

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

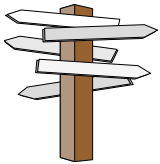
AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

July 2005

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JULY, 2005

For all Christians: may they share the message of the Gospel with all its radical demands while showing respect for the beliefs and opinions of others.

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



DIVISION ANNUAL PICNIC August 28, 2005

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED -WORKERS FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC – SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

To help with our annual picnic on Sunday, August 28 at the Eagles Aerie picnic grounds. ALL kinds of help are needed for setting-up, the kitchen, the grills, the corn bar, beer and soda areas, gate and parking, corn huskers, ice porters, table cleaners, clean-up crew, etc. YOU NAME IT, WE NEED IT. Please call Chairmen Jim Walsh (908) 904-8074.

Our Charities & Missions Chairman, Jim Butler, conducted a raffle for the benefit of CGE at the June meeting. The June Raffle raised a very generous amount of \$280 that we donated to the Center for Great Expectation. Very Hearty Thanks to all whom contributed. Congratulations to our winners at the June raffle, Jim McGarry, a bottle Croix du Mayne Red Wine; John Speckin, a Power Glide Cordless Screwdriver; Jim McCullagh, 2 Deluxe Spray Nozzles; and Gerry Duffy, a box of Hershey's Pot of Gold Chocolates. Thank you and God Bless.

NO MONTHLY MEETINGS OR IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC SEISIUNS IN JULY & AUGUST

George Roberts, Division Member, Passed Away Recently.

We mourn the loss of our beloved Brother George Roberts. At the same time, we rejoice in God's gift of his life to us. God called George to Himself on June 12th following a long battle with health problems. He was father to Brother Cliff Roberts and a drum major of the St. Ann's of Hampton Pipe & Drums. George was a retired NYPD detective and continued to work until he went into the hospital. He will be sorely missed by all.

May his soul have passed through Olde Ireland on his way to Heaven.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace,
Amen.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire air agus ar dheis de go raibh a hanam
(God have mercy on him and may his soul be at God's right hand)



A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):

Pronunciation:

English:

Ní chruinníonn cloch reatha caonach.

N'I: xrun-I:n clox rah-ë ki-nëx.

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

Note: "ë" stands for an unstressed vowel, generally silent or soft.

IRISH TRIVIA

This month's trivia question is: Do you know what regiment the great charge of the Confederates at Gettysburg in July 3, 1863? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

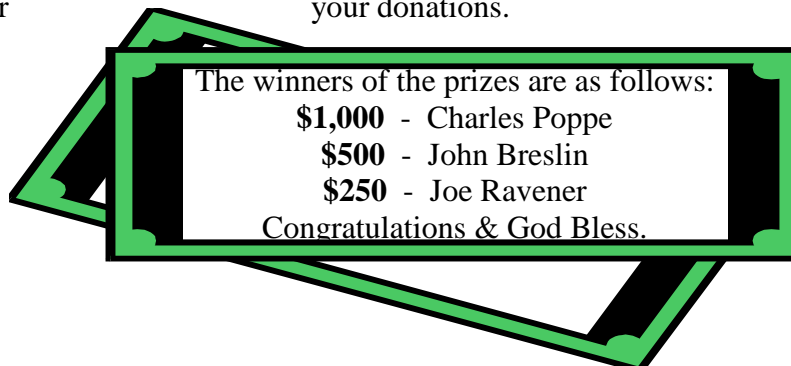
We wish to extend a warm welcome to our two new members who has been accepted at the May meeting: James Louis D'Amato through our website, and Frank Talty by James Brennan. *GoD MILLE FORTÉ (100,000 WELCOMES).*

St. Patrick Division J Annual Picnic

Our Annual Picnic is fast approaching. Our current Chairman is looking for help, organizing, cooking, shucking corn, serving, tickets, children's games, you name it. Can you help? Any amount of time you can spare is helpful, as they say many hands make for light work. If you can help, please contact **Jim Walsh (908) 904-8074**. REMEMBER to keep **Sunday, August 28** free. It is a great time for family, friends and Irish Cheer. Please help us continue to make this a great event. Thank you and God Bless.

DIVISION'S ANNUAL FUND RAISING UPDATE

Our Hearty THANK YOU to all whom brought and/or sold tickets to our Division's Annual Fund Raising Program. It was a very successful program this year! This thank you not only goes to the Hibernians, but also to our many friends who have been so supportive and giving now and in the past. Our hats are off to all of you. God Bless you all for your donations.



3rd Annual John W. Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament

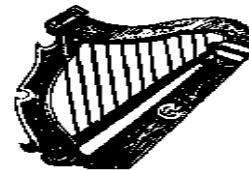
The plans are underway for Our 3rd Annual John W. Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament, Monday Oct. 3, 2005, at the Fox Hollow Country Club, 59 Fox Chase Run, Branchburg. Conveniently located near Raritan Valley Community College off Rattlesnake Bridge Road. All proceed to Benefit AOH charities. Cost is \$160 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 Bob McCann, (908) 874-5975, 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 call one of the committee members, Bob McCann (908) 874-5975, Tom Burns (908) 359-8820, Dean Wood (908) 725-7845 or John Granahan (908) 759-1098. Thank you and God Bless.



2005 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- NO SEISIUNS IN JULY & AUGUST -
- September 25 – October 23 – November 27 -
- NEXT Seisiun will be *Sunday, September 25.*



For Information, call (908) 685-3168

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 Crystal Shop is located at the Village Plaza in the Feed Mill next to Liberty Village, Flemington, NJ. Mention that you are a Hibernian or family member and we're sure you will receive preferential treatment along with a very generous discount.

HIRBERNIAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We have only had a few new members these past few months. Thanks to those Brothers who proposed these new members. We urge you once again to invite your friends and/or relatives, if practicing Catholic gentlemen of Irish heritage, to join our very active division. We need EVERY member to sign up ONE NEW MEMBER in 2005. *Don't leave it for someone else to do!* Have that friend or relative complete the AOH application that we sent you recently and forward it with a check for \$20 (made payable to the AOH) to our Division Financial Sectary, John O'Donnell, 200 Brookside Lane, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. If you should need one or more application blanks, give John O'Donnell a call (908) 359-2508. *Please remember* the change on the signing up of new members. Membership dues for new members joining the division during the April to June are required to pay only \$20. Please note that all ordained Catholic priests, all full-time male students over 16 years of age and any full-time member of the U.S. Armed Forces who otherwise qualifies for membership in the AOH, will be exempt from annual dues in our division, so long as they retain such status. How about signing up some of your parish priests of Irish birth or descent and those younger members of your family or relatives????

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 P. Joe Mulrooney (908) 725-1956, or Bob McCann (908) 874-5975. Further nominations will be held at our *next meeting, September 20*, 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.

A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To Tony Leonetti for printing our Newsletter each month at a very reasonable cost at their Mail Boxes Etc., 1308 Centennial Ave., Piscataway business.
- To Brother Vince Reh and his lovely wife, Sue, for helping in picking up, labeling and putting on the postage.

A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU (continued)

- To all the Brothers who contributed to CGE, our contributions are most appreciated and they send their prayers & Best Wishes.
- To all Brothers who attended the street renaming in New York City for John Collins.
- To all Brothers who attended and voted at the recent New Jersey State AOH Convention.

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

The answer to this month's trivia question Colonel Dennis O'Kane's Irish 69th Pennsylvania Vol. Infantry on Cemetery Ridge, they held off "Pickett's Charge".

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To our newly elected AOH State Board: Jack Sullivan, President; Jere Cole, Vice President; our own Joe Cobb, Treasurer; and Al McEnerney, Secretary.

Sainte And God Bless!

2005 Outstanding Service Award

Our Division's Executive Board is proud to announce this year's recipient for the 2005 Outstanding Service Award to Brother Jerry Duffy. Jerry had chaired the John Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament the last 2 years and co-chaired the 2001 October Special meeting and chairman the last 3 years. He has also been the ceili class music controller for the last two sessions. The Award will be presented at our Annual Picnic in August.

Congratulations to Jerry! *Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)

**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 Deanna Cobb (908) 782-7014.

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 Kevin Bryne who is recovering after a recent operation.
- Brother George Roberts, father of Brother Cliff Roberts, passed away recently.
- Ed J. Lonsdorf, a relative of Brother Paul Lonsdorf, passed away recently.

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.

PROJECT CHILDREN HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

As the recent problems in Northern Ireland continue and Peace is tenuous and fragile at best, it is the children of Northern Ireland who suffer the most. Would your family have the room and love necessary to host a Project Children guest this Summer, a child who has only known months NOT years of Peace in his or her entire life? Please open your homes and hearts to these youngsters. For information or application, call Brother Pat Cline or his lovely wife, Vivian, (908) 526-5019.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The June Attendance award was for \$88 and would have been won by Brian Kingsley. Unfortunately Brian could not make to the meeting, so the pot grows for September. How do you get in on the prize? Just attend our monthly meetings and drop \$1 into the pot. If your membership number is pulled, you win the award. Please note that 50 cents of the \$1 goes towards a food fund for food/snacks at upcoming meetings.

New Motion Passed by the Membership in June:

Members with 50 or more total years of AOH membership should be considered as Division Life Members and as such, pay no dues. Each member must request in writing to the Financial Secretary for this special status, and must show proof of years of membership or have a fellow brother vouch for his years of membership. Upon the majority vote of the membership, the member will become a Division Life member.

50+ Year Members

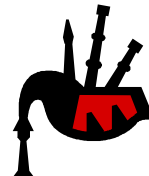
Our Division is currently updating our membership lists and is looking for members who have been AOH members for 50 or more years. Please contact Division President, Bob McCann, at bobmick@patmedia.net or (908) 874-5975 or write to: 2301 Tudor Court, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

FREE ADULTS CEILI CLASSES BEGIN THURSDAY SEPT. 8 thru NOV. 10

The Somerset County Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor a series of free traditional Irish ceili dance classes for adults. Classes will be held each Thursday evening from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the PeopleCare Center, 120 FINDERNE AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER NJ. Classes begin on Sept. 8, 2005 and run through Nov. 10, 2005. It is advisable to arrive 10 minutes early to facilitate a prompt 7:30 PM start. Ceili dancing is a form of Irish dancing similar to square dancing. Classes will start at the beginner level. Individuals and couples are welcome. For additional information, contact one of the following instructors, Allison Duffy (908) 236-7067, Noreen Campbell (908) 534-4155, or Meghan Kelly (908) 218-9654.

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 2nd and 4th 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. 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/>.



BE PROUD OF YOUR DIVISION AND YOUR IRISH HERITAGE, WEAR YOUR COLORS! AOH APPAREL FOR SALE



Our Past President, Joe Cobb, is currently taking orders for AOH t-shirts, polos, wind-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, denim shirts and baseball hats. \$15 Hats; \$30 3-color Polo Shirts (White +Blue + Green); \$25 1-color Polo Shirts – White or Blue or Kelly Green or Forest Green; \$20 Sweatshirts – White, Grey, Green, Blue; \$40 Lined Hooded Jackets – Green, Blue, White; \$50 Windcheater Long Sleeved Shirt – Blue; \$40 Windcheater Vest – Blue; \$35 Long Sleeved Button Down Denim Shirt – Blue, Green, Black; \$10 T-Shirts – Printed Left Chest & Back & \$5 Large AOH Pins. Any item can be “Name Imprinted” for an additional charge. 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.

Irish on Television and Radio

- **Out of Ireland** Television program, every Monday at 11:30pm and repeated on Sunday at 5:00pm 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, Tommy Burns and Jack McCullagh and their friends, every Sunday, 5:30 - 7 pm, on WRSU 88.7 FM or on the Internet at WWW.NJ.COM/WRSU (click on "Listen Now").

Learn Irish on your Schedule

The CUNY Institute for Irish-American Studies is offering Irish language classes online. You can learn in your own time and participate in one Conversation Circle meeting every month. For more information, please call (718) 960-6722 or visit www.lehman.edu/cunyias.

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- Trenton AOH will have a mass, August 21, Sunday, in honor of Our Lady of Knock. More information to follow.
- **Our Division Annual Picnic**, mini Irish Festival, **August 28, Sunday**, at the Eagles Aerie Picnic Grounds in Bridgewater, NJ.
- Ceili Classes begin September 8 and run through November 10 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater.
- The Somerset County LAOH will be hosting the Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party featuring Celtic Cross, Friday, September 16, from 8pm to Midnight at St. Mary's in Hillsborough. Tickets are \$30 per person and include Corn Beef Sandwiches, Fish & Chips, Beer, Wine & Soda. For tickets or more information, please contact Margie Rice (908) 722-8939.
- Monmouth Division 2 will host the 8th Annual Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore on Saturday, September 17. It will be held once again at the National Guard Camp (State Police Academy) in Sea Girt from 10am until 6pm. Admission is \$7 advance or \$10 at Festival, children under 12 admitted free. There will be a Mass, Children's area, food and drink, 11 Bands, Dancers and Vendors. More information to follow.
- The American Irish Association is sponsoring a trip Gavin's, September 30-October 2, 2005. Cost is \$290 for a double and \$337 for a single.
- Our Division 3rd Annual Classic Golf Tournament, Monday October 3, 2005 at Fox Hollow Country Club.
- The Ancient Order of Hibernians 93rd National Convention in Boston - The Convention will be held from July 5 to July 9, 2006 - For more information on the convention check the official Homepage of the National Convention at www.boston06.com

CALENDAR

(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.

Jul 3 (Sun) The South Jersey Irish Society Annual Picnic at Liberty Lakes, Columbus, NJ. Tickets are available through the Sons and Daughters of Erin (609) 587-8375 or at the door.

Jul 4 (Mon) AOH Holiday-Independence Day.

Jul 9 (Sat) Somerville Elks Softball Tournament to benefit local children. Please call the Elks for details.

Jul 16 (Sat) Monmouth Division 16 invites all members of the AOH to join them on at First Energy Park in Lakewood for Irish Heritage Night. Game time is 7:05pm.

Jul 21-Sept 4 (Wed-Sun) Philadelphia, Here I Come! 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.

Jul 25 (Mon) Irish Night at the Trenton Thunder Game.

Jul 26 (Tues) Feast of St. Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Christ.

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.

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

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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.

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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)



CALENDAR (continued)

Jul 29 (Fri) The Trenton AOH is sponsoring its 11th Annual Lady of Knock Golf Outing at the Fountain Green Country Club, Fort Dix, NJ. Please call Jim McSorley (609) 587-4427 for more information.

Aug 4 (Thur) Irish American Cultural Institute's 10th Annual Irish Way Golf Outing at Crystal Springs Golf & Spa Resort, Hamburg NJ (Sussex County). Come join the IACI for an exciting day of golf and good times. Whether you're a scratch golfer or a high handicapper you'll enjoy a fun filled day with fellow golfers, members, and friends. In addition to two of NJ's finest courses, the outing will feature a putting contest, an awards dinner, prize raffles, and the always popular Helicopter Ball Drop, an airborne closest to the pin raffle featuring a \$1,000 prize. Registration Costs: Individual Golfers \$225; Foursomes \$900; Non-Golfers \$75 (Dinner & Cocktail Hour). For more information please call the IACI (973) 605-1991.

Aug 28 (Sun) AOH Annual Picnic (mini Irish Festival) at Eagles Aerie Picnic Grounds, Woodside Lane, Bridgewater, NJ. SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR DETAILS AND TICKET RESERVATIONS. NO TICKETS SOLD AT PICNIC GROVE. Tkts./Info Jim Walsh (908) 904-8074 or Joe Simmons, 145 Benart Place, Middlesex, NJ 08846-1803 (732) 356-8496.***

NO AOH REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OR AOH SPONSORED IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC SEISIUNS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

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

Happy Fourth of July!
We hope everyone has a safe, healthy weekend.



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