

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

February 2008



GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY, 2008

That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way worthy of their physical and social condition.

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

REGULAR AOH MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 8:00pm
Knights of Columbus
495 East Main Street
Somerville

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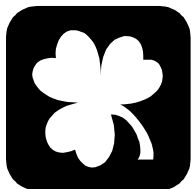
We plan to conduct a brief business meeting followed by some friendship and cheer with your fellow Hibernians! As usual, free beer, soda and wine. *Pint agus caint* (pint and chat).

Our Charities & Missions Committee Team, Ed Murphy & John O'Malley, will conduct a raffle for the benefit of CGE after the meeting. The January Raffle donated \$230 to CGE. The winners in the January raffle were: Jim Brennan, a Black & Decker Cordless Grater "Gizmo"; John Kelly III, 2 tickets to the Blessed Sacrament K of C Art Action; Jack McCullagh, a Tara China Celtic Cross from Trinity Church Goods in Raritan; and John Lynch, a Hall of Famer, Willie Stargell signed baseball. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and have a good chance at winning fabulous prizes.

A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaelic): Olc síon an sioc, is fearr sioc ná sneachta agus is fearr sneachta ná síorbháisteach.
Pronunciation: Olk s'i:n ë s'ik is f'a:r s'ik na: s'n'ax-të ag-ës is f'a:r s'n'ax-të na: s'i:r-va:s'-tëx.
English: Frost is bad weather, (but) frost is better than snow, and snow is better than eternal rain.

AOH SPONSORED ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE - SATURDAY, MARCH 8 HONORING HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR, *Peter J. Diskin*.



Please see the enclosed flyer for details on the dinner-dance and ACT NOW. We urge those who plan to attend to make their reservations EARLY in the month of February. Please note that this affair is being held on the Second Saturday of March at the St. Mary's Church Hall, 1900 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough. Tickets are \$40 per person and include corned beef or chicken dinner, beer and soda, (cash bar available) and featuring music by our own Willie Lynch Band, PLUS some Irish Step-Dancing and Pipes. Get a table of ten or less together NOW!!! (Please reserve tables of 10 by contacting Mike Philbin, P.O. Box 261, Ringoes, NJ 08551, (609) 466-7904) Hibernian of the Year, Brother Pete Diskin would like to see all the Division Brothers who can make it come to this GRAND AFFAIR. Call Brothers Kevin Barry (908) 685-7167, Finbarr Kirby (908) 218-9357 or Mike Philbin (609) 466-7904. (See flyer enclosed). Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

THE DATE WILL SNEAK UP ON YOU, SO DON'T DELAY - RESERVE TODAY.

IRISH TRIVIA

What famous Irish author was born in February?



Walter J. Kavanaugh, Charter Division Member, and Helen Sloan, LOAH Member, Passed Away Recently

We mourn the loss of our beloved Brother and Sister, Walter J. Kavanaugh and Helen Sloan, at the same time we rejoice in God's gift of their lives to us. Walter was a charter member of our organization, and former New Jersey State Senator. Family, public and community service formed the foundation of his life. He served in the US Air Force after graduating from the University of Notre Dame. Known many around Trenton and Somerville as "Mr. Irish". He loved his country, his Irish heritage.

Helen was a longtime supporter of our Division from the beginning and a member of our sister organization, LAOH.

May their souls pass through Olde Ireland on their way to Heaven. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire oraib agus ar dheis De go Raibh ortu.
(God have mercy on them and may they be at God's right hand)

HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Executive Committee is proud to announce that Division President Finbarr Kirby will present our Division's 2008 HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD to **PETER J. DISKIN** at our upcoming annual dinner/dance. Pete has been a very active member and longtime Division officer, holding various offices. You may have heard him at our Annual Division Mass as our lector. He also donates his time to many other Hibernian activities.

We are very proud to have Pete as our AOH Brother and to bestow on him this most deserving award. On behalf of all your Division Brother Hibernians, Thank You Pete!
CONGRATULATIONS PETER J. DISKIN AND GOD BLESS.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Brother John O'Donnell, would like to thank all who paid in time for the drawing and we have only a third of the membership left to pay!! A second notice will be going out to those members who have been a little lax in making their dues payments. We would truly appreciate it if all members would pay their dues NOW, *ONLY* \$35. Dues should be sent to our Financial Secretary, John O'Donnell, 200 Brookside Lane, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, in the pre-stamped, pre-addressed envelope you received recently PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW. THANK YOU.

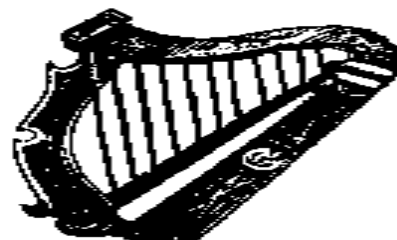
Please remember the change on the signing up of new members. Membership dues for new members joining the division during the year are required to pay \$35 in membership fees if received with an application by the member proposer in the 1st Quarter of the calendar year. The fees are adjusted to \$30 during the 2nd Quarter and \$25 during the 3rd Quarter. Any applications during the 4th Quarter must provide the \$35 fee, which will cover the remainder of year and ALL of the following year.

2008 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- February 24 – March 23 – April 27 –
- September 28 – October 26 – November 23 –

Next Seisiun will be Sunday, February 24.

For Information call (908) 295-7231



A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To the Hibernian Brothers who wished to remain anonymous for donating prizes to the January CGE raffle.
- To all Hibernian Brothers who had sent in their dues early, over half where sent in!

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

SOMERVILLE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FUND RAISING PROGRAM

Recently, you received a request to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade fund raising program by taking an ad in the "Souvenir Parade Program Book" if at all possible to help finance expenses related to the parade, such as, band fees, police coverage, advertising, insurance, etc. It takes a pile of money to run this fine a parade. The ads range from \$50 to \$200 and would be greatly appreciated. For those who may not be in a position to take an ad, you may become a Patron for a minimum of \$10 (and up to \$49 depending on your generosity). As a patron you and/or your family will be listed in the program book making this year's "Souvenir Parade Program Book" even more special to you and your family. Please make checks payable to the "St. Patrick's Parade"; send by March 4th to Somerville St. Patrick's Parade Patron Contributions, c/o Joe Simmons, Sr., 145 Benart Place, Middlesex, NJ 08846. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

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 Mary Kelly (908) 354-3950.

2008 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN SOMERVILLE

The Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade for **Sunday, March 16, 2008** is in full swing. This Year's Grand Marshal is Brother Frank Toolan. Brother Bill Cooper is chairing this project, once again, and is in need of as many corporate sponsors/business contacts as possible. If you know the person responsible for approving funds for advertisements in the parade program book, PLEASE call Bill (908) 725-4190, immediately, since time is very short. This year's parade is planned to be BIGGER & BETTER than ever; so plan to be there. Leading off this year's parade will be none other than GRAND MARSHAL Brother Frank Toolan.



**** RESERVE SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008 FOR THIS PARADE - WE MUST BE LINED UP AND READY TO STEP OFF AS SOON AS THE PARADE BEGINS AT 1:30 P.M., SHARP - THE AOH IS THE FIRST MARCHING UNIT; THEREFORE, WE MUST BE IN POSITION BY 1:00 P.M., AT THE CORNER OF GROVE AND MAIN STREETS, SOMERVILLE. THE AOH CEILI GROUP WITH LIVE TRADITIONAL MUSIC PLUS A PIPE BAND WILL ACCOMPANY US. THE GRAND MARSHAL, FRANK & HIS FAMILY, WILL LEAD THE PARADE.**

IT'S OUR DAY TO HONOR FRANK AND TO SHOW OUR IRISH.
PLEASE PRAY FOR FINE WEATHER.

******* LET'S MAKE THIS PARADE OUR BIGGEST & BEST EVER.*******

PLEASE NOTE: there will be a post-parade-party at the Knights of Columbus, 495 East Main Street, Somerville, for those Hibernians, families and friends who marched in the parade. Refreshments FREE.

CALL TO HIBERNIANS TO SHOW OUR APPRECAITION TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

As we indicated in the past, the AOH truly owes a great debt of gratitude to the K. of C. One way we can help is to support their various programs. They are presently conducting a "Lucky Number Calendar 2008" program, cost ONLY \$20 per; the sale of the "2008 ENTERTAINMENT" books which provides up to 50% discounts at numerous restaurants in the area and many other discounts, costs ONLY \$30 per. Cost is easily recouped after the first few times you use the book. Both of these items will provide you with excellent gifts that will last the year round with no need to fight the shopping crowds. For calendars, books – call Brothers Barney Sloan (908) 725-7856 or Pat Kelly (908) 218-9654.

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 Walter Kavanuagh** passed away recently. Please pray for the repose of his soul.
- **Sister Helen Sloan**, wife of Brother Barney, passed away recently. Please pray for the repose of her soul.
- **Brother Jack Hoey** is home recuperating.
- Sr. Christopher Kurtz is recovering from a broken hip.

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 (908) 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.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

The January attendance raffle amounted to \$341 and would have been won by Brother Kenneth Blair. However, Ken could not be at the meeting, so the pot continues to grow for February. How do you get in on the prize? Just attend our monthly meetings and drop \$1 into the pot, half for the winner, half towards food at the meetings. If your membership number is pulled, you win the award.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To **Brother Frank Toolan** on being named the 2008 Somerville St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshall.
- To **Brother James J. McDonough** who won the Year Ahead drawing, his dues are paid up for 2009!
- To **Brother Frank Loftus** becoming a grandfather.

Sainte And God Bless!

The ANSWER to this month's trivia question is James Joyce was born in Dublin on February 2, 1882, Ulysses is one of his famous works.

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 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.



Free Adults Ceili Classes Began in January

Once again, our division is sponsoring FREE traditional Irish folk dancing (ceili) lessons on Thursday evenings for a 10-week session (Jan 10th thru March 13th) at the PeopleCare Center, 120 FINDERNE AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER. Classes will be held between 7:30-9:00p.m. Ceili dancing is like American square dancing with some jigs and reel steps thrown in. It's loads of fun. Why not give it a try and learn a number of traditional Irish dances before next St. Patrick's Day!!! For addition information, call Jim Lynch at (908) 526-9475.

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 (click on "Listen Now").

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



Brother Pat Kelly, 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 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.

REQUEST FOR HELP

Your Newsletter Editor is looking for help. We are looking for anyone interested in helping to work on and maybe to become the new editor. If you use a computer and Microsoft Word, you can help. If you can, please call Newsletter Editor and Sentential, Kevin O'Sullivan (908) 236-2283 or Division President Finbarr Kirby (908) 218-9357. Thank you and God Bless.

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND CHRISTMAS APPEAL & 10 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

AOH 2007 Christmas Appeal for political prisoners and their dependents. All Hibernians are urged to forward a contribution of \$10 or more to be sent to Division President, Finbarr Kirby 803 Boesel Ave., Manville, NJ 08835-2418. Finbarr will display a Hand Carved item, done by an Irish prisoner, to be offered as a prize raffle, drawing at our March meeting, to any person who makes a donation of \$10. The money obtained will be given to National as part of our pledge of \$1,000 to FFAI. It supports various charities in Northern Ireland, Ireland and the US. As the peace process continues, we must not neglect those whose personal sacrifices made it possible. Please be generous to this very worthy cause.

Membership News

Brother Mark Maher has recently opened a new religious supply business, Trinity Church Goods, next to the Shrine Chapel, in Raritan. He carries a fine collection of imported Irish plaques, rosaries, Celtic greeting cards and beautiful crosses and plaques made by the Wild Goose Studio in County Cork. Stop in some time and AOH members who show their card get a 10% discount. Thank you and God Bless.

SCHOLARSHIP & CONTEST INFORMATION

It is that time of the year to apply for scholarship. If you are a student or have a student in your household, please pass this information to them.

- 2008 Irish Way Scholarships, a "Live and Learn" program in Ireland for High School Students, June – July. For information, please write to William J. Sullivan, Irish Way Scholarship Committee, 324 Winter Street, North Andover, MA 01845.
- National Board AOH in America announces the AOH Junior Year Abroad/Semester/Masters Degree in Irish Studies Scholarship. Please send applicant's name, home address, college attending and father of the applicant who is an AOH member and Division information to William J. Sullivan, National Chairman, 324 Winter Street, North Andover, MA 01845 by May 1, 2008.

Please note our National Chairman, Bill Sullivan, would like all Divisions and members to know that an Irish Way Video is available though the Irish American Cultural Institute. The video is for High School's Guidance Consulters as a way to spread word about this program. The cost of the video is \$4, checks made out to the Irish American Cultural Institute. Please send all requests with High School information to Bill Sullivan, 324 Winter Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

AOH MAJOR DEGREE WILL BE HELD IN MANVILLE 2008

The New Jersey State AOH will be holding the Shamrock and Major Degree at the VFW Hall in Manville on April 19th, 2008. Please reserve the date for this very special ceremony! If you have not received your Shamrock or Major Degree this is an excellent opportunity in our area. Interested or want to observe, please call Division Vice President John Kelly III (908) 359-3950, to reserve a spot.

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- Check here for information on St. Patrick's Day Parades throughout New Jersey and surrounding areas (NOTE: Information is regularly updated) <http://www.saintpatricksdaysparade.com/index.htm>.
- St. Patrick's Day Prelude, an evening of song & story, by the Celtic Theatre Company at Seton Hall University at the Theatre-in-the-Round on the South Orange campus, March 7-9. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for Seniors or Students. Please call (973) 761-9790.
- Division's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance, **Saturday, March 8**, to be held at St. Mary's Hall, 1900 Brooks Blvd, Hillsborough. Corned beef or chicken dinner, beer, wine and soda, otherwise a cash bar, music by our own Willie Lynch Band. Tickets - \$40 per person. This year we will be honoring Pete Diskin as the 2008 Hibernian of the Year. Get a table of ten or less together NOW! Call (908) 685-7167, (908) 218-9357 or (609) 466-7904 for information. See the enclosed flyer for more details.
- The Chieftains, Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 2pm at the State Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ. Tickets are \$30, \$40, \$55 & \$60; please call (877) STATE-11 for more information and tickets.
- The Irish American Cultural Institute presents The Wolfe Tones, Friday, March 14, 2008 At 8pm at the Community Theatre, 100 South St., Morristown, NJ. Get into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with Ireland's premier "rebel" musicians whose powerful and passionate traditional songs, instrumentals and ballads speak to the very essence of being Irish. Tickets are \$47 / \$42 / \$37 / \$32, please call (973) 539-8008.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Somerville, Sunday, March 16, 2008 – our day to show our Irish!
- The Ancient Order of Hibernians 94th National Convention in New Orleans - The Convention will be held from July 23 to July 26, 2008 - For more information on the convention check the official Homepage of the National Convention at www.aoh.com. Reservation at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/aoh>.

CALENDAR

(Thurs) AOH sponsored FREE traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes are starting Jan. 10 thru Mar. 13 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.

(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 - Feb 10 (Wed-Sun) The Irish Repertory Theatre presents Bernard Shaw "The Devil's Disciple", 132 West 22nd St., New York City. (No shows Mon) Tickets are \$60 or \$55. The Theatre is located at 132 West 22nd St. between 6th and 7th Ave., New York. Performance Schedule: Wednesday – Saturday at 8pm, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday at 3pm. For Tickets and more information, please call (212) 727-2737.

Feb 1 (Fri) St. Brigid of Ireland (Mary of the Gael) – Official holy day of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Feb 4 (Mon) Irish American Public Action Committee Meeting at Mannions on Main St., Somerville, at 5:30pm. All welcome. Information (908) 647-3984.

Feb 6 (Wed) Ash Wednesday.

Feb 9 (Sat) Our Lady of the Hills Council 5959, Knights of Columbus, holds its 9th Annual art auction at the Blessed Sacrament parish hall, 1890 Washington Valley Road. Call Rip Schissler at (908) 642-8374 or Dan Hayes at (908) 256-5901.

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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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.

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Francis X. Hermes P.A. – Attorney at Law – Somerville (908) 218-1500.

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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.

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.

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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

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CALENDAR

Feb 12 (Sun) Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Feb 14 (Thur) St. Valentine's Day – Don't forget those you love on this very special day.

Feb 18 (Mon) Presidents Day.

Feb 19 (Tues) Regular AOH Meeting. Meeting will start at 8pm.***

Feb 23 (Sat) State Board Meeting, 1pm, at the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh hall located at 648 Prospect Ave in West Orange NJ 07072 (Hall Phone (973) 325-9338).

Feb 23 (Sat) The IACI's 15th Annual Washington's St. Patrick's Day Ball will be held at the Madison Hotel, Madison, NJ. Tickets are \$175 per person, for more information please contact the IACI at (973) 605-1991.

Feb 24 (Sun) AOH sponsored Traditional Irish Music Seisiun at the Somerville Knights of Columbus Council, 495 East Main St., Somerville. 5-9pm, FREE. Information (908) 685-3168.***

Feb 28 (Wed-Sun) The Irish Repertory Theatre presents "Take Me Along" (based on Eugene O'Neill's Ah' Wilderness!), 132 West 22nd St., New York City. (No shows Mon) Tickets are \$60 or \$55. The Theatre is located at 132 West 22nd St. between 6th and 7th Ave., New York. Performance Schedule: Wednesday – Saturday at 8pm, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday at 3pm. For Tickets and more information, please call (212) 727-2737. Preview on Wednesday, February 20.

Mar 2 (Sun) Belmar Saint Patricks Day Parade, <http://www.belmarparade.com>.

Mar 3 (Sat) Irish Gala Ball, sponsored by Trenton AOH, at the Nottingham Ballroom. Cocktails and Hors D'Oeuvres beginning at 7 PM. The dinner will begin at 8 PM. There will be an Irish show Band from Philadelphia, for reservations or ticket information call Vince McKelvey (609) 586-3851. \$90.00 per person.

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