

Ancient Order of Hibernians



Florida State Board
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in memoriam

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David L. Prior

David L. Prior served as Treasurer and just recently re-elected Sentinel of Florida's Pinellas Division 2. He helped with pancake breakfasts and scholarship contests. He helped us get appointments at City Hall in St. Pete with recent mayors for the Irish American Heritage Month Project. He visited the sick, such as recently driving his father, Jim, to visit the Judge Gerard O'Brien, who just passed away himself three months ago. He told us the story as former military helping with the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew in the summer of 1992 near Miami. David was locally involved with leading the Boy Scouts. His own son, Patrick, just got accepted into West Point. Brother David passed away January 18, 2017.

Judge Gerard O'Brien

The Honorable Judge Gerard O'Brien was Pinellas Division 2 (Florida) Chairman of Standing Committees since the division founding on December 10, 1995. He always had good things to say, full of wisdom and amazing stories. He served as a Judge in St. Petersburg, FL. Brother Gerard passed away on October 23, 2016.

James A. Whelan

James Anthony Whelan, Pinellas Division 2, FL, passed away on February 17. He was born in Elizabeth, NJ, and served in the Phillipines. He took his Major Degree in 1965. He joined AOH Pinellas 2 in 1999 and served as Division Recording Secretary and Vice President. Jim served the AOH FL State Board as Charities and Missions Chair from 2007 to 2011. Although his ashes are going back to New Jersey, a memorial Mass will be said at St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in St. Petersburg on June 10, 2017, at 4 p.m.

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Charity Award Presented by Sean Denny

On March 18, 2017, I attended the resurrected St. O'Mary's Irish Night hosted by the Ministry of Joy. Prior to the dinner, I attended the 4 p.m. Mass. Fr. Damian Amantia was the celebrant with Deacon Michael Menchen. On behalf of the AOH, I presented St. Mary's Faith Formation a Charity Award received at the 2016 AOH National Convention in Atlantic City. Fr. Damian accepted the award on behalf of Claudia McIvor. Then Fr. Damian had his own announcement that the St. Francis Courtyard on the southeast side of the church was reopening today. After Mass, Fr. David greeted everyone as they took steps or a ramp to the Hall. The musician Mele performed Irish Songs while we waited for the dinner. Fr. David said the opening prayer before meals. I sat with Jim Prior and Jim Gillis and we tried on Irish hats and beads. Bill O'Hanlon sat nearby with his new wife and friends from New York. The dinner was corned beef, cabbage, boiled red potatoes, carrots, rye bread, and "green" velvet cake. Jim Kochen entertained us with jokes. The dancing continued after dinner.

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