
Ancient Order of Hibernians



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Congratulations to the Newly Elected Officers

President: Bob Strutton

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Chairman Standing Committee: Frank Russo

Marshal: Lou Sullivan

Sentinel: Mike Muldowney

Next Meeting in 2007

Tuesday, January 9th 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Church

Prayer List

Please pray for the members of our Division who are serving in the Military. Mike Allen, training at Paris Island. Malachy Dillon in Santa Barbara and Lt. Col. David Wren in Maryland.

Please pray for those under the care of Health Professionals,

Joe Kiley he is being treated for cancer, **Mike McGee** hip replacement, **Bill Mckay** spinal surgery, **Ed Kehoe**, **Richard Moore**, **Bernie Lawson**, **Charles Mulherin**, **Joe Joyce**, **Jane Reilly wife of Don**, **Ron Hendricks**, **Margaret Zahn and Thomas Zahn**, mother and brother of Father Zahn.

If you know of others in need of our prayers, please contact Pat Naughton, 360-2969.

IRISH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

THE CANDLE IN THE WINDOW - The placing of a lighted candle in the window of a house on Christmas eve is still practiced today. It has a number of purposes but primarily it was an symbol of welcome to Mary and Joseph as they traveled looking for shelter.

The candle also indicated a safe place for priests to perform mass as, during Penal Times this was not allowed.

A further element of the tradition is that the candle should be lit by the youngest member of the household and only be extinguished by a girl bearing the name 'Mary'.

THE LADEN TABLE After evening meal on Christmas eve the kitchen table was again set and on it were placed a loaf of bread filled with caraway seeds and raisins, a pitcher of milk and a large lit candle. The door to the house was left unlatched so that Mary and Joseph, or any wandering traveller, could avail of the welcome.

DECORATIONS - The placing of a ring of Holly on doors originated in Ireland as Holly was one of the main plants that flourished at Christmas time and which gave the poor ample means with which to decorate their dwellings.

All decorations are traditionally taken down on Little Christmas (January 6th.) and it is considered to be bad luck to take them down beforehand.

TRADITIONAL GAELIC SALUTATION

The Gaelic greeting for 'Merry Christmas' is: 'Nollaig Shona Duit'

.....which is pronounced as 'null-ig hun-a dit'.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



Division Christmas Party Sunday, December 3rd Milestone Clubhouse Mechanicsville

The Division will hold its annual Family Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3rd. There will be a brief member meeting from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM followed by the party lasting through 4:30 PM.

Since this is a family party, any member of your family is welcome to attend. There will be a small gift for all children and prospects for a visit by Santa Claus are excellent.

Following tradition, we ask each member to bring a food item for consumption by participants including (but not exclusively limited to): small sandwiches, cold cut platters, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, meat balls, pasta, pot stickers, barbecue, sandwich rolls, salads, cheeses & crackers, dips, shrimp, fruit and baked desserts. **PLEASE CALL BOB & LUCY STRUTTON AT: 804- 281-7244** to either tell them what you would like to bring or what they suggest you bring from the listing shown earlier. **PLEASE CALL** by the end of the day on **DECEMBER 1ST** SO THAT WE CAN PURCHASE ANY ESSENTIALS FOOD REQUIRED.

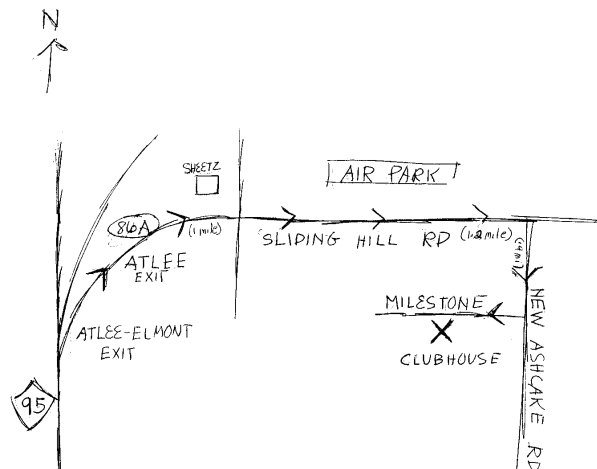
We will have: beer, wine, sodas, coffee and bottled water, feel free to bring your favorite Irish Spirits to share with your brothers.

Directions to the Milestone Clubhouse verbally plus a map attachment (if possible) will enable you to locate the party with ease: From the intersection of RT 295 and RT 95 proceed North to the next exit (Atlee-Elmont). Get off Rt. 95 there and keep right towards Atlee. As you go up the ramp on right you will merge with Rt. 656 East (Sliding Hill Road), keep straight ahead to the traffic light at the intersection of Sliding Hill and Atlee Roads where you will see a Sheets gas station on near left; and Valero on far right. Proceed straight ahead through that intersection past the McDonalds

on the right then a CAT dealer on the left, then the runway on left from Hanover Airport, straight ahead down the hill to the intersection at the bottom. Right turn here on to New Ashcake Road and proceed .5 miles to first intersection on the right. Turn in here at Milestone with Gazebo and flowerbed, proceed 50 yards to Milestone Clubhouse parking lot, and come in to building.

From the exit on RT 95 it is 1.9 miles to the intersection of Sliding Hill and New Ashcake Roads with only one traffic light on the way. Any problems stop at a gas station and show them these directions.

We are hoping for the biggest turnout yet for our Annual Christmas Party and expect to see many of those members who don't participate during the rest of the year because of many conflicts for their time.



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Paul McCann shows off his prized Vodka



Cirrus Vodka

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Paul McCann
Member of the Dooley Division

Would you leave the comfort of high state level job in Dept. of Environmental Quality and risk you savings to make Vodka? For Paul McCann the decision took less time than to develop a top quality Vodka that can compete with foreign

Vodkas. Cirrus just came on the the Virginia ABC shelves this past June and Paul is expanding into other states. In 2005, when Cirrus was still in the product development stage, the Beverage Tasting Institute, an impartial Chicago-based beverage tasting organization, gave Cirrus an 88-point score out of 100, which is classified as "highly recommended." In March 2006, Cirrus won a gold medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition, outscoring several revered imported vodka brands such as Belvedere, Svedka and Stolichnaya.

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