



BITS OF BLARNEY

Meeting Notice

For two meetings in February 2010:

Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday February 16, 2010

Benedictine Cafeteria

Books open at 6:00PM and Meeting starts at 7:00PM

Called Meeting

Tuesday February 23, 2010 at 6:00 PM

Knights of Columbus 631

To Accept Nominations for Grand Marshal

From the Chairman

The 2010 Parade is rapidly approaching. The Officers and Executive Committee members have been meeting each week to ensure that this year's festivities are the best ever. Please attend the February quarterly meeting and review the calendar of events that will be sent to you in your membership packets. The changes made and details will be

discussed at the meeting and included in your packets. We will also vote on the proposed by-law amendment that was read at the November Quarterly Meeting.

I encourage all Irish families and Irish societies to get their parade applications to George Schwarz as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the last minute. It is imperative that George has all of the information needed in order to set his line of march.

Lastly, this is the final Bits of Blarney newsletter before St. Patrick's Day. I would like to wish each of you and your families a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy the parade and congratulate the Officers, Executive Committee and Adjutant Staff members on a job well done.

Erin Go Bragh,

Copie Burnett
General Chairman

Membership Secretary's Report

Quarterly Meeting

The February Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Benedictine Cafeteria, Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Membership books will open at 6 pm and close at 6:55 pm. The books will re-open for a short period immediately following the business meeting.

Called Meeting

A called meeting will be held Tuesday February 23, 2010 at 6 PM at The Knights of Columbus, Council 631 for the purpose of accepting all nominations for Grand Marshal of the 2010 parade. **The date is listed wrong on the calendar of events included in your packet. Please note the change.**

Jerry Hogan, Jr.,
Membership Secretary

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please send in your money for your raffle tickets. This is YOUR PARADE! We need your help to support it. Please help the Parade Committee to make this the best parade ever. A self-addressed stamped envelope will be provided for you in your packet.

Thank you – Pete Liakakis

St. Patrick's Day Program

I want to thank everyone that has helped to sell Ads in this year's 2010, 186th Parade Magazine. Please keep working hard to bring in Ads, parade entries, and floats. Our sales team consists of an organization of volunteers from the Parade Committee who have been working very hard.

If anyone has any old pictures you would like to contribute to this year's magazine, please email me at stpatricksdaysouth@bellsouth.net.

Again, thank you for all your hard work and support. - - Michael Foran
912 657 5592

PLEASE SIGN THE BOOK!!!

Please remember to sign in at every quarterly meeting. This is the only way the Membership Secretary knows if you attended the meetings.

Adjutant's Report

The Adjutant Staff will meet on February 3, 2010 at 6:30 PM at The Knights of Columbus, Council 5588. The Executive Committee and the Adjutant Staff have been working hard to make the 2010 parade the best yet. So far, we have approved applications

for numerous bands, as well as other commercial units. I would like to ask any family that is entering the parade as a unit to please turn in their application as soon as possible.

The Adjutant Staff is always looking for volunteers. If you want to be a part of the best parade in the country, see me after the quarterly meeting and join our staff.

George F. Schwarz III - Adjutant

Investiture of the Grand Marshal

The Investiture of the Grand Marshal will be held on Sunday, March 7th, 2010 at 2:45 PM at the Savannah Civic Center Ballroom. The ceremony will be open to the general public. The Executive Committee is looking forward to your attendance and hopes that the Parade Committee will put forward their best efforts to congratulate the 2010 Grand Marshal with a strong turn-out. A reception with a cash bar will immediately follow the ceremony.

Celtic Cross Reception

SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2010

The Celtic Cross Reception will be held at the Morris Center again this year. This reception will start between 2:00 – 2:30pm. You can purchase tickets for \$20.00 at the Parade Office.

You must have a valid ticket to enter. The dress is Coat and Tie for men and equal attire for women. Questions please call Brendan Sheehan @ 547-5427

Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament will be held on March 6th at Crosswinds Golf Club, please see the flyer included in your packet. This year's entry fee will be \$75 per player and the format will be captain's choice. We also need hole sponsors. A hole sponsorship is \$100. If you have the ability to sponsor a hole this year or know of someone who can, please fill out the flyer included in the packet or call me at 912-713-7440. Thank you for your help and participation. - - John Fogarty

2010 Bands Report

As of January 15th we have 44 applications for bands. The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps will perform at the Jasper ceremony as well as the parade. Right now we have eight new high school bands and five new pipe bands that will make their first visit. More detail will follow at the February meeting

Mike Brady - Bands Coordinator

2010 Private Reception

The private reception for the Grand Marshall will be held February 28, 2010 at the Alee Shrine Temple from 2-5 PM. Tickets will be required for admission. Coat and tie is required. If any one has any questions, please contact Lawrence "Bubba" Edgerly at 912-655-8027.

Thank you,
Bubba

Flag Unit

The flag unit is a group of young boys and girls that carry the flags of the Counties of Ireland at Celtic Cross, Tara Feis, Jasper Greene, and the Parade. This unit plays a very important part in honoring St. Patrick and celebrating our Irish heritage. We need your help. Get our children involved! Any questions, please call me at 912-713-7440. Thank you. - - John Fogarty

Address Changes

Remember to let us know if you move. Please notify the Parade Committee Office of any address changes at 233-4804 or contact the Membership Chairman, Jerry Hogan, Jr. at

631-3088. Thank you!

If you have suitable items of interest which you would like to see in the next Bits of Blarney, then please contact Jerry Hogan at 631-3088.