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A periodic insight into the Montgomery County, Division 1, Notre Dame

# AOH Div. 1

April 30, 2021

## 2021-22 Division Officers

President, Eddie Mongan  
Vice-President, Ron Trask  
Chaplain, Fr. Bill Grogan  
Recording Secretary, Kevin Willson  
Financial Secretary, Ed Costello  
Treasurer, Tom Nolan  
Standing Committee Chair, Jack Rodenbaugh  
Marshall, Hugh Quinn  
Sentinel, John Nolan Sr.  
Sentinel, Joe Daywalt  
Missions and Charities, Glenn McNulty  
Trustee, Sean Messenger  
Irish History, Mark Ryan  
Current Parade Grand Marshal, Bobby Whitmore

**Next Membership Meeting-  
Thursday, May 28 at 7:30**

**Welcome to the Order!**  
Edward McCarthy  
John Biegalski

### April Pub Draw Winners!

\$200 #53 B. Douglas  
\$300 #09 Notre Dame, Div 1  
\$500 #02 Damien Donaghy

### 2021 Membership Dues

Please note that our new Financial Secretary is Brother Ed Costello, dues can now be paid via Venmo at @Ed-Costello-7. Dues are **\$35.00**. 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**

### Happy Birthday AOH!

On Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> the Ancient Order of Hibernians will celebrate 185 years of age. Stop by the AOH Pub that night and join us at 7pm to hoist a celebratory toast to honor all hibernians past and present.

Thunder getting back into the swing of things. Having first good practice in months!



**Medal of Honor Grove**  
On Saturday, April 24, three Div. 1 members along with six other volunteers planted 15 trees adjacent to the one acre site dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients who are from the state of Alaska.

## ***From the President...***

Hello Brothers,

As things start to open up, we intend to see an increase in activity throughout our Division. With the newly relaxed COVID restrictions the AOH Pub, while still adhering to Pennsylvania guidelines, is seeing an increase in member traffic.

The Pipe Band has resumed in-person rehearsals and have events on the schedule for this year.

Be on the lookout for email notifications about upcoming work parties. These work parties are imperative to keeping our Headquarters in optimum condition, indoors and out. We have a list of tasks to be done ranging in all levels of physical requirements. It is usually a fun time with plenty of laughs.

### **Happy belated 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our own Joe McGlinchey!**

Last month we had observed some important dates in Irish History. April 23 was the anniversary of the Battle of Clontarf and the Death of Brian Boru. We also had the anniversary of the Easter Rising on April 24 but is often celebrated on Easter Monday.

On Tuesday, May 4 we will celebrate the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the AOH.

In our motto,

Eddie Mongan  
Division 1 President

### **New Division 1 Website!**

As you may be aware, we have a new website for the division. While this change happened for several reasons, one of the biggest factors is that we moved to using the Google Suite platform. Through Google, we have a free email address, free storage (to an extent), the ability for the officers to share files easily, and keep all data current and secure. With the Google Suite, we also get free website hosting. Now granted, since it's free, it doesn't have all of the bells and whistles as a paid service, but we wind up saving several hundred dollars a year, by making this simple switch. Please bear with us during this transition. We are working hard to make the website user friendly, aesthetically pleasing, and full of pertinent information. We encourage you to visit [www.aohdiv1montco.com](http://www.aohdiv1montco.com) and look around. Let us know if you want something added. It's under construction so all links aren't currently active, but they will be! We are still missing a great deal of member's contact information. I will be updating the list frequently, as I get corrected info. Soon, a Google form will be emailed out to all of our contacts to update all information. We have found that many phone numbers are not lining up with the contact names. We appreciate all of those who worked hard in years past, to create the resources we have used, and we hope to continue to strengthen our organization

# Irish Thunder Pipes and Drums

April/2021

## Pipe Band Report:

After a year with no events and zoom band meetings, Irish Thunder is finally starting to return to a somewhat routine. Practices have been occurring at the club for pipers, with a minimal number of members at one time. Band members have participated in a few events the past several months including the annual St. Brigid's Mass in February and a performance on March 17 at Mission BBQ to honor Col. William Bonelli, who turned 100 years old this year.

Irish Thunder finally has a schedule for 2021! Events include the annual Bridesburg Memorial Day parade (May 31), Oreland 4 th of July parade (July 5), and two performances in July and August at St. Thomas Church in Whitemarsh (July 23) and at the Valley Forge Chapel (Aug 18).

Irish Thunder merchandise is still available. Irish Thunder' 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 & magnets for \$5 and shirts for \$15.

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.irishtunder.org](http://www.irishtunder.org)



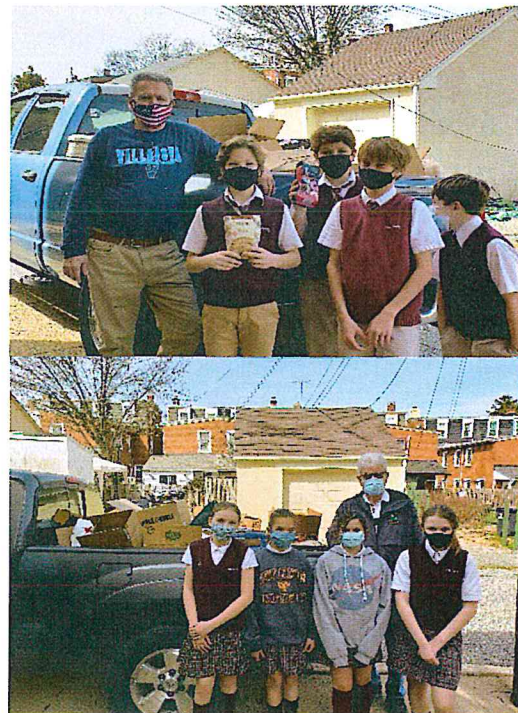
*Irish Thunder took part in the Presentation of the POW/MIA Chair of Honor to the VFW Post #7878 in King of Prussia. Rolling Thunder, VFW 7878 Riders, VFW State Officers and other VFW supporters were in attendance for this presentation. The Chair of Honor is a symbol of the thousands of American servicemen and servicewomen who became Prisoners of War or who are Missing in Action.*

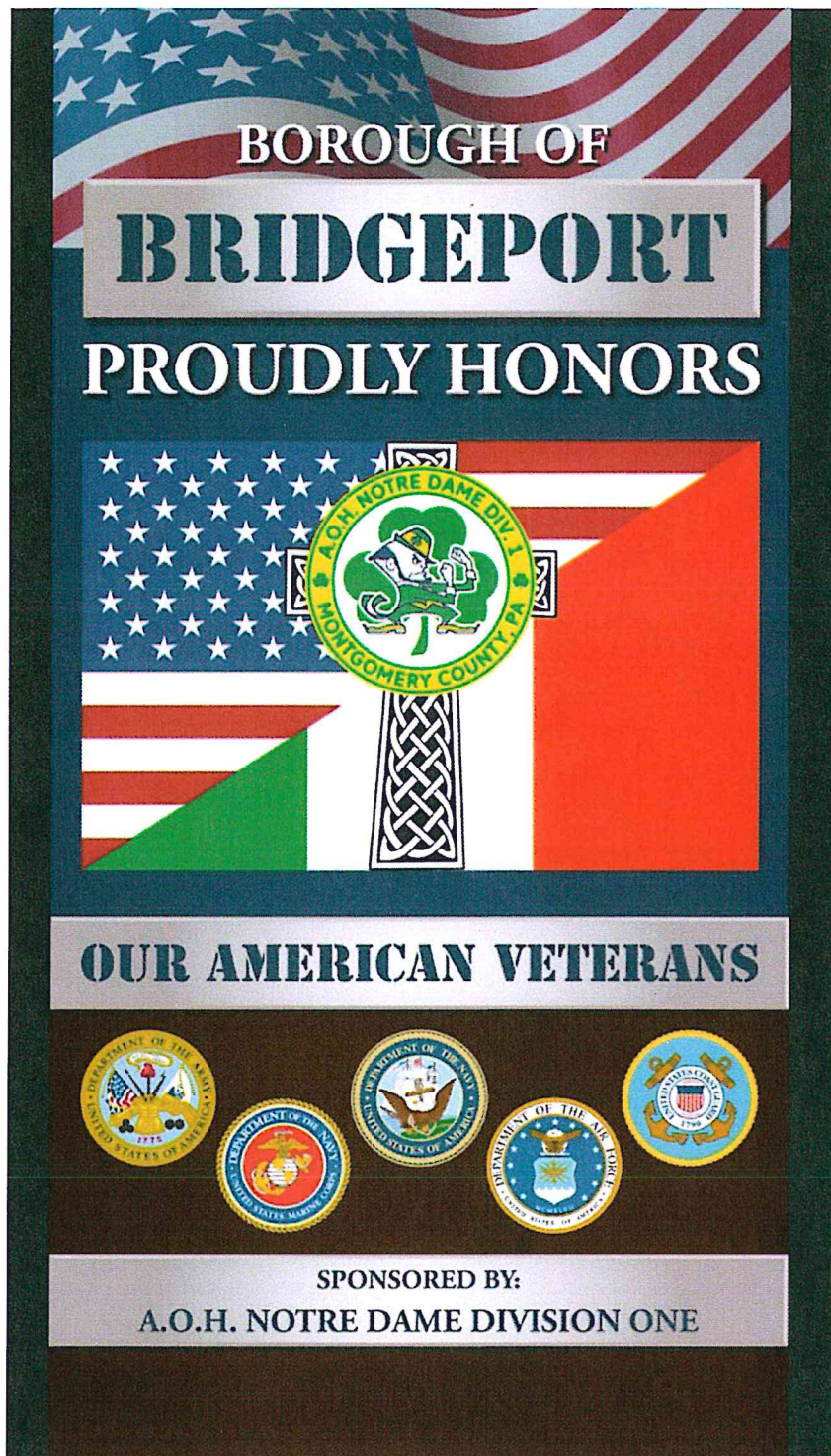
# 2021 Hibernian Hunger Drive

Each year the National A.O.H. facilitates a food drive called the Hibernian Hunger Drive. Once again our division has completed the Hibernian Hunger Drive benefiting The Patrician Society. The following members volunteered to collect cans from the following grade schools and deliver them to the Patrician Society in Norristown.

Holy Family School Mark Ryan, John Irwin, Gerry McWilliams  
Holy Rosary Regional School Keith Gavin  
St. Francis of Assisi School Dylan Gavin  
St. Helena School Jim McGinn  
St. Philip Neri School Ron Palasky

We also had a can collection at the club which raised 3 boxes of food. In total we estimate that the schools raised 5 pickup truck loads along with over \$600 in supermarket gift cards. The participating schools receive \$500 each, which will go out in April. Thank you to LeeAnn Rooney at the Patrician Society, members who volunteered their time and the schools who raised the cans in order to help us keep our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Slainte.





You will start to see Banners similar to this one displayed all over Bridgeport to honor our Veterans. Notre Dame Division 1 is proud to sponsor a banner to show our respect and gratitude the the men and women who have served and continue to serve the **United States Military**.



Ancient Order of  
**HIBERNIANS**  
Irish • Catholic • American

# SHAMROCK DEGREE CEREMONY

*Sponsored by the Montgomery County Board*

**Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 1:00pm** (*registration begins at Noon*)

**Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church - Drexel Hall (school gym)**  
**2980 Cowpath Road – Hatfield, PA 19440**

Brothers,

In the first step of becoming a member of our noble Order, you took an oath. After administering the oath to you, your Division President said, in short, *“and I commend you to the friendship of its members, subject; however, to the condition that you receive the Lessons and take the Test of the Order known as the Major Degrees of the Order in accordance with our laws.”*

The next step in the process of becoming a full member of the AOH is the Shamrock Degree. You will need to take this in order to move forward and take your Major Degree in the future. We have decided that it would be best and, hopefully, easier to do a regional Shamrock Degree ahead of the Major Degree at the State Convention in July. Please do consider attending this ceremony. Following the ceremony, a “happy hour” with light refreshments will be available to all participants while enjoying the Friendship and camaraderie of your Brothers.

Following the happy hour, at approximately 2:15pm, the Montgomery County Board will hold their quarterly Board meeting. All Brothers are welcome to attend the meeting if they so choose and learn more about what is going on with our Brothers around the County, the State and the Nation.

In order to get an accurate head count, especially for food and beverage, we ask that all candidates and all observers please preregister using this google form <https://forms.gle/1GuC7w4pUUeWJcRR6>.

Yours In Our Motto of  
Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

*Tom Coughlin, Jr*

President  
AOH Montgomery County Board



Upcoming AOH Major Degrees  
of the Order Exemplifications

Isle of Erin Major Degree Team  
of Montgomery County, PA

**95<sup>th</sup> Exemplification of the Major Degrees of the Order** – Saturday, July 31, 2021, Time TBD. Pennsylvania State Convention. Radisson Hotel Trevose, 2400 Old Lincoln Highway, Trevose, PA. Pre-register for this Degree at [www.isleoferin.com](http://www.isleoferin.com). PA State Convention website: [www.aohpastate.org/2021-state-convention](http://www.aohpastate.org/2021-state-convention) Radisson Hotel Trevose website: [www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-trevose-sesame](http://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-trevose-sesame)

**96<sup>th</sup> Exemplification of the Major Degrees of the Order** – Sunday, October 24, 2021. Time 12:00 Noon. Commodore John Barry Arts and Cultural Center, 6815 Emlen Street, Philadelphia, PA. Degree to be hosted by Daniel Browne Philadelphia Division 80. Pre-register for this Degree at [www.isleoferin.com](http://www.isleoferin.com) Commodore Barry Center website: [www.irishcenter.org](http://www.irishcenter.org)

Isle of Erin Major Degree Team Chairman: Jim Murphy (610) 850 - 4509

National Chairman Rituals & Degrees: Jack Schneider (215) 361 - 3327



**PACKAGE REGISTRATION FORM  
2021 Pennsylvania State AOH / LAOH  
July 29 – July 31, 2021**

Indicate Selection(s):

**Complete Package is \$200.00\*, if received prior to June 20, 2021. After June 20, Complete Package is \$210.00. Complete packages includes Registration, Ice Breaker and Final Banquet**

Indicate Selection:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ice Breaker on July 29th @ \$85.00**

Join us as we celebrate the opening of the 2021 PA State Convention with a Philadelphia Sampler! Includes Garden Salad with Choice of Dressings, Italian, Tuna and Turkey Hoagies, Stromboli, Philadelphia cheese steaks and Curly fries, Philadelphia Soft Pretzels, Assorted Tastykakes, Assorted Soft Drinks, Freshly Brewed Regular, Decaffeinated Coffee and Mighty Leaf Tea, **Premium Open Bar**, Music and Games / Activities as we gather for our Convention!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Final Banquet on July 31st @ \$125.00**

Evening will consist of a cocktail hour, sit-down dinner, program and music.

Please indicate choice of entrée:

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Prime Rib of Beef with Horseradish Sauce

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled salmon with Lemon Pesto Sauce

\_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Rice and Mushrooms finished with Demi glaze

\_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN Pasta with Grilled Vegetables

Included with the entrées are: Mixed Field Greens- Red Onion, Plum Tomato, Asiago and Balsamic Dressing , Green Beans, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, soft drinks, coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea and water and Triple Layered Chocolate Cake for dessert. **Premium Open Bar.**

Tables will be set for 10. If you have a preference for dining companions, please indicate their names here:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Convention Registration and Voting \$25.00**

Convention registration for members not attending the Ice Breaker or the Final Banquet but attending meetings will be required to register for the convention

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL Price of all orders**

**\*Reduced price applies to registration and payments received by June 20, 2021.**



**Please provide name and information below. Please use one form per person.  
Please print clearly.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

AOH / LAOH Division and County: \_\_\_\_\_

Current AOH / LAOH office, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Please print this form, complete it and include any additional copies of the form that you need, and mail it to the address below. Please be sure that you enclose a check for the TOTAL packages/events amounts and make it payable to: **2021 State Convention Committee**

Mailing Address for Registration Form:  
**2021 State Convention Committee  
21 Titus Court  
Richboro, PA 18954**

**Registrations forms are requested by June 30, 2021**

**We will follow all Covid 19 precautions.**

**The committee is working hard to make this a Great Convention.**

**In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,  
2021 Convention Committee**

## **AOH National YouTube Account Needs Our Support!**

AOH National Board maintains a YouTube account where they showcase important informational videos containing Irish History and critical events in the Irish community. Please go to YouTube and type Ancient Order of Hibernians (typed out) and the page should appear. Simply click “subscribe”, there is no cost to subscribe. If National collects 1,000 subscriptions, their account will be free. It only takes a minute, unless you stick around to watch some of their excellent videos.

## **Pennsylvania State President’s Dinner**

The 2021 PA State President’s Dinner will be held on May 8, in Pittsburgh. It will be hosted by President Pat O’Brien’s home Division 4, at the Doubletree Hotel in Green Tree, near Pittsburgh. Room rates are blocked under AOH at \$99.00 per night. Rates are only good for Friday and Saturday nights. See the AOH State Board’s website for complete details @

[aohpastate.org](http://aohpastate.org)

## **AOH Pennsylvania State Convention**

The 2021 AOH PA State Convention will be held July 29 through August 1 at the Radisson Hotel, Philadelphia Northeast, Trevese, PA.

For reservations, call the hotel at (215) 638-8300 and use group name: 2021 Convention Committee. Complete details can be on the AOH PA State Board’s website at:

[aohpastate.org](http://aohpastate.org)

Some additional pictures for the Medal of Honor Grove tree planting and Food Drive...

