



Brendan's Blather

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Treasurer	Dan MacDonald
Marshal	Tim O'Neill
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MEETINGS

AOH St. Brendan Division Meeting:
Thursday, August 11, 7:30 pm

LAOH Annie Moore Division Meeting:
Thursday, August 18, 6:30 'Picnic'

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers of St. Brendan Division,

I trust that everyone's summer has been full of fun and excitement so far.

First of all, a heartfelt thanks to all who supported my 1st run for State office.

I wish the result would have been different, however, I will continue to be as active as ever in the order. Thank you all for your support.

I would also like to thank all of those who have worked so very hard and donated countless hours towards the successes we have enjoyed this year. A very prosperous festival '05, a new patio at the club, several successful events. These things do not happen by themselves, there is much work and planning for everything we do.

I encourage all of you to be a part of this exciting time in our Division's history.

Sign up for a committee, volunteer at an event, either a fun one or better yet, a Christian Charity opportunity!

Spend some time at YOUR club and get to know your brothers and meet the new ones.

It would be great to see some of our old friends who we have not seen for some time. Trust me, no one will "beat you up" for not making the meetings...get there when you can, we'd all love to see you at the club!

Steve Schillinger
President
St. Brendan Division

STATE CONVENTION, JULY 7 – 10 at YOUNGSTOWN

While neither Dan MacDonald nor Steve Schillinger was successful in their runs for State Board office, the convention was a success from every other point of view. The Y-town hospitality was as usual – terrific!! Much important work of the Order was accomplished in our business sessions and the social interaction must be experienced to be appreciated! We will convene next in Toledo in July 2007. Congratulations to new State Board officers, President Danny O'Connell (Y-town), Vice President Jim Magee (Cinti), Secretary Pat Kelly (Marietta), Treasurer Ron Hagen (C-bus) and Directors Mike Mogg (Warren) and Gerry Fritsch (Cinti). Dan MacDonald was re-appointed as Organizer.

Congratulations to **Howie Coway** and **Sharkey Johnson** on their receiving of the Major Degrees of the Order, during the convention.

Only negative – the bloody elevators!

GOLF OUTING

Jim Conley, and his sidekicks, **Mike Sutter** and **Dan Henry**, ran a wonderful event at Green Hills in Brimfield! Weather was delightful, company was great, competition was **fierce**, and the 19th hole's refreshments and sausage and pepper sandwiches as prepared by **Martha MacDonald** and **Bob Thome** were outstanding. **Jim's** committee did a marvelous job of rounding up giveaways and prizes. Nice job, **Jim!** Late-breaking word has it that **Jim** is planning a late September outing at Mud Run golf course. Let him know if you are interested.

AEROS OUTING AND RAIN DATE

Tuesday, July 26, we gathered at Canal Park for the long-awaited Aeros – Harrisburg clash. Oh, man! The excitement was feverish! However, not only did **we** gather, but so did the thunderstorm clouds and the lightening bolts and the game was never started. Our tickets are good for another game and details are soon to be forthcoming as to when we, as a group, will revisit Canal Park.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORN ROAST

Our brothers to the north, K of C Council 3529 on North Main Street, are holding their Annual Corn Roast on Saturday, August 20, 6 – 8:30 pm. All you can eat and drink, adults prepay \$8.50, \$10.00 at the door and kids 7 – 12, \$5.00 and \$6.00. See Whitey or Bob...

HALF-WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Chairman Hugh Laughlin is conducting meetings, next one, Sunday, August 7, 1:00 pm. The dates for this very important fundraising endeavor of the division are September 16 and 17. Your help is needed, **NOW**, in the planning process, and **THEN**, actually helping by selling tokens and pouring and serving beer. Help is needed in several areas: publicity and advertising, enlisting volunteers, securing vendors (food, commercial, and Irish)...and on and on...attend a planning meeting and offer your help/expertise. If you cannot get involved in the planning, please raise your hand to offer help on Sept 16/17. Yeah, it would be great if **we** could call **you** each personally and solicit your help, but come on! Give us a break and **YOU** take the initiative and give Hugh a call at 330-701-4407. He'll put you in touch with the appropriate person.

HALL HAPPENINGS

The **Ceili Band** will hold forth at 7:00 pm Monday, August 8 and August 22. Come and enjoy traditional Irish music as offered by local amateur aficionados of the craft. Bring your own instrument and sit in! This is a major event in the evolving history of our hall and you can only be the loser if you do not take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

The **Patio** is now open **OFFICIALLY** for your enjoyment...market umbrellas, tiki torches, hanging flower pots, piped in music...it's all there, folks. Yeah, it's been hotter than blazes, but come a cooler autumn we anticipate stepped-up activity...**tailgaters** prior to Notre Dame, Ohio State, and Browns games. Inexpensive eats and drinks. After the tailgater we retire to the big screen in the hall, or if we can arrange a decent view, we'll have outside TVs. Come out and enjoy your club!

Comedy Competition is planned for Saturdays October 29, and November 5 and 12. **John Cunniff** is organizing and will provide details as they evolve.

Tacky Prom is being organized by **Tacky Tony Smith** for Friday, October 28. Again, as details become known, Tony will advise, but to get ready, dust off your old velour dinner jackets with the puce ruffled shirt. Plaid knit bell-bottom slacks probably a requirement for admittance?

Anniversary Celebration. Do you realize that we received our liquor license about a year ago? To celebrate, check elsewhere in this Blather.

Annie Moore USO Benefit. October 8. Period costume dress encouraged. This is the **fourth annual** and the proceeds benefit go to USO. Those of us with loved ones in Iraq certainly appreciate your support. Please put this **FUN 40'S DANCE EVENT** on your calendar and plan to support our troops. Details forthcoming!

IRISH FLAGS

We are putting together an order for Irish flags. If we order 10 or more, the price is \$5.00 per. Your choice: Irish Tri-Color or Green "Erin Go Braugh" with harp, both of which are hanging in our hall. Order form is behind the bar (isn't **everything?**) at the hall.

ST. MARTHA'S ETHNIC CELEBRATION

Chairman **Mike Namsick** thanks all those who volunteered their time to sell and to pour beer last Saturday. The goal wasn't to make lots of dollars, but to provide a service to the community and to let the community know of our presence.

STATE BOARD RAFFLE FOR NOTRE DAME TICKETS

The Ohio State Board is raffling off tickets to the Notre Dame v Michigan State football game, September 17. The prize is **FOUR SEATS TOGETHER PLUS \$250 SPENDING MONEY!** The tickets are \$10 apiece or 6 for \$50. Granted, the date conflicts with our **Halfway Party**, but if you win and want to attend Halfway, sell the tix at face value of \$56 and keep the \$250. **If you have ever visited our county or state hospitality rooms and have enjoyed the free refreshments, don't you think that you can buy a chance or two as a way of repaying the freebies you've received?** Drawing is August 15, Sunday, in Youngstown at their "Gathering of the Irish Clans". The proceeds of the raffle will go toward the Ohio hospitality room at the national convention in Boston, July 2006. Excess funds will be directed toward those convention-goers who receive no other form of reimbursement as a token toward easing the financial burden of attending the convention.

Please consider selling these tix not just to AOH but also to **any** Notre Dame, whether real, or subway, alumni.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Pig roast planned for Saturday, October 1st. A band, either Fins to the Left, or another local Jimmy Buffet tribute band, is being negotiated with, and we should know soon. There will be a cover for your choice of music only, or food and music. Please mark **this important date** on your calendar and plan to join us!

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI CLUB FOOTBALL GAME VIEWING

The Akron Notre Dame Alumni Club plans to visit our hall to watch the Notre Dame v Michigan game on September 10. While the hall and the bar remain open to all members, the intent is to allow the ND Alumni to gather as a group to cheer the Irish on, watching the hall's big screen. Why don't we all put on our ND gear and welcome them to our hall and encourage them for revisits, whether individually, or as a group?

FUNDRAISER FOR THE PATIO

Shortly we will have for your consideration a fundraising plan based upon the 100-square approach to the 6th week of the NFL season. Booklets cost \$20 and the payout for each quarter of eight games is \$20. The funds derived will go toward the expenses incurred in developing our delightful patio. As noted above, please consider selling the booklets (giving as birthday presents, e.g.,) to those **outside** of our AOH community. This is a fun, interactive activity, and we encourage all St Brendan members to participate and then to encourage their friends and family to join in.

Hey, this is **OUR DIVISION'S PATIO** and it is hard to see why we wouldn't support it!

2005 DUES – GENTLEMEN! YOUR DUES ARE WAY OVERDUE! Please remit promptly or the division will have no recourse other than to suspend your membership.

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