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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

Easter Uprising Remembrance

May 1, 2011

Great Famine Memorial Mass

Sunday May 22 – St James the Greater

AOH Picnic at the Hurling Games

Sat June 4 – St Vincent Park



President's Podium

Brothers,
 Sorry about missing last month's podium (I know, you're thinking...He missed it? I never read it anyway), but March is so busy, it got away from me. This one could take a while to get through, so you better get yourself a beverage before you tackle it. Here we go...

The Police/Firefighter Recognition event moved to the Electrician's Hall with phenomenal success. The new venue worked out perfectly and there was record attendance. For those who haven't made it to one of these yet, this is a chance to honor our police and firemen, as well as enjoy Irish music, dancers and (for the second year in a row) a song or two from NFL Hall of Fame TE Jackie Smith. Thanks to Jim Wahl for organizing the night and all the volunteers who helped set up, work that evening, and breakdown.

It appears that having the Archbishop as Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day parade paid off, as he (apparently) used his influence to provide nearly perfect weather for the day. The crowd was huge, but mostly well-behaved and the parade went off smoothly. In all the years I have been involved, this was the most efficient event as the parade (with 100 entries) was complete in an hour and 45 minutes. Normally, it drags to more than 2 – ½ hours. Special thanks are due to the parade committee and all the AOH volunteers. There were so many from Division 1 that I won't try to list them individually and take a chance of leaving anyone out. The only downside was our division entry. Since we donated the trailer to another group, our marching unit was a bit disorganized. The excuse is that most of our members were working on the parade itself, but next year we will put more effort into our unit.

The second AOH Texas Hold 'Em night was held March 26 at St. James. Unfortunately, an AOH member did not win this tournament, but it was a tremendously successful event. With 65 entrants, raffles and beverage sales, it was another great fundraiser. We have learned a few lessons (no more Chuck-a-luck! - wait, that deserves a few more exclamation points - !!!!!), and look forward to an even better result next time. We will be targeting mid-to-late summer for the next one...so stay tuned. Once again, we have many volunteers to thank (a lot of the same ones as the other events), but special thanks to Sean Carmody for creating and organizing these tourneys. Special note: Can a Division 1 member PLEASE outlast his wife in the tournament next time around...yes, I'm looking at you Jim Sheerin and Sean Carmody!

Congratulations to St. Charles AOH's John Wilson who was elected AOH state president and to our own Jim Sheerin who was elected AOH state recording secretary at the Missouri state convention April 1-2. They will have a lot of responsibility the next couple of years with preparations for the 2014 AOH National Convention to be held right here in St. Louis. And I know they will be looking for volunteers for various committees, so step up if you can or find a REALLY good hiding place.

Your Catholic Action Chairman, Jason Barnett, is organizing a Great Famine Memorial Mass at St. James for May 22nd. This is in response to a call from the National AOH for remembering the 160th anniversary of the end of the Great Famine (1845-1851). Details will be posted on the website once they are finalized.

Our 3rd annual AOH Picnic at the Hurling Matches will take place Saturday, June 4th at St. Vincent Park. This event is a lot of fun (though last year's was a bit soggy as it was "a fine, soft day"). Come out and enjoy hot dogs and beverages with your brothers and watch this traditional Irish sport (who knows, you may be inspired to play next year...your chance to take a shot at me!). There are now 4 matches per day (up from 3 last year) because 2 more teams have been added to the league. Check the website for more info as the date gets closer.



Hurling update...OK sure, Datasource (Div. 1 VP Connor Adams' team) defeated my Amsterdam team by 2 points...but we have a chance for payback later in the season, so come witness the grudge match. Both teams are 2-1 through 3 weeks. I do have to brag for just a second (because it probably won't last another week), as through 3 matches, yours truly is tied for the league lead in scoring with 30 points - after 5 seasons playing defense. (It helps that they let the old, slow guys play full forward. It gives me a chance to capitalize on my teammates' hard work!) Next week, my team plays against new Division 1 member Pat Brown's team. Just goes to show that you should see some familiar faces

if you come out to the matches, held every week (except Memorial Day weekend) from now until mid-June. Matches are at 11:00, 12:30, 2:00 and 3:30 on Saturdays at St. Vincent Park.

Combined for March/April, we added 4 new members: Jamie Dunphy, the aforementioned Pat Brown, Jim Brown and J.D. Absheer. After purging a couple delinquent members, this puts the total headcount at 153, and we're up to 104 photos on our membership page of the website. 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).

OK, so how many beers did it take you to get through all that?
Is mise le meas,

Tim Kinealy
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Electricians Hall – Police/Firefighter Event



Archbishop Carlson – St Patrick's Day Parade



St Patrick's Day Parade



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