

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

June 2008

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JUNE, 2008

That Christians may cultivate a deep and personal friendship with Christ so they are able to communicate the strength of His love to those they encounter.

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

REGULAR AOH MEETING

Tuesday, June 17, 8:00pm
Knights of Columbus
495 East Main Street, Somerville

38th ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 14, 9:00am

First Energy Park, Lakewood, NJ

REGULAR AOH MEETING

We plan to conduct a brief business meeting followed by our Annual Raffle drawing and a summer kickoff social. This is our last meeting before summer break. As usual, free beer, soda and wine. *Pint agus caint* (pint and chat).

Our Charities & Missions Committee will conduct a raffle for the benefit of CGE after the meeting. The June raffle prizes will sure to be a thirst quencher or eye catcher. The May Raffle donated \$185 to CGE. The May Raffle winners were Mike Donnelly, a golf utility belt & Gibster; Dan Hayes, a Chieftains CD & 2 Staten Island Irish Festival tickets; Ed Murphy, a bottle of white wine; and Marty Collins, first aid kit. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and to have a very good chance at winning some fabulous prizes.

JUNE 15



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

A father protects you when
You're little, cares for you
As you grow, and guides you
Through the river of life.

All AOH members' fathers and AOH friends, living and deceased, will be honored during a Solemn Mass at the Church of St. Joseph in the Holy Land on Father's Day. In addition, there will be a Mass Novena celebrated at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Illinois to remember our fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles and all who have shared a paternal love in our lives.

A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):

Pronunciation:

English:

Is í an dias is troime is ísle a chromas a ceann.

s' iën d' iës is trom-ë is I:s'-l ë xrom-ës ë k'an.

The heaviest ear of grain bends its head the lowest.

IRISH TRIVIA

This month's trivia question is: Can you name the Irish Group that invaded Canada after the American Civil War? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)



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 or information on joining, please contact Mary Kelly (908) 359-3950.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To all graduates - especially members, relatives and friends, and to their families and their extended families.

AS YOU GRADUATE



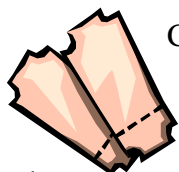
Cherish your memories, but reach forward, Treasure your friendships, but reach outward,
Learn from the past, but move onward, Live each day with hope, and climb upward.

SLAINTE AND GOD BLESS !!!

- To all the children and grandchildren who have received their First Communion this past month. May they keep Jesus in hearts and minds.
- To all priests, deacons and religious celebrating anniversaries and to the newly ordained priests and deacons - May they be filled with the graces needed to perform their ministerial duties, caringly and fully.
- To all members of attend the State's recent Major Degree in Manville.
- To all members and friends who helped with our recent 25th Anniversary Dinner/Dance.
- To those members who volunteered and helped with the Annual Corpus Christi procession in Raritan.
- To Brother P. Kevin O'Sullivan and his lovely wife, Marianne, on the birth of their first child, Katherine Sue. Also, to Brother Dr. Jeremiah and his wife, Elizabeth, on becoming grandparents again. All are reportedly doing well.

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 17**.

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 the Division Executive Board for all their efforts on our behalf throughout the year.
- To all Hibernians and friends for your appreciation and thank you's that I have received from editing the Newsletter.
- To all the Brothers who contributed to CGE, our contributions are most appreciated and they send their prayers & Best Wishes.
- To The Knights of Columbus for permitting us to use their Club House for our monthly seisiuns and our regular monthly meetings along with a number of special occasions in the past, such as, the post St. Patrick's Day Parade get-togethers.

- To Jim Butler, our former Chairman of our Charities and Mission Fund and his new Committee, for all his efforts in fund raisings for necessities at the Center for Great Expectations.
- To Brothers William T. Cooper and William T. Cooper, III, for permitting us to use their office and facilities for our Executive Board meetings and for preparing & mailing our monthly newsletters and other needed mailings.
- To the PeopleCare Center for allowing us to use their facilities for our ceili classes.

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

The answer to this month's trivia question is the Fenian Brotherhood, which invaded Canada on June 1, 1866, in hopes of Ireland's freedom.

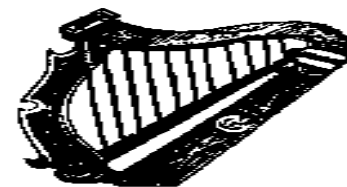
St. Patrick Division I Annual Picnic



Our Annual Picnic is fast approaching. Our current Chairman, Pat Mannion, 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 (732) 885-4085. 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.

2008 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- NO SEISIUNS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST -
 - September 28 – October 26 – November 23 –
- 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 outstanding treatment along with a very generous discount.

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 \$30 (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 \$30. 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?????

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) 874-5975. 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.

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.

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 Charlie Collins is in the process of receiving special treatments to heal his foot. He asks for our prayers.
- Brother Tom O'Leary is recuperating nicely after his last treatment to correct a heart problem. Please keep Tom in your prayers.
- Susan O'Leary, sister of Brothers Tom and Danny O'Leary is in need of some prayers. She, like Tom is being treated for a heart condition.
- Barbara Cooper, wife of Brother Bill Cooper Sr. and mother of Brother Bill Cooper Jr. is improving after a knee replacement. Please remember Barbara in your prayers.
- Brother James Brannan is currently hospitalized and is in need of your prayers.
- Mrs. Geraldine Nabinger is recovering from a mild stroke. Please remember Geraldine in your prayers.
- Please remember also Brother John Hyde who is ill and receiving treatment.
- Beatrice O'Malley, mother of Brother John, is recovering from a knee replacement. Please keep her in you 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, 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.

PROJECT CHILDREN HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

As the recent problems in Northern Ireland continue and Peace is tenuous and fragile at best, it is the children of Northern Ireland who suffer the most. Would your family have the room and love necessary to host a Project Children guest this Summer, a child who has only known months NOT years of Peace in his or her entire life? Please open your homes and hearts to these youngsters. For information or application, call Brother Pat Cline or his lovely wife, Vivian, (908) 526-5019.

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



Long

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.

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.



ATTENDANCE AWARD

The April attendance raffle amounted to **\$431** and would have been won by Brother John F. Healy. However, Brother John could not be at the meeting, so the pot continues to grow for June. 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.

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").

The 5th Annual I.H.S. Race 4 Freedom

Attention all Runners and Walkers! The 5th Annual Immaculata High School Race 4 Freedom is just around the corner. Scheduled for 8:00 am on Saturday, June 28th, the I.H.S. Race 4 Freedom is a 5K Race/2-Mile fun walk through the streets of historic Somerville. Please join us as we work to raise money for need-based tuition assistance for current and incoming I.H.S. students. For more information or to register, visit our web site at www.ihsrace4freedom.org or give us a call at 908-725-1112, ext. 1238.

Appeal for Volunteers by the LAOH Soup Kitchen.

Volunteers are needed to help the Ladies serve food, generally the 3rd 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.

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- 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>.
- Ceili Classes begin September 11 and run through November 7 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Funderne Ave., Bridgewater.
- The American Irish Ass'n. is sponsoring Gavin's Tip, September 26-38. Please contact Charlie Reilly (732) 382-1853 for more information.

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 – July 6 (Wed-Sun) The Irish Repertory Theatre presents "Prisoner of the Crown", 132 West 22nd St., New York City. (No shows Mon or Tues) 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.

Jun 2 (Mon) Irish American Public Action Committee Meeting at Mannion's Pub, 150 West Main St., Somerville, at 6:30pm. All welcome. Information (908) 647-3984.

Jun 8 (Sun) Irish Sports Exhibition, The Shillelagh Club, 648 Prospect Ave, West Orange, NJ, 7th Annual Irish Sports Exhibition presented by Michael L. Delahunty Div. 9 Montclair, NJ & The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Essex Division, West Orange, NJ. Don't miss this Special Event! Adults: \$20.00, Age 12-20: \$5.00, Under 12: Free! For Information Contact: Shillelagh Club (973) 325-9338.

Jun 14 (Sat) Flag Day – Fly your Stars & Stripes Proudly.

Jun 14 (Sat) 38th ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL, First Energy Park, Lakewood, NJ, from 9am - 6pm - Admission is \$10 per person - MASS will be at 10:30am, Kidzone, Children's Playland, Ceili Tent, Irish Stepdancers, Kathy Durkin & Andy Cooney, The Wolfetones, Willie Lynch, The Bantry Boys, Massed Pipe Bands.***

Jun 15 (Sun) Father's Day – May St. Joseph, in his caring and lovely way, bestow his blessing on each of our fathers, this Father's Day and every day – Happy Father's Day.

Jun 17 (Tues) Regular AOH Meeting and Raffle Drawing. Meeting will start at 8pm.***

Jun 21 (Sat) James J. Reilly, Cape May Div 1 is sponsoring a Spring Fling, 2pm–6pm, Keenan's Irish Pub, 113 Olde New Jersey Ave, N Wildwood, NJ. All AOH & LAOH members are welcome. \$25 PP Domestic Bottles and Draft Beer, Wine, Well Drinks, Soda, & Food. IRISH MUSIC All proceeds go to various charities Please call (609) 729-0075 or visit: www.CMCAOH.com.

Jun 28 (Sat) Hibernian Foundation of Trenton is sponsoring Beef-N-Beer at the Hibernian Hall, 2419 Kuser Road, Hamilton, NJ 08690. Tickets \$30 each and the doors open at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm, featuring the Nancy McHugh Band & Irish Comedian "George Casey" - "Good clean comedy with deadly timing... genuine belly-laughs!", "Ireland's New King Of Blarney" born and raised in County Clare, Ireland. For Tickets call Phil Murray (609) 346-2771

Jun 28 (Sat) The 5th Annual Immaculata High School Race 4 Freedom.***

Jun 28 – 29 (Sat-Sun) Shawnee Mountain Celtic Festival, Loads of Entertainment. Please call (507) 421-7231.
NO AOH SPONSORED IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC SEISIUNS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

*** SEE NEWS ARTICLES ON ABOVE EVENTS ***

*** MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW ***

SPONSORSHIP

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

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

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Long's Travel – 96 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls. Eamonn Long (800) 524-0555.
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Thomas J. Deignan – licensed Private Investigator – P.O. Box 65, Lebanon, NJ 08833.
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage – Reverse Mortgage Specialist – Gary Adams (866) 556-6633.
McCool Sounds - DJ Services and Live Irish Music, contact Tom Burns (908) 295-7231 or www.mccoolsounds.com.
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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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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!



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