

# HIRBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

May 2004

## GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY, 2004

That the family — founded on the marriage of a man and a woman — may be recognized as the basic cell of human society.

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY THE MEMORARE OR A HAIL MARY DAILY FOR CONTINUED PEACE IN IRELAND.

### REGULAR AOH MEETING

Tuesday, May 18, 8:00pm  
Knights of Columbus  
495 East Main Street, Somerville

## ANNUAL MASS at the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament

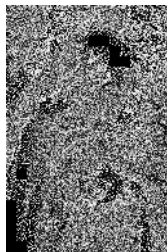
Sunday, May 2, 9:30am  
50 West Somerset St., Raritan

### REGULAR AOH MEETING

We plan to conduct a brief business meeting followed by some friendship and cheer with your fellow Hibernians! As usual, free beer, soda and wine. *Pint agus caint* (pint and chat).

Our Charities & Missions Chairman, Jim Butler, will conduct a raffle for the benefit of CGE after the meeting. The May raffle will have a marvelous potpourri of items. The April Raffle winners were Dennis Smyth, a Grill Life Basket Broiler with oven mitt; Jack McCullagh, a bottle of Gordon's Gin; Bruce Van Arsdale, a camera and wrench set; Fr. Dan Herlihy, tickets to Gaelic Storm, May 8 at RVCC; and Rich Evans, a Frame and wrench set. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and to have a very good chance at winning these fabulous prizes.

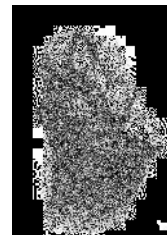
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## LET US ALL REMEMBER OUR MOTHERS, LIVING & DECEASED ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY.

May is the month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Please try to say the Rosary each day for peace in Ireland and the rest of the world. If you can't find the time to say the full Rosary, then try to say one decade each day and/or recite the MEMORARE.

All AOH members' mothers, grandmothers, wives, sisters, daughters, aunts and all who have shared a maternal love in our life, whether they are living or deceased, will be remembered during a Novena of masses at the National Shrine of our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois, beginning on Mother's Day. In addition, they will also be a special Remembrance Mass celebrated on Mother's Day at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth.



**Dear Brother,**

Congress is about to start hearings on the **US-UK Extradition Treaty**, which is a threat to All Irish-Americans. Your Action is required to help stop this treaty. Our Home page on our website has a link to a message form our National AOH President, Ned McGinley, urging us to contact our Senators and urge them "NOT" to vote for this treaty. This message was read at all AOH meetings across the country. At the bottom of the message is a link to a "sample letter" which you can use to write to your Senator. This page also has the Senators addresses. The following are a few of the "highlights" of this treaty: **1.** Extradite and imprison any American citizen without proof of guilt; **2.** Allow for extradition even if no US federal law is violated; **3.** Eliminates any statute of limitations; **4.** Allows for seizure of assets by the UK. Please don't delay! Send your letter to our Senators Now! Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Bob McCann - Vice President

**VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ**

TO: All Divisions, County, and State Boards AOH and LAOH  
RE: US/UK Extradition Treaty  
FROM: Ned McGinley, National President Eleanore Grimley, LAOH National President  
DATE: April 27, 2004

There has been a new Extradition Treaty proposed between the United States and the United Kingdom in March of 2003. The treaty as written would destroy the right of Americans to have an U.S. Court approve their extradition if they were accused under British law. Irish-Americans as well as others have traditionally fought against extradition for political reasons without review by the judiciary. This Treaty has now been moved to the United States Senate for Ratification.

Any Extradition Treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom has historically been contentious because Irish-Americans have no trust in the UK's judicial system but have an abiding trust in the Judicial System of our country. The United States has a Bill of Rights and the UK has never produced such a document, which is another reason that Irish-America feels they will be treated with respect by their justice system.

The United States State Department has introduced the new US/UK Extradition Treaty, this month. The Treaty was signed by John Ashcroft for the U.S. and the United Kingdom in March of 2003. It has just been presented to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for ratification. This treaty will cast aside the present UK Treaties including the compromise, with political exception, from 1986. All Irish-American groups with the AOH and LAOH oppose this document.

The 1986 Treaty allowed a compromise or exception for political offenses and at that time it was agreed that was all that was needed. There is no reason to scrap the 1986 Treaty in favor of one that strips the rights of American Citizens. The 1986 Treaty was the final document but now our Department of Justice has negotiated to remove the rights of our citizens and allow the UK to make a request for extradition, which would be reviewed by an anonymous member of the administration instead of our courts. There is no reason to make any more compromises beyond the 1986 Treaty.

Without question our mistrust of the United Kingdom is deeply rooted in historical fact, as is our trust in the system of justice we live under here. To allow our government to initiate a new treaty removing "Judicial Review" is an affront to Irish-Americans. In our opinion this treaty targets Irish-Americans who dispute the UK's claims over the six counties of Ireland still controlled by the London government. It curtails free speech and will allow for a veritable "witch hunt" for those who debate the UK's claim.

This 2004 (signed in 2003) US/UK Extradition Treaty should be consigned to the scrap heap of history where all bad treaties go. There is no rhyme nor reason for this treaty except to control the right of free speech for Irish-Americans disputing the UK's control of the north of Ireland. This treaty does not to make the United States safer, nor does it protect our citizens from terrorism. It does not make it any easier to have terrorists extradited from the UK to the US than the 1986 Treaty. It makes it easier to remove U.S. citizens to the UK for frivolous reasons or threaten them with such action. The State Department excuse is "all other treaties do not have these provisions" does not work. Irish-Americans do not trust the UK when it comes to "free speech" issues or the six counties of Ulster. The recent Cory Report, documenting collusion in the security forces of the UK with Loyalist "murder gangs", only emphasizes that nothing has changed. The recent arrest of Sean Mackin, an AOH member, in Belfast on Good Friday reinforces our message. This Treaty needs to be scrapped.

**VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ**

- Please write your Senators in Washington and asked them to oppose this treaty and return it to the State Department where it should be discarded.
- We ask your Freedom for All Ireland Chairman and your Political Education Chairman to find the FAX numbers, email addresses, and telephone numbers for your states Senators and publish them to the membership immediately <www.senate.gov>.
- We then ask every member possible in the AOH and LAOH to contact, in writing, those Senators and voice their opposition to this treaty.

Thank you for your cooperation on this important issue and thank you for your patience in listening to or reading this message

Please don't delay - this Treaty is now in the hands of US Senators and a decision will be made to ratify it soon.

Corzine, Jon - (D - NJ)  
502 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, DC 20510  
(202) 224-4744  
Web Form: <corzine.senate.gov/contact.cfm>

Lautenberg, Frank - (D - NJ)  
324 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3224  
Web Form: <lautenberg.senate.gov/webform.html>

Division Website: <[www.aohsomerset.com](http://www.aohsomerset.com)>

National Website: <[www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com)>  
AOH National President – Ned McGinley - <<http://www.aoh.com/letter/20040429.html>>

Please see insert for Sample Letter.

Thank You and God Bless.

*Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)

## A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):	Ní dhéanfaidh smaoiniamh an treabhadh duit.
Pronunciation:	N'i: y'e:n-ë s'm'i:-n'ëv an trau-ë dit'
English:	You'll never plough a field turning it over in your mind.

### **34<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey Irish Festival at the PNC Bank Arts Center – FREE -**

Thirty-Fourth Annual Irish Festival at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, NJ, *is Admission Free!* It will be held on Sunday June 27, 2004, from 9am to 6pm. It is a full day of activities including: Mass at 10:30am, Kidzone Children's Playland, Ceili Tent, Irish Stepdancers, Kathy Durkin & Andy Cooney, The Wolftones, Willie Lynch, The Bantry Boys, and Massed Pipe Bands.

**COME OUT FOR THIS GREAT CELEBRATION OF THE IRISH!**

### **ATTENDANCE AWARD**

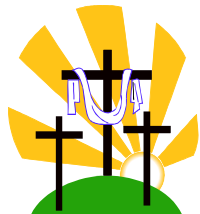
The April attendance raffle amounted to \$41 and would have been won by Brother Mike Forrestall. However, Brother Mike could not be at the meeting, so the pot continues to grow for May. How do you get in on the prize? Just attend our monthly meetings and drop \$1 into the pot, half for the winner, and half towards food at the meetings. If your membership number is pulled, you win the award.

## SOMERSET LAOH



The local LAOH Division has meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Mannion's Pub and Restaurant, 150 West Main Street, Somerville. For more information, please contact Deanna Cobb (908) 782-7014.

### ANNUAL MASS FOR PEACE & JUSTICE, SUNDAY – MAY 2



The Annual Mass for peace and justice in Ireland, for the deceased members of our AOH/LAOH divisions and for the victims of the Irish Hunger, is to be celebrated in the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, 50 Somerset St., Raritan, at 9:30AM. Father Sean Winters will be the celebrant. Hibernian Brother, Deacon Pete O'Neill will assist and Brother Pete Diskin Lector. The Mass will also include a special remembrance of those lost in the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy. Sharon Fisher, a winner of the Turlough O'Carolan Harp Festival in Ireland, will sing and provide Irish harp music prior to/and during Mass. Hibernian Brother Cliff Roberts will provide bagpipes. The Knights of Columbus Color Guard will be Honor Guard during the Mass. There will be a brunch at Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 150 West Main St., Somerville, afterwards, for anyone interested; tickets are Adults- \$14/each, Children (4-12)-\$7, call Bob Canavan (732) 469-1098, Jim Butler (908) 725-1906 and Joe Simmons (732) 356-8496. *Since seating, is limited it would be very wise to order tickets to the brunch early.*

*If you can't make the brunch, that's OK, but PLEASE plan to attend this very special Mass.*

### LESS THEY BE FORGOTTEN

Deceased Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and LAOH, Somerset County, St. Patrick Division I:

Thomas J. Beetel	John W. Greenleaf	Robert C. McPoland
Joseph A. Bullivant	Re. William J. Hewitt	John J. Moffitt
Richard J. Cain, Sr.	Edward Hoey	John Mulrooney
Roseclair Chiavetta	Patrick A. Hoey	Thomas B. Nevin
William Patrick Cleary	Edward J. Hussey	Maurice R. Nulty
Edward A. Coffey	Edward F. Jordan	John Kenneth O'Brien
Thomas J. Crimmins	Robert J. Kavanaugh	John W. O'Connell
Joseph E. Cusick	Eleanor Keating	Thomas F. O'Connell
Clement J. Donlan	Francis Patrick Kemp	William Patrick O'Grady
Thomas P. Donohue	Francis W. King	Kevin M. Reavey
Joseph P. Donoghue	John J. Kirby	Arthur J. Regan
Dennis J. Donovan	Frank J. Lauer	William B. Regan
Lester J. Eustace	Thomas J. Lavin	Emmet J. Ryan
Esther Fallon	Thomas B Lenahan	Charles R. "Dick" Shanahan
Robert T. Fenlon	William R. Lynch	Patrick Shovlin
Brendan Fitzpatrick	Harold T. Lyons	Frank "Nap" Torpey
Martin J. Flatley	Thomas W. MacDonald	Joseph P. Walsh
Michael F. Fox	James McIntyre	Harry Welby
Albert W. Garrison	Thomas P. McLaughlin	Patrick O. Woods
Patrick J. Greaney	Martin H. McNerney	

God Bless the Souls of the Dead.

*Beannact De len Anam an Marbh.*

(Ban-nought De len On-im on Mar-ive)

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new members who have been accepted at the April meeting: Daniel Hayeo proposed by Cliff Roberts, Brian Gibney proposed by Cliff Roberts, Oliver McParland proposed by Dr. Francis Toolan, Thomas Clarke through the Division's web site, Raymond Hill through the Division's web site, and Sean McLoughlin proposed by Mike Berry. **CEAD MILE FAIJE (100,000 WELCOMES).**

## DIVISION'S ANNUAL FUND RAISING PROGRAM



Chairman Vince Reh asks that we all please try and sell as many tickets as possible to relatives and friends, so we may continue our varied sponsored programs & activities. Dues alone do not cover the costs of our programs; we depend heavily on this fund raising program. As you are aware, the program tickets are ONLY \$10/each and the proceeds go towards the support of many Irish cultural and charitable donations our division sponsors or promotes during the year. We are hoping that the low price of the tickets will appeal to many. The BIG PAYOUT remains the same as last year; first prize-\$1,000, second-\$500 and third-\$250; there will be several consolation prizes as well. We urge you to sell these tickets and make your returns Brother Vince Reh, AOH, 17 East Brown Street, Somerville, NJ 08876-1601, (908) 722-6595. Checks should be endorsed to "AOH". The drawing will be held at our Division's Regular Monthly Meeting on June 15.

SINGLE TICKETS MAY BE SOLD / BOUGHT. EVERY TICKET AIDS OUR GOAL. HELP OUR AOH  
DIVISION REACH NEW HEIGHTS. THANK YOU.

*WE NEED YOU TO HELP RAISE THE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.  
DON'T DELAY-GET YOUR RETURNS IN TODAY, OR AT LEAST BEFORE THE JUNE MEETING.*

### CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To Brother Robert Foley and his wife, Patrice, on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Maeve Elliott Foley, born to their son, Patrick, and his wife, Margaret. Baby, parents and grandparents are reportedly doing well.
- To Brother Charles Knapp and his wife, Kathryn, on the birth of their grandson, Michael Knapp, born to their son, David and his wife, Heather. All are reportedly doing well.
- To Sister Helen Flatley, a member of the LAOH and a strong supporter of all our AOH Division functions over the years, who is the great grandmother of Baby Michael Knapp.
- To our fellow Hibernian Brothers who took the major degree in April, Gary Adams, William Barry, Paul Carolan, Jim Doherty, Kevin Donovan, Jim Fleming, Pat Kelleher, J. Derek Kirby, James Murphy, John O'Donnell, Cliff Roberts, Joseph Ryan, and Bruce Van Arsdale.

*Sainte And God Bless!*

### *SICK & VIGIL*

We ask that you continue to remember all our sick, deceased members and their families, and our dear friends in your prayers. Please remember the following:

- Brother Walter Kavanaugh is recuperating at home following a stay at St. Peter's Hospital for health problems.
- Rev. Liam A. Minogue recently underwent surgery for the removal of his gall bladder.
- Prayers are requested for William O'Connor and his wife, Adrian, who are both having health problems at the present time. William is the son of Dorothy Ryan, wife of Brother Dick Ryan, our division treasurer. Please remember them in your prayers.
- Patty Drake, daughter of Brother Jack Rice and his wife, Marge, is undergoing medical treatment at the present time and is in need of our prayers.

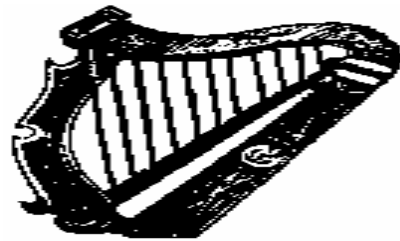
Please keep the above and all our previously reported sick and deceased in your prayers. If you know of serious illness, hospital admission, or death in a member's immediate family (wife, son, daughter, mother, or father), please contact our Sick & Vigil Chairman, Robert J. Canavan, at (732) 469-1098 so that a card or other suitable acknowledgement can be sent. We depend on you to keep us informed. Also, if you would like to send a card or contact someone on the list, please contact the Sick & Vigil Chairman at the above number.

### Irish on Local Radio

- **Glór na hÉireann/ The Voice of Ireland** with our own Brothers Joe O'Sullivan and Jack McCullagh and their friends, every Sunday, 5:30 -7pm, on WRSU 88.7 FM.

## 2004 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- No seisiuns in May, June, July, August and December -
    - September 26 – October 24 – November 28 –
- For Information call (908) 685-3168



### Seisiun Notes

A very *Special Thank You* to Brother Bill Healy for his donation of the hand cut crystal vases, made at his Shop, awarded bi-monthly to the musicians at our seisiuns. Bill Healy's Glass Art, Renaissance Plaza, 39 Hwy. 12, Flemington, NJ. Be sure to stop by Brother Bill's shop and tell them you are a Hibernian for a discount on his beautiful and magnificent crystal and cut glass. These seisiuns are made available with the kind permission of the Knights of Columbus, Somerville Council, at their clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, Somerville. We sincerely want to thank our chairman, Mike Berry, along with all the musicians, singers, dancers and AOH members, their families and friends for making this activity such a great resounding success.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Ride for Project Children

Our Division would like to announce its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Ride for Project Children, being sponsored by Hunterdon HOG Chapter. Project Children is headed by New York Police Department bomb-squad detective Denis Mulcahy, who began as a grass-roots effort in 1975 in Greenwood Lake, NY, and spread across the nation to house over 11,000 Northern Irish boys and girls over the last two decades. Mulcahy's all-volunteer group--there is no salaried staff-- has been praised by former-President Bill Clinton, who drew crowds during his visit to Ireland, including strife-worn Northern Ireland in 1995, had said "Project Children takes away a generation of despair, and builds a new experience of hope, healing and reconciliation -- one child at a time."

The Irish children, ranging in age from 10 to 14, spend six weeks in the U.S., and may be housed one or two per host family, sometimes a Protestant child joining a Catholic child in the same home with remarkably positive results. Great care is given to "fit" each child to the host family and its siblings, and host parents may specify the age, sex and religion of their visitor. Host families provide room and board, and Project Children provides transportation and insurance coverage for its Irish participants. If you would like more information about Project Children or believe your family would be interested in hosting a child, please call Vivian or Pat Cline at (908) 526-5019.

The particulars are as follows: Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at Williams Harley Davidson, Route 22, Lebanon, NJ, with Sign-Up between 9-10:30am. Donations are \$10 per person with the Motorcyclists riding to Patrick's Pub in Belmar, NJ. A free lunch and soft drinks will be provided for the first 300 ticket holders! For more information please contact: Kevin Byrne: inspector704@aol.com (908) 704-0038; Lannie Foster: lan2step@aol.com (908) 237-2446; Connie Hull constancehull@earthlink.net (908) 735-7975. Open to all motorcyclists – supporters, non-motorcyclists, can meet the group at Patrick's Pub!

### NEEDED-SIX CANOPY BEARERS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION -SUNDAY, JUNE 13

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Corpus Christi Solemn Procession, from the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Raritan to St. Joseph's and St. Ann's Churches before returning to the Shrine Chapel, is scheduled for Sunday, June 13. Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine Chapel at 1:30pm; the solemn procession will follow at approximately 2:30pm. Our division has been invited once again to provide the canopy bearers for the Blessed Sacrament as the procession winds its way through the streets of Raritan. We need at least six fairly strong Hibernians to help with this very honored invitation. Anyone interested? Please call P. Joe Mulrooney (908) 725-1956.

### *NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT*

- 34th Annual New Jersey Irish Festival, Sunday, June 27, 2004, 9am – 6pm, at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Garden State Parkway, Holmdel, NJ.

## NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- Biennial National Convention, Philadelphia, PA, The 2004 National Convention, will be hosted by the Pennsylvania State Board, Philadelphia County Board July 7 - 11, 2004 - Wednesday – Sunday.

### Purchase and Wear your AOH Apparel



Our President, Joe Cobb, is currently taking orders for AOH t-shirts, polos, wind-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, denim shirts and baseball hats. There are white t-shirts printed front & back for \$10. Kelly green, forest green, blue or white polo shirts with the AOH patch on the front for \$20. White, gray, green and blue Sweatshirts for \$20. Lined, hooded, weatherproof jackets, green, blue and white, for \$40. Windcheater long sleeved shirt in blue for \$50 and vest for \$40. Long sleeved button down denim shirt in blue, green or black for \$35. Hats for \$15 and large AOH pins for \$5. All you have to do is call Joe with the size and he will be placing the order shortly. Joe can be e-mailed at [jccobb@att.net](mailto:jccobb@att.net) or reached at (908) 782-7014.

### SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for sponsors for our Hibernian Newsletter to highlight our membership's businesses. We would like to extend the opportunity for you to sponsors for a nominal donation of \$2 a month to the AOH. Due to space limitation, the sponsorship will be one line long highlighted before the calendar. If you are interested, please send a letter and business card to Kevin O'Sullivan ([osulli@earthlink.net](mailto:osulli@earthlink.net)), 5 South Deer Hill Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

**Bill Healy Crystal** – Handmade Crystal and Glassware. Bill Healy (908) 806-2100.

**Re/MAX, Preferred Professionals** – Real Estate Broker - Patrick Kelly (908) 685-0700 x29.

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**William T. Cooper Sr.** – Attorney and CPA. William T. Cooper Sr. (908) 725-4190

**Somerset Hills Eye Care Center** – Timothy P. Sullivan, MD, FACS (908) 766-4834.

**Dr. Eugene O'Neill, Chiropractor** Branchburg (908) 685-8882. *Chiropractic: Natural Health Maintenance since 1895.*

**Mannion's Pub & Restaurant** 150 West Main St., Contact Pat Mannion (908) 203-0700.

**The Cross & Shamrock** - Ames Plaza 3100 Quarkerbridge Rd., Mercerville Ann & Len Bauersachs (609) 586-9696. Irish Imports and Religious Items.

**Long's Travel** – 96 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls. Eamonn Long (800) 524-0555.

**Mail Boxes Etc.** - For All your Shipping and Copying Needs. Tony Leonetti (732) 981-9444.

**St. Ann's of Hampton Pipes & Drums** – Soloist or Band Available For Your Special Occasion.

Cliff Roberts (908) 704-0048.

**O'Neill, Knapp and Associates, PC** – Certified Public Accountants – Peter J. O'Neill (908) 722-1810

**Francis X. Hermes P.A.** – Attorney at Law – Somerville (908) 218-1500.

**Prudential New Jersey Properties** – Sales Associate – Mary Ann Reh (908) 658-4300 x 313

**Dan Dooley Rent A Car** - Going to Ireland? Why not let your car be a Dan Dooley. Call (800) 331-9301, ask for Vicki O'Connell, Annette or Bruce for your AOH special.

**WITH A GEE PROMOTIONS** - Gerald Houlihan (908-789-7582). Home and business long-distance, including "800" numbers at 4.9c per minute. Self service @ [www.onesetpriced.com/ghoulihan](http://www.onesetpriced.com/ghoulihan)

**Professional Economic Growth Group** – Tim Hyland, CPA – Financial Services Professional (908) 638-8795.

**Byrne Painting, Wallpapering & Powerwashing** – Kevin Byrne, Quality Workmanship (908) 704-0038.

**Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home** – Bruce Van Arsdale, 101 North Gaston Ave., Somerville (908) 725-3111.

**Thomas J. Deignan** – licensed Private Investigator – P.O. Box 65, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

**Wells Fargo Home Mortgage** – Reverse Mortgage Specialist – Gary Adams (866) 556-6633.

**McCool Sounds** - DJ Services and Live Irish Music, contact Tom Burns (908) 295-7231.

**Select Title Agency** – Providing residential and commercial title insurance throughout NJ Tom Clarke (973) 761-1112.

## CALENDAR

(Fri) Irish music at Mannion's Pub on 150 West Main Street, Somerville on Friday nights. Catch the Melody Aces, led by Brother Mike Berry, Tommy Burns Band or Willie Lynch on Fridays. Three Brother Hibernians, Colman, Kevin and Patrick Mannion of our Division own Mannion's. Plan to stop in some Friday evening for dinner, a pint and some Irish music.

## CALENDAR

**Now-May 30 (Wed-Sun)** Finian's Rainbow by Irish Repertory Theatre, 132 West 22nd Street between 6th and 7th Ave., New York. Performance Schedule: Wednesday – Saturday at 8pm, Wednesday at 2pm, Saturday & Sunday at 3pm. For Tickets and more information, please call (212) 727-2737.

**May 2 (Sun)** Our Division's Annual Mass at the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan. A communion breakfast will follow at Mannion's Pub.\*\*\*

**May 3 (Mon)** Irish American Public Action Committee Meeting at Mannion's on Main St., Somerville, at 5:30pm. All welcome. Information (908) 647-3984.

**May 8 (Sat)** Gaelic Storm at The Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College at 8pm. Tickets are \$19 and \$24, please call (908) 725-3420.

**May 15 (Sat)** 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dance and Sweepstakes to benefit the students in training to be missionaries at the St. Patrick Fathers. It will be held at VFW Hall, 241 W. Shore Ave., Bogota, NJ from 9:30pm to 1:30am, featuring Noel Henry's Irish Showband. Tickets at the door are \$25 and include free drinks from the bar. Please call (201) 943-6575.

**May 9 (Sun)** Mother's Day. May Mary, God's Mother, in her loving way, bestow her blessings on each of our mothers, this Mother's Day and every day – Happy Mother's Day.

**May 18 (Tues)** Regular AOH Meeting. Meeting will start at 8pm.\*\*\*

**May 20 (Thur)** Ascension of Our Lord – Holy Day of Obligation.

**May 21 (Thur)** The Somerset County Police Pipe and Drums presents "Irish Spring", their Annual spring fundraiser, at the Somerville Elks, 375 Union Ave., Bridgewater. Beer, wine, food, raffles and door prizes with entertainment by the Willie Lynch Band and the Somerset County Police Pipes and Drums. Tickets are \$25 per person, for any additional information, please call Chris McGill (908) 782-5260.

**May 22 (Fri)** Cherish the Ladies at the State Theatre of New Jersey at 8pm. Tickets are \$32, \$28, \$25, \$20, please call the Box Office at (732) 246-7469 or (877) STATE-11.

**May 23 (Sun)** Harley Rally for Project Children starting at Williams Harley Davidson, Rte. 22, Lebanon, traveling to Belmar.\*\*\*

**May 31 (Mon)** Memorial Day. Please remember all those who died in the services of our country.

\*\*\* SEE NEWS ARTICLES ON ABOVE EVENTS \*\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW\*\*\*



**ANCIENT ORDER**  
**OF HIBERNIANS** IN AMERICA  
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