

Father O'Donnell, Mr. President, Board Officers, and Brothers All

Cumberland Co. Division I – Michael Collins Division

Have installed new officers

Primary sponsor of the fund raiser party following Harrisburg St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Cumberland Co. Division II – William Thompson Division

Sponsoring Lenten fish dinners (March 12 and 26),

Will march in 2 parades - York and Harrisburg

Holding a soda bread fund raiser(March 12),

Begin construction of outdoor Stations of the Cross for St. Patrick's Cathedral, Carlisle (when the weather breaks)

Serving as Honor Guard for the AOH Hibernian of the Year Dinner (March 27)

Serving as Honor Guard for Harrisburg St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sponsoring an Art Contest depicting St. Columba for 4th grade – pre-k and essay contest for the older kids at St. Patrick's (March 17th)

Very active in supporting their members with cancer and those who are sick that includes sending deceased family members a Mass card a year after the death when they might need some additional support.

At the end of the month they will be sending their treasurer Brendan Kane, son of President Tom Kane off to military service.

This is a Division of 26 members – whose ranks are often depleted as they are heavy with military Brothers.

Dauphin Co. Division 1 – Bobby Sands Division

Co-sponsor with Cumberland Co. Divisions I and II of post parade party fund raiser – Harrisburg St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 20th.

Primary sponsor of the Hibernian of Year Dinner on February 27th that will be attended by 4 Divisions and LAOH.

Lancaster Co Division 89 – Patrick Hester Division

Will march in the York, Pa St. Patrick's Day parade on March 13th.

Fund Raiser ♣ Irish Potatoes sale March 13th and 14th before and after all masses.

Lebanon Co. Division 1 – Cardinal William Keeler Division

Installed their new officers on January 11; new president is Joseph Farrell and their newest member, by transfer, is Father Harold Dagle. Father Dagle recently moved to Lebanon to serve at the Veterans Administration Hospital. January 11 was his first meeting and following his introducing himself, he was immediately voted in as Division Chaplin, a role he proudly accepted.

This is a small but very active Division with a membership of 22 Brothers; attendance is usually 18 or more!

Lebanon Co. Division 1 - Missions and Charities Donations:

\$300 to Lebanon Christian Ministries in December

\$205 donation to various charities

\$150 sponsor to Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament
\$300 to Lebanon Catholic Schools Scholarship Fund
At the January 11th meeting a motion was passed to donate \$100 to flood victims in response to the Ireland Flood Relief Appeal.

Armed Forces Community Covenant Update

On November 11, 2009 in Carlisle, PA the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Cumberland County became the first organization of its kind in the country to sign a Community Covenant with the Armed Forces of the United States. At the December 5th State Board Meeting held in Gettysburg, the Pennsylvania State Board officers signed a similar covenant and have forwarded information to AOH national board for their action. Details of Pennsylvania State Board signing and photos have been published in the latest editions of Keystone News and Hibernian Digest.

For any Division that wishes to sign a covenant, please see me or contact Bill Irwin of Cumberland Co. Division 1 at: bill.irwin@usarec.army.mil

Proclamation by Governor Edward G. Rendell declaring March, 2010 as Irish Heritage Month

The proclamation was signed February 2, 2010 by Governor Rendell. This is an annual ritual that has been undertaken by one of our Brothers from Dauphin County Division 1 – Bobby Sands Division, Brother Cholly Shields who constructs the proclamation text and forwards to the Governor’s Office for any editing and signature. Since this is an annual event, one would assume the task to become almost automatic. I have included in this report part of Cholly’s note attached in his email dated February 4th, 2010 stating:

“It took some doing to get this from his office staff – I first asked for it in mid-January and had to follow up several times before picking it up at the Capitol Building yesterday.”

I want to acknowledge and thank Brother Shields for his persistence and also thank Governor Rendell (a regular participant in the Harrisburg St. Patrick’s Day Parade) for his proclaiming March as Irish Heritage Month.

Previously we had emailed a copy of the Proclamation to President Donnelly; today, on behalf of Brother Shields and the Bobby Sands Division, we deliver to President Donnelly, a signed original Proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry A. Foltz
Director, Division III