

DIRECTOR'S REPORT DISTRICT 5

February 20, 2010

Mr. President,

Due to a prior commitment I would like to be excused for today's meeting. Division One (Allegheny), my division, is hosting a bingo at the Veterans Hospital in O'Hara Twp. Since I am the coordinator for this event, I think it's fitting that I be there. If you could mention this to the brothers and encourage other divisions to maybe adopt some similar project with a VA hospital in their areas, I would be more than glad to talk to them and help get something set up.

All is well here in the west. As I stated in previous reports, the Hibernian Hunger project has really caught on with the brothers here. We volunteer at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank's, Produce to People distribution at Braddock, Pa. every month and routinely have between 10-15 brothers and family members participating. Division One presented the Food Bank with a 1,000.00 check at last month's distribution. Terry Callahan has made arrangements with the St. Patrick's Day parade committee to have food collection points set up along the parade route again this year.

Speaking of parades, the High Holidays are rapidly approaching, along with the numerous fundraisers that go along with them. Before I list them I would like to congratulate you Mr. President on being named Allegheny County's HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR, well deserved.

Starting Thur. the 25th with a dinner deal at the Spaghetti Warehouse and a night of entertainment at the Harp & Fiddle. March 5th St. Patrick's Day Parade Button Party at Mitchell's. March 6th, two great parties, Div. 4 (Silvioni's) & Div. 32 (Uke's Club). Sunday, March 7th, Allegheny County & Division 9 Communion Breakfast honoring Hibernian of the Year, Denny Donnelly, and the yet to be announced parade Grand Marshall. Off to City Council on the 9th for the parade "Proclamation". Friday the 12th to the Rivers Club For the crowning of Miss Smiling Irish Eyes. Then the day I look forward to, Parade Day, March, 13th. Because I have the honor of leading this great parade as ST. PATRICK, HIMSELF. It all wraps up Wed. March 17th, a day for all of us to bask in the glory and pride of being Irish.

We have also made great progress as far as developing a couple of junior divisions. State President, Denny Donnelly, And County President, Dan Devinney met last Friday with a faculty representative from Duquesne University with promising results. Efforts at Central Catholic are moving along, and a very enthusiastic contact has been made at Seton Lasalle HS also. County President, Dan Devinney has also met with City Councilman Doug Shields about the "United Ireland Resolution".

That concludes my report, and once again I apologize for not being present.

In Our Motto

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