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January-February 2023

2023-24 Division Officers

President.....	Eddie Mongan
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Sentinel	Ben Courtney
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FFAI.....	Ron Trask
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Organizer.....	Joe Daywalt
Publicity.....	Pete Hand
Immigration.....	Hug Quinn
Trustee.....	Chris Scanlan
Trustee / Irish History.....	Mark Ryan
Irish History.....	Mark Ryan
Veteran Affairs.....	Bobby Whitmore
Current Parade Grand Marshal ..	Frank Burton

**Next Membership Meeting-
Thursday, March 30th at 7:30**

2022 & 2023 Membership Dues

Please note that our new Financial Secretary is Brother Ed Costello, dues can now be paid via Venmo at @Ed-Costello-7. You can still drop off your dues at a membership meeting or at the Pub. Payments can be mailed to: **135 Scarlet Drive, Conshohocken, PA. 19428**

2023 Conshohocken St. Patrick's Day Parade



CONSHOHOCKEN

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers,

March is upon us! We have so many wonderful events to look forward to. The Parades, the Grand Marshal's Ball, Irish Coffee Contest and last but not least...St. Patrick's Day.

These are all fun events but make no mistake, this month is truly about celebrating our Irish history and ancestry. The Irish are far too often portrayed in a negative manner and it is our duty to conduct ourselves in ways that reinforce who we really are, hard working, generous, faithful people and not guys walking in the parade with beers in hand. The Irish are an integral part of our communities and play an important role in aiding others in times of need. We deserve to be taken seriously. We fill churches, we educate folks, support important causes, host food and clothing drives, we volunteer thousands of hours in various capacities and, to put it in plain terms, we raise a lot of money and give it away.

Being a Hibernian affords us access to numerous opportunities to celebrate being Irish. Although enjoying some Guinness with some Irish whiskey responsibly is certainly a well earned treat for many of us, another way we can celebrate is by volunteering. Even simply supporting Irish events is a great way to contribute. Every dime we give away has to come from somewhere.

In addition to many Irish pages you may follow on Facebook, please visit **Irish Montco**. This was created by our own Hugh Quinn. Although the page is technically not an AOH page, it's purpose is to broaden our Celtic network. On this page, not only will we promote AOH news, we will also share content from our churches, schools and anything Irish or Catholic in and around Montgomery County. We also want to use this to help our many local Irish musicians and bands promote their gigs as well as, share events of our many Irish pubs and establishments.

I hope to see you all at some point in this glorious month of March. Whether it be at a parade, the Grand Marshal's Ball or even a quiet random evening at the AOH Pub, I truly look forward to all of your smiling faces, for I love this time of year! Be safe and enjoy.

In our motto,

Eddie Mongan



NOTRE DAME, DIVISION 1, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

HOME ASSOCIATION

The Home Association's Board of Directors is dedicated to offering the highest quality of service and provide a comforting environment for our members and guests.

Happenings

- Bar Bingo - 2nd Thursdays
 - Shuffle board League Mondays at 6:30 pm
- 03/07/2023 Hosting AOH Montco County Board

Meeting

- 03/09/2023 Irish Coffee Contest
03/11/2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Conshy
03/30/2023 Div. 1 Membership Meeting
04/15/2023 Hosting 100th Degree for IOEMDT
04/22/2023 Home Association Spaghetti Dinner

BOARD

President-Joe McGlinchey
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Rec. Secretary-Ed Costello
Bar Steward-Ron Trask
Director-Dylan Gavin
Director-Eddie Mongan
Director-John Nolan Sr.
Director-Hugh Quinn
Director-Jack Rodenbaugh
Director- Kieran Trainer

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Treasury, Brian Creech
Bar, Ron Trask
Events/Hall Rental, Joe McGlinchey
Fund Drives, Joe McGlinchey
Maintenance, Eddie Mongan

The Home Association is launching a fund drive to be ear-marked for building renovations. Our facility is in dire need of repair and the funds are not there. Despite COVID negatively impacting our ability to raise money, we still managed to fulfill our charitable obligations but we did not have sufficient funds left for property maintenance. Monies raised will be used for a new air conditioning unit for the Pub, roof repairs, concrete work, fencing, lighting and interior upgrades.

➤ AOH Pub is looking for seasoned, experienced bartenders, see Ron Trask

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Hall Rentals

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- Draft beer capability
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- Flexible access for set-up
- Parties or Meetings
- Historic Decor
- Entertainment available

AOH Hall at 342 Jefferson Street, Bridgeport, PA. 19405

THE ISLE OF ERIN

MAJOR DEGREE TEAM

Needs You!

The **IOEMDT** is currently recruiting new team members to join this nationally renowned team of dedicated Hibernian brothers. Obtaining the Major Degrees of the Order is imperative to fulfilling your obligation as an AOH member but without fully staffed Degree Teams, it will be difficult to maintain membership numbers.

The team is especially deficient in men to serve as Escorts and will train you for the role. Other positions need to be filled as well. The only requirements are to be a fully degreed AOH member, in good standing.

Interested brothers please contact Brother **Tom O'Hagan** @ (215) 301-0609 or rangertom47@comcast.net



***The Isle of Erin Major Degree Team's 100th exemplification of the Major Degrees April 15, Notre Dame Division 1, 342 Jefferson St, Bridgepot, PA. 19405**

IRISH THUNDER PIPES AND DRUMS

March 2023

Pipe Band Report:

Irish Thunder is preparing for upcoming St. Patrick's Day parade in March, with the first event this season – **Conshohocken Grand Marshall Ball** on Saturday, March 4 (Spring Mill Fire Company @ 6:00 pm). The March parades include **Buck's County**, (3/11 @10:30), and our very own, **Conshohocken** (3/11 @2:00), and **Somerville, NJ** (3/12 @1:30) The band is planning to participate in the **Savannah St. Patrick's Day parade** on March 17; members are excited to go back to Savannah and represent the Philadelphia area and their local AOH!

Irish Thunder merchandise is still available. Irish Thunder's first CD includes local Irish singers, including **Paul Moore, Sarah Agnew, and Tom McHugh**, and other area instrumentalists playing the violin and guitar. The CD is sure to be a great addition to your collection! The band is still selling their new 25 th anniversary t-shirts. The shirts are black in color, with silver color in many of the titles, and are in both mens' & womens' sizes. Please see a band member for a CD, shirt, magnet or pint glass. Band CD's are priced for \$10, pint glasses and magnets for \$5 and shirts for \$15. To purchase a Band CD contact Eddie Mongan

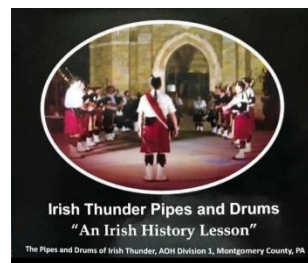
The band is currently accepting interested gentlemen & ladies to join the band as a piper or drummer to improve the band's sound. Please see a band member if you're interested.

Sincerely,

Sean Murray

President/Band Manager,
Irish Thunder Pipe & Drum Band

www.irishthunder.org



2023 Irish Thunder Band Schedule

1. January 7, 2023 – Saturday, 6:45PM Maura’s Wedding, Blue Bell, PA
2. February 5 – Sunday, 10:00AM St. Brigid’s Feast Celebration Mass, St. Patrick’s Church Hall, Norristown
3. March 4 – Saturday, 6:00P.M. Grand Marshall’s Ball, Elwood Park Zoo, Norristown, PA
4. March 11 - Saturday, 10:30A.M. Buck’s County St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Bristol, PA
5. March 11 - Saturday, 2:00P.M. Conshohocken St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Conshohocken, PA
6. March 12 – Sunday, 1:30P.M. Somerville St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Somerville, NJ
7. March 17 – Friday, 10:30AM Savannah St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Savannah, GA
8. May 20 – Saturday, 11:45AM Armed Forces Day @Mission BBQ, King of Prussia, PA
9. May 29 – Monday, 10:00A.M. Bridesburg Memorial Day Parade, Bridesburg, PA
10. July 4 – Tuesday, 10:00A.M. July 4 th Parade, Oreland, PA
11. August 23 – Wednesday, Dusk Valley Forge Concert, Valley Forge Concert
12. September 23/24 – Saturday/Sunday, 10:00A.M./12:30P.M. Cape May County Irish Festival, N. Wildwood, NJ
13. October 28 – Saturday, 7:00PM Medford Halloween Parade, Medford, NJ
14. November 11 – Saturday, 12:00P.M. Veterans Day Service, Mission BBQ, King of Prussia, PA
15. November 11 – Saturday, 6:00P.M. Veterans’ Day Service, AOH Hall
16. November 25 – Saturday, 3:30P.M. Myerstown Holiday Parade, Myerstown, PA
17. December 2 – Saturday, 1:00P.M. Ambler Holiday Parade, Ambler, PA
18. December 6 – Wednesday, 6:00P.M. The Royer Greaves School for the Blind

*Schedule updated as of March 1, 2023

All grey print indicates events completed

Sean Murray, President/Band Manager

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SAINT PATRICK'S PARADE**

WINNER DRAWN ON PARADE DAY AT AFTER PARTY AT THE AOH



Irish New Years Toast

Every year, for the last 12 or so, the Notre Dame Pub has observed Irish New Years, American Time. Seeing that Ireland time is 5 hours ahead of us here in the Eastern Standard Time, we count down to 7pm (midnight in Ireland). Light snacks and munchies and a 7 pm toast to ring in the Irish new year. We had a strong turnout, as usual and wish everyone a safe, happy and prosperous new year.



On February 4th, in preparation for the Eagles taking on the Chiefs in Super Bowl LVII we decided to re-watch Super Bowl LII where the Eagles secured their first Super Bowl Victory over Patriots led by Tom Brady. We aired Super Bowl LVII in it's entirety on all televisions. Complete with drink specials, block pool, eagles prizes and free Underdogs (hot dogs), it was a lot of fun to relive what may be considered the most exciting super bowl ever. We even paused the game for a toast just before the Philly Special. Unfortunately the Birds didn't get it done this time but had every opportunity to win it, down to the wire.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2023 INSTALLATIONS



2023 Montco County Installations

On January 7 Notre Dame Division 1 hosted the 2023 AOH / LAOH Montco Installations of 2023-2024 Officers. Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Bridgeport, PA. Pictured clockwise from top left are; Eileen Modica presenting Montco LAOH Hibernian of the Year to Cathy Coughlin, County President Tom Coughlin Jr. at mass, Tom Coughlin Jr. presenting Div. 4 President Bob Herbst with Montco AOH Hibernian of the Year, AOH Montco brothers during installation and a group photo of a healthy representation of local Hibernians back at the Notre Dame Pub after the installations. Best of luck to our new and reappointed officers in health and prosperity in the next two years.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notre Dame Division 1 would like to congratulate our own Michelle "Shelly" Moloney-Burke on achieving citizenship of the United States of America!

Michelle is a fan-favorite in and around the Notre Dame division. Hibernian, Pipe Seargent for Irish Thunder Pipes & Drums (Kick-Ass Pipe Teacher too!), Bartender Extraordaire. In whatever capacity, she is always pleasant, ready to help and fun to be around.

Today I became a citizen of The United States Of America . To be able to call myself an American citizen and to have the opportunity to take my oath within steps of where this great country was founded is both an honor and a privilege . Today will forever be a momentous day in my life . God bless America .



Way to Go!!!!

Our Lady of Knock Division
Cambria County 1



WELCOME TO JOHNSTOWN!

Fellow Delegates, AOH Members, LAOH Members and Attendees of the 2023 PA State Convention:

On behalf of the membership of the Our Lady of Knock Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, I welcome you to the Friendly City, our hometown settled in the mists of the beautiful Laurel Highlands! We invite you to experience our history and heritage and be a part of our exciting new vibe!

We have planned our AOH & LAOH Convention in Johnstown to be an experience that we hope will encourage you to get out and about while you are here. The Holiday Inn where you will stay is located in our very walkable and safe central business district.

While you are here, please take the opportunity to experience the amenities that are within a short walking distance of the hotel. In fact, within a 6-block radius of the hotel, you will find a variety of dining experiences, several neighborhood bar & grilles, the Johnstown Central Park & Creator Square, the Johnstown Flood Museum, Historic Train Station, World's Steepest Incline Plane, Saint John Gaulbert Cathedral and the Stone Bridge. Stroll along the river greenway across from the Point Stadium to see our industrial past and exciting future.

Enjoy the mountain air! - The 1st Summit Arena @ Cambria County War Memorial, where our Icebreaker Event will be held, is one block from the hotel's front entrance. The Johnstown Convention Center for our Final Banquet is also a short walk and diagonally across Napoleon Street from the Arena. Everything is close and worthy of a stroll!

Further out into the Laurel Highlands, the Johnstown Flood National Memorial, Flight 93 Memorial and Fort Ligonier (a fully-restored French and Indian War British garrison) are all within easy driving distance.

Thanks for your continuing commitment to advancing the mission of the AOH & LAOH in America... and as my grandfather, a proud citizen of County Armagh used to say, "You're as welcome as the flowers in May" to Johnstown, PA!

Yours in our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

John L. Skelley
President – Our Lady of Knock Division
Cambria County #1
Ancient Order of Hibernians

Upcoming Events

- 03/04 - Grand Marshal's Ball, Spring Mill Fire Co., 6:00 pm
- 03/07 - Montgomery County Board Meeting, AOH Div. 1
- 03/09 - Irish Coffee Contest, Notre Dame Div. 1 Hall, 6pm
- 03/11 - Bristol St. Patrick's Day Parade 10:30 am
- 03/11 - Conshohocken St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2:00 pm
- 03/12 - Sommerville, NJ. St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1:30
- 03/17 - AOH Notre Dame Pub open all Day, DJ / Specials
- 03/17 - Irish Thunder Pub Crawl, *Part of the Band*
- 03/17 - Savannah, GA. St. Patrick's Day Parade, *Part of Irish Thunder*
- 03/18 - AOH Div. 6 Montco St. Patrick's Day Party 7-11 St. Theresa of Calcutta Gym, \$45 / person
- 03/25 – Girardville St. Patrick's Day Parade, Noon
- 04/01 – AOH Div. 4 Montco 20th Anniversary, St. Maria Goretti Church
4:30 mass, Reception after mass at Drexel Hall, Tickets \$50
- 04/15 – Isle of Erin Major Degree team's 100th Exemplification of the Major Degrees at Upper Merion Vantage Academy, 1:00
Reception directly after at Notre Dame Hall.
- 04/22 – Notre Dame Spaghetti Night, 5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner, Drinks and a Frank Sinatra Impersonator.

2023 Conshohocken St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal



Frank Burton

To Notre Dame Division 1 Brother Frank Burton, 2023 Conshohocken St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, Congratulations on this prestigious accomplishment. Thank you for all of your contributions to the AOH and Conshohocken community alike. We will be very proud to see you marching down Fayette Street!

In our motto,

Notre Dame Division 1, Montgomery County AOH

THE PAUL MOORE BAND

1st Fridays at



CONSHOHOCKEN

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

April 7

**Come support the guys and listen to
some quality Irish music!**