



# Patrick Pearse Division #1 – Franklin County

Lá Fhéile Pádraig, March 2009

## President's Message

Brothers,

Welcome to 2009! An exciting new year is upon us with a new slate of officers to guide our division and the opening of our new permanent home in Tara Hall. The new year also brings us new challenges to conquer.

I would like to start out by expressing my heartfelt thanks to our division president for the past 2 years, Brother Jim Wade. His leadership has been an inspiration to me personally and to the entire division. Jim will be very active this year with Tara Hall and I thank him for assuming the position of newsletter editor. Well done Jim!

There will be several updates coming on the progress of Tara Hall but let me thank the many dedicated brothers and friends of the division who are putting in countless hours to get our new home ready. There is still a lot of work to do and this needs to be an "all hands" effort by the division to make it a success. Come on down to 274 E. Innis Ave. and give us a hand. Also, all division meetings are now being conducted there.

The Green Season is upon us and we are looking forward to seeing everyone out and about. Proclamation Day is Friday, March 13 and the division will be presenting a \$500 charitable donation to a very worthwhile organization, our new neighbors at the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry at St. Ladislav Parish. They need our help, especially now with the current economic climate. We will be marching as a division again this year in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Columbus. There will be a mass associated with each of these days.

Further details are included in this newsletter.

Let me close by asking each of us to remember in our thoughts and prayers our recently departed brothers, friends and families. And please keep in your prayers our division brother, Major James Moore, who is serving our country in Iraq with our armed forces.  
Yours in Our Motto,

John Coy



## Patrick Pearse Division #1 2009 Officers

- President ..... John Coy
- Vice-President ..... Mike Coleman
- Treasurer ..... Greg Brown
- Financial Secretary ..... Pat Visel
- Recording Secretary Mike McGroarty
- Marshall ..... Jarrod Golden
- Standing Comm ..... Bob Lane
- Sentinel ..... Mark Clark
- Chaplain ..... Msgr. John Cody Jr.
- Past-President ..... Jim Wade



## 2009 Clann Na nGael

On Saturday evening, February 21, the Central Ohio Irish Organizations gathered for the 2009 Clann Na nGael Banquet. The AOH Patrick Pearse Division 1, AOH Father Corby Division 2, LAOH Countess DeMarkewicz Division, Emerald Society, Daughters of Erin and the Shamrock Club honored their 2009 Award Winners. The evening was ably emceed by Brother Tim Feeney. In the absence of President John Coy, Vice President Mike Coleman represented our Division in honoring our 2009 Hibernian of the Year Jim Fath and Commodore Barry winner Greg Brown. In addition, the Patrick Pearse Division salutes Clann Na nGael Honoree Mary Grady Strickland, as well as the honorees of the other organizations for their service to the Central Ohio Irish community.



## Division Newsletter

Newsletters are delivered electronically. Some printed copies will be available at the monthly meetings. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we have your current E-Mail address. Please update by sending a message to either Pat Fahy, pfahy@columbus.rr.com, or Jim Wade, wigswade@gmail.com.



### Community Focus

**Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry,**

**Serving the Southside for twenty-nine years**

**Story and Photo by Michael T. Coleman**

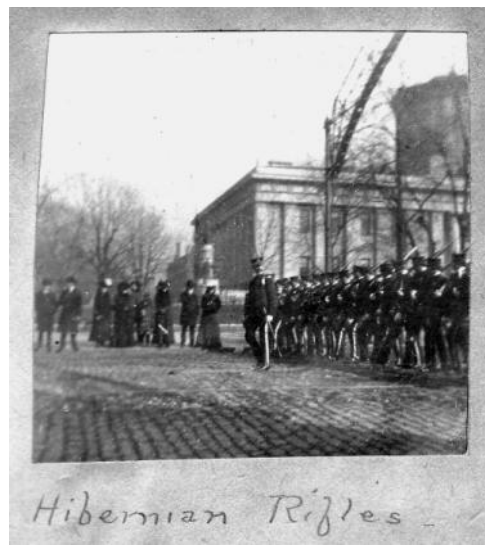
One of our new neighbors, located just two blocks south at Saint Ladislav church, is the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry. The pantry has been in operation there since 1980, serving primarily the Southside, but with the capability of assisting other communities in emergencies. The Pantry is directed by Vern Meyers and supported by a dedicated staff of volunteers. Depending on the time of year, they may cater to the needs of up to 1400 families.

While most of the products that are distributed by the pantry come from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, this food is not free! Financial support comes mainly from the parishes in the community and other Catholic charities, but there are businesses, such as Jet Container on South High Street, that make significant contributions as well as numerous individual donations. While cash donations are the preferred means of contribution, they welcome donations of non-perishable food products as well.

While they do operate mainly as a means of providing nutritious meals for the needy, they do not limit the operation to this alone. On a special needs basis, families and individuals are assisted with utilities through donations and they have even been known to provide an occasional fuel card with deliveries to elderly in the community who are in need of regular medical attention.

So let's all remember the less fortunate in our community and the invaluable service provided by Vern and all of his staff over at Saint Lad's.

*"Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity"*



## HIBERNIANS ON THE MARCH—GREEN SEASON 1903

The members of Company A, Hibernian Rifles, Columbus, Ohio march on parade in front of the Ohio State House. The parade was held to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the coronation of Pope Leo XIII and was held on March 1, 1903. Leading the unit is Captain Hilary C. McAlister, commander of Company A.

J. Michael Finn, State Historian, fcoolavin@aol.com

## AOH Green Season Schedule 2009

**March 05-** Business Meeting 7:30 pm, Tara Hall

**March 06-** Tentative Opening Tara Hall

**March 12-** March General Meeting 7:30 pm, Tara Hall

**March 13-** Proclamation Day:

Mass Of Irish Unity, St. Christopher Parish, 8:30 am

Currach Club Breakfast, Byrnes Pub, after Mass

Proclamation Day Ceremonies, City Hall, 10:45 am

Painting of Shamrocks @ Broad and High, Noon

Music and Festivities, Tara Hall

**March 14-** AOH St. Patrick's Party, Tara Hall

**March 17-** The Feast of Saint Patrick:

Procession to Holy Cross Church, forms @ 8:45, Grant & Rich, steps off @ 9 am (shuttles from Veterans

Memorial 8—9 am, \$1 plus Parade Badge)

Mass at Holy Cross, 9:30 am

Shuttles from Church to Parade Start @ Nationwide and McConnell Blvds (\$1)

Parade to Veterans Memorial, 11:45 am (You MUST have a Parade Badge to march)

Music and Festivities, Tara Hall





## **Tara Hall To Open!**

**The official opening of Tara Hall is just around the corner. We received Our inspection on Thursday, February 26, and should receive the GREEN Light to open the first weekend of March. To all who have put in hours Of time and talent to turn a bar into a home for the Patrick Pearse Division, We all salute you! We are looking forward to a Grand Saint Patrick's Day Party with our Hibernian Family, and hope to see you all there, "...enjoying your Guinness on Innis!"**

### **✦The Parting Glass**

**We remember our Departed Brothers:**

**Jim Scanlon**

**Gary Fox**

**Mike McCray**

**Bill Powers**

**"May God hold them in the palm of His Hand"**

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Ancient Order of Hibernians  
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## Meetings/Events

### March 2009

- 05 - Business Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12 - General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, Rosary at 7:00 pm
- 14 - Guinness on Innis - St. Patrick's Party
- 17 - Feast of Saint Patrick—Parade Details at March 12 Meeting

All Meetings are held at Tara Hall, 274 East Innis Avenue

*NEXT ISSUE: 2008 STATE CONVENTION AND 2008 GOLF OUTING INFORMATION*

