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Important Notices

◆ AOH DUES

NOTE: Dues are \$45 and are due for 2025. Bring your \$45 check made out to AOH to the meeting or mail to brother Dan Esch:

Dan Esch
AOH Fr. Flanagan Division
PO Box 24522
Omaha, NE 68124
Email: desch402@gmail.com

AOH PayPal: If you wish to pay your dues or pay for any AOH events you may use PayPal. If you wish to use PayPal, first email omahaaohparade@gmail.com indicating what you are paying. An invoice will be sent to you with a PayPal link to complete your payment. Thank you!

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◆ AOH MAILING INFORMATION

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PO Box 24522
Omaha, NE 68124

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Omaha, NE 68124

◆ NEW AOH PHONE NUMBER [402-594-0882](tel:402-594-0882)

Voice mails will be recorded and go directly to the Division's Email.

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AOH Calendar of Events



AOH Board Meeting

Wednesday February 5th

American Legion Post 1
7811 Davenport St, Omaha, Ne
68114

AOH General Meeting (Initiation)

Wednesday February 12th

American Legion Post 1
7811 Davenport St, Omaha, Ne
68114

Breakfast on 1st Sunday of the Month

from 9 - 11 AM

American Legion Post 1
7811 Davenport Street
\$8 for all you can eat Breakfast.

AOH Parade Committee

Wednesday February 19th

American Legion Post 1
7811 Davenport St, Omaha, Ne
68114

AOH Banquet

Saturday, February 15th, 2025
5 PM - 9 PM

German American Society 3717
S 120th St. Omaha, Ne 68144

Keller Night

Every Friday at 5 PM

German American Society 3717
S 120th St. Omaha, Ne 68144

St. Brigid's Day

February 1st @ Missionary Society of St. Columban
1902 N Calhoun St.
St. Columban, Ne 68056

Starts at 5pm (Please wear your Class A Kilt uniform if attending)

Sunday's Happy Hour Location

February 2nd 1-3pm

RTG
8437 W Center Rd

February 9th 1-3pm

Leavenworth Bar
4556 Leavenworth St

February 16th 1-3pm

Office West
1266 S 119th Ct

February 23rd 1-3pm

Clancy's West
2905 S 168th St

Special Dinner at Sinnott's!!

February 7th at 6:30pm:
Sinnott's is located at 206 E Lincoln St. in Papillion

Monday Lunch Location

Feb 3rd, 11:30am-12:30pm

Lula B's
902 Dodge St

Feb 10th, 11:30am-12:30pm

Donohue's
3232 L St

Feb 17th, 11:30am-12:30pm

Cheeseburgers
4007 Farnam St.

Feb 24th, 11:30am-12:30PM

Brazen Head
319 N 78th St, Omaha, NE 68114

AOH Banquet

Saturday, February 15, 2025, 5 PM - 9 PM

**German American Society
3717 S 120th St, Omaha, NE 68144**

**Invite friends and family to experience Irish music,
dance and merriment.**

The Banquet ticket price is \$75 each.

Tables of 8 and 10 are available.

AOH Banquet Program

5 PM Color Guard / Piper / Cocktails

5:30 Irish Music

6 PM Dinner & Dessert

7 PM Craoí na Tíre Irish Dancers

7:30 Hibernian Awards

9 PM Soldier Song / Group Photo

Dinner Menu

**Roast Pork Shoulder and Chicken
Roasted Potatoes / Mixed Veg.
Chocolate & Carrot Cake / Fruit**

Sponsored Bar Menu

**Guinness Keg
Select Irish Whiskey
Wine / Pop**

Sponsored Bar Levels

Bottle Sponsor	\$100.00
Patron Bar Sponsor	\$200.00
Guinness Keg Sponsor	\$600.00
Benefactor Bar Sponsor	\$800.00

NOTE: The Sponsored Bar is limited to pre-purchased items.
Please be generous. All else will be on a cash bar basis.

Please send payment by check to:

**AOH Fr Flanagan Division
PO Box 24522
Omaha, NE 68124**

or

fill out the form on our website at

<https://aohomaha.com/hibernian-banquet/>

AOH General Meeting Minutes



January 15, 2025

Location: American Legion Post 1 at 7811 Davenport St. Omaha, Ne 68114

Msgr Gilg started the meeting with prayers and the pledge right at 7pm

First order of business was the approval of the board meeting minutes from January 8th. The minutes were approved with no objections.

2nd on the agenda was new membership. We have a new member Shaun Doyle, who comes to us from Kansas Concordia. He was told about us by fellow brother Phil Bauersachs. Welcome Shaun!!

The treasury report was next, and Tom Simpson reported that our checking account grew very well as parade money started flowing in. The savings account is flush, and CDs are flush as well.

Freedom for Ireland report: Chris Langdon reported on the formation of the Irish govt in the South. Fianna Fail was determined to be the lead party for the Dail. However, their membership in the Dail was not enough to form a majority govt so in essence Fianna Fail and Fine Gael formed a collation govt. Both parties are similar to the US version of the Republicans and Democrats and similar to their US counterparts are just as useless in getting things done for the Irish people.

Freedom for Ireland report cont.: Sinn Fein, which definitely has a checkered past, but has morphed themselves into a populist moving party leads not only the opposition in the Dail but also the movement towards Irish unification. Chris encouraged all AOH members to check out Friends of Sinn Fein which is primarily an American group that follows the path of Sinn Fein in their efforts to make Ireland one.

Veterans report: Shane Bretey talked about Hugh Spellman and his condition and also the discussion that was had at the board meeting about helping older members and getting them to meetings and events with the help of the younger more mobile members. The process is in the works to have a contact list to reach out to our old members and offer them services they could use based on member's level of expertise and trades they may possess.

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Parade Committee... Sponsorship drive is going well. The goal is still to hit \$30K with a good push in February we should get there. For the opening ceremonies we are doing judge introduction, prayers by Msgr. Gilg and also giving Mary Barrett her sash. We also sold the whistle to McCarthy's One Hour Heating and Air they will be blowing the whistle for the ceremonial kick off of the parade. Leading off the parade will be our very own honor and color, both will have a very big role in the parade this year... We have a headquarters tent now so we can put our stuff and the judges do their judging around it.. The t-shirt proof is ready and are now for sale. Please keep a look out for social media and text messaging posts to purchase them. T-shirts will have a shamrock logo on the front and sponsors from the Gold Harp and Emerald levels on the back along with the AOH logo. Please purchase yours today. The palm card is ready and ready for distribution... The parade will also be filmed again by KPAO. New this year block locations will be designated by numbers now instead of letters and finally we still need block captains we have 10 so if you are new we encourage you to join us we need at minimum 15 to 17 total block captains. The block captain meeting will be at Wilson and Washburn at 9am on the morning of the parade.

Mike McMorrow made a plea for Family Flags.. Please follow the links on the fliers and the emails and texts that will be coming soon.

Banquet is set to go. We are collecting money and that process is still ongoing. Please donate to the silent auction. Ladies will be presenting awards. Don't have the band fully squared away which is usually Connor Dowling. Jeff met with the Ladies on Jan 14th. Banquet was brought and they will be selling raffle tickets for the Hooley during the February General Meeting..

Feb 1st is the St. Brigid's Mass at 5pm. No cost. We would like to have a free will donation from our members at the event.. We would like a good contingent of brothers at the event. Filling the chapel would be an awesome Irish thing to happen. If you do go please wear your class A uniforms.

Jeff also brought up that AOH sold a car. This is a new and big idea to make money in some fashion. Any other trade ideas to fundraise are encouraged to be brought up.

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Convention News: There will be a national convention meeting on Jan 28th at 6pm. Most likely downstairs at the Legion hall... The convention will be here before we know it.. National AOH is very impressed with our division overall ... Openings are available to chair different committees with regards to the convention. These committees will be vital to the success of the convention.

Mike Addy was also Interviewed by Creighton Prep about the Prep connection and AOH. The convention was a big topic of discussion in that interview.

Father Flanagan Leauge: The Vatican announced that all document collection about the beatification of Fr. Flanagan is complete... His movie is now out on Amazon Prime. It costs \$2.99 to rent and \$10 for purchase. The League raised \$81k with the movie in theaters... Articles by our very own Tom Lynch and Dan Daly were published in the Leagues Newsletter. Fr Flanagan has a very good chance of making Saint Hood. A tour of Boystown will take place for the 2026 convention too.

New Business: March 14 Easter Rising will be at the Dubliner... Doors are open at 8pm..

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:58pm

Selected Irish Culture:



Dowds Irish Dance Academy

is in the Omaha Irish Cultural Center at
2436 South 120 St.

Contact Marty Dowds at
marty@dowdsirishdance.com
for information see
www.dowdsirishdance.com/

KZUM, 89.3 FM

broadcasts an Irish music program
Lady Susan is the D.J. for
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Listen on your radio or on your
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county in Ireland.
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Craoi na Tire Studio of Irish Dance

Website is www.craoinatire.com
Or contact at craoinatire@gmail.com or
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