



# Ancient Order of Hibernians

## **Report of the Montgomery County Division Dayton, Ohio**

Requested as part of the State Board of Ohio meeting, held on Saturday, November 5, 2005, in Steubenville, Ohio.

1. The activities sponsored by the AOH JFK Division 1, since the September 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting, have been successful overall. Our division held a “Half Way to St. Patrick’s Day” celebration on September 17<sup>th</sup>, at our division hall in Beavercreek, Ohio. We instituted a “potluck” meal arrangement, with both the men’s and the ladies divisions sharing a favorite dish. To top off the evening, we invited a few of the music Sessions players to come and entertain us with their unique brand of Celtic music. Since autumn had not taken over yet, and the day was on the warm side, we pitched a tent, and invited the participants to enjoy the wonderful outdoors. The brothers and sisters, with their guests, were able to stay under the tent the entire duration of the “Half-way” celebration! Approximately forty people showed up for the event. Everyone had a great time!
2. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, both our local AOH divisions also celebrated the Celtic New Year at the AOH Hall. Again, a “potluck” meal was served, but no entertainment was provided. This celebration will be continued, during this same time, in the future.
3. Our division is looking forward to our annual Reverse Raffle, to be held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The location chosen this year is the Columbian Hall on Burkhardt Road. The facility is owned by a fellow brother, Michael Logan. Tickets will be sold (limit of 200) as chances to win cash awards, along with door prizes dispersed throughout. A complete meal and refreshments will be served to the ticket holders. As usual, we expect our raffle to be the largest fund-raiser of the year.
4. In the subject area “Freedom for All Ireland”, our raffle of the wooden cross was successful last year. We came very close to raising enough funds to cover the donation to AOH National. I expect the same results or better for the Celtic Harp offered this year. Our division also came up with a creative way to help a number of the victims of

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. One of our fellow brothers, Ed Leen, arranged for aid to victims of a friend of a friend. We collected a large sum of money, and Ed made sure it was put to good use. I must admit it was so much more satisfying to apply assistance to someone we know, rather than tossing dollars in a pot, where we don't know where they are targeted.

5. Our division looks forward to a prosperous rest of 2005, and to gain strength and membership in 2006.

Respectfully submitted in the spirit of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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