

Hibernian Newsletter

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

September 2006

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2006

That those who use the means of social communication may always do so conscientiously and responsibly.

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 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:

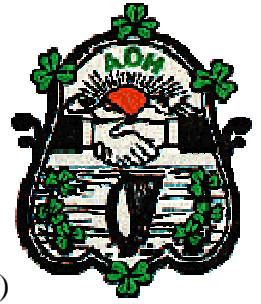
President	Finbar Kirby
Vice President	John Kelly III
Recording Secretary	Jack Redmond
Financial Secretary	John O'Donnell
Treasurer	Robert Coffey
Marshall	Gary Adams
Sentinel	P. Kevin O'Sullivan
Chairman of Standing Committee	Tom Burns

Any member in good standing, wishing to run for any of the above positions, should make their interest known to Bob McCann (908) 428-6783, 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 17

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) 428-6783.



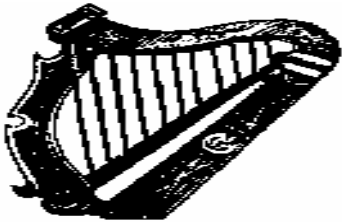
4th Annual John W. Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament

The plans are underway for Our 4th Annual John W. Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament, Monday Sept. 11, 2006, at the Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough. Conveniently located near Route 206. Proceeds to Benefit AOH charities and St Jude Children's Hospital. 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! Please call Bob McCann, (908) 428-6783, for more details. **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME AND LOCATION!**



One of the deadlines for one of our Golf Sponsorship, Hole Flags, is due next week. The deadline is Friday, August 11th. The Hole Flag sponsorship is \$100. Please send in your form ASAP to meet the deadline (flags have to be ordered). We also have a \$50 Tee Sign and a \$10 patron Sponsorship (both due Sept 1st). To play at our Tournament, the deadline is August 25th. For each sponsorship you make, you have a chance to win a Gift Certificate - see the form for details or call. For those who already sent in your sponsorship, Thank You for your support!!! 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, Dean Wood (908) 725-7845 or John Granahan (908) 359-1098. Thank you and God Bless.



2006 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- September 24 – October 22 – November 26 -

For Information, call (908) 359-8820

FREE TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SEISIUN, SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

Our next Free Irish traditional music seisiun will be held Sept. 24, 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

- Congratulations to John Finnegan and his wife Marjorie who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 8th.
- To Brother Joseph Fallon and his wife, Rosemarie, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sainte And God Bless!



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.

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 – 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.

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:

- Geraldine Mary Cobb Morris, mother of Brother Joseph Cobb, passed away on August 22nd following a lengthy illness. A Mass of Remembrance was held at St. Francis Xavier Church in St. Joseph, Missouri.
- We have recently been notified that Brother Thomas A Gillick is currently under care following a stroke suffered last year. Keep him in your prayers.
- Brother Rich Evans is experiencing problems related to diabetes and asks that we keep him in our prayers.
- Lois O'Hagen Bender, wife of Brother Bill O'Hagen Bender, passed away on August 25th. Lois was a very active worker at our yearly picnics, even after she and Brother Bill transferred to an AOH division closer to home in North Jersey.

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

LAOH Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party, Saturday, September 16th, featuring Celtic Cross at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough, from 8pm to Midnight. \$30 Per ticket and includes: Corned Beef Sandwiches, Fish & Chips, Beer, Wine & Soda 50/50, Door Prizes, Bake Sale, Raffle and Cash Bar. For tickets, please contact Sue Reh (908) 722-6595.



NEW – Fall Major Degree

For those who have not made their Major Degree, there will be a Degree Ceremony on Sunday, October 22, 2006. The Degree ceremony will be held at Msgr. Crean Division #1, Hamilton Square NJ. Anyone that has already made their Degree is welcome to Observe the ceremony. Cost is \$30.00. Please let us ASAP if you plan to either take your degree or observe. We must be at the Hibernian Club by 11 am for registration. Breakfast will be served during the registration period. Immediately following the ceremony dinner, entertainment will be provided by Msgr. Crean Division, 2419 Kuser Road, Hamilton Square, NJ 08691. For more information, please call Division President, Bob McCann, (908) 428-6783.

FREE ADULTS CEILI CLASSES BEGIN THURSDAY SEPT. 7 thru NOV. 9

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. 7, 2006 and run through Nov. 9, 2006. 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) 722-4561, or Meghan Kelly (908) 371-9080.

Outstanding Service Award

Our Division's Executive Board is proud to announce this year's recipient for the 2006 Outstanding Service Award to Brother James J. Lynch. Jim had chaired the 1998 Project Children benefit also well as the Jeannie Johnson Project in 2002 and was an Executive as Sentinel in 1997 and Recording Secretary from 2000 to 2002. He has also been a real asset to the ceili classes as an instructor when needed and technical advisor since 2002. If we have a Division function, you will find Jim working. The Award will be presented at our Annual Picnic in August.

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

Shamrock Award

Our Division is proud to bestow the Shamrock Awards to Tom Burns and Don Kiernan at our recent picnic. Tom has been involved with the WRSU Radio Show as one of the commentators. He is currently chairman of our monthly Music Seisiuns. Thanks Tom! God be with you. Don Kiernan joined the Division in 1990. He was an Executive Board member in 1997-98. He helped coordinate the step dancing for many years and has been a tireless worker at many of our Division's functions. Thank you Don! God be with you.

Congratulations to Tom Burns and Don Kiernan!

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 Christian Fellowship Center, Washington Valley Rd. in Bridgewater. 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.saoh.com/bagpipe_lessons/home.htm.



**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.

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- Trenton AOH Celtic Fest Sunday October 1, 2006 - Tickets are on sale now at the club. Call (609) 586-5982 for more information.
- St. Columcille United Gaelic Pipe Band is hosting Octoberfeis, Saturday Oct. 7, 8pm - Midnight, Scot's-American Club, Highland Ave & Patterson St Kearny, NJ. Beer Wine & Soda provided, Celtic music & performance by St. Columcille Pipe Band. Cost is \$20 per person or Table of 10 for \$180. Tickets can be obtained by contacting AOH Division member, Brian Counihan, 944 Brown Rd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Cell: 908-392-0819. www.stcolumcille.com.
- Guest Speaker and Book signing Event at the October 18th at 8pm, LAOH monthly meeting, men are invited. Author and Crew Member, Tom Kindre, of the “Jeanie Johnston,” a rebuilt Irish Emmigrant Ship. The meetings are held at Mannion’s in Somerville, the book will be available for \$20.

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.

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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

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

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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

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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 or www.mccoolsounds.com.

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WineRx.com 42 Main St., Madison, NJ 07940 Fine Wines Online, Marty Foy Jr. (973) 822-1443.

Home Depot at Home Services – Bob Coffee

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CALENDAR

(Thurs) AOH sponsored FREE traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes are starting Sept. 7 thru Nov. 9 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.

CALENDAR (continued)

(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) "Mr. Dooley's America" 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 4 (Mon) Labor Day Holiday, fly your American Flag.

Sept 8 (Fri) Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser, 7pm – 11pm, The Trenton AOH Pipe Band is throwing a great bash in celebration of reaching the 1/2 way mark to St. Patrick's Day 2007. Why not come out for some great food, great entertainment, and a fun time for the whole family? Musical guest: Peter McDonald and performances by The Trenton AOH Pipe Band. Cost \$25 Per Person, ticket price includes: Roast Beef, Fries, Quality Beer, Wine and Soda (Cocktails Available at extra cost) 50/50s, Prize Raffles and more! Fun for the entire family! Visit www.trentonaoh.com for tickets.

Sept 9 (Sat) The John P. Holland Division is proud to present their first annual Ship Bottom Irish Cultural Festival on Long Beach Island, from 11am to 7pm. There will be Bagpipe bands, Irish Step Dancers, Irish Contemporary music, and much more!

Sept 11 (Mon) The 4th Annual John Greenleaf Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Royce Brook Golf Club, Hillsborough NJ.***

Sept 11 (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 (Sat) 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 Sue Reh (908) 722-6595.***

Sept 16 (Sat) The Patrick Torphy Division (Monmouth County 2) will host the 8th Annual Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore at the Sea Girt National Guard Base from 10am till 6pm - Rain or Shine! -Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the gate. For tickets, sponsorship and vendor information, call (732) 291-3239. Mail ticket payments to AOH – Div 2 – PO Box 913, New Monmouth, NJ 07748.

Sept 19 (Tues) Regular Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, in Somerville. Nomination of Officers.***

Sept 21-24 (Thur-Sun) Division 1 Cape May County will be celebrating their 15th annual Irish Fall Festival. This festival is the largest on the East Coast if not the whole country Visit the "Irish Hoolie" Tent at Olde New Jersey and Spruce Avenues. Paul Moore (the original Blackthorn), and his new group Paddy's Well Irish Band will be the headliners with other well known groups to fill the entire weekend. Come down and support this once a year fundraiser, which sees 100% profits going to charities in our Tri-State area. This is also a good opportunity to educate the community through our charitable endeavors. For more information check our website(www.cmcaoh.com).

Sept 24 (Sun) AOH sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun.***

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

Don't Forget!

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September 24 – Sunday - Our sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun.



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