

Hibernian Newsletter

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

September 2004

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2004

That old people may be considered an asset for the spiritual and human growth of society.

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 21, 8:00pm
Knights of Columbus
495 East Main Street
Somerville

We plan to conduct a brief business meeting, including any additional nominations of officers prior to election of the officers for the coming year, and the election of officers. Plan to attend this very important meeting. As usual, free beer, soda and wine.

Pint agus caint
(pint and chat).

A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):
Pronunciation:
English:

Ní neart go cur le chéile.
ni: n'art gē kur lē x'e:l'ē.
There is no strength without unity.

IRISH TRIVIA

The Question to this month's trivia is: Can you name the Irish-American born in September of 1842 and died in September 1928 in Atlantic City? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

To date, the following list of candidates have been nominated by the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, P. Joe Mulrooney, and have agreed to serve in the respective positions for the coming year, if elected at our September regular meeting:

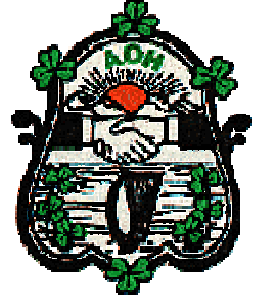
President	Robert McCann
Vice President	Finbar Kirby
Recording Secretary	Kevin Barry
Financial Secretary	John O'Donnell
Treasurer	John Finnegan
Marshall	Kevin Donovan
Sentinel	P. Kevin O'Sullivan
Chairman of Standing Committee	Peter Diskin

Any member in good standing, wishing to run for any of the above positions, should make their interest known to Joe Cobb (908) 782-7067, as soon as possible. Further nominations will be held at our *next meeting* prior to elections that same night. Nominees must be a member of the Order for at least six months, and have received their Major Degree or commit to taking the Major Degree of the Order at the earliest opportunity, plus be willing to serve, if elected.

Charities Chairman Jim Bulter will be conducting another SUPER PRIZE RAFFLE for the Center for Great Exceptions (CGE). The prizes will be something to wet your whiskers or raise your interest. Brothers who wished to remain anonymous generously donated the gifts. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and to have a very good chance at winning these lovely and valuable prizes. A Very Hearty Thanks to all whom have contributed in the past. God Bless.

SPECIAL AOH MEETING, WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 19

Our October meeting will be a planned buffet at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is the meeting at which we traditionally install the newly elected officers, have a swearing in of all the new members for the year along with any members who has not been sworn in before. Those who have not previously been inducted with the **Shamrock Degree** of the Order will have the opportunity to receive it this evening. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend; we do need to know how many are planning to attend so we can order appropriate amounts of food and arrange for seating. Anyone interested in working on this Special Meeting, please call your Division President Joe Cobb at (908) 782-7067.

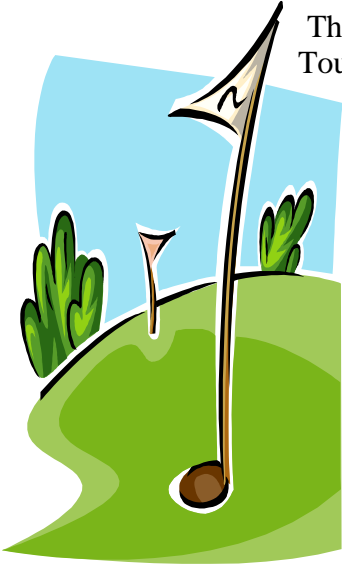


2nd Annual John W. Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament

The plans are underway for Our 2nd Annual John W. Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament, Monday Oct. 4, 2004, at the Fox Hollow Country Club, 59 Fox Chase Run, Branchburg. Conveniently located near Raritan Valley Community College off Rattlesnake Bridge Road. All proceed to Benefit AOH charities. Cost is \$150 per person and will include a continental Breakfast, Beverage cart on the course, hot and cold luncheon following the play. Many prizes including a FREE car for a hole in one! Entry fees must be received by Friday, Sept. 10. Please call Jerry Duffy, (908) 236-7067, for more details.

This is a new fundraiser for our Division and such we are looking for workers and sponsors. Sponsors have a few options: Hole Sponsors would get their company or individual name on a hole's flag for \$100; Tee sponsors would get their company or individual name on a sign at the tee for \$50; and for \$10 a Patron would get their name or family on a Big Board to be displayed in the Practice Green. If you would like to help or know a sponsor or would like to become one, please Jerry Duffy (908) 722-4561, 17 Nassau Court, Branchburg, NJ 08876. Thank you and God

Bless.



Congratulations & Best Wishes

- To Brother Eugene O'Neill and his wife, Dorothy, on the recent birth of their son, Sean Martin. Baby and parents are reportedly doing well.
- To Vicki O'Connell, widow of Brother John O'Connell, on the recent birth of her grandson, Aidan Sean, born to her son, Michael, and his wife, Amy.
- Again, to Vickie O'Connell on the birth of her granddaughter, Ava Noelle, born to her daughter, Meghan and her husband, Phil Pirri. Babies, parents and grandma are all doing very well.
- To Molly Mulrooney, daughter of Brother Patrick and his wife, Elaine and granddaughter of P. Joe Mulrooney and his wife, Margaret, on being selected as one of five outstanding 4H members for 2004 by the Somerset County 4H organization.
- To Elaine Mulrooney, wife of Brother Patrick, for being recently selected as Volunteer of the Month by the Somerset County 4H organization.

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SOMERSET LAOH

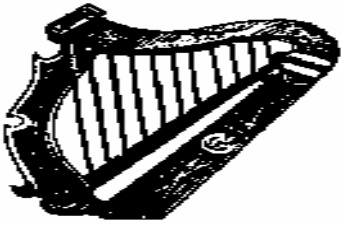
The local LAOH Division has meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Mannion's Pub and Restaurant, 150 West Main Street, Somerville. For more information, please contact Sally Kane (908) 284-2341 or Deanna Cobb (908) 782-7014.

A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To Our Lord, Our Lady of Knock and St. Patrick for providing a beautiful and gorgeous day for our annual picnic.
- To our picnic chairman – Jim Walsh, announcer - Brian Regan, ticket chairman – Joe Simmons, and to all the workers and to ALL the Hibernian Brothers, relatives and friends who helped in any way to make this year's picnic such a resounding success, once again. There is not enough room to list all who helped and we'd surely miss someone, so please give yourselves a BIG pat on the back and act as our Division's representative and let all who helped know that we really do appreciate their efforts. We couldn't have done it without them.
- To the Eagles Aerie management and staff, Willie Lynch Show Band, the St. Ann's of Hampton Pipe Band and friends, and the representatives and dancers, for making the picnic such a SPECIAL DAY.

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

The answer to this month's trivia question is John Devoy, one of the most devoted revolutionaries the world has ever seen, was born in Kill, County Kildare. Moving to America he worked as a journalist and joined Clan na Gael which had become the leading Irish-American ally of the Irish republican movement. Few men have sustained their revolutionary zeal into their 80s as did Devoy. He died in Atlantic City, N.J., on September 29, 1928, having sacrificed for nearly his entire life for Ireland.



2004 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- September 26 – October 24 – November 28 -
For Information, call (908) 685-3168

FREE TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SEISIUN, SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

Our next Free Irish traditional music seisiun will be held Sept. 26, 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

seisiums 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 seisiums. Novice musicians interested in improving their skills on accordion, tin whistle, bodran, mouth organ, etc., can receive instructions one hour before regular seisiums 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 seisiums 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.

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:

- Prayers are requested for Ryan Diskin, infant grandson of Brother Pete Diskin, who is undergoing treatment at Sloan-Kettering in New York City.

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.

Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Party

The Somerset County LAOH is proud to announce it's Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day, Friday, Sept. 17th, from 8pm to Midnight, at the Somerville Elks, 375 Union Ave. (Route 28), Bridgewater, NJ. Featuring The Willie Lynch Band, \$25 per person, includes Beer, Wine, and Soda & don't forget Door Prizes and Bake Sale. For Tickets Contact Colleen Decker (908) 685-0939 or Meghan Kelly (908)-218-9654



FREE ADULTS CEILI CLASSES

The Somerset County Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring free Irish ceili dance classes for adults. Ceili dancing is a form of Irish dance similar to square dancing. Classes will be held each Thursday evening from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater NJ, beginning September 9th, 2004 through November 18th, 2004. Classes start at the beginner level. Individuals and couples are welcome. For additional information, contact one of the following instructors, (908) 236-7067, (908) 534-4155, or (908) 218-9654.

Outstanding Service Award

Our Division's Executive Board is proud to announce our Division's Outstanding Service Award to Rev. Daniel J. Herlihy, presented recently at our Division's Annual Picnic. Father Dan joined our Division in 1993; however, he was a charter member and chaplain of the Glen Falls, NY Division in 1968. Fr. Dan is the pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, South Bound Brook and he was appointed Episcopal Vicar of Somerset County in September 2002 by the Bishop of Metuchen. He held the office of Deputy Division Chaplain of our Division from 1999 to 2002; until he was elected Division Chaplain in 2003. Fr. Dan is almost always in attendance at all regular monthly meetings, except when he travels back to the Olde Soud. We all look forward to his information with what's going on in Ireland and update on current affairs. He has been a featured speaker at numerous regular meetings presenting Irish History and cultural subjects. Fr. Dan has been the celebrant for our Annual Mass and also the memorial mass in Irish for our Irish Language Chairman, J. Kenneth O'Brien in December 1996 and provided his parish hall for a reception afterwards. With just a few of these accomplishments and many more unreported, we celebrate and congratulate our fountain of Irish Information and beloved Hibernian Brother, Rev. Father Daniel J. Herlihy. *Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)

Shamrock Award

Our Division is proud to bestow the Shamrock Awards to John "Lenny" Fitzmaurice and Cliff Roberts at our recent picnic.

Lenny is one of our Division original members in June of 1983. He was a Division officer holding the Financial Secretary in 1988 and worked on numerous worker committees; such as, Division Irish Concert in 1987, the Annual Picnics and Annual Dinner/Dances. Lenny was also the Co-host of the St. Patrick's Day Annual Dinner Dance at the Bound Brook Elks from 1996 to 1999. He is always there when you need help. Thanks! God be with you.

Cliff Roberts joined the Division in January of 2000 and has been a very active member ever since. Cliff currently conducts beginner bagpipe lessons for the past few years and has offered free lessons to AOH members. He has been a participating member of the traditional music seisiuns, a bagpiper for any deceased members' funerals the past few years and piped at our dinner/dances and other social affairs. Cliff also started a couple of years ago to invite any member and families to march in the New York St. Patrick's Day parade behind the St. Ann's of Hampton Pipe Band. He has been a very good recruiter of new members and pulled together on very short notice the pipe band that you enjoyed at the annual picnic. Thank you Cliff!

Congratulations to John "Lenny" Fitzmaurice and Cliff Roberts!

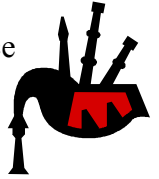
Purchase and Wear your AOH Apparel



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 or reached at (908) 782-7014.

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 two Tuesdays a Month at Mannion's Pub and Restaurant, 150 W. Main St., 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/>.



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), 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.

Shanahan's Stationery and Office Equipment – For your Office needs. Kevin Shanahan (908) 725-2000

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 (908) 722-2907, ask for Vicki O'Connell 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

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.

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- Cape May County AOH #2 "All Irish Martyrs" will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, October 9. "Finnegans Wake" will be from 4pm to 9pm at LaCosta Lounge, Sea Isle City, NJ - The Donation is \$10 advance, \$15 at door - On site Hotel Rooms available \$60.00 per night - For more info contact: Dick Johnson (609) 465-2561 or Mike Hagan (609) 390-7999 or <http://www.allirishmartyrs.com>.

CALENDAR

(Thurs) AOH sponsored FREE traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes are starting Sept. 9 thru Nov. 18 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne 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) Irish music at Mannion's Pub on 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.

Sept 6 (Mon) Labor Day Holiday, fly your American Flag.

Sept 8 (Wed) There will be a benefit for the Staff Sgt. Frank T Carvill, a member of the NJ National Guard killed in Iraq, Scholarship Fund. dinner will be held at The Brownstone House in Paterson, NJ. The night will feature a bevy of entertainers, tickets for the event are \$75 and can be purchased by calling (973) 689-0472.

Sept 10 (Fri) Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Honoring Hibernian's Chef Vinnie Taylor! Cocktails @ 6pm; Dinner @ 7pm. Music by Willie Lynch. Tickets are \$25/per and includes Beer, Wine & Soda. All proceeds benefit the Hibernian Veterans Monument! Tickets on sale at the Trenton AOH Club (609) 586-5982.

Sept 11 (Sat) The 6th Annual Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore will be held from 10am to 6pm, at the NJ National Guard Camp in Sea Girt - The day will start with a Gaelic Mass at 10:30am - Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Please call (732) 291-5962 or goto: <http://www.njshoreirishfestival.com>.

Sept 13 (Mon) Irish American Public Action Committee Meeting at Mannion's Pub, 150 West Main St., Somerville, at 6:30pm. All welcome. Information (908) 647-3984.

Sept 17 (Fri) The Somerset LAOH invite all to attend their Annual Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Party 8pm to Midnight, at the Somerville Elks. Music by the Willie Lynch Band, \$25 per person, includes Beer, Wine and Soda & door prizes & Bake Sale. For information, please contact Colleen Decker (908) 685-0939 or Meghan Kelly (908) 218-9654.***

Sept 21 (Tues) Regular Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, in Somerville. Nomination of Officers.***

Sept 26 (Sun) AOH sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun.***

Oct 1 (Fri) Irish Sopranos at The Community Theatre in Morristown, NJ, presented by the IACI. Tickets: \$37/\$30/\$25, please call the box office at (973) 539-8008

CALENDAR

Oct 3 (Sun) The 2004 Irish Music Festival presented by the AOH at the Trenton AOH Clubhouse, 2419 Kuser Road, Hamilton Township, NJ, from 10am to 10pm. Loads of entertainers! Tickets in advance \$8 adults or at the door \$10 adults; children under 12 FREE. For more information, please call: (609) 586-5982 or (609) 586-9696 .

Oct 4 (Mon) Our Division's 2nd Annual John W. Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament at Fox Hollow Golf Club, Branchburg, NJ, proceeds to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital and other AOH Charities. For more information, please call Jerry Duffy (908) 722-4561.

*** SEE NEWS ARTICLES ON ABOVE EVENTS *** 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.

Irish Press American Shareholders Wanted

Mint Productions in Dublin, Ireland have been commissioned by RTE, Ireland's National Broadcaster, to produce a one-hour documentary on Eamon de Valera and The Irish Press. They are looking for American shareholders in the Irish Press to tell their stories. Do you have shares or if you remember your parents or grandparents telling you about their shares? In 1919, de Valera visited America on a bond drive for the Irish Republic. The money collected from the Irish-American community was held in bank accounts in New York. However, disagreement over the lawful claimants of this money sparked a lawsuit. In 1927, Judge Curtis Peters ruled that the bond money should be returned to the original subscribers.

De Valera and his team canvassed these subscribers, asking them to sign over their bonds to de Valera personally in order for him to set up the Irish Press newspaper. At the time, Ireland was dominated by British publications and the Irish Press was to be the true voice of the Irish people.

Many signed their bonds over and were given share certificates. Although some received shares in the Irish Press, many were given shares in a Delaware company called Irish Press Corporation. Little is known about the exact structure of this company. Sadly, today the Irish Press titles are no longer published, but the Irish Press Corporation still exists.

They are trying to get in touch with people who may still have original share certificates in Irish Press or Irish Press Corporation. These may have belonged to parents or grandparents who signed up to help the cause and perhaps are left to hang, half forgotten and faded on a wall.

If you have such shares, or know of anyone who does, we would love to hear your story. Please write to Ailbhe Maher at Mint Productions, 205 Lower Rathmines Rd., Rathmines, Dublin 6, Ireland, or email ailbhe@mint.ie.

OUR DIVISION'S WEB SITE

Our Division has 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>. The US Postal service is raising rates; again, you can help the Division save money on postage by receiving the Newsletter online. Just go to the web page, click on the "Members Page" bar on the left and click on the "Take me off the Mailing List" link. All you have to do is fill out the form and click "Submit". Thank You and God Bless.

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