

# HIRBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

November 2004

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

That Christian men and women,  
aware of the vocation, which is theirs  
in the Church, may answer  
generously God's call to seek  
holiness in the midst of their lives.

**Monday, November 22** – Somerset County AOH & the Somerville  
Knights of Columbus Annual Turkey Drive. Come out and help.

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).

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

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 8:00pm  
Knights of Columbus  
495 East Main Street  
Somerville

Our Charities & Missions Chairman, Jim Bulter, will conduct a raffle for  
the benefit of CGE after the meeting. The October Raffle donated \$211 to  
CGE. The winners in the October raffle were Cliff Roberts, a bottle of  
Bushmills Irish Cream, a statue of Mary and Dave Winfield Collectible;  
Joe Fallon, a Joseph Bernard Watch and Willie Mays Collectible; and Phil  
Keating, a clock, a book "Encyclopedia of Dublin and Darren Dalton  
Collectible. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and have a good  
chance at winning fabulous prizes.

### A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):  
Pronunciation:  
English:

Ní fearr bia ná ciall.  
Ni: f'a:r b'i ë' na: k'i ël.  
Food is not better than sense.

### IRISH TRIVIA

The Question to this month's trivia is: On November 1, 1851, the Adjutant General of the state of New York issued General Order 489, providing for the formation of a militia regiment that would come to be one of the most famous regiments in American history, do you know what regiment it was? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to our two new members this month: John Fitealy by Joe Cobb, and Daniel T. McDonnell by P. Joe Mulrooney.

*CÉAD MÍLE FáilTE*

**(100,000 WELCOMES).**

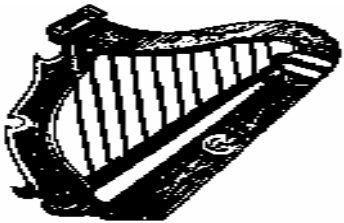
We regret to inform the membership that following members have resigned as by the vote of the Brotherhood at the October meeting: Roger Barry, James P. Collins, Sr., James Dowden, Bernard Gallagher, John K. Gleason, Brian M. Hoey, Dennis Kiernan, Dick Kichner, Paul J. O'Keefe, Charles R. Shanahan, Kevin Walsh and James J. Wickman. We are sorry to see them go, but wish them all the best.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

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- To Brother Bill Donohue and his wife, Nora, on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Shannon Claire, born to their daughter Tara and her husband, Sean Palen. Baby, parents and grandparents are doing very well.
- To Mark Grace on being named Knight of the Year by the Somerville Knights of Columbus at their recent Annual Charity Ball.
- To John And Tess McGovern on the recent celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- To Brother Jim Nolan on receiving the volunteer of the year award from Woodbridge Community.
- To the Brother who recently took their Shamrock degree at our October meeting; they are: Don Hayes, Brian Gibney, Robert W. Coffey, John Healy, John Lynch and Devin Felter. Congratulations!
- To the recently elected officers of the Trenton AOH Division: President: Vincent McKelvey, Vice-President: James Kenna Sr., Rec. Sec.: James J. McSorley Jr., Treasurer: Jerry Sheridan, Fin. Sec.: Steve Kelleher, Ch. St. Comm.: Glen Wolverton, Marshal: Michael Glass, Sentinel: Michael Wright.

*Sainte And God Bless!*



### 2004 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

– November 28 -

For Information, call (908) 685-3168

#### **FREE TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SEISIUN, SUNDAY, NOV. 28**

Our next Free Irish traditional music seisiun will be held Nov. 28, 5-9pm. You won't find better Irish traditional music and entertainment anywhere!!! The Best Music & Entertainment – West of Ireland. If you haven't been to one of our

seisiuns yet, do yourself a favor and come out to this one. Admission is FREE. Likewise the tea, Irish soda bread and Irish brown bread are FREE. A cash bar is available. All traditional Irish musicians are cordially invited to attend and join in the seisiuns. Novice musicians interested in improving their skills on accordion, tin whistle, bodran, mouth organ, etc., can receive instructions one hour before regular seisiuns begin. An area Irish musician will be the recipient of the magnificent cut glass award designed and produced by Brother Bill Healy at his business - Bill Healy's Crystal Shop located at the Village Plaza in the Feed Mill next to Liberty Village, Flemington, NJ. For more information call Mike Berry (908) 685-3168.

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.

### **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Children's Christmas Fund**



It is that time of the year again, The Irish Children's Christmas Fund for the children of Strabane, Crossmaglen, Coalisland, Downpatrick, Derry City and surrounding areas. The fund is looking for money donation to make this Christmas a merry one for these children. The Irish Children's Christmas Fund is a registered charity. Please help these children by sending your donation, checks made out to "The Irish Childrens Christmas Fund," to 1308 Centennial Ave., Piscataway,

NJ 08854. Thank you and God Bless.

### **ATTENDANCE RAFFLE**

The October attendance raffle amounted to \$136 and was won by Brother Brian Gibney. How do you get in on the prize? Just attend our monthly meetings and drop \$1 into the pot. We have had a winner nearly ever other month! If your membership number is pulled, you win the award. We were also able to buy pizza at the last meeting, so come out and enjoy some friendship with your fellow Hibernians.

## A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To Brother Jim Fleming on preparing the delicious buffet meal before the October Meeting.
- To Brother Jack Sullivan, NJ State AOH Vice-President and Jere Cole, NJ State AOH Treasurer for presiding at the meeting and conducting the swearing in of our Division's new officers.
- To Brother William T. Cooper & William T. Cooper III for permitting us to continue use their office and postage machine for our Division's Executive Board meetings, plus regular and special mailings.
- A special thank you to all those who brought brown soda breads plus other goodies to the October Seisiun. They hit the spot and were delicious.

*Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)

The answer to this month's trivia question is the "Fighting" 69th New York. The 69th's first commander was Colonel Charles Roe, succeeded by Colonel James Ryan in 1854, and then by Michael Corcoran in 1859, who two years later endeared himself to Irish-America by refusing to parade the 69th for the visiting Prince of Wales. The regiment would remain in the service of the New York National Guard after the war. Serving in both World Wars as the 165th Infantry, the men in the regiment participated in considerable fighting in both.

### FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND CHRISTMAS APPEAL & 10 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

AOH 2004 Christmas Appeal for political prisoners and their dependents. All Hibernians are urged to forward a contribution of \$10 or more to be sent to FFAI Chairman William T. Cooper, 351 Woods Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844-2204. Support of over 700 Irish political prisoners' families in Ireland, England, Europe and the USA. As the peace process continues, we must not neglect those whose personal sacrifices made it possible. Please be generous to this very worthy cause.

### 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.



#### **NEEDED – Committee to Deliver Thanksgiving Turkeys & Fixings to Needy Families**

We have a few volunteers but we need at least a dozen more and non-AOH members are very welcome to join us on this project, including spouses, daughters and sweethearts. We need volunteers to put together Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. The Division and Knights of Columbus plans to purchase turkeys and the fixings to deliver to needy families identified by one or more local parishes or by our members. Those wishing to participate in this noble effort or to donate to the cause are asked to let P. Joe Mulrooney know ASAP (908) 725-1956. Turkeys are to be delivered or picked up by the respective families on Monday, November 22 (Monday before Thanksgiving) at Noon.

#### **Do You Want to learn the Bagpipes?**

Brother Cliff Roberts of St. Ann's of Hampton Pipes and Drums is running a "Beginners" Bagpipe Lesson class. It is FREE to AOH members and \$10 a lesson for Non-members. It meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at Month at American Legion Hall, Union Ave. in Somerville. The lessons start at 7:30pm. A practice chanter can be bought at the class if you do not already own one. No prior music experience is necessary. If you are new to the class, try to get there for 7pm to review what has been covered. The Classes are yet to be announced for September, if interested, please call Cliff at: (908) 704-0048 for questions or more details. Also check out his web site: <http://www.freewebs.com/somersetchanter/>.



#### **Appeal for Volunteers to the Veteran Hospital at Lyons.**

Brother Bob Eustace has asked for volunteers to help at the Veterans Hospital at Lyons. Please call Mary Beth Hynowski, Volunteer Program Director, at (908) 604-5814 ext. 4191 and let her know Bob Eustice requested you call her. Thank You and God Bless.

## *SICK & VIGIL*

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

- Elizabeth O'Sullivan, lovely wife of Brother Jeremiah and mother to Brother P. Kevin, is feeling under the weather, please keep her in your 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.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bloody Sunday Ireland Tour**

The New Jersey AOH State Board proudly presents the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bloody Sunday Ireland Tour. This is a fantastic trip that will leave Newark on Wednesday, January 26, 2004 and return the following Wednesday, February 2. The trip is a great mixing our NJ Hibernians and allows you to get a much better understanding of the true Ireland. The trip starts in Dublin, and then onto Belfast, Derry, Galway and Bunratty Castle. The total cost for hotels, bus, driver and airfare is \$999. A deposit of \$150 is due by November 15. Please contact Jack Sullivan, know ASAP if you have any interest, because it will fill up fast, (732) 291-5708.

### **FREE ADULTS CEILI CLASSES, THURSDAY thru NOV. 11**

Once again, our division is also sponsoring FREE traditional Irish folk dancing (ceili) lessons on Thursday evenings at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finnerne Avenue, Bridgewater. Classes will be held between 7:30-9:00p.m. Ceili dancing is like American square dancing with some jigs and reel steps thrown in. It's loads of fun. Why not give it a try and learn a number of traditional Irish dances before next St. Patrick's Day!!!

### **Purchase and Wear your AOH Apparel**

Brother 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.



### **REQUEST FOR HELP**

The Samaritan Homeless Interim Program, SHIP, whose executive director is Brother Tom O'Leary, was burglarized recently. They could use our help in donations. Please send your donations to SHIP, 67 W. High St., Somerville, NJ 08876. Thank you and God Bless.

Also, SHIP is in need of volunteers to help during the holidays with dinners, etc. If you can help, please call (908) 725-3260. Thank you.

### **Hibernian Veterans Monument:**

The Trenton AOH Division is working on a new Veterans Monument that is being planned for the Hibernian grounds in Hamilton, NJ. The blocks will be sold for \$100. This is an excellent idea for your loved one or for your family to receive or purchase as a Christmas Gift. Your family member will be forever remembered as a Patriot, and memorialized on the grounds of the Hibernians as a symbol of their devotion and love for the United States and our military. Please contact our Division President Bob McCann (908) 874-5975.

## NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- Trinity Irish Dance Company, Friday, March 5, 2005 at 8pm at the State Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ. Tickets are \$20, \$28, \$34 & \$38, please call (877) STATE-11 for more information and tickets.
- The Chieftains, Friday, March 11, 2005 at 8pm at the State Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ. Tickets are \$25, \$45, \$50 & \$55, please call (877) STATE-11 for more information and tickets.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bloody Sunday Ireland Tour by the New Jersey AOH, January 26-February 2, 2005. The trip includes Airfare, Hotel, Buss and Breakfast for \$999, a deposit of \$150 is required by November 15. Please call Jack Sullivan (732) 291-5708.
- Tara Association Christmas Party, Friday December 10 at McAteers, Easton Ave., Somerset, NJ. The party will have music by the Around the House Band from 6:30pm until 11pm with dinner, beer, wine and soda for \$55. Please call Eileen Farragher (609) 860-0641, for more information and tickets.
- Emmaus House is hosting a visit to Ireland, June 26-July 8, 2005, for \$2,695. Too much to list here, please call (732) 442-7688 for more information and deposit for the trip.
- Willie Lynch Showband & Trio is Planning a 10 day Tour of Ireland next year, 2005, sometime around May to June. Please send your name and the best time for you and family to travel if you are interested to P.O. Box 388; Whitehouse Station, NJ. 08889.

## 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 \$5 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.

**Sheenan Funeral Home** – Dunellen Funeral Home – Thomas E. Sheenan, Manager (732) 968-4227.

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**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

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**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 (908) 722-2907, ask for Vicki O'Connell for your AOH special.

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

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**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. Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. – low-cost, comprehensive legal solutions with Identity Theft Protection. Gerald Houlihan (732) 882-1068, [angerhou@netscape.net](mailto:angerhou@netscape.net) .

### A Prayer for Our National elections

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, Not only of individuals, but of nations and governments. We thank you for your law, which is higher than any human law and the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically. Let us remember that we are not a sect fleeing the world, but rather a community of faith renewing the world and we do not cease being Christians when we enter the voting booth. Awaken in your people a commitment to justice, the sanctity of marriage and the family, the dignity of each individual human life, to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later. Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom. May the make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *CALLENDAR*

**November – Month of All Souls** –A time to remember all our departed loved ones.

Please also remember our deceased AOH Brothers and Sisters and friends in your prayers.

**(Thurs)** AOH sponsored FREE traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes are thru Nov. 11 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finnerne Ave., Bridgewater. Ceili dancing is like American folk dancing with jig and reel steps added; it's loads of fun. It's not too late to join and enjoy the pleasure of continuing to keep the traditional alive. Classes – 7:30pm to 9pm.

**(Fri)** Live Irish music at Mannion's Pub on Main Street, Somerville on Friday nights. 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.

**Now - Nov 14** (Tues-Sun) The Irish Repertory Theatre presents Triptych, a powerful work by renowned novelist and playwright, Edna O'Brien, explores sex, marriage, and predatory relationships with searing acuity. The Theatre is located at 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.

**Nov 1** (Mon) All Saints Day. Please ask our patron Saints and all Irish Saints including the patron Saint of our Division to intercede with God for continued peace in Ireland.

**Nov 1** (Mon) Irish American Public Action Committee Meeting at Mannions on Main St., Somerville, at 5:30pm. All welcome. Information (908) 647-3984

**Nov 2** (Tues) All Souls Day – Pray for all our dearly departed and especially remember all of our departed Hibernian Brothers & Sisters.

**Nov 2** (Tues) Make plans NOW to VOTE on Election Day – Your vote does make a difference.

**Nov 6** (Sat) NJ State Boards of the AOH/LAOH present the “Irish Remembrance Mass” – In Remembrance of the Great Hunger and the lost Hibernians of the LAOH on 9/11 – Mass to be held at St. Ann's Church, Carr Ave, Keansburg. Father Daniel Cahill Celebrant at 11am, luncheon to follow at the Towne and Country Inn, Rt. 35, Keyport with Irish Music \$20 plus cash bar. TICKETS and more information, please call Kevin Weldon (732) 531-0306, Terry Ingam (609) 499-1498 or Jere Cole (973) 228-4838.

**Nov 12-14, 19-21** (Fri-Sat) Maurice Harte presented by the Celtic Theatre Company at Senton Hall's Theatre-in-the-Round. Please call (973) 761-9790 for more information and tickets.

## CALENDAR

**Nov 13** (Sat) Sons and Daughters of Erin will hold their Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance honoring Mr. Vincent McKelvey at the German-American Club, Uncle Pete's Rd., Yardville, NJ. Tickets are \$42 per person, please call Gerry Nabinger (609) 587-8375 for tickets or more information.

**Nov 13** (Sat) The American-Irish Association will be holding its Oldies Dance at the Avenel Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$30.

**Nov 15** (Mon) Deposit due for the Bloody Sunday Ireland Tour.\*\*\*

**Nov 16** (Tues) Regular AOH Meeting, 8pm.\*\*\*

**Nov 19-21** (Fri-Sun) Great Irish Weekend at Villa Roma, Callicoon, NY. Please call (800) 533-6767 for reservations and more information.

**Nov 22** (Mon) Turkey Drive, Volunteers Needed.\*\*\*

**Nov 25** (Thur) Thanksgiving Day.

**Nov 26** (Fri) Emmaus House present Cherish the Ladies at Woodbridge High School, 7pm. Tickets are \$25 per person, please contact Emmaus House at (732) 442-7688.

**Nov 28** (Sun) AOH sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun, 5pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Somerville.\*\*\*

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\*\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW\*\*\*

### Irish on Television and Radio

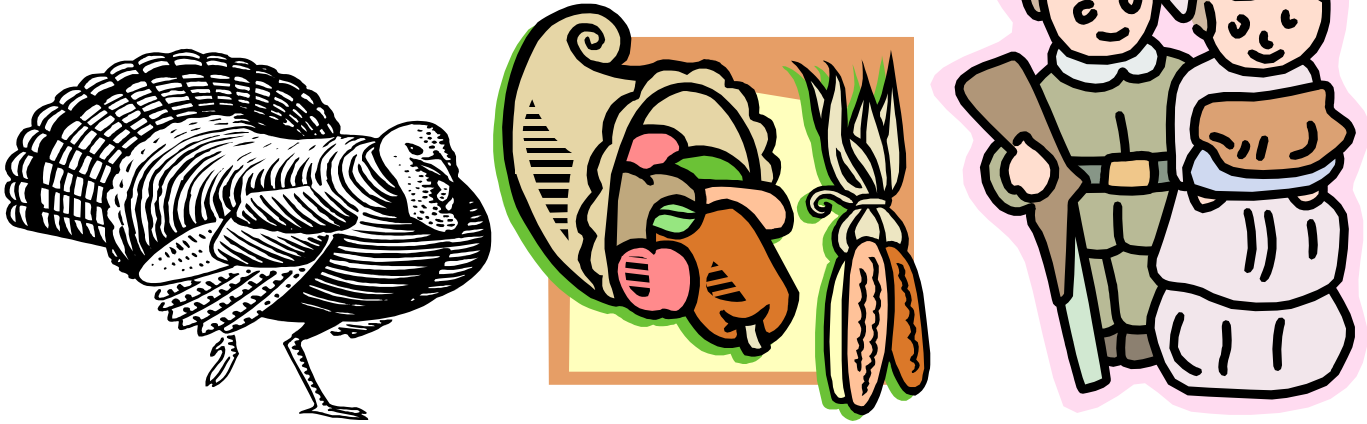
- **Out of Ireland** Television program, every Monday at 11:30pm and repeated on Sunday at 6:30pm on WLIW, Public Television Station on Long Island. Please check your local listings.
- **Glór na hÉireann/ The Voice of Ireland** with our own Brothers Joe O'Sullivan and Jack McCullagh and their friends, every Sunday, 5:30 -7pm, on WRSU 88.7 FM.

### OUR DIVISION'S WEB SITE

Our Division has produced a web site. It has up-to-date information, contacts, dates and the Newsletter online. If you have internet access, at home or at work, you can see the site at <http://www.aohsomerset.com>. You can also talk to our Vice President at upcoming meetings or events about the web site. You will receive an email when the Newsletter is posted and link to take you right to the new Newsletter. Take a look at it and let us know what you think. Thank You and God Bless.

*Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)





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