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**JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER**



## **President's Message**

Well summer is here and you know what that means..finally some nice weather.

During the summer months I will be asking for your help in what I think can be a very important tool for the Division. We will be sending out a survey to our brothers to get updated information on our membership. Keep an eye out for this survey because we are hoping to get this back by mid-summer.

The season has been busy and we have had many great events with more to look forward to. We had a great May family supper and scholarship night. Look for details below.

Our next great event was the State Convention in Plymouth on May 16th. Before the convention started, Plymouth's Div. 9 hosted an Open House on Friday afternoon. It was a nice warm up before the night's festivities. Friday night was the Ice Breaker then off to the hospitality room. Dennis Murphy didn't know Joe O'Brien could sing. Well, boy did he find out soon enough that Joe can really get the tunes going. Saturday was full of business and then we enjoyed a great lunch down on the pier.

Saturday afternoon we had another great opportunity to really recognize one our of own. Brother Richard Thompson was re-elected as State President at the convention in Plymouth.

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Dick is really deserving of praise for his newly elected post. His leadership on the State Board has helped Massachusetts definitely become more visible. Every week Dick is always on the go whether it is a local Irish dedication or recognition dinner; Dick is always there to show his support throughout the state.

During Saturday night's dinner, Dick thanked the convention participants for all of their support. He also wanted to especially thank his parents, Dick and Mary, for their help in influencing how he sees the world today. Dick also assured everyone of his promise to further the endeavors of the MA AOH. Everyone could see that Dick really will keep the momentum going. On behalf of all the brothers of Div 14, we want to wish Dick all the best in his presidency for the next two years. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Overall the convention was a great place to be informed on how the other divisions are doing and most of all the MA divisions are coping pretty well. Our Division 14 delegates really represented us very well during the convention.

After getting back from the convention we really appreciated having our club and lounge as a place that we can all get together. One example of this was one Friday night, Bill Byrnes brought in a friend of his, Pat Casey, who can play a tremendous accordion. Pat joined up with a few of our brothers (Paul "Doc" Connolly and Paul "Coach" Connolly) to play together. It was great to see these Irishmen playing their music together. Bill Byrnes added to the evening by joining the group in song. If that wasn't good enough, Jamie Nicola walked in. After a minute or two, Jamie jumped in and started singing. Throughout the night these guys produced some of the finest impromptu music anywhere. We were all treated to an incredible night.

This is a busy time for all with the many other celebrations outside of the AOH (i.e. Holy Communion, graduations, etc.) without your support it limits our ability to help others. Thanks to all our brothers and sisters that work so hard to continue our good works. Keep up the spirit of Hibernianism.

## **Scholarship Awards**

At the May family supper, Doc Prince with the help of "his crew" hosted an enjoyable evening and presented our scholarship awards. All of the recipients were deserving of their awards and it was clear that their hard work paid off. The following are this year's scholarship recipients:

### **AOH Division**

Michael Antonellis - \$750

Theresa Glrardi - \$750

### **Middlesex County:**

Megan Murphy- \$500

### **LAOH**

Division Scholarship = David Nurse - \$750

Cathy and Helen Prince Scholarship =

Michael Antonellis \$750

### DUES & SUSPENSIONS

ALL MEMBERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IF THEY HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES BY THE JUNE DIVISION MEETING (THURSDAY 6/11), THEIR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE SUSPENDED. A SUSPENDED MEMBERSHIP REQUIRES A "REINSTATEMENT" APPLIATION TO BE FILLED OUT AT A FEE OF \$25, A VOTE OF THE BROTHERHOOD, AND FULL PAYMENT OF ALL DELIQUENT DUES BEFORE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE REINSTATED.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DUES ARE PAID!!

# Memorial Day

The Memorial Day parade and cookout was a great success. Everything went pretty smooth this year. Throughout the day everyone kept commenting on the great Hibernian representation during the parade. I would have to agree with them. We had 2 pipe bands, 3 vehicles, a float and a good group of AOH and LAOH marchers and riders. We want to thank Paula Paoli and Peter Hogan for bringing their fabulous float for the parade. Having the float helps build up the Hibernian presence even more because many more folks join us for the parade route.

After the parade we all went back to the hall for a nice afternoon of food, music and camaraderie. The NH and RI pipe bands entertained us with rousing music. The food was plentiful and the ladies had a bake sale which rounded out the meal. I personally have to say that this year things ran extremely well. All the additional helping hands made a big difference. We were able to sell t-shirts, run raffles, and have a 50/50 all because of the extra help we had. This is how you support our club. Ask any of the volunteers, and they will tell you its fun when there are more hands helping. I want to thank all the brothers and sisters that made this day a great success. Well done!

Thanks to the following volunteers for all of your efforts!

The Smolinsky's	Michael Rooney	Dan McAdam	Pat Falter
Dennis Murphy	Desi McElroy	Joe McCusker	Dick Thompson
Buddy and Keith McDonald	Paul Manfredi	Billy Gildea	Eddy Falter
Dick Johnson	Jim Cunningham	Pat Breen	Heidi Monroy
Jessica Falter	Matt Corsi	Jim Kelsey	Deb Falter

## Upcoming Events

Family Supper - Thursday 6/4 is the last family supper of this season. Doc Prince and his crew will do another delicious Roast Beef dinner it's a pretty good deal for the price. Come on down bring the family.

Communion Breakfast - Sunday 6/7 for the communion breakfast we will be going to 10:00 mass at St. Patrick's church followed by breakfast at our hall. The speaker this year is our own brother John Horrigan. John will do a talk on Irish history. Some of us saw John at the library in March and we can tell you his presentation is informative and filled with interesting facts. Tickets are available at the club or at the door. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

June Division Meeting/Initiation of Class – The division meeting will be held 7:30 pm on Thursday June 11, 2009. This month we will be doing something a little different. Before our meeting we will have an initiation for new members. The initiation will begin at 6:30 pm. All candidates and their sponsors should be at the hall by 6:00 pm. If you are sponsoring a new member please be sure that you are available for this month's initiation. A reception with refreshments will follow our meeting. All brothers are invited to the initiation and the meeting to show our new brothers your support.

John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial – On Saturday, June 20, 2009, the MA State Board cordially invites all to attend the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Exercises at Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline. A reception will follow at Division 14.

### Food Tasting

On Thursday 6/25, we will be having our annual Food Tasting event in the big hall. For a small price you can sample some of the local restaurants' specialties. This is a good fundraiser for us. [So bring the family down and enjoy.](#) Doors open at 6pm. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$10 and kids \$5.

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### Irish Basketball Team Visit

June 28, 2009, we will be hosting the Irish National basketball team for lads under 18 years of age. Brother Paul "Coach" Connolly will be spearheading the activities that day. There will be a cookout and many other surprises. Come on by to help show these kids our hospitality.

### Celtic Cross Re-dedication

The re-dedication of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Celtic cross on Grosse Ile is planned in Quebec, Canada, on August 14-16 2009. This is an important rededication as we are in the process of fostering good will between the two countries. Dick Thompson is heading the U.S. contingency. Plans are under way to hopefully get enough brothers in this area to rent a bus. This sounds like a great trip. Don't forget your passports. You must have a passport to get back in the U.S. Contact Leo or Dick for more information.

### Calendar

- 6/4- Family supper
- 6/7- Communion Breakfast (10am Mass at St. Patrick's church, followed by break fast at the club)
- 6/11- Division Meeting/Initiation of new class
- 6/18- Club Inc. Meeting
- 6/20- John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Exercises
- 6/20- Music in the lounge
- 6/23- Building meeting (Note: this is moved to Tuesday because of the Food Tasting)
- 6/25- Food Tasting
- 6/28- Cook out Irish National Basketball Team
- 8/14-8/16 – Celtic Cross Re-dedication in Quebec, Canada
- 9/10- Division Meeting

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## 2009 SUMMER FOOD TASTING

Thursday June 25, 2009 ~ Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Tickets ~ \$10 per Adult ~ \$5 per Child

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