

## President's Letter - Winter 2009/2010

Monday, 18 January 2010

Dear Brothers:

Our first annual New Year's Eve Party was a great success thanks to the hard work of Kevin McKittrick and the Round the House band. We look forward to next year.

The fourth annual Polar Bear Plunge was a great success raising over \$62,000 to benefit local Catholic Schools Scholarship Funds. Bergen County AOH raised \$10,000 which is not in our local total. Chairmen Jim Shaw and the Plunge Committee have done another fantastic job. I would also like to thank the four other AOH divisions that participated and helped to make this day a success. Every year it gets bigger and better.

On Saturday, January 23 the AOH, K of C and Ashley Lauren Foundation will host a bone marrow screening and blood drive at our hall from 12-3pm. The drive is seeking matches for the people battling cancer, including Evan Sullivano, a 17 year old Middletown teen diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. The screening process only a few minutes is done with a simple cheek swab. Please take a few minutes to stop by and participate in either the screening or blood donate to help save a life. For more info contact drive Chairman Dermot Farley [dermotfarley@msn.com](mailto:dermotfarley@msn.com).

Our 19th Annual Dance will be held February 6, 2010 at Lakeside Manor on Hwy 36 in Hazlet. This year's Honorees are John Fuller Hibernian of the Year, and Ron Stark Irishman of the Year. Music by our own Kevin Guerin and the Round the House Band; tickets are \$65 each and includes dinner and open bar all night. Please show your support. For ticket information please see Rob Hughes [kiltyboy62@yahoo.com](mailto:kiltyboy62@yahoo.com) or, Gerry Ward, [duke1378@verizon.net](mailto:duke1378@verizon.net).

March 7th is the Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our division has been part of this great parade for over 19 years. The bus will leave the hall at 10:30 AM &ndash; the cost is \$10 per person. After the parade we will return to the hall for our St Patrick's Day party. The party is open to AOH Members and their families with music by Philly's best Irish band The Bogside Rouges, food and drinks will be supplied. To be fully prepared and ensure a good time please RSVP for the party so food can be ordered &ndash;see Jack or email [fenian1881@aol.com](mailto:fenian1881@aol.com).

On Saturday, March 20th the LAOH and AOH Division 2 Monmouth County will be hosting the Irish Heritage Mass at St Ann Church in Keansburg, 11AM with a luncheon to follow at our hall. Please come and support our Chaplin Fr. Dan Cahill.

Gerry Ward and I will meet with the General at the Sea Girt National Guard later this month to work out the details for our 12th Annual Irish Festival@ the Jersey Shore. I will keep you posted on the details.

Please keep in Brother Bill Dick, Rob Hughes's sister Kelly ,Evan Sullivano and the late Dick Ryan father of Mike Ryan in your prayers.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Jack Sullivan  
President Division 2  
Monmouth County