



# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA

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**JOSEPH DUELK, JR. DIVISION NO. 1**

P. O. Box 337, Monroe (Orange County), New York 10950

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 14, 2018 8 PM**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

As I leave the position of President of our wonderful Order, I look back with pride on all we have accomplished. Over the last year, your board has worked tirelessly to provide leadership to our Division. Thank you to all the members of the Board for your service.

To the Incoming Board I offer my thanks for stepping up to lead our great Division. Best of luck to Billy Coffey, our Worthy President, and to all the other new and returning members of the Board.

Please note that we will install our Incoming Board at the December meeting, and it will be a public installation with our Ladies, family members and others invited. We will conduct an abbreviated Division meeting and then open the doors for the installation. Our Christmas Party will immediately follow the meeting and installation. It will be a cash bar with everyone's first drink on the Division, and light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. We have invited our Ladies AOH 5 to attend along with us for this festive celebration, please attend and join us in celebrating Christmas.

**Please note our January Meeting will be Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 2 PM.**

Thanks to Recording Secretary George Anderson for coordinating our Annual Food Drive at Shoprite, and to all the Brothers, Sisters and Juniors listed to the right who participated in this worthy effort. Our local food pantries never cease in thanking our Division for our support and in turn, I thank the Division for its steadfast support of our Food Bank jar on the bar and our food drives.

I wish all our Brothers and their families a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with hope and blessings.

In our motto, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

**Neil O'Riordan, President**

## RECORDING SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

As your outgoing Recording Secretary and editor of the Monthly Newsletter, I want to thank all our Brother's for their support, feedback and contributions over my tenure putting this newsletter together. I hope it has been found to be a good medium of communication and has kept you up-to-date about our Division and its activities.

I want to thank Brother Brian Archer for stepping up to take over this position. I will support him fully, as I know you will, in his new role.

Happy Christmas to all, and in our Motto,

**George W. Anderson, Recording Secretary**

## Division 1 Calendar of Events

**Friday, December 14**  
Monthly Meeting and  
Public Installation  
8 PM

**Friday, December 14**  
Christmas Party  
At The Hall  
Following our Meeting!

## Food Drive

Thanks to all who participated in our Food Drive at Shoprite Monroe Sunday November 18!  
Steve Parker; William Coffey; Tom McCarthy; Russell Flynn; James Schmidt, John McCabe; Boys Juniors: William Coffey, Liam Parker and Conor Cunniffe  
Lady's Division 5  
Kat Sullivan-Parker  
Division 5 Junior Girls: Caitlyn and Caroline Coffey, Riley Parker and Maeve Cunniffe  
See Pictures on Page 2!!!



## Division Notices

### Dues for 2019

Please note that 2019 dues are now in order. You have four options for dues:

\$40--standard dues for 2019

\$65--\$40 for dues and \$25 for Fleming Scholarship Fund Contribution

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Please make checks payable to AOH Division 1.

### Election Notice

Congratulations to our Incoming Board of Officers! President William Coffey; Vice President John O'Grady\*; Recording Secretary Brian Archer; Financial Secretary John Graham; Treasurer Thomas McCarthy; Marshall Thomas Keahon; Sentinel Kevin Gannon; Standing Committee Chair George W. Anderson; Immediate Past President Neil O'Riordan. (\* Please note all positions were elected by acclamation at our November meeting except the Incoming Vice President who was appointed by the Incoming President as there was no candidate for the position at the November election.)

## Division Events

### **AOH Division 1 Conducts Food Drive at Shoprite Monroe**

Pictured below, are some images from our successful Food Drive. Please see Page 1 for our participating Brothers, Sisters and Juniors. We raised \$330 in cash donations and delivered 2 carloads of non-perishable foods to Our Father's Kitchen and the Washingtonville Food Pantry.





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## **A Moment in Irish History--Christmas Traditions of Ireland**

Christmas in Ireland is the largest celebration of the year although 8 December is traditionally viewed as the start of Christmas with many putting up their decorations and Christmas trees, along with doing their Christmas shopping. Irish Christmas traditions are similar to those in most Western countries. The greeting for "Happy Christmas" in Irish is Nollaig Shona Duit. The literal translation of this is "Happy Christmas to you". The British English expression "Happy Christmas" is more common in Ireland than its American English equivalent of "Merry Christmas".

There are large attendances at religious services for Christmas Day and Christmas Eve, with Midnight Mass a popular choice for Roman Catholics. It is also a time for remembering the dead in Ireland with prayers being offered for deceased at Mass. It is traditional to decorate graves at Christmas with a wreath made of holly and ivy.

In many homes in Ireland the traditional crib, along with the Christmas tree are part of a family's decorations. Family and friends also give each other gifts at Christmas. The placing of a lighted candle in the window of a house on Christmas Eve is still practiced to signify symbolic hospitality for Mary and Joseph. The candle was a way of saying there was room for Jesus's parents in these homes, even if there was none in Bethlehem.

In 2006, the total amount spent in Ireland to celebrate Christmas was €16 billion, which averages at approximately €4,000 for every single person in the country. The big traditional Christmas shopping day used to be December the 8th, when many schools would close for the Catholic Feast of the Immaculate Conception and people from rural areas would head to the towns and cities to do their Christmas shopping. With the advent of online shopping and other popular shopping days such as Black Friday, the 8th is no longer a very busy shopping day.

Christmas trees officially go up on 8 December because the Immaculate Conception was on this date. Almost the entire workforce is finished by lunchtime on Christmas Eve or often a few days beforehand. Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day (Boxing Day in Northern Ireland) are public holidays and many people do not return to work until the next week day after New Year's Day. Many multinational companies and businesses close the day before Christmas Eve and re-open the day after New Year's Day. Shop and public service workers usually return to work the day after St. Stephen's Day and sometimes on St. Stephen's Day if the Christmas sales have started. During Christmas many weekly or local newspapers are moved and when Christmas Day is falling on Sunday, Sunday Newspapers are moved to Saturday or Christmas Eve.

Santa Claus, Daidí na Nollag (lit. Daddy of Christmas) in Irish and traditionally "Father of Christmas" in Irish English, is known in Ireland as Santy or Santa. It is traditional to leave a mince pie and a bottle or a glass of Guinness along with a carrot for Rudolph, although in recent years Guinness has been replaced with milk and mince pies with cookies due to Americanisation.

It is traditional to swim in the sea on Christmas morning, often done in aid of charity. The 40 Foot in Sandycove in Dublin is a traditional venue for this where hundreds brave the cold temperatures and jump into the sea.

The traditional Christmas dinner consists of turkey or goose and ham with a selection of vegetables and roast potatoes. They also have round cake full of caraway seeds. In Cork and some surrounding areas, Spiced beef is traditionally eaten as part of the Christmas dinner. Dessert is very rich with a selection of Christmas pudding (sometimes served with brandy being set alight and poured over it), Christmas cake, sherry trifle, yule log and mince pies with equally rich sauces such as brandy butter. On Christmas Eve fish is traditionally eaten as a form of fasting before Christmas.

Christmas celebrations in Ireland are finished on the 6th of January, variously known as Women's Christmas (Nollaig na mBan), Little Christmas or Epiphany, with people taking down their Christmas decorations.

**Source: Wikipedia; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas\\_in\\_Ireland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_in_Ireland)**