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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

As always, there will be food after the meeting.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our members, their families and friends who may be ill or not feeling well and are in need of our prayers at this time: Joanne Kelly, John Connolly, Bill King, Mary Lou McKelvey, Jim Butler, Tom Lee, Lynn Lamb, John Murrin and Dean Henry. Please remember all of them in your thoughts and prayers. If there is someone whom you would like to have mentioned in this column, please contact Joe Carson at: (313) 645-9448, and we will be more than glad to mention them in the next newsletter.

*** All articles and event notices must be received before the **3rd** Friday of the month in order to be included in the following month's newsletter ***



Thoughts from Tim

Hello Brothers,

First let me thank you all for two great years as your president. I've learned a lot, and have gotten to know many of you much better. I truly appreciate you all. Congratulations to the new board, especially President, Tim Derrig and Vice President, Mike Kelly! Thank you again to the returning members of the board. I know from experience how important your roles are. You truly keep things running smoothly.

The hall continued to be busy with fundraiser events in November. The **Breeder's Cup** horse racing was a huge hit as usual. Thanks to everyone involved in bringing that together! The Ardan Dance Academy boosters held their fundraiser to help dancers compete in the **World Irish Dance Competition**. The second veteran's **Dinner and Comedy** evening on December 1st was successful, despite slower than expected advanced ticket sales. It's a little scary for the BC to bring events like these to us without that early commitment, but thank you to everyone who came out for this fun evening. Thanks, especially to Lynn Lamb for all of his hard work in organizing and promoting this worthy cause.

There's lots more to come with holiday celebrations and music performances this month! **The Andy Cooney Christmas show** on Monday, December 3rd is sold out! Saturday, December 15th will see the annual **Christmas Ceili** featuring the **Steel City Rovers** from Hamilton ON, Irish Dancers and Jamrocks. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

We will be installing several more *Grand-Marshall Plaques* in the lounge in conjunction with the **Irish Radio Fundraiser** at the hall on January 13. Please stay tuned for more details on that.

In Division News:

Tom Fries was officially recognized for his outstanding generosity and commitment to our motto: Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, with the Commodore John Barry award presented by State AOH President, Kevin Burke.

The combined efforts of Mike Kelly and Bob Fowler have secured us some poker dates, beginning January 7 through 9. [Charlie French](#) will be wrangling volunteers to take those shifts later this month. (note to self: autocorrect wont flag "shifts" if you forget to type the "f")

We are committed to getting this newsletter out in a timelier fashion. Thank you for your patients as we work out the kinks. I think I'm up-to-date with everybody's email, but there are still 4 -6 address that always comeback undeliverable, so please let [Lynn Lamb](#) or me know if you aren't getting the newsletter. You can also download it from our website [detroitao.org](#).

The Lounge is open seven days a week, from 5:00 pm 'till 10:00, for members and social members. Please contact me ([Tim Taylor](#)) for more info on becoming a social member!

Remember to check [detroitao.org](#) to keep up-to-date on upcoming events. Please send your flyers to [Mike O'Hehir](#) so he can include them on the calendar!

Sláinte,
Tim Taylor

******If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, or even just to visit at the club, come on down and show your support. There's a lot going on that we're sure you'd enjoy! There're usually always dinner specials taking place on most Friday's throughout the year as well as musical entertainment (as listed in the newsletter) and lots of other special events taking place throughout the year as well. ******

LOTTERY TICKETS – The profits from the AOH Lottery tickets are used to support the AOH Hall. Your support in buying and selling is greatly needed and appreciated. Pick your tickets up at the hall or you can receive them through the mail by contacting Richard McNichols @ 248-669-4530. Again, thank you for your continuing support.

As an incentive to help increase sales, for every 10 tickets you buy or sell each month we will give you a free ticket. If you want tickets to sell they can be picked up at the bar at the club.

This Month in Irish History

December 13, 1862 - [Battle of Fredericksburg \(VA\) - Irish Brigade](#) attack on the "Sunken Road."

December 14, 1918 - Sinn Fein, pledged to an Irish Republic, wins 73 of 105 Irish MP seats.

December 15, 1993 - Albert Reynolds and John Major announce that Sinn Fein can enter all-party talks if violence ends.

* Just for laughs...

An Irishman is struggling to find a parking space.

"Lord," he prayed. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness and go to mass every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the Irishman says: "Never mind, I found one!"

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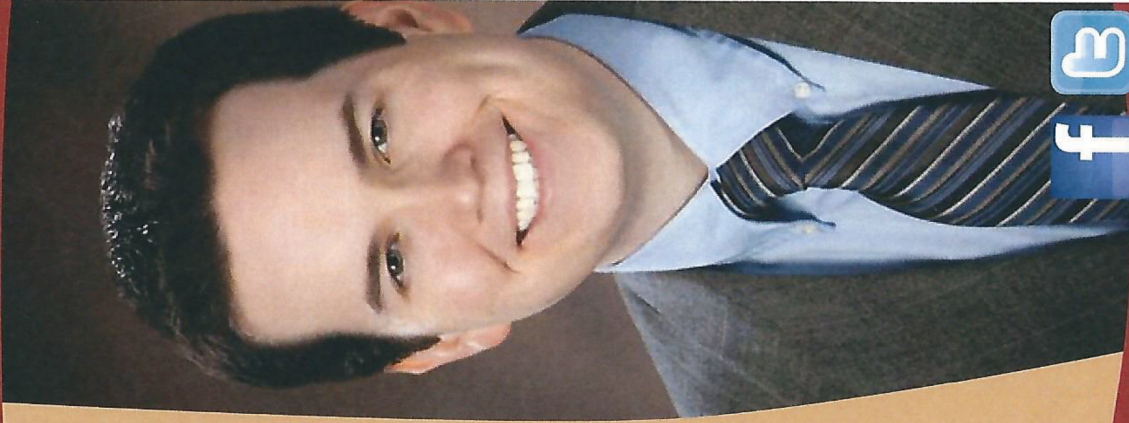
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