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Division #1-The Father Tim Dempsey Division – St. Louis, MO. <http://www.stlhibernians.com/>

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Division 1 Monthly Meeting – 2nd Friday
 and [St. James the Greater Church](#) – 8:15
 pm

Special Events Committee Meeting

1st Wed – Parade, Emerald Ball, Irish
 Country Fair etc
 Goff Mall American Legion 101 – 7:00 pm

Emerald Ball

February 4, 2012



President's Podium

Brothers,

First let me apologize for not writing a podium for several months, I know how much you look forward to reading my lyrical prose. I wish I could blame it on writer's block or some higher calling, but the simple truth is that I just haven't gotten around to it. So with my mea culpa taken care of, here we go...

Recapping the past 6 months, I would like to say I very much enjoyed my vacation to Ireland in July (thanks for asking). I guess that's about it.

Just kidding. Highlights included the Irish Country Fair and another successful Texas Hold 'Em tourney. Thanks to all who volunteered or participated. We re-elected our existing slate of officers (some starting their 4th consecutive terms) with the exception of Sentinel, where Michael Lowery will take over the duties. Please let these brothers know that you appreciate their efforts. The installation of officers occurred at the AOH Christmas Party, which was a great success. Jason Barnett took the reins of the Party this year and did a tremendous job. We had a band play for 2 hours at the end and people stuck around a lot longer than in the past. Jason was also awarded the inaugural AOH Division 1 Young Hibernian of the Year Award. If you weren't there for the ceremony, congratulate him the next time you see him.

OK, now moving forward. We are entering the busy season for Irish events so please check the website for information, and attend as many as possible. The Emerald Ball will be held Feb. 4th at Andre's Banquet Center. In addition to the other honorees, our own Ed Wahl will receive the Irish Person of the Year Award. Come out and support him if you can, it really is a great event.

Jim Wahl has given a name to his annual event honoring the Firefighters and Police of the Year (FINALLY!!!). It will be called...wait for it...Hoses and Handcuffs and will be held March 15th at the Electrician's Hall for the second time. This event outgrew the Goff-Moll post and filled the room at the Electrician's Hall last year. It is a lot of fun, and you may even get to hear NFL Hall-of-Famer Jackie Smith sing (he did last year).

The Hibernian St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held (as always) on March 17th in Dogtown. We are always in need of volunteers for this day and also need to put up "No Parking" signs a few days earlier. All of the above events are discussed at the AOH Special Events meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at the Goff-Moll American Legion Post if you are interested.

For those of you who will be attending the parade (but not working), please contact VP Connor Adams to ride on/walk with the division float.

After the Parade is over and you get a short recovery, please come out and participate in the next Texas Hold 'Em tournament which will be held March 24th (the Saturday after the parade) at St. James. These events continue to get better, with one exception...no Division 1 member has won since Matt Melton took home the prize at the inaugural event. We need to get back on top! So study, develop your unbeatable strategy and test your abilities.

Our division will once again be sponsoring the Hurling season for the St. Louis Gaelic Athletic Club...but this year we take it one step further. In addition, we will be sponsoring our own team! So now you have a specific team to root for if (when) you come out to watch some of the matches. The season starts at the end of March and continues (with playoffs) through June. For all you athletic types, come out and sign up to learn a new sport and take out all your aggression. The league is getting younger every year, and I don't know how much longer I'll hold up...so your chances to dole out some punishment on the prez are getting fewer and fewer. Do it now while you still have the chance! You can go to their website www.stlgac.com for details.

Since my last podium, the division has added 13 new members: Michael O'Connell, Kevin O'Sullivan, Jim Towey, Kevin Hall, Michael Kaag, Michael Tevlin, William Dempsey, Michael Kleissler, Robert McFadden, Patrick Barry, Jr., Timmy Connors, Charles Lane and Eric Pogue (yes...another Pogue). I think Michael may be taking over for Jim as the default first name for the division! Anyway, with some deletions, this puts the total headcount at 164. The best thing, though, is how many of these new members are truly active. We had 50 attendees at our January meeting, and we usually don't get our

"St. Paddy's" surge until the February/March meetings. Adding numbers is great, but we really appreciate all the new guys getting involved. Remember, if you can't make the meetings, and want your picture on the site with the rest of the division, please e-mail a digital photo to Publicity Chairman/Webmaster Bill Burns (webmasteraoh@sthibernians.com).

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Tim Kinealy
President
AOH – Fr. Tim Dempsey – Div. 1

2011 Christmas Party

Officers of Div 1 and Div 2 were installed. Div 1 officers are listed to the left.



Many more full size photos are on our website
<http://www.sthibernians.com/lookback2011.html>

Division 1 – Young Hibernian of the Year

This year Div 1 has honored Jason Barnett as the Young Hibernian of the Year for his dedication and work within the organization.



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RAFFLE TICKET

Don't forget to get your chance at \$2,000 – Jim Wahl still has raffle tickets available – the effort is to support the expanded color



\$2,000 Raffle
\$50 donation to enter
(To pay for new Honor Guard Uniforms)

Ticket sale is limited to **120 tickets only**
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Irish County Fair
St. James School in Dogtown

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