

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2010 - CARBONDALE

Brothers,

On December 3, 2009 I again had the honor of installing the officers of Michael Dougherty Div. 1 in Bristol, Bucks Co.

On Jan. 7, 2010 , assisted State VP Tom O'Donnell installing the officers of John J. McIlhinney Div. 3 at Doylestown, Bucks Co

On Jan. 29, 2010 VP Tom O'Donnell and I traveled Queens Village, NY to attend the United Irish Counties of NY banquet honoring National President Seamus Boyle as their "Gael of the Year".

Website

The state website is back up and looking great thanks to Webmaster Steve Wayhart. Please go to www.paaoh.org to see the new standard for state board websites in the country. News and events from our divisions and counties along with national and state board announcements will be posted. Submissions may be sent to stephen.wayhart@brandmill.com or g.ennis@comcast.com .

Newsletter

Our state newsletter editor John Haney did a great job on the February edition of the Keystone News and it is posted on our website at www.paaoh.org . Send submissions to john.j.haney.iii@gmail.com or g.ennis@comcast.com .

Forms and per capita payments

Certificate of Elections (form9s) are now overdue and Membership Reports (Form 11s) are due with Per Capita payment to National and County Boards by February 15th and to the PA State Board by March 31st.

Mail State PC and forms to AOH/PA State Board, P.O. Box 2232, Bristol, Pa. 19007-8232.

Mail National PC and Forms to Thomas D. McNabb, 31 Logan St., Auburn, NY 13021

Mail to County Secretary where applicable.

Membership

Over the past year we have lost over 370 members, that is a rate over one per day and a loss of around 700 members from our roster of 8500 five years ago. **"We must Recruit new members, Retain the members we have, Recover the members lost"- Jim Green- 2006.**

Intrastate Communications

To maintain communications between the Pa. State Board and our counties and divisions it is necessary that we have the e-mail contact for each president or his designated contact person. Please update this information with the State Secretary.

Gerry Ennis
AOH/PA State Secretary