

Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish my entire brother Hibernians a Happy, Healthy, Holy, and Prosperous New Year. I also want to express my gratitude to all in attendance, at the Christmas party meeting, who voted their support for my presidency of the division, for 2010. I promise to do my very best, as president, to uphold the principles for which the AOH is respected and celebrated. I would like to suggest, from the onset, that my success as president is primarily dependent on the support and action of all of our brothers. I urge as many of you as possible, to commit to a New Year's resolution of making an attempt to attend, and participate, in our meetings. The more hands we have to lift the division, the less work on each individual brother, and the stronger our brotherhood. I truly believe we are a unique combination of individual, dedicated, brothers who will combine our skills to make the Msgr. Sheehan Division a successful and exciting brotherhood. As we start this new decade, I pray that we grow together in our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Our January 21 meeting is a busy meeting, not only for the installation of officers, but also to tackle the demands of the Saint Patrick's Day season. We will focus on the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, and the Hibernian Hunger Project. We will have in attendance, our regional (District 8) director Kevin Cummings, who will swear in our newly elected officers, and Kevin Moore, assisting him as Marshall. Please come and welcome them and also express our thanks to our outgoing and incoming officers.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude, to our wonderful President Brother Bill Schimpf. Brother Bill has been an exemplary president, over the last two years. He has led us through a tremendous growth period and has positioned our division as a leading, vital and well respected Irish organization, in Dutchess County. I want to thank him personally, for his tremendous organizational skills, which will make the transition for me, extremely smooth. Thank You Brother Bill!

In Brotherhood,

President-Elect,

Gerard "Gearoid (GAR id)" McVicker