



The Navigator



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A.O.H. Div 17

2023

34 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

A little rain can't stop The 34th annual St. Brendan the Navigator Parade & Festival!



The lads of division 17 were not going to be stopped by a bit of precipitation. Led by Grand Marshal Congressman Anthony D'esposito and aides John O'Brien, Harold Rochelle, Mike Triptree and Maureen Condon, the boys proudly marched down Beech St. just like we have every year since the first Bush administration. The luck of the Irish prevailed when a brief window of dryness happened just as the parade stepped off. Although, the weatherman was calling for a day full of impending doom there was a strong turn out of both marchers and volunteers.

The parade committee thanks you all, especially the new faces getting involved for the first time. This day is our signature event that relies the participation of our membership to be successful and needs an influx of new blood in order to continue being prosperous.

New Faces



2023 has been an outstanding year for AOH LBNY's growth. As of our October meeting we have had 33 new members join this year. This growth is vital to our success in preserving Irish Day and our organization as a whole. That being said, keep them coming! The more the merrier! That being said, if anyone is interested in potentially taking on a bigger role with the executive board or getting involved with the parade committee or organizers committee, please reach out to one of the board members. The brothers in charge of these boards and committees have been doing a great job for some years now and can use some reinforcements to provide a boost of energy and creativity.

Upcoming Christmas Events

As we come into the colder months, Division 17's slower season quickly approaches. However, we do have a few Christmas festivities on the Calendar. We will be hosting our annual family Christmas Party on December 17th at the VFW, stayed tuned for more details from Sean McClenin and Jeremy Cecil.

In addition to our regular X-mas party this year to we will be Co-hosting an adult Christmas party at the Inn on Dec. 2nd at 5pm, with the LAOH to support the VFW's annual Toys for Tots efforts. Tickets are \$60 for open bar, passed apps, live music by Matt Wahl and the musical stylings of DJ Inncognito. Any guests are welcome to attend, the more the merrier. All proceeds from this event will be put directly towards buying toys to fill the VFW's Toys for Tots bins.

Finally, Our honor guard marches in the Annual Electric Light Christmas Parade but, this year we are looking to enter a float. This years parade will be held on the evening of December 9th. Anyone interested in helping out please reach out to John Deely (516)850-5592 or Chris Nolan (516)287-7031.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES:

Dec 2nd: LAOH/AOH Toys for Tots Christmas Party. The Inn 5pm-8pm \$60 Open Bar

Dec 9th: Electric Light Christmas Parade

Dec 17th: Annual AOH Family Christmas Party. The VFW 1pm

Dec 20th: Monthly General Membership Meeting



A Quick Recap of the past months

We haven't sent out this newsletter in a long time so, we thought we would do a quick recap of the past few months. Sorry if anything was missed. This past year has been a banner year for the Men of Division 17. As usual our 300 clubs were a success with great parties, a big thanks to Bill Holtmeyer and all of the ticket captains for another great job.

This years Tasting By the Sea was our largest one yet. The 5th annual tasting raised the most money, had the most participants, volunteers and attendees we have ever had, and tickets were sold out in 72 hours!

On July 16th we honored the Tommy Callaghan and Bill Phillips at the Man of the Year Reception at Bridgeview. Once again the Cunningham brothers got the crowd rocking. Next year will be the last year the event will be held at Bridgeview. June 30th put it in your calendars.

This august, in conjunction with the LAOH, we hosted the inaugural summer party in the LBCRS school yard. This event brought out nearly 700 people and is poised to become one of our staples in the future. The organizer committee would like to extend a huge thanks to all the volunteers! Especially Pete Broughal who DJ'ed the bands breaks, the chief sanitation engineer Brian Wheeler and his team and all of the guys who dealt with the disaster of putting up the tent.

Thank you to Damien Walsh, Billy Treadway & company for putting together the inaugural Jimmy Hughes Fish Feeding Frenzy! As tradition little to no fish were caught. Great job keeping an amazing tradition alive in Jimmy's honor! And not to be forgotten, thank you to Ed Henry with another successful blood drive and Sean McClenin for another laugh filled Mets Trip. Great Job again!



Honoring One of Our Own

At this years Grand Marshall dinner at Minnesotas, Eddie Cunningham received the Silver Microphone Award for his all his years of dedication being the voice of AOH Division 17. Eddie has been a staple announcing the parades from a city bandstand to standing on a shine box, unsheltered in the rain. Eddie has been the Master of Ceremonies for many major events and our annual raffles for over 30 years. Thank you Eddie for your service and all the brothers of 17 look forward to the next 30.

