

# Shillelagh Sentinel

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This monthly newsletter is the official publication of the Thomas Francis Meagher Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians. Its purpose is to inform members of all activities of the Division.

REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING  
NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 7:00  
KC HALL. PLEASE COME

## NOMINATION FOR 2008 OFFICERS

At next Tuesday's meeting we will accept additional nominations for officers' posts, then vote. Names presented so far are:  
For President—Jim Hammill; V-Pres. Neil Connole; Treasurer, Dan Gruber;  
Finc. Sec. Allen Cormany; Rec'g Sec. John Curry; Marshal, Joe Calnan; Sent. Bob Moes; Chairman Stdg. Comm., Doug Remick. Let's do our best to provide our Division with outstanding leadership.

### CHARTER DINNER 2007

President Mike Murphy has chosen Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual Charter Dinner to be held at the KC Hall. Please mark your calendars for this truly fine event. Officers-elect for 2008 will be introduced, the Brunett Medal will be awarded, and there will be a meaningful program for the affair. The social hour will begin at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$20 Call Mike Murphy at 439 7513, Jim Hammill at 443 8525 or Doug at 442-0077 for reservations. Please let them know who's coming!

### TRIP TO IRELAND

Brother Joe Calnan and Bill Harrington are meeting this week to go over material from sources in Ireland for travel. Thanks to Bill and Joe we have some excellent information to develop a plan for our trip. Things are really shaping up for a grand tour of the OI' Sod next year. A couple of items though: we'll have to set a date for a major down payment, and potential members should be getting their passports. We'll have a great deal more to report next month. So save your money.

## TRUCK FOR THE GOOD SAMARITAN

At Tuesday's meeting we'll hear that a committee composed of Tom Huddleston, Jack Ward, Pat Connors, and President Mike Murphy will meet with our great friend and Hibernian brother, Bishop George Thomas. The jist of the confab is to discuss a plan to raise funds to help out the Good Samaritan in their purchase of a delivery truck. The meeting is set for Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11. More on this project later.

### STATE CONVENTION

Members of state divisions, men's and ladies, came together in September for their biennial conventions. Opening with Holy Mass at the Cathedral, business meetings for official business, and a dinner with entertainment were the order of the day. The AOH State Board met in Helena during on the morning of, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Doug Remick was voted President, Tom Pahut as Vice President, John Curry as Treasurer, and Joe Connors Jr. as Secretary. Congratulations guys, Give us good guidance.

### FOR ALL MEMBERS

In last month's Shillelagh we reviewed the dues situation. In brief, only 55 members are up to date, while 29 are in arrears. In 2006 we had 72 paid up members. Seriously Hibernians we've got to do better than that. Envelopes with return addresses will be sent to 60 members to bring their dues up to date. In the event that anyone wishes to drop their membership, please check the box to that effect. We're really trying to keep an official count for practical purposes. To just ignore our request is not quite fair. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Mike Murphy, President

#### USHERS AT CARROLL GAMES

Brother Bob Moes coordinates ushers for the Carroll football games. Volunteers are provided tickets. If interested call Bob at 442 1883

#### SOME GOOD NEWS

Following several good suggestions at the last meeting, two plans are being pursued: One involves obtaining two tickets to an Atlanta Falcons game from Coach Bobby Petrino to set up a raffle. With input from Bobby's Dad, Putter, we'll wait til next Spring to pursue the idea, which is good sense since the Falcons have had a quarterback problem that needs remedying. But Putter is a good friend and says he will help out all he can. This could be a great fund raiser.

#### NOW FOR THE SECOND IDEA.

Plans are being developed for a true Irish Feish, or variety musical show, as a fund raiser, at the end of next February or early March. Several of our members are meeting with Carroll College's Drama and Communications Departments to work with us on developing the show. We hope that we can draw all of the events from local talent and present a real Irish Feish for the community. We would like members to recommend any and all talented Irish entertainers available in the area. More on this as plans are developing.

An Irishman walking through a field sees a man drinking water from a pool with his hand. The kindly Irishman shouts: "Na Hol an t-uisce, ta se lan de chac bo." (Don't drink the water, it's full of cow dung.) The man shouts back: "I'm English. Speak English, not gibberish. I don't understand you." The Irishman shouted: "Use both hands, you'll get more in."

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#### CONGRATULATIONS

Here's some great news. Brother Pat Connors and his lovely wife, Joyce, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 24<sup>th</sup>. May you have many more blessed years together.

#### WELCOME BACK

We are very pleased to welcome back to our midst two fine Hibernians, Bill Harrington and Cort Harrington. FAILTE, youse guys.

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The annual dues for being a Hibernian hasn't changed from \$30 for twenty years. We now have a situation where over half of each members dues goes to the national and state Hibernians. We have fewer dues paying members, and obviously costs of all things have risen considerably over the years. For now at least we have no great income source other than selling Bob Morgan's art, and we're nearing the end of that. So the officers are seriously thinking about increasing the annual dues to \$40. Think about it fellas, we are a great hearted organization that works overtime to do good things in our community. Can we afford another \$10 each a year to continue our benevolent efforts? Please encourage the increase.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular September meeting October 9th

At the KC Hall 7 PM

Charter Dinner Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> KC

Social at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30

Veterans Day Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, march

in East Helena

Anaconda Division's Half Way to Saint

Patrick's Day corned beef & cabbage

Dinner. Wed. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 O'Clock

