

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

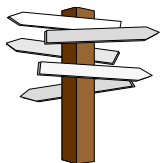
AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

July 2008

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JULY, 2008

That there may be an increase in the number of those who volunteer to serve the Christian community with generous and prompt availability.

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



DIVISION ANNUAL PICNIC
August 24, 2008



James R. Brannen, Original Division Member Passed Away Recently

We mourn the loss of our beloved Brother, James R. Brannen, at the same time we rejoice in God's gift of his life to us. Jim was an original member of our organization. He served in the US Army during World War II and in local government. Jim was very patriotic, a lover of Irish & American culture.

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

A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):

Pronunciation:

English:

Bíonn siúlach scéalach.

b'i:n s'u:l-ëx s'c'e:l-ëx.

Travellers have tales to tell.

Note: "ë" stands for an unstressed vowel, generally silent or soft.

2008-09 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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
-WORKERS FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC –
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
[Picnic Flyer/Order Form](#)

To help with our annual picnic on Sunday, August 24 at the Eagles Aerie picnic grounds. ALL kinds of help are needed for setting-up, the kitchen, the grills, the corn bar, beer and soda areas, gate and parking, corn huskers, ice porters, table cleaners, clean-up crew, etc. YOU NAME IT, WE NEED IT. Please call Pat Mannion (908) 722-3825 or Jim Walsh (908) 904-8074.

Our Charities & Missions Committee had to unexpectedly cancel the CGE raffle. Don't miss the September meeting which will have a marvelous potpourri of items. Thank you and God Bless.

NO MONTHLY MEETINGS OR IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC SEISIUNS IN JULY & AUGUST

St. Patrick Division I Annual Picnic

Picnic Flyer/Order Form

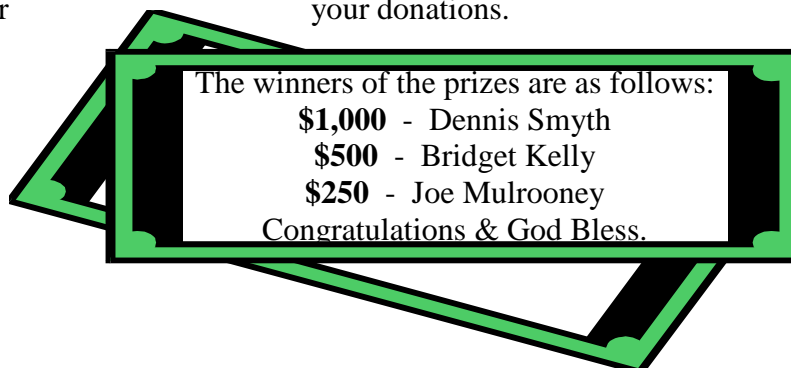
Our Annual Picnic is fast approaching. Our current Chairman is looking for help, organizing, cooking, shucking corn, serving, tickets, children's games, you name it. Can you help? Any amount of time you can spare is helpful, as they say many hands make for light work. If you can help, please contact **Pat Mannion (908) 722-3825** or **Jim Walsh (908) 904-8074**. REMEMBER to keep **Sunday, August 24** free. It is a great time for family, friends and Irish Cheer. Please help us continue to make this a great event. Thank you and God Bless.

IRISH TRIVIA

This month's trivia question is: Do you know what regiment the great charge of the Confederates at Gettysburg in July 3, 1863? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)

DIVISION'S ANNUAL FUND RAISING UPDATE

Our Hearty THANK YOU to all whom brought and/or sold tickets to our Division's Annual Fund Raising Program. It was a very successful program this year! This thank you not only goes to the Hibernians, but also to our many friends who have been so supportive and giving now and in the past. Our hats are off to all of you. God Bless you all for your donations.



2008 Outstanding Service Award

Our Division's Executive Board is proud to announce this year's recipient for the **2008 Outstanding Service Award to Bridge Berry**. Bridge has helped us with our monthly Seisiuns and many of our functions through the years. The Award will be presented at our Annual Picnic in August.

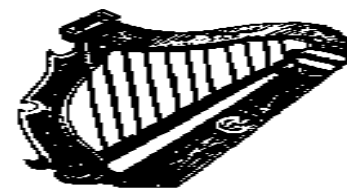
Congratulations to Bridge! *Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)

2008 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- NO SEISIUNS IN JUNE, JULY & 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's Crystal Shop located at the Village Plaza in the Feed Mill next to Liberty Village, Flemington, NJ. Mention that you are a Hibernian or family member and we're sure you will receive preferential treatment along with a very generous discount.



A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To the eight Hibernian Brothers who acted as canopy bearers for the recent Corpus Christi procession from the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in Raritan to the other two Catholic Churches in town. These members of the Knights of St. Patrick are Brothers Robert Coffey, Patrick Crowley, Kevin Donovan, Robert

Eustace, John Kelly III, John Kelly IV, Neil Mahoney and Francis Toolan. May God bless them and all who helped and participated in this wonderful expression of Faith.

- To the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance Committee of Brothers Kevin Barry, Derek Kirby and Mike Philbin, the Ladies AOH, Heavenly Catering, St. Mary's Hall Administration and staff, the Willie Lynch Show Band, Irish Stepdancers, the St. Ann's of Hampton Pipes & Drums, the slide show video by Photo Tribute DVD thru the efforts of Brothers Finbarr Kirby, President, P. Joe Mulrooney, Dennis Smyth and Bruce Van Arsdale, along with Brother James Lynch and his excellent photos and copies of the event for the AOH file and for the principle participants and to all who helped prior to, during and after this event.
- To Tony Leonetti for printing our Newsletter each month at a very reasonable cost at their Mail Boxes Etc., 1308 Centennial Ave., Piscataway business.
- To Brother Vince Reh and his lovely wife, Sue, for helping in picking up, labeling and putting on the postage.
- To all the Brothers who contributed to CGE, our contributions are most appreciated and they send their prayers & Best Wishes.

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

The answer to this month's trivia question Colonel Dennis O'Kane's Irish 69th Pennsylvania Vol. Infantry on Cemetery Ridge, they held off "Pickett's Charge".

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	Treasurer	David Carew
Vice President	Open	Marshall	Jack McCullagh
Recording Secretary	Tom Burns	Sentinel	P. Kevin O'Sullivan
Financial Secretary	Open	Chairman of Standing Committee	Robert Eustace

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.

HIBERNIAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We have only had a few new members these past few months. Thanks to those Brothers who proposed these new members. We urge you once again to invite your friends and/or relatives, if practicing Catholic gentlemen of Irish heritage, to join our very active division. We need EVERY member to sign up ONE NEW MEMBER in 2008. *Don't leave it for someone else to do!* Have that friend or relative complete the AOH application that we sent you recently and forward it with a check for \$35 (made payable to the AOH) to our Division Financial Sectary, 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. *Please remember* the change on the signing up of new members. Membership dues for new members joining the division during the April to June are required to pay only \$35. Please note that all ordained Catholic priests, all full-time male students over 16 years of age and any full-time member of the U.S. Armed Forces who otherwise qualifies for membership in the AOH, will be exempt from annual dues in our division, so long as they retain such status. How about signing up some of your parish priests of Irish birth or descent and those younger members of your family or relatives????

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To Kathleen Kerwin, daughter of Brother Michael and his lovely wife, Patrica, on being selected as one of Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski's Exemplary Scholars from the Diocese of Metuchen.
- To Patricia McGarry, Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission manager, lovely wife of Brother James, on receiving the 2008 Spirit of Somerset Award for Cultural Arts presented at a recent Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting.
- To the late Brother Walter Kavanaugh on receiving the 2008 Spirit of Somerset Award for Government presented at a recent Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting.

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 Mary Kelly (908) 359-3950.

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 Jim Brannen passed away on recently. Please offer your prayers for the repose of his soul.
- Maryanne Burke, daughter of Alice MacInterary, a great support of our Division, past way suddenly. Please offer your prayers for the repose of her soul.
- Thomas Smith, son of Carl and Margie Smith, good friends & strong supporters of our Division, passed away recently. Please offer your prayers for the repose of his soul.
- Brother Rich Hyland had an operation recently. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep the above and all our previously reported sick and deceased in your prayers. If you know of serious illness, hospital admission, or death in a member's immediate family (wife, son, daughter, mother, or father), please contact our Sick & Vigil Chairman, Robert J. Canavan, at (732) 469-1098 so that a card or other suitable acknowledgement can be sent. We depend on you to keep us informed. Also, if you would like to send a card or contact someone on the list, please contact the Sick & Vigil Chairman at the above number.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The June Attendance award was for \$453 and would have been won by Colin P. McKeown. Unfortunately Colin could not make to the meeting, so the pot grows for September. How do you get in on the prize? Just attend our monthly meetings and drop \$1 into the pot. If your membership number is pulled, you win the award. Please note that 50 cents of the \$1 goes towards a food fund for food/snacks at upcoming meetings.

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.

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.

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.

94th AOH/LAOH Bi-Annual Convention July 23-26, New Orleans, LA

The 94th Bi-Annual National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held in New Orleans, LA Wednesday, July 23 until Saturday, July 26. Wednesday opens with a Mass at St. Patrick's Church. The meeting starts at the Sheraton Hotel on Thursday, July 24 at 5pm. There will be voting on the new National AOH officers. 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. More information can be found on the National website www.aoh.com.

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").

BE 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. \$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 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 \$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.

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- **Our Division Annual Picnic**, mini Irish Festival, *August 24, Sunday*, at the Eagles Aerie Picnic Grounds in Bridgewater, NJ.
- Ceili Classes begin September 11 and run through November 6 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater.
- The AOH John P. Holland Division – Ocean County #4 present their 3rd Annual Irish Festival at the Ship Bottom Boat Ramp (10th & Shore Ave) Date/Time: Saturday 9/6/08 11AM-7PM & Sunday 10AM-6PM (Mass celebrated at 11AM). Rain or Shine!
- The Patrick Torphy Division (Monmouth County 2) will host the Tenth Annual Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore at the Sea Girt National Guard Base on Saturday, September 13 from 10am till 6pm - Rain or Shine! For tickets, sponsorship and vendor information, call (732) 291-3239. Mail ticket payments to AOH – Div 2 – PO Box 913, New Monmouth, NJ 07748.
- The American Irish Ass'n. is sponsoring Gavin's Tip, September 26-38. Please contact Charlie Reilly (732) 382-1853 for more information.

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.

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.

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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.

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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

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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.

Jul 4 (Fri) AOH Holiday-Independence Day.

Jul 20-Sep 7 (Tues-Sun) The Irish Repertory Theatre presents Around the World in 80 Days, 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: Tuesday – Saturday at 8pm, Saturday & Sunday at 3pm. For Tickets and more information, please call (212) 727-2737.

Jul 23-26 (Wed-Sat) 94th Bi-Annual National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held in New Orleans, LA. Please call Division President Finbar Kirby, (908) 218-9357, if you are interested. More information can be found on the National website www.aoh.com.

Jul 26 (Sat) Feast of St. Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Christ.

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. Tkts./Info Jim Walsh (908) 904-8074 or Joe Simmons, 145 Benart Place, Middlesex, NJ 08846-1803 (732) 356-8496.***

NO AOH REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OR AOH SPONSORED IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC SEISIUNS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

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

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?

Thank you for responding!

Are you interested and would like to patron in follow Hibernian's businesses? Please go to our Division website: <http://www.aohsomerset.com> and check out member form to send a note to your Division Officers.



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