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

# AOH Div. 1

March 29, 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  
Marshal, 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, April 29 at 7:30**

**Brother Frank Bernhardt  
Welcome to the Order!**

### March Pub Draw Winners!

\$200 #9 Notre Dame Division 1  
\$300 #7 Christopher Quinn  
\$500 #25 Tierney-Sandor-Sharon/Nancy

### 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**

### 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

In our motto,  
Kevin Willson  
Recording Secretary

## **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, Trevose, PA. For reservations, call the hotel at (215) 638-8300 and use group name: 2021 Convention Committee. Complete details can be found on the AOH PA State Board’s website at: [aohpastate.org](http://aohpastate.org)

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

Hello Brothers,

March has come and gone and despite the abbreviated celebrations for this Irish History Month I think we were able to make the most of it considering our current limitations. Let us be thankful for what we were able to achieve and for the brotherhood that has helped us through.

The Home Association, partnering with our LAOH sisters and numerous Division and Social members were able to put together a fabulous St. Patrick’s Day event on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The Ladies sold curbside meals that were delicious. The Home Association sold Irish Coffees, raffled off prizes in a silent auction and employed the musical talents of Ray McGroary, who went above and beyond as he always does. For the first time, we were able to livestream Ray’s performance to Facebook and to all televisions in the AOH Pub thanks to some engineering by Ray and Hugh Quinn.

5 local Catholic schools collected non-perishables for the Hibernian Hunger Drive. Full report to appear in next month’s edition.

Some Irish Thunder members toured numerous establishments on St. Patrick’s Day, spreading cheer and beautiful music throughout Montgomery County and beyond.

Division 6 member and Irish Thunder piper Danny Martin has been accepted to Notre Dame!

In our motto,

Eddie Mongan  
Division President

# 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)



*On March 17, 2021 **IrishThunder Pipes and Drums** performed to honor a local hero, WWII Veteran Lt. Colonel William Bonelli who turned 100 years of age that day. Pictured with Lt. Colonel Bonelli at his celebration at Mission BBQ in King of Prussia, from left to right is Drum Major-Pete Hand, Pipe Sargeants-Michelle Moloney, Mike Brown and Joe Cassidy.*

# AOH Division 1, Notre Dame, Home Association

## Soap Box Derby Driver Needed!

### 2021 LOCAL RACE

07/04/2021

8th Ave. and Fayette Streets to 5th Ave. and Fayette Streets

Race City: Conshohocken, PA

Race Date: July 4, 2021

Divisions: ST, SS, MS

Race Fee: \$35.00

Contact Person: Mark Marine, (610) 574-5101, markcmarine@verizon.net

Location of Track: 8th Ave. and Fayette Streets to 5th Ave. and Fayette Streets

If any club member, in good standing, has a child in mind, who would like a chance to drive our car down Fayette Street and possibly compete in Akron, Ohio in the National Championship, contact **Frank Burton, Mike Harper** or **Eddie Mongan** for details. One child's name will be pulled from a hat to determine our driver.

Please take into serious consideration, the driver's guardian will be responsible for transporting and housing the car, finding a safe place for the child to practice driving, attending an orientation meeting, preparing the car and taking it to two mandatory inspections and helping to set up the race route the night before the Derby.

The AOH Home Association will cover the entry fee and any additional costs reasonably related to the Derby. The AOH Soap Box Derby Committee, list above, are committed to guiding you through the process.

It sounds rigorous but the joy this event brings to these children rivals the pride it brings to our Division to be able to sponsor this historic event year after year.

Brothers,

The following is a few passages from the obituary of John Michael Elliott. Although I have never met Mr. Elliott, to my knowledge, his son Kyle is a Board member for the Sewer Authority where I am employed. After reading about Mr. Elliott's extraordinary life, it turns out that he has played an important role in local, Irish history. Plenty of us, having been to Girardville and have had the pleasure of meeting Joe Wayne's sons and grandsons in the Hibernian House, will find this little glimpse into history very interesting.

Eddie Mongan

# John Michael Elliott

1941 - 2021

“John Michael Elliott, beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, litigator, and historian passed suddenly on March 12, 2021. He was 79 years old. Born in Girardville, PA in the heart of Pennsylvania's anthracite coal region on July 8, 1941, he was a proud son of Schuylkill County, where his grandfather and great grandfather, an Irish immigrant, worked in the mines.”

“In 1979, he won a posthumous pardon from Pennsylvania Governor Shapp for Jack Kehoe, who was hung in 1878 as one of the Molly Maguires. John's dedication to Jack Kehoe's cause reflected his enduring belief in the rights of workers and his desire to vindicate the name of the great grandfather of his grade school classmate in Girardville and life-long friend, Joseph Wayne.”

“He was also a member of the Philadelphia Aviation Country Club, the Philadelphia Cricket Club, the Ocean Reef Club and the Ancient Order of Hibernians – Jack Kehoe Division.”

Rest in peace, Mr. Elliott

# Hibernian Hunger Drive

Notre Dame AOH Division 1, Montgomery County



Collecting non-perishable packaged or  
canned foods during the month of  
March

Proceeds are donated to the  
Patrician Society of Norristown  
through Notre Dame AOH  
Division 1, Montgomery County  
for the Hibernian Hunger  
Project.

