

# HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

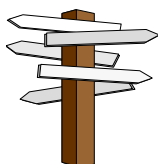
AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

August 2008

## GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR AUGUST, 2008

That the human family may learn to respect God's plan for the world and become ever more aware that Creation is God's great gift.

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



**DIVISION  
ANNUAL  
PICNIC  
Sunday**

**August 24, 2008**

**NO MONTHLY MEETINGS OR IRISH TRADITIONAL  
MUSIC SEISIUNS IN AUGUST**

**OUR ANNUAL PICNIC  
(MINI IRISH FESTIVAL)  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**



Our division is once again sponsoring a family style picnic at the Eagles Aerie, Woodside Lane (off Rte. 28), Bridgewater, Noon-6pm, RAIN or SHINE. Music by the Willie Lynch Trio and as special added attractions, we will again have the St. Ann's of Hampton Pipe & Drum present us with their field program plus children in the Irish Step-dancing programs will present us with their championship Irish step dancing. The menu is the same as last year; cost: adults-\$22 each, youngsters (3-16 years)-\$7 each, under 3-FREE...

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**VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO  
WORK ON PICNIC FUNCTIONS**

(One-hour stints or more if you would care to). We need set-up help, kitchen help, grill help, bar and soda help, gate and parking help, corn huskers, ice porters, clean-up help, etc.

**YOU NAME IT, WE NEED IT.**

We are sure you have heard the saying that MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. We need everyone to pitch in on this affair so we may all enjoy the day. Please call Pat Mannion (908) 334-4260 or Jim Walsh (908) 904-8074.

## A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):

Pronunciation:

English:

Bó le bata is capall le ceansact.

bo: lë bat-ë is kap-ël lë k'an-sëxt.

A cow with a stick and a horse with kindness.

## 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	John Kelly III
Vice President	Open
Recording Secretary	Tom Burns
Financial Secretary	Derek Kirby

Treasurer	David Carew
Marshall	Jack McCullagh
Sentinel	P. Kevin O'Sullivan
Chairman of Standing Committee	Robert Eustace

## NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

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) 428-6783. Further nominations will be held at our *next meeting, September 16*, 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.



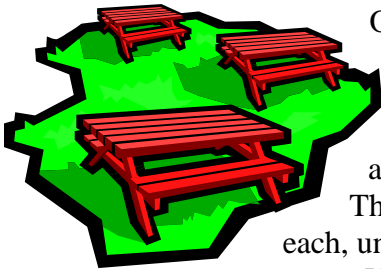
## MEMBERSHIP-MEMBERSHIP

WE need to cultivate an interest in Hibernianism, especially in our very active Division. We have a “*golden opportunity*” coming up to promote membership in our very active division - our picnic (mini Irish festival). We need to sow the seeds of interest. The most difficult step to take is always the first step, so why not invite all our male practicing Catholic friends of Irish birth or heritage and their families to join in the lively activities at the picnic where they will meet many of our members. They will get a little flavor for what the ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS is all about. Let's not miss this opportunity - Get a relative or friend to sign up with us. Have that friend or relative complete the AOH application and forward it with a check for \$35 (made payable to the

AOH) to our Division Financial Secretary, 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. Make the effort; take that first step; you'll be glad you did; so will we. Those who sign up by September will only have to pay \$25 in dues for 2008; those who sign-up in October thru December pay \$35, but are paid thru the year 2009. Anyone who sign up by our October meeting are eligible to attend our October meeting to be sworn in and receive the Shamrock Degree of the Order, plus partake in the FREE buffet dinner planned for that evening for members ONLY. WHAT MORE CAN YOU ASK FOR?

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### [FLYER/ORDER FORM]



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REMEMBER to keep **Sunday, August 24** open. A great time is had by all who have attended.



## 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 Mary Kelly (908) 59-3950.

## 2008 Outstanding Service Award

Our Division's Executive Board is proud to announce this year's recipient for the 2008 Outstanding Service Award to **Brigid Berry**. Brig has been a very active friend of our Division. She had helped organize the food for your Monthly Seisiuns for many years. If we have a Division function, Brig was helping somewhere. The Award will be presented at our Annual Picnic in August. Congratulations to Brig! *Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)

## A BREIF STORY OF KNOCK

On the wet Thursday evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1879, at about the hour of 8 o'clock, Our Lady, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist appeared in a blaze of Heavenly light at the south gable of the Church of St. John the Baptist. Behind them and a little to the left of St. John was a plain altar. On the altar was a cross and a lamb with adoring angels. The Apparition was seen by fifteen people one of whom was a thousand meters from the church at the time. The ages of the witnesses ranged from six years to seventy-five and included men, women, teenagers and children. The witnesses watched the Apparition in pouring rain for fully two hours, reciting the Rosary. Although the witnesses standing before the gable were drenched, no rain fell in the direction of the gable. Today, Knock ranks among the world's major Marian Shrines.

### PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, Mother of the Church, you came to Knock, Ireland, with St. Joseph, St. John and the Spotless Lamb to bring consolation and hope to your people.

Teach us to pray. Open our hearts to all in need. Lift us when we fall. Strengthen us when we lose heart. Comfort us when we are sick. Fill our lives with the praise of God.

Our Lady of Knock, look with a mother's eyes upon your children. Grant us peace in our homes...in our hearts...in our land, and guide all nations in the way of peace. Amen.



**BASILICA OF OUR LADY**

## FREE ADULTS CEILI CLASSES BEGIN THURSDAY SEPT. 11 thru NOV. 6

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. 11, 2008 and run through Nov. 6, 2008. 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, please call Jim Lynch at (908) 526-9475.

## IRISH TRIVIA

The Question to this month's trivia is: Do you know the where ninety-nine years ago this August the Ancient Order of Hibernians dedicated a Celtic cross monument to the Irish victims of the Great Hunger? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)

## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To Brothers Patrick Cline and Michael Forrestal on the thirtieth anniversary of their ordination to the permanent diaconate.
- To our newly elected Ancient Order of Hibernians National Board Seamus Boyle (PA) President, Brendan Moore (NY) Vice President, Thomas McNabb (NY) Secretary, and Judge James McKay (LA) Treasurer at the 94<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in New Orleans, LA. Also appointed National Chaplain: Father Patrick Sullivan C.S.C.

*Sainte And God Bless!*

## **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:

- Patrick Sharkey, brother of Brother Thomas Sharkey, passed away recently. Please offer your prayers for the repose of his soul.
- J Brandon Maxwell passed away recently. He was a charter member and was well known for his love of Irish music. Please pray for the repose of his soul. (More information next month.)

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, Pat Crowley, at (609) 359-8986 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.

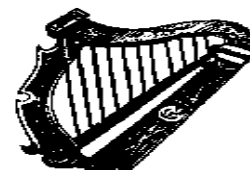
The answer to this month's trivia question is Grosse Ile, on the St. Lawrence River, near Quebec, Canada. The locals would come to call Grosse Ile "L'Ile des Irlandais." The Canadian island would be the first and final resting place in the New World for thousands of Irish emigrants. Some say as many as 25,000 died either en route to or shortly after arriving in Canada in 1847, fully one out of every four who began the trip.

### **2008 SEISIUN SCHEDULE**

– NO SEISIUNS IN AUGUST –  
- September 28 – October 26 – November 23 -

**NEXT Seisiun will be Sunday, September 28.**

For Information, call (908) 359-8820



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 Crystal Has Moved**

Bill Healy Crystal, celebrating 35 Years, has moved to new location, 79 Main Street (next to the Historic Courthouse) in Flemington, NJ. Their hours: Monday to Saturday 9:30am until 5:30pm. And, more importantly they wanted to remind the AOH members of an automatic special 15% discount. This would apply to all regular purchases not engraving or repair services. Stop in and say hello. Ph (908) 806-2100 / Fax (908) 782-6769  
Web: [www.healycrystal.com](http://www.healycrystal.com) / Email: [healy@eclipse.net](mailto:healy@eclipse.net)

### **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> Mondays 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).



### **NOTE from Your Editor**

As you may have noticed the Newsletter has been delayed this month due to the birth of my daughter. **I could use help from the membership.** If you want to become more involved in the New Jersey Irish community and our Division, please consider helping on our Division Newsletter. Computer skills are a plus. Please contact myself at (908) 236-2283 or Division President Finbarr Kirby (908) 218-9357.

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



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Brother Pat Kelly 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); \$20 Sweatshirts – White, Grey, Green, Blue; \$40 Lined Hooded Jackets – Green, Blue; \$50 Windcheater Long Sleeved Shirt – Blue; \$35 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 \$5. All you have to do is call Pat with the size and he will be placing the order shortly. Call Pat at (908) 371-9080 or speak to him at our monthly meetings.

### **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 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").

### **"Irish-American Experience at Gettysburg" Tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield & Soldiers National Cemetery**

The Pvt. Barney Devine Div #1 of Adams County, PA is sponsoring a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield & Soldiers National Cemetery. The tour is not exclusive to AOH/LAOH members, it is open to the general public as well but it is a tour designed to cover the experience of the Irish and Irish-American soldier (both Union & Confederate) at Gettysburg. The tour will help make a substantial contribution to the effort to put a monument to Gen. Thomas Francis Meagher in his hometown of Waterford. For those of you who have visited the Irish Brigade monument on the Antietam battlefield, a duplicate of the Meagher bronze on the back side of the monument is what the Irish Cultural Society of MD/DC hopes to place in Ireland. Filling the bus is essential to the success of the tour. The cost of the tour will be \$50 per person and includes transportation, guided tour and a hot buffet lunch. Please visit <http://www.gettysburgaoh.com/tour/info.html> or call Jim McGuigan (717) 360-5704 by September 1<sup>st</sup> if you are interested.

### **NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT**

- Ceili Classes begin September 11 and run through November 6 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater.
- The Ocean County Division 4 is proud to present their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ship Bottom Irish Cultural Festival, Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7, 2008, on Long Beach Island, from 11am to 7pm. There will be Bagpipe bands, Irish Step Dancers, Irish Contemporary music, and much more! Gate Admission: \$10.00, (Children under 12 years old FREE), (Active members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, "ONLY", admitted FREE, with their traveling cards.)
- The Somerset County LAOH will be hosting the Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party featuring Celtic Cross, at St. Mary's in Hillsborough in September. Tickets or more information will be available at our Picnic.
- The Patrick Torphy Division (Monmouth County 2) will host the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore at the Sea Girt National Guard Base on Saturday, September 13 from 10:30am 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.

## 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** – 1669 Route 33, Hamilton Square, (NEW LOCATION) 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) 647-7258

**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.

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

**Byrne Painting, Wallpapering & Powerwashing** – Kevin Byrne, Quality Workmanship (908) 704-0038.

**Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home** – Bruce Van Arsdale, 101 North Gaston Ave., Somerville (908) 725-3111.

**Thomas J. Deignan** – licensed Private Investigator – P.O. Box 65, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

**Wells Fargo Home Mortgage** – Reverse Mortgage Specialist – Gary Adams (866) 556-6633.

**McCool Sounds** - DJ Services and Live Irish Music, contact Tom Burns (908) 295-7231 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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**Math and Science Tutoring** - Mike Gilmore, Ridge HS Physics Teacher (908) 393-2078.

**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

**Keller Williams Realty** – James M. Cavanaugh – Broker Manager – (732) 238-1066 x3035

**Daniel P. Boyle** – Attorney at Law – (732) 545-3231

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**Alice's Maids** – Cleaning Services – Mary Ellen Finnegan – Operations Manager (908) 240-8622

**NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT**

- Smithville Irish Festival, Saturday Oct 11, 11am – 7pm at E Moss Mill Rd and Route 9 Smithville NJ. Please visit their website for more details: <http://smithvilleirishfestival.com>. Presented by Cape May Division 2 The Shoppes of Historic Smithville and Village Greene Smithville NJ 08205.
- The American Irish Ass’n. is sponsoring Gavin’s Tip, September 26-38. Please contact Charlie Reilly (732) 382-1853 for more information.

**CALENDAR**

NO REGULAR AOH MEETINGS OR IRISH MUSIC SEISIUNS DURING AUGUST  
**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 18\*\*\***  
 NEXT TRADITIONAL MUSIC SEISIUN – SEPTEMBER 23\*\*\*

No Irish American Public Action Committee Meeting during August; next meeting is Sept. 8. All welcome. Information (908) 647-3984

**(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-Sep 7** (Tues-Sun) The Irish Repertory Theatre presents Around the World in 80 Days, 132 West 22<sup>nd</sup> St., New York City. (No shows Mon) Tickets are \$60 or \$55. 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.

**Aug 15** (Fri) Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven.

**Aug 21** (Thur) – Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland.

**Aug 24** (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. For Information, please call Pat Mannion (908) 334-4260 or Jim Walsh (908) 904-8074. For Ticket information, please call Joe Simmons, 145 Benart Place, Middlesex, NJ 08846-1803 (732) 356-8496.\*\*\*

**Golf Tournament**

Brother Frank Toolan is polling members for their thoughts on the Division’s Golf Tournament. Please cut the portion below and return to our monthly meeting or mail to Division President Finbarr Kirby, 803 Boesel Ave., Manville, NJ 08835.

AOH St. Patrick’s Division 1, Somerset County Annual Golf Outing  
 Would you like to continue the John Greenleaf Golf Tournament?  Yes  No  
 Should the Golf Outing be a Charitable Event?  Yes  No  
 Would you attend if it was more of a social event?  Yes  No  
 What is the best time in the Fall?  Early Sept  Late Sept  Early Oct  Late Oct  Early Nov  
 Do you have any ideas?

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Thank you for responding!

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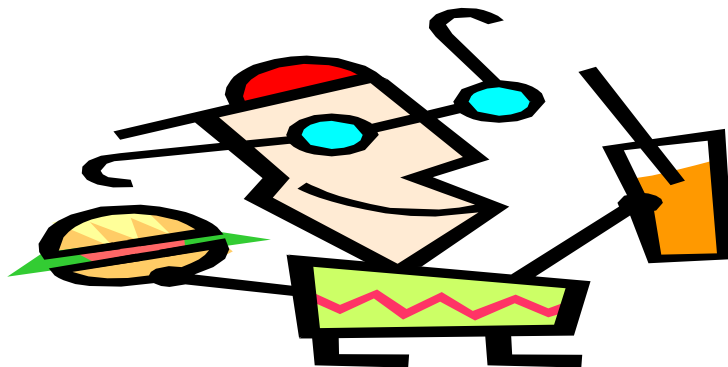
**Sept 1** (Mon) Labor Day Holiday, fly your American Flag.

**Sept 16** (Tues) Regular Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, in Somerville. Nominations of Officers.\*\*\*

**Sept 28** (Sun) AOH sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun.\*\*\*

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

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