



ALLENTOWN

DIVISION #1 LEHIGH COUNTY



Hello fellow Hibernian Brothers! Welcome to our newsletter. We will try to keep you well informed on all issues and future events. It will be informative as well as entertaining (we hope). If anyone has anything that is of importance they want in the newsletter, please send an email to Bigirish44@aol.com. We will do our best to accommodate you. We want to make this the best newsletter we can. Your guidance and input will be greatly appreciated.

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS! UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!!!!

12/16/09- General Meeting at 7:30pm.
2009 Christmas Appeal- for details see Brother Doyle.

2010 Raffle Tickets are in!- For details see Brother Lou James.

2010 Dues are in order! See Brother Jordan



12/27/09 - LEO Christmas Party at 5pm. See Jimmy Spang for details. Cost: \$10.00

Notre Dame vs Army 2010 @Yankee Stadium

Notre Dame vs Navy 2010 @ Meadowlands



SPOTLIGHT ON A BROTHER!

Q&A with Mike Toth



*Please introduce yourself.

I was born and raised in Reading, PA. I left when I was 17 to work at the Government Printing Office and attended U of MD at night. The position at the GPO kept me out of Nam. Then I traveled for across the U.S. as a tramp printer, landed back in D.C. and worked for the Washington Post for 12 years. This is where I moved into Information Technology and have been in that field for thirty years now. I also run an Internet business selling rare books (current inventory - 13,000 books).

*Where do you trace your Irish heritage back to?

My Irish ancestors came from County Cork and County Cavan in Ireland. They came over sometime in the mid-19th Century. A lot of my great aunts and uncles were professionals (Dr.'s, Dentists, Lawyers) . . . but the Great Depression did them in. My Great Aunt Annie (Curtin) and her husband had a bar in the Bronx (near Yankee Stadium in the 20's and 30's).

*Tell us about your family, career and accomplishments.

My wife is Jill. We have a daughter Jacqueline who is 16 years of age and a student at Palisades Senior High School. We have lived in Springtown for 19 years and really like the "village life". Jill does sculpting and art work in her studio. Jackie's hobbies are singing, dancing, acting and she is president of the German Club at school.

*What are you interested in?

My interests are "booking" (going out and buying books and working book shows), tennis, golf, pocket billiards and, like all irishmen -- drinking and telling tales.

*As an AOH brother can you tell us how you found about this organization?

When I lived in D.C., I knew a few Hibernians -- but I was too young and wild for the organization at that time. Jimmy Spang found out that I was 1/2 Irish and coerced me to become a member -- I think it is a hoot.

*Is there anything else you would like to mention?

I have made a new bunch of friends at the Hibernians (and Knights of Columbus) which is not that common at this stage of one's life -- I am glad I joined!

Interviewed by Clancy O" Shaughnessy

CHRISTMAS IRISH SODA FARLS



1 lb (450g) plain flour
2 tsp sugar
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cream of tartar
1/2 tsp salt

1. Sift dry ingredients into a bowl. Make a well in the centre and mix in half the buttermilk. Using a knife, draw in flour from sides of bowl, adding more buttermilk as batter thickens. The mixing should be done with as little working as possible, until the mixture leaves the sides of bowl cleanly.
2. Turn out on to a floured surface and knead lightly, turning the corners into centre and turning the round as you do so. When smooth underneath, turn it upside down.
3. Lightly roll out to a round 1/2 inch (1cm) thick. Cut into four quarters (farls).
4. Heat a griddle over low heat - see Cook's note. Place farls on griddle and cook for 5 to 6 minutes, until they have risen and there is a white skin on top.
5. Increase heat and continue cooking until the farls are brown on the bottom. Turn them over and cook on the other side - it takes about 15 minutes from the time the farls are put on the griddle.

Makes 4.

COOKS NOTE

The griddle should be just hot enough to prevent the farls sticking: if a sprinkling of flour browns when it is thrown on the griddle, it is too hot. If you can't get buttermilk, add 1 tsp baking powder to 1/2 pt (300ml) fresh milk and use in normal way.

Mary Ellen Sweeny's Irish Recipes for Christmas:

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art6842.asp>



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Hello, Fellow Hibernian Brothers. Please take a minute to read this, and if possible; please contribute what you can. Every year the "Freedom For All Ireland" \$10.00 Club. This Christmas Appeal is run by the AOH-LAOH. The money collected go to charities in Ireland to help support outreach programs in Northern Ireland. As in past years we ask each Brother to find it in your hearts to give \$10.00. Now I know we only get about 25% of the members to each meeting so I thought maybe by placing this in our newsletter we might reach the "magical total" of \$1000.00 from Lehigh County Div 1. If every brother finds it in their hearts to give \$10, then we will reach that total. God Bless And I hope you all have a very merry and holy Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Brother Don Doyle.

P.S. Please send your Checks to:

AOH: Lehigh County Div 1
 C/O Ed Barry, President
 3068 Roxford Road
 Allentown, PA 18103

Please make checks out to AOH-Lehigh County Div 1 FFAI, All checks will be deposited and one check will be mailed at the beginning of January.

AOH Event Calendar						
December 2009						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			EC

JOE'S KIDS TOYS FOR TOTS

The annual toys Joe's Kids Christmas Party was a huge success. Thanks to John Chaya & Callaghan's Ale House for hosting! A special thanks to Tim Butler for organizing the event. Great Job!!! Hundreds of toys were donated and delivered to Catholic Charities.



AOH AND LAOH MEMBERS HELPED WITH DELIVERY

Please remember our Brother and Family members of the AOH in your prayers.



Ed Jordan's Wife Kathy Brother Bob Higgins Kelly Chaya
 Brian Foy's Sister Kelli Brian Foy's Brother in Law Adam



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