

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

September 2005

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2005

For governors and governments: may they always respect the fundamental right to religious freedom of every person.

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 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:

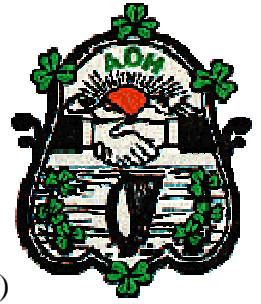
President	Robert McCann
Vice President	Finbar Kirby
Recording Secretary	Jack Redmond
Financial Secretary	John O'Donnell
Treasurer	John Finnegan
Marshall	Kevin Donovan
Sentinel	P. Kevin O'Sullivan
Chairman of Standing Committee	Peter Diskin

Any member in good standing, wishing to run for any of the above positions, should make their interest known to Bob McCann (908) 874-5975, 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.

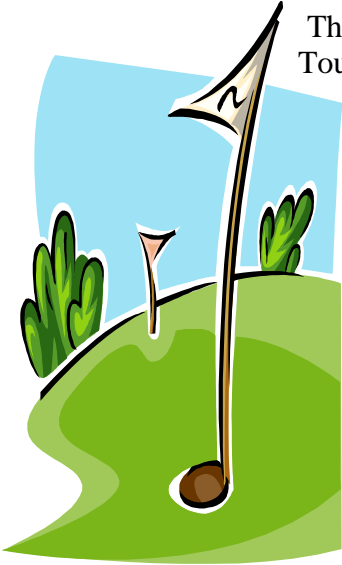
SPECIAL AOH MEETING, WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 18

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 Bob McCann at (908) 874-5975.



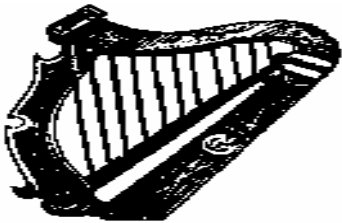
3rd Annual John W. Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament

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 Bob McCann (908) 874-5975, 2301 Tudor Court, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Thank you and God

Bless.



2005 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- September 25 – October 23 – November 27 -

For Information, call (908) 685-3168

FREE TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SEISIUN, SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

Our next Free Irish traditional music seisiun will be held Sept. 25, 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 Tom Burns (908) 359-8820 or 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 former 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.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

- To Brother Thomas Deignan and his wife, Diane, on the birth of their grandson, Aidan Joseph Deignan, born to their son Thomas and his wife, Jodi, on August 2nd. Baby and parents are all doing well.
- To Brother Kevin Mannion and his wife, Mary Pat, on the recent birth of their son, Brady Colm Mannion. Parents and baby are all doing well.
- Also, congratulations to LAOH Sister Patricia (Pat) Cain, grandmother of Brady and widow of deceased AOH Brother Richard Cain. Pat has also been a long time supporter of our AOH functions.

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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 soft day for our annual picnic.
- To our picnic chairman – Jim Walsh, announcer – Joe Cobb, 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.

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 Bernard (Barney) Sloan is doing very well following testing for a possible heart irregularity. He is out and about and feeling fine once again.
- Brother Vince Reh is mending following a recent heart problem, which necessitated the insertion of a pacemaker. He is doing fine at this time.
- Rita McCarthy, sister of Brother Frank Curran, passed away recently at her home in Ireland.
- Brother Gerald (Jerry) Houlihan is in Rahway Hospital after suffering a stroke and is very much 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.

LAOH Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party

The Somerset County LAOH, our sister organization, is holding a Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, September 16, 8pm, at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough, NJ. Entertainment will be by Celtic Cross. The Party includes: Corn Beef Sandwiches, Fish & Chips, Beer, Wine and Soda; 50/50, Door Prizes, Bake Sale, Raffle and Cash Bar. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please contact Margie Rice (908) 722-8939, for tickets and more information.



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, or Meghan Kelly (908) 218-9654.

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)

Shamrock Award

Our Division is proud to bestow the Shamrock Awards to Patrick J. Mulrooney and Kevin Byrne at our recent picnic.

Patrick is the son of P. Joe (who accepted the award being the first time in a longtime he could not attend) and joined the division when it started in June 1983. He has been a tireless worker at our Division's Annual Picnic for the last 15 years and a canopy bearer for the Annual Corpus Christi procession for at least the last 10 years. He is always there when you need help. Thanks Patrick! God be with you.

Kevin Byrne joined the Division in November of 1999. Kevin created and chaired the 2004 Harley Davidson Motorcycle Rally to raise money for Project Children. He raised \$5,000 for Project Children with tremendous effort and coordination. Thank you Kevin! God be with you.

Congratulations to Patrick J. Mulrooney and Kevin Byrne!

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/>.



NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- Our Division 3rd Annual Classic Golf Tournament, Monday October 3, 2005 at Fox Hollow Country Club.

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- Cape May 2 will host Finnegan's Wake on Saturday, October 8, 4:00pm to Midnight at LaCosta Lounge in Sea Isle City, NJ. Irish Balladeers Peter McDonald and Oliver McElhone, Irish Pipe Brigade, Jamie & The Quietmen, Bogside Rogues and DJ Paulie; FREE Buffet, Cash Bar, Beer Specials. Tickets available at LaCosta Lounge (609) 390-7999, \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.
- The 21st Annual Flame of Charity Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 27, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick. Our own member Rev. Sean G. Winters will be honored as the Community Servant, he is the Coordinator of Hospital Chaplains for the Diocese of Metuchen. Proceeds will help Catholic Charities. Cocktail reception begins at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$200 per person. For tickets or more information please call (732) 562-2436.
- Somerville Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Ball, Friday, October 28, 7pm at the Somerville Elks. Tickets are \$45 and include dinner, beer, wine and soda. The Knights will be honoring Art Beaver as the Knight of the Year.
- 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.
- Irish Feis Cruise 2006, July 24-29, 2006, 5 day Atlantic Canada Cruise, Roundtrip from New York. Prices start at \$499 per person, Bands include our own Willie Lynch Band. For more information and Registration Forms, please contact BSID International (866) 848-3700 or (732) 774-5676.

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.



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").

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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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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.

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Cryan's Ale House & Grill 1270 Route 28, North Branch, New Jersey 08876, John Cryan (908) 722-3343.

Trinity Church Goods 48 West Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869, Mark Maher (908) 722-4788.

CALLENDAR

(Thurs) AOH sponsored FREE traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes are starting Sept. 9 thru Nov. 18 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Funderne 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.

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.

Now-Sept 25 (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.

Sept 5 (Mon) Labor Day Holiday, fly your American Flag.

Sept 11 (Sun) NJAOH State Board Meeting & Convention to pass the new bylaws for the State. It will be held at 12pm, noon, at the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Club on 16th Ave in Belmar, NJ. Any interested in attending and/or being a delegate, please call Division President, Bob McCann (908) 874-5975.

Sept 12 (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 16 (Fri) The Somerset County LAOH will be hosting the Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party featuring Celtic Cross, 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.

Sept 17 (Sat) Burns and Cashman will be playing at a Halfway to St Patrick's Day event at Cryan's Ale House & Grill, 1270 Route 28, North Branch, NJ, (908) 722-3343 from 5 - 9pm.

Sept 17 (Sat) Monmouth Division 2 will host the 8th Annual Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore at the Sea Girt Armory 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 www.NJShoreIrishFestival.com.

Sept 20 (Tues) Regular Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, in Somerville. Nomination of Officers.***

Sept 23 (Fri) Trenton AOH Monument Committee is sponsoring a dinner Honoring Congressmen Chris Smith, at Hibernian Hall, 2419 Kuser Rd., Hamilton, NJ, from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and include prime rib or broiled salmon. For tickets or more information, please contact Trenton AOH (609) 586-5982; The Cross & Shamrock (609) 586-9595; or Jim MacFarland (609) 585-6820.

Sept 25 (Sun) AOH sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun.***

Sept 30-Oct 2 (Fri-Sun) The American Irish Association is sponsoring a trip Gavin's. Cost is \$290 for a double and \$337 for a single.

Oct 3 (Mon) Our Division's 3rd 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 Bob McCann (908) 874-5975.***

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

Don't Forget!

September 8 – Thursday - Start of our free sponsored traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes at PeopleCare Center, Bridgewater.

September 17 – Friday - LAOH Half Way to St. Patrick's Day at the Somerville Elks, Bridgewater.

September 20 – Tuesday - Division Meeting – Election of Officers at K of C Hall, Somerville.

September 25 – Sunday - Our sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun.



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