raised this year to offset the per capita increase levied on us by the National Board. You will be receiving in the mail the renewal card with a self addressed stamped envelope. Your membership card will be included in the mailing.

This year we are offering a blue sleeveless vest for \$10.00. The vest will include the emblem of our order and on the back a shamrock with our division number inside it. The dues and the vest will come to a total of \$40.00 for current members and the renewal card will have a place to put your vest size.

Fundraising Goals for 2011

I have been appointed by Pat Mulhern to be the overall fundraising chairman. My role is to coordinate the fundraising activities of the division. I will work with those who volunteer to head the various fundraisers of our division. My role is not to head each fundraiser but to support those who take ownership of each one.

We embark for the first time since my joining the division with a set number of fundraisers and a monetary goal for each. We are going to have five fundraisers this year. The Fleadh, Shamrock the Cashbar and March Madness which are both at held at Dukes Tavern. These are ones we have had in past and you are all acquainted with those. Just this past October we launched a 50/50 fundraiser that was a big success. We are going to have two of them this year. They will be drawn in June and December. We are also going to have a BBQ fundraiser in September. Although I list six events, the March Madness is more of a division party that generates a modest gain.

We are expecting to generate approximately \$8000.00 from these events and this I feel is a very doable goal. The Fleadh should generate \$4000.00, The Shamrock the Cashbar about \$1000.00 and the two, 50/50's will generate \$2000.00. The September BBQ we have tagged with a target of \$1000.00. We will re-evaluate this dollar figure after the final numbers are tabulated.

I believe this role of overall chairman has been evolving over the past few years and I welcome the opportunity to lend my support and to apply the resources of the division to each fundraiser.

Our 50/50 winner from the December drawing is Bridie Selzer. I believe she is Dennis Hamilton's Mother In Law. Congratulations to Birdie on winning the \$1000.00 cash prize.

I thank you all in advance for your support.

Jim Mullen

Upcoming dates and notables

The AOH will be celebrating our 175th anniversary this year.

Installation of Officers is on 1/29/11.

Tentative date for Shamrock the Cashbar is 2/27/11.

The Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Parade fundraiser at the Springfield Country Club will be held on 3/6/11.

Ash Wednesday is 3/9/11.

The Springfield Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on 3/12/11.

The Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Paraded will be held on 3/13/11.

Saint Patrick's Day 3/17/11.

The 2011 Pennsylvania State Convention will be held in July and this year it will be held in King of Prussia.

The tentative date for the next Degrees of the Order is scheduled for 4/3/11.

The Fleadh an Earraigh is scheduled for 4/10/11.