



THE CHARLESTON CELTIC CRIER

Monthly Newsletter of Msgr. John L Manning Div
Ancient Order Hibernians



AOH MEETING:
13 February 7:00 PM
St. Mary's Parish Hall

Next Meeting:
March TBD – Irish Supper

Division Officers:

President
Vice President
Treasurer/ Financial Secretary
Recording Secretary
Standing Committee
Marshall
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AOH MEETINGS:

February:

Our first meeting with our new slate of officers installed. Thank you to all of our brothers who served previous two year terms – a job well done! And best wishes to our newly elected slate of officers, taking on the subsequent two year term.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual Dues:

With the passing of the old year, we find ourselves into a new year and the dues slate is wiped clean; our annual dues are \$50 per Brother; this money helps defray the costs of conducting our business; it provides meeting space, food, and beverage when we meet; several times a year we meet at Tommy Condon's; we hold an Irish supper (see below), a Christmas Toast, and several other events; your membership is important to the organization and your dues helps to make the organization not only a vehicle to support charity but also to provide a social setting for Brothers to congregate. Lots of brothers promptly paid their dues in January – thank you! And for the rest, please bring your payment to our meeting or send your payment to:

Kelly Kanapaux, 629 Yale Drive, Charleston 29412

Checks payable to AOH

And for the first time ever, dues are payable by venmo! @kelly-kanapaux

SCAOH RAFFLE: Tickets are available to the SCAOH raffle; this raffle supports the State in their various endeavors. The raffle also serves to eliminate the per-member dues that each Division would need to pay the State in financial aid; tickets are \$100/each. First prize is an all-expense week-long trip for four to Ireland (free golf or \$1,000). Second place is a cruise for two from Charleston. Third place is a check for \$500. I have attached the flier to the email, this provides all of the information that you will need to help decide how many(!) tickets to purchase; tickets are available at all meetings and via USPS (please email Bill Hart if you wish for him to mail tickets to you).



March Meeting:

Our march Meeting will be our Annual Irish Supper; we will gather at Tommy Condon's (Abbey Room) at 6:30 PM for the cocktail hour followed by a sit-down dinner of fine Irish fare; invitations and details to follow; RSVP will be required.

Low Country Irish Fest:

From Carroll Brown:

Our Fourth Annual LOWCOUNTRY IRISH FEST will be [Sunday, February 23rd, 2020](#), at the CHARLESTON MUSIC HALL on John Street in downtown Charleston.

We have a very exciting young family group from Ireland as our co-headliner along with the super group, SYR, that played our fest in March; The new group is THE BYRNE BROTHERS. Three young fellas and their dad, all the rage at Disney in Orlando and now on the festival circuit; We have worked with them in Savannah and we hired them to play for my tour group in Ireland last September; Their videos of their street shows in Galway have been viewed more than 10 MILLION times overall online. 10 MILLION views. Literally the most popular act in Ireland in 2017 online, just as they were making their move to the USA. Extra good musicianship and showmanship, and they will add the "family show" element to our festival; So, we encourage everyone to bring the whole family!! Our plan is to add another entire "family"

portion in other ways, too. You know the CMH is directly across from the Lowcountry Children's Museum. My partner Joe Kersey and I are working that element now.

Mark your calendar and let's start chatting it up!!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 1:00-7:00pm One day, one big show in Charleston's best music venue!!

HOME PAGE <https://www.thebyrnebrothers.com/>

VIRAL VIDEO, GALWAY CITY <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wip127wLzrs>

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO <https://www.thebyrnebrothers.com/gallery>

TERRIFIC CELTIC BAND SYR <https://syrmusic.com/>

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Our Parade will be on Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 AM, marching down King Street; The Committee is in a full-court press to ensure that this year's edition will be the best ever; please consider lending a hand to make this happen; participate in the Committee (more hands, less work!) or, at the very least, I hope that you have placed an ad in the Parade Booklet from your family wishing all a Happy SPD (**Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Duit!**); the Committee will meet next Thursday, before our regular meeting, starting at 6:00 PM at St. Mary's, if you can, please join us.

9 January 2020 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Hart. Brothers were led through the Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers:

Bill Hart, President - P
Jon Guerry Vice-President -A
Louis Hems, Secretary - P
Kelly Kanapaux, Treasurer - P
Neil Diamond, Financial Secretary - P
Bud Wham, Standing Committee - P
Brian Bland, Marshal - A
Michael Tracy, Sentinel -P

Total Members attended the meeting – 25

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

November 2019 – APPROVED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kelly Kanapaux – 2019 overview of the Division's finances. Brother Kelly reports the Division's finances are in fine shape, and generally on par with last year. Provided specifics on Building Account, Charities Account and Operational Account.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Neil Diamond – 2019 overview of the Division's membership. Brother Neil has fastidiously culled the roster from 130 members, down to a strong 102. And of those, 93 were current on dues.

New members, per the National AOH, will now need to be initiated online, where the membership ranks will be maintained.

We are presently waiting on new membership cards from National.

OLD BUSINESS:

Year-end Review

Andrew Wilson (and my wife Elizabeth) created a new website for the Division. www.aohcharleston.com We will continue to update with photos, news and events. Please let me know if there's anything you would like to see added on there.

Formed a Project St. Patrick Committee. Bill Hart reported that he dropped off a check for this, but has not heard back as of yet.

Donated to our three Charities.

Supported the Turkey Day Run (thanks to Bill Ferrara for coordinating our efforts).

Supported the Bishop England Project.

Two successful raffles again this past year.

Hibernian of the Year Award was presented at the Christmas Toast to the one & only FS Neil Diamond. Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS:

Installation of Officers for a two-year term, 2020/2021

Louis HERNs, President

Michael Tracy, Vice President

Andrew Wilson, Recording Secretary

Kelly Kanapaux, Treasurer/ Financial Secretary

William Hart, Chair, Standing Committee

Paul Sizemore, Sentinel

John Seignious, Marshall

HISTORY PERSPECTIVE:

We did not have a History Perspective at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER

Previous President Bill Hart surrendered the shillelagh to newly installed President Louis HERNs. Brother Louis said a few closing words, and thank you of course to all of our previous officers.

The Brothers enjoyed a fine barbecue meal catered by Sticky Fingers.

Faithfully Submitted, Andrew J. Wilson - Recording Secretary

MANNING DIVISION ROSTER:

In order to maintain a comprehensive roster of our Division, please forward any address, phone number or e-mail address changes to ajw.manager@me.com. It is important to keep our rosters and mailing lists up to date. If you know someone who does not have an email address, please let me know.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please keep the deceased members of our Division in your prayers

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

Send your news items to:

Andrew Wilson, 6015 Fieldstone Circle, Charleston 29414 or, e-mail ajw.manager@me.com

We should not forget the men who have served as Presidents of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and should remember and pray for our deceased members.

Past Presidents

Jimmy Finnegan	1997 - 1999	James P Nettles, Jr	2009 - 2011
Martin Fosberry	1999 - 2001	Al Stiles, Jr.	2011 - 2013
Wm. "Billy" Clarey	2001 - 2003	Bill Ferrara	2013 - 2015
Stephen J White Sr	2003 - 2007	Bud Wham	2015 - 2017
Brian Davis	2007 - 2009	Bill Hart	2017 - 2019

Deceased Members

Msgr. Robert Kelly	2004	Tom McLoughlin	2016
Martin Kennedy	2008	Fr. James Parker	2016
Edward W. Duffy	2009	Walter Duane	2017
Eugene Fosberry	2010	John M. Fahey	2018
Joseph Doherty, Jr.	2010	Ruford Bolchoz	2018
David Heisser	2010	Billy Murphy, Jr.	2018
Wm. "Billy" Clarey	2010	Nolan Paul Welborn	2019
James "Jimmy" Wells	2010	Joseph Clair	2019
Raphael M. O'Jones	2011	Francis "Bevo" Clair	2019
Msgr. Joseph Roth	2011		
Timmy McLaughlin	2011		
Michael Power	2014		
John McDonough	2014		
Malcolm Coffey	2015		
James Seignious	2015		

An Irish Blessing:

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Andrew J. Wilson

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