

# HI BERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

May 2007

## GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY, 2007

That, following the example of the Virgin Mary, all Christians should allow themselves to be guided by the word of God and always remain attentive to the signs of the Lord in his own life.

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

### REGULAR AOH MEETING

Tuesday, May 15, 8:00pm  
Knights of Columbus  
495 East Main Street, Somerville

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We plan to conduct a brief business meeting followed by some friendship and cheer with your fellow Hibernians! As usual, free beer, soda and wine. *Pint agus caint* (pint and chat).

Our Charities & Missions Chairman, Jim Butler, will conduct a raffle for the benefit of CGE after the meeting. The May raffle will have a marvelous potpourri of items. The April Raffle donated \$150 to CGE. The April Raffle winners were P. Joe Mulrooney, a set of Pope John XXIII videotapes donated by Brother Mark Maher of Trinity Church Goods, Raritan; Kevin Donovan, an Irish Blessing plaque from Mark Maher of Trinity Church Goods, Raritan; and Joe Cobb, a bottle of Grant's Scotch Whiskey. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and to have a very good chance at winning these fabulous prizes.

MAY 13

## LET US ALL REMEMBER OUR MOTHERS, LIVING & DECEASED ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY.

May is the month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Please try to say the Rosary each day for peace in Ireland and the rest of the world. If you can't find the time to say the full Rosary, then try to say one decade each day and/or recite the MEMORARE.

All AOH members' mothers, grandmothers, wives, sisters, daughters, aunts and all who have shared a maternal love in our life, whether they are living or deceased, will be remembered during a Novena of masses at the National Shrine of our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois, beginning on Mother's Day. In addition, they will also be a special Remembrance Mass celebrated on Mother's Day at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

### Call to Help

Dear Brother Hibernians,

The recent Nor'eastern storm has caused great damage and heart-break to many folks in our area. A number of fellow Hibernians have been impacted by this devastation. Several of them have suffered damages to their homes and loss of personal property. The St. Patrick's Division wants to lend a hand in order to alleviate some of the problems of these families. At our April 17<sup>th</sup> membership meeting it was agreed to establish an immediate fund earmarked for these members in need. Consequently, we are requesting that each member make a sacrifice and donate \$50 or whatever you can afford to this special fund. Please make your checks payable to "The AOH" and send to our Vice President, John Kelly III, 246 Fairfield Lane, Hillsborough, NJ 08844-1713.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Finbar Kirby, President

## A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):	Ní dhéanfaidh smaoiniamh an treabhadh duit.
Pronunciation:	N'i: y'e:n-ë s'm'i:-n'ëv an trau-ë dit'
English:	You'll never plough a field turning it over in your mind.

### 37<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey Irish Festival at the First Energy Park

Please note that the Irish Festival has moved to a new location! It will be held on Sunday June 10, 2007, from 9am to 6pm. It is a full day of activities including: Mass at 10am, Ceili Tent, Irish Stepdancers, Willie Lynch, Eammon Ryan and Gael Force. **See our web site for more information and a flyer.**

COME OUT FOR THIS GREAT CELEBRATION OF THE IRISH!

### *Robert J. Flanigan, Division Member, Passed Away Recently*



We mourn the loss of our beloved Hibernian Brother, Robert J. Flanigan. At the same time we rejoice in God's gift of his life to us. God called Bob to Himself on April 16, 2007. Bob had a deep love for his Catholic faith as a communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen where he served as a volunteer at St. Francis Cathedral Social Concerns and as an active member of the St. Francis Knights of Columbus. In addition, Bob was a member of the National Guard and the Edison Police Department Reserves as well as being a former Committeeman for Boy Scout Troop 16. He loved his country dearly and had a similar love for his Irish heritage, especially Irish music.

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

### New Jersey AOH State Convention June 8-9, Jersey City

The New Jersey State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held in Jersey City, Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9. Friday is an opening Pub Crawl. Saturday is the meeting and voting on the new State officers. Our own Brother Joe Cobb is running for Vice President. We are the second largest Division in the State, come out and be a delegate. Please call Division President Finbar Kirby, (908) 218-9357, if you are interested. There will also be an early evening Mass and a dinner cruise. Come out and join with your fellow Hibernians.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

The April attendance raffle amounted to \$193 and would have been won by Brother Phillip T. Smith. However, Brother Phillip could not be at the meeting, so the pot continues to grow for May. How do you get in on the prize? Just attend our monthly meetings and drop \$1 into the pot, half for the winner, and half towards food at the meetings. If your membership number is pulled, you win the award.

### SOMERSET LAOH



The local LAOH Division has meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Mannion's Pub and Restaurant, 150 West Main Street, Somerville. For more information, please contact Margie Rice (908) 722-8939.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

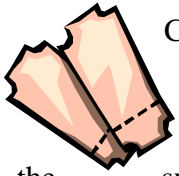
- To AOH Brother Monsignor **William Haughney** who will shortly be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.
- To AOH Brother Very Reverend **Daniel J. Herlihy**, St. Patrick Div. 1 Chaplain, who will shortly be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To Brother **Dick Ryan** and his wife, Dorothy, on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Kayley Grace O'Connor, born to Richard and Carm O'Connor. Baby, Mom and Dad and grandparents are all reported to be doing well.
- To Brother **Joseph Ravener** and his wife, Dorothy, who recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- To Brother **Walter Kavanaugh**, NJ State Senator, on being selected 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Outstanding Citizen by the Somerset County Business Partnership.

*Sainte And God Bless!*

## DIVISION'S ANNUAL FUND RAISING PROGRAM



Co-Chairmen Vince Reh and Bob McCann asks that we all please try and sell as many tickets as possible to relatives and friends, so we may continue our varied sponsored programs & activities. Dues alone do not cover the costs of our programs; we depend heavily on this fund raising program. As you are aware, the program tickets are ONLY \$10/each and the proceeds go towards the support of many Irish cultural and charitable donations our division sponsors or promotes during the year. We are hoping that the low price of the tickets will appeal to many. The BIG PAYOUT remains the same as last year; first prize-\$1,000, second-\$500 and third-\$250. We urge you to sell these tickets and make your returns Brother Robert McCann, AOH, 2301 Tudor Court, Hillsborough, NJ 08844-5540, (908) 428-6783. Checks should be endorsed to "AOH". The drawing will be held at our Division's Regular Monthly Meeting on June 19.

SINGLE TICKETS MAY BE SOLD / BOUGHT. EVERY TICKET AIDS OUR GOAL. HELP OUR AOH DIVISION REACH NEW HEIGHTS. THANK YOU.

*WE NEED YOU TO HELP RAISE THE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.  
DON'T DELAY-GET YOUR RETURNS IN TODAY, OR AT LEAST BEFORE THE JUNE MEETING.*

## A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To all the Brothers who contributed to CGE, our contributions are most appreciated and they send their prayers & Best Wishes.
- To all members and families for their attendance and donations at our recent Annual Mass.

*Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)

## *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 **Robert J. Flanigan** passed away recently.
- Brother **John (Lenny) Fitzmaurice** is a bit under the weather and recuperating at Somerset Medical Center. Please remember him in your prayers.
- **Sr. Christopher Kurtz**, a long time friend and supporter of our AOH functions, is currently in the hospital recuperating from a recent illness. Cards may be sent to her at St. Vincents Hospital, 275 North Street, Harrison, NY 10528-1524.
- Brother **Thomas Gilligan**, former National AOH President, 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.

## **NEEDED-SIX CANOPY BEARERS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION -SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Corpus Christi Solemn Procession, from the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Raritan to St. Joseph's and St. Ann's Churches before returning to the Shrine Chapel, is scheduled for Sunday, June 10. Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine Chapel at 1:30pm; the solemn procession will follow at approximately 2:30pm. Our division has been invited once again to provide the canopy bearers for the Blessed Sacrament as the procession winds its way through the streets of Raritan. We need at least six fairly strong Hibernians to help with this very honored invitation. Anyone interested? Please call P. Joe Mulrooney (908) 725-1956.

## **IRISH TRIVIA**

This month's trivia question: Do you know who was the first person to die from the Hunger Strike in 1981?

## **2007-08 Executive Board Nomination**

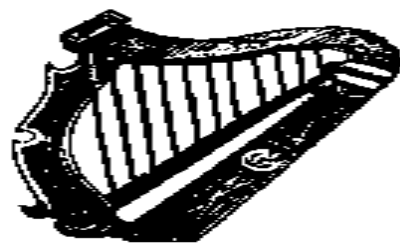
The time is coming upon us to elect a new executive board. Election will be held in September and swearing in ceremony in October. Any member in good standing, wishing to run for any of the positions, should make their interest known to P. Joe Mulrooney (908) 725-1956, or Bob McCann (908) 428-6783. Nominations will be held up to our meeting in September, 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.

## **2007 SEISIUN SCHEDULE**

- No seisiuns in May, June, July, August and December -
  - September 23 – October 28 – November 25 –
- For Information call (908) 359-8820

### **Seisiun Notes**

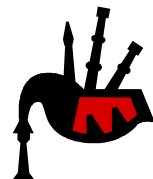
A very *Special Thank You* to Brother Bill Healy for his donation of the hand cut crystal vases, made at his Shop, awarded bi-monthly to the musicians at our seisiuns. Bill Healy's Glass Art, Renaissance Plaza, 39 Hwy. 12, Flemington, NJ. Be sure to stop by Brother Bill's shop and tell them you are a Hibernian for a discount on his beautiful and magnificent crystal and cut glass. These seisiuns are made available with the kind permission of the Knights of Columbus, Somerville Council, at their clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, Somerville. We sincerely want to thank our chairman, Mike Berry, along with all the musicians, singers, dancers and AOH members, their families and friends for making this activity such a great resounding success.



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

Brother Cliff Roberts of St. Ann's of Hampton Pipes and Drums is running a "Beginners" Bagpipe Lesson class. It is FREE to AOH members and \$10 a lesson for Non-members. It meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at Month at 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. 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](http://www.saoh.com/bagpipe_lessons/home.htm)



## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual John Greenleaf Golf Tournament**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual John Greenleaf Golf Tournament will be held at *Royce Brook* Golf Club in Hillsborough on **Friday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please note the New Location and New Date! Go to our web site, [www.aohsomerset.com](http://www.aohsomerset.com), for more information. Letters and Sponsorship forms will be mailed early June.



### **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](http://WWW.NJ.COM/WRSU) (click on "Listen Now").

### *Project Children*

For over 25 years, Project Children has been trying to make a difference in Northern Ireland, one child at a time. Families throughout the US have opened their homes to boys and girls ranging in age from 10-12 years old for six weeks from the end of June until the beginning of August. The children come from a variety of backgrounds but all look forward to a summer of sunshine and peace. Project Children, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization, raises funds during the year to pay the airfare and medical coverage of the Northern Irish children. Project Children asks that the children be given a safe and comfortable environment where the youngsters can enjoy a carefree summer experience. Although a tenuous cease-fire remains in place, last summer in Northern Ireland proved to be anything but peaceful. If you would like more information about Project Children or believe your family would be interested in hosting a child, please call Vivian or Pat Cline at (908) 526-5019.

### **Appeal for Volunteers by the LAOH Soup Kitchen.**

Volunteers are needed to help the Ladies serve food, generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 11am-2pm, with SHIP, at the St. John's Episcopal Church, High St., Somerville. If you can help, please call Margie Rice (908) 722-8939.

### **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@comcast.net](mailto:jccobb@comcast.net) or reached at (908) 782-7014.

*The Answer to this month's trivia is: Bobby Sands, a former MP and member of the IRA on May 5, 1981.*

### **REVISED DIVISION WEBSITE**

Our Division webmaster, Bob McCann, has made our Home page more receptive to newcomers who might want to join the AOH and easier to contact Division Officers with information. Important links for members are “Social/Activities”: for the newcomers and current members to see at a glance what we have to offer, and “Other Links”: information for members. On each of the “Social/Activities” pages, there is a short description of the event and a “mug” shots of committee members involved in the event, to give credit to those who help out and for the newer members to “place” a face with the committee members. There is also a section called member Forms, here you can scroll down and submit change of address, update email addresses, sign up for the online Newsletter, etc. **If your email address has changed, please submit your new address!** Check it out today!

## NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- St. Ann's of Hampton Pipes & Drums Friend & Family Cruise, July 9-14, 2007, to Canada. Cost is \$598-\$798 per person. Brother Cliff Roberts (908) 704-0048, for registration and additional information.
- Yes, it's ON! All are very welcome. The Willie Lynch's Alaska 7 day Cruise August 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007 and we'll have our singing and dancing at night. For more information go to:  
<http://www.bsidiinternational.com/irishcruise.htm>.

## SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for sponsors for our Hibernian Newsletter to highlight our membership's businesses. We would like to extend the opportunity for you to sponsors for a nominal donation of \$5 a month to the AOH. Due to space limitation, the sponsorship will be one line long highlighted before the calendar. If you are interested, please send a letter and business card to Kevin O'Sullivan ([osulli@earthlink.net](mailto:osulli@earthlink.net)), 5 South Deer Hill Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

**Bill Healy Crystal** – Handmade Crystal and Glassware. Bill Healy (908) 806-2100.

**Re/MAX, Preferred Professionals** – Real Estate Broker - Patrick Kelly (908) 685-0700 x29.

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

**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.

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**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.

**Tim Hyland, CFP(tm), CPA** - Financial Planner - 908-537-4443.

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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 or [www.mccoolsounds.com](http://www.mccoolsounds.com).

**Select Title Agency** – Providing residential and commercial title insurance throughout NJ Tom Clarke (973) 761-1112.

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**Cryan's Ale House & Grill** 1270 Route 28, North Branch, New Jersey 08876, John Cryan (908) 722-1113.

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

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

**SHIP's Safe Harbor** 87 East High Street, Somerville, Tom O'Leary (908) 725-3260

## *NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT*

- The American Irish Ass'n. is sponsoring Gavin's Tip, September 28-30. The cost is \$290 per person. Please contact Charlie Reilly (732) 382-1853 for more information.

### **Interesting Websites**

- o The National Right to Life has a website for those interested in creating a Living Will, a legal document that names someone to make health care decisions for you if you develop a condition that makes it impossible for you to speak for yourself and makes it clear what medical treatment you want. Please visit: [www.nrlc.org/euthanasia/willtolive/index.html](http://www.nrlc.org/euthanasia/willtolive/index.html).
- o Do you know someone interested in a Four-year Scholarship to Dublin City University? The US-Ireland Alliance is offering an opportunity to win a full scholarship to an Irish University. Please visit [www.us-irelandalliance.org](http://www.us-irelandalliance.org), under the title Dublin City University Tuition and Housing Sweepstakes.
- o Our new pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI, has an email address where you can send your greetings and/or prayers. On the Vatican's website, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va), click on "Greetings to the Holy Father" icon or from your email [benedictxvi@vatican.va](mailto:benedictxvi@vatican.va).

## *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-May 14 (Tues-Sun)** The Irish Repertory Theatre presents George M. Cohan Tonight!, a musical following the extraordinary life and career of the legendary showman, 132 West 22<sup>nd</sup> St., New York City. (No shows Mon) Tickets are \$45 or \$50. The Theatre is located at 132 West 22<sup>nd</sup> St. between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., New York. Performance Schedule: Tuesday – Saturday at 8pm, Saturday & Sunday at 3pm. For Tickets and more information, please call (212) 727-2737.

**May 7 (Mon)** Irish American Public Action Committee Meeting at Mannion's on Main St., Somerville, at 5:30pm. All welcome. Information (908) 647-3984.

**May 11-13, 18-20 (Fri-Sun)** Many Young Men of Twenty by the Celtic Theatre Company at Seton Hall University at the Theatre-in-the-Round on the South Orange campus. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for Seniors or Students. Please call (973) 761-9790.

**May 12 (Fri)** Gaelic Storm at 8 pm at the Morristown Community Theatre, 100 South St, Morristown, NJ. Featured as the "Steerage Party Band" in Titanic, Gaelic Storm's dynamic stage show features rousing, upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting Celtic ballads and infectious humor. Tickets are \$32-\$37, please call (973) 539-8008.

**May 13 (Sun)** Mother's Day. May Mary, God's Mother, in her loving way, bestow her blessings on each of our mothers, this Mother's Day and every day – Happy Mother's Day.

**May 15 (Tues)** Regular AOH Meeting. Meeting will start at 8pm.\*\*\*

*CALENDAR*

**May 17 (Thur)** Ascension of Our Lord – Holy Day of Obligation.

**May 28 (Mon)** Memorial Day. Please remember all those who died in the services of our country.

**June 8-9 (Fri-Sat)** The New Jersey Ancient Order of Hibernians State Convention in Jersey City.\*\*\*

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