



Brendan's Blather

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MEETINGS

**AOH St. Brendan Division Meeting:
Thursday, April 6, 7:30**

**NOTE THE CHANGE!! OUR REGULAR
DATE OF APRIL 13 IS HOLY THURSDAY**

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Saintly Origins - St. Patrick

Part 2 of 3 Continued

As Patrick related in his confessions, "I saw in a dream a man called Victor who seemed to be from Ireland and had many letters. He gave me one and I read the opening words, "The Voice of the Irish" and as I read the beginning I seemed at that moment to hear the voice of those people. They cried as with one voice: "We beg you, holy youth, come and walk once more among us."

Patrick revealed his dream to the local Archbishop, and soon he was commissioned by the Pope to set out on his mission to convert the Irish. (to be continued)

May the risen Lord bless all of you and your families during this Easter season and for the coming year.

Paul

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

As we approach Holy Week this is a good time to take stock of what it means to be a Hibernian. There has been a cartoon circulating among the State Board from a magazine associated with the New York Times that depicts St. Patrick standing on the shore preaching to the crowd. He says, "I beseech thee to paint thyself green and vomit upon the street". This has stirred quite a firestorm in emails from members of the board. I do not know what the artist had in mind when he began the cartoon and I really do not care. As a Hibernian, I see what happens during St. Patrick's Day. I see members of my division beginning the day praising God at Mass. I see the look of pride as they watch the step-dancers continue an Irish tradition as old as the race itself. I have also seen, in my personal life, my Hibernian family go above and beyond to comfort my family with thoughts and prayers and special gifts. Maybe that is why I don't get angry about the cartoon. The artist has no more insight into what it means to be Irish or a Hibernian than a dog does to being a mathematician. To be a Hibernian and Catholic is to be a target. If it is true that "you are known by the company you keep", I couldn't be more proud to be associated with St. Brendan's. May God bless you and keep you until we meet again.

Slainte,
Michael

Missions and Charities:

Missions and Charities – Our 2 upcoming events are:

#1 Serving Easter Dinner to homeless, working poor and mentally and physically challenged people at St Bernard's Hot Meals on April 16th from approximately 4:00 until 7:00PM. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old.

#2 Scraping, painting, caulking and possibly fixing a porch for Rebuilding Together – a nationwide effort on Saturday, April 29th - This is an all day event, and we will need at least one extra ladder and a truck to haul it to the site, which is off Copley Rd near Buchtel High School. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old and EVERYONE who intends on participating must fill out a volunteer waiver in advance. See Ian Schwarber for a form.

These are both very worthwhile, enjoyable and rewarding endeavors, so let's all make an effort to attend at least one event. Both are great opportunities to perform Christian service.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND THE TRIBE

Sunday, May 21, the Tribe vs Pittsburgh Pirates for the SVDP and friends. This is 2nd annual and was attended by over 1300 people last year. The day begins with a 10:30 Mass (gates open at 10:00) followed by an Unlimited Picnic Buffet in a tent outside Jacobs Field at 11:30. Then the game begins at 1:30. Game tickets range from \$16(upper box) to \$20(lower reserved) to \$12(bleachers). Unlimited buffet is \$15.95(11 and older), \$5.95 for kids 10 and under. Deadline is April 29; orders in by April 24 will be entered into a drawing for Indians tickets and memorabilia. Martha and Dan attended last year and recommend the event highly.

Give it some thought and come to the April division meeting prepared to commit with cash/check; the order form will be filled out at the meeting.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Board Members, I wanted to congratulate everyone for their hard work and say THANK YOU! WOW, what successful event on St. Patrick's Day. The final figures are not officially in, but by all accounts it was a financial success. I want to personally thank Joanne and her staff for a job well done. If you see her, please express a simple thank you, after all she does all this at no cost! We are very lucky to have her and I know from being in business that good people are hard to find. I also would like to thank Paul Murphy for setting up the mass and Tony Smith for handling the Entertainment and Martha MacDonald for taking care of the food. Thanks again and GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!!

Bob Thome

IRISH RESTORATION ASSOCIATION

Spring cleanup Saturday April 22, 2006 at 10:00am

IRA meeting - Tuesday April 11th at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

St. Martha flower sale - forms to be at the bar or see me, Bob Thome

Flats - \$10.00, Hanging baskets - \$15.00. All orders must in by May 5th

Bob Thome

APRIL SHOWERS... "BABY" SHOWERS, GET IT?

LAOH Annie Moore Division is again promoting a baby shower to benefit the Akron Pregnancy Care. There will be a bin at the hall with a list of **ITEMS** desired. **CASH CONTRIBUTIONS** are welcomed as well, of course. Last year's immensely popular **FUDGED UNDIES** fund raiser is back by popular demand. Think you know your s - - t? Toss in a fin and we'll see! Date is Saturday, April 29, early afternoon, specifics forthcoming.

DUES

Brothers, 2006 Dues are due NOW. Normal yearly dues are 25.00, 13.50 for retirees(Medicare-eligible) and students. Send your dues payment to Financial Secretary Steve Schillinger at 1164 Brown St. Akron,Oh. 44301-1955

As of April 1st, dues are \$37.86, \$21.07 for retirees and students.

SHAMROCK DEGREE TEAM

Contact with Pat Shannon, Chairman of the National Ritual Committee indicates that we should have music for “The Dear Little Shamrock” and “ The Rising of the Moon” available for the ritual. Anyone having these tunes that can be copied please get them to me. Thanks, Dan MacDonald.

NOTE: APRIL MEETING CHANGED TO THE SIXTH

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