

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

November 2008

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER, 2008

That the testimony of love offered by the Saints, may fortify Christians in their service to God and neighbor, imitating Christ who came not to be served but to serve.

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 8:00pm
Knights of Columbus
495 East Main Street
Somerville

A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):
Pronunciation:
English:

Ní fearr bia ná ciall.
Ni: f'a:r b'i ë' na: k'i ël.
Food is not better than sense.

IRISH TRIVIA

The Question to this month's trivia is: On November 1, 1851, the Adjutant General of the state of New York issued General Order 489, providing for the formation of a militia regiment that would come to be one of the most famous regiments in American history, do you know what regiment it was? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The October attendance raffle amounted to \$502 and would have been won by Brother Henry L. Graham Jr.; however, Henry could not be at the October meeting, so the pot continues to grow. How do you get in on the prize? Just attend our monthly meetings and drop \$1 into the pot. We have had a winner nearly every other month! If your membership number is pulled, you win the award. We were also able to buy pizza at the last meeting, so come out and enjoy some friendship with your fellow Hibernians.

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND CHRISTMAS APPEAL & 10 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

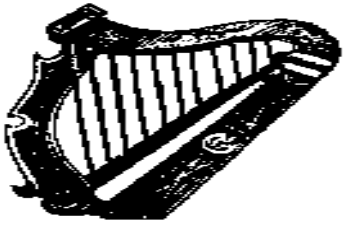
AOH 2008 Christmas Appeal for political prisoners and their dependents. All Hibernians are urged to forward a contribution of \$10 or more to be sent to Chairman of the Standing Committee, Bob Eustice, 23 Hardenbergh Street, Somerset, NJ 08873-7273. A Raffle will be held for a hand-carved Cross by a prisoners. Support of over 700 Irish political prisoners' families in Ireland, England, Europe and the USA. As the peace process continues, we must not neglect those whose personal sacrifices made it possible. Please be generous to this very worthy cause.

Friday, November 7 – LAOH Fall Dinner/Dance – St. Mary in Hillsborough, 8pm to Midnight.

Monday, November 24 – 10am - Somerset County AOH & the Somerville Knights of Columbus Annual Turkey Drive. Come out and help.

We plan to conduct a brief business meeting followed 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 man, Rich Hyland, will conduct a raffle for the benefit of CGE after the meeting. The October Raffle donated \$205 to CGE. The winners in the October raffle were Bruce Van Arsdale, an electric weed trimmer; Bill Cooper, a pack of hand saws; Frank Loftus, an Alaska Tote; Frank Toolan, a pair of his and her watches; and Bob Eustice, a bottle of Merlot. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and have a good chance at winning fabulous prizes.



2008 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

– November 23 -

For Information, call (908) 359-8820

FREE TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SEISIUN, SUNDAY, NOV. 23

Our next Free Irish traditional music seisiun will be held Nov. 23, 5-9pm. You won't find better Irish traditional music and entertainment anywhere!!! The Best Music & Entertainment – West of Ireland. If you haven't been to one of our seisiuns yet, do yourself a favor and come out to this one. Admission is FREE. Likewise the tea, Irish soda bread and Irish brown bread are FREE. A cash bar is available. All traditional Irish musicians are cordially invited to attend and join in the seisiuns. Novice musicians interested in improving their skills on accordion, tin whistle, bodran, mouth organ, etc., can receive instructions one hour before regular seisiuns begin. We award, bi-annually, an area Irish musician with a magnificent cut glass award designed and produced by Brother Bill Healy at his business - Bill Healy's Crystal Shop located on Main Street next to the Courthouse, Flemington, NJ. For more information call Tom Burns (908) 359-8820. These seisiuns are made available with the kind permission of the Knights of Columbus, Somerville Council, at their clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, Somerville. We sincerely want to thank our chairman, Tom Burns & former chairman, Mike Berry, along with all the musicians, singers, dancers and AOH members, their families and friends for making this activity such a great resounding success.

22nd Annual Irish Children's Christmas Fund



It is that time of the year again, The Irish Children's Christmas Fund for the children of Strabane, Crossmaglen, Coalisland, Downpatrick, Derry City and surrounding areas. The fund is looking for money donation to make this Christmas a merry one for these children. The Irish Children's Christmas Fund is a registered charity. Please help these children by sending your donation, checks made out to "The Irish Childrens Christmas Fund," to 1308 Centennial Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854. Thank you and God Bless.

A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To Brother Jim Fleming on preparing the delicious buffet meal before the October Meeting.
- To Brother Bob McCann for co-chairing the slate of Division Officers for 2008.
- To Brother William T. Cooper & William T. Cooper III for permitting us to continue use their office and postage machine for our Division's Executive Board meetings, plus regular and special mailings.

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our two new member who has been accepted at the October meeting. **Kevin Henry** proposed by John Lynch and **Scott Morrissey** proposed by Pat Kelly.

CÉaD MÍLE FáilTE (100,000 WELCOMES).



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.





L A O H Fall Dinner/Dance

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Somerset County Division, presents Fall Dinner Dance with Entertainment by Mike Byrne on Friday, November 7, at St. Mary's Hillsborough, 8PM-12PM. Tickets are \$35.00 Per Person and includes Beer, Wine, and Soda. There will also be a Bake Sale. For tickets and more information, please contact Meghan Kelly (908)-371-9080.

SICK & VIGIL

We ask that you remember all our sick, deceased members and their families, and our dear friends in your prayers. Please remember in the following:

- Brother John O'Donnell is home recovering after a recent surgery.
- Dick Nabinger is recovering nicely from a knee operation - we wish him well.

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.



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.

FREE ADULTS CEILI CLASSES, THURSDAY thru NOV. 9

Once again, our division is also sponsoring FREE traditional Irish folk dancing (ceili) lessons on Thursday evenings 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!!!

The **answer** to this month's trivia question is the "Fighting" 69th New York. The 69th's first commander was Colonel Charles Roe, succeeded by Colonel James Ryan in 1854, and then by Michael Corcoran in 1859, who two years later endeared himself to Irish-America by refusing to parade the 69th for the visiting Prince of Wales. The regiment would remain in the service of the New York National Guard after the war. Serving in both World Wars as the 165th Infantry, the men in the regiment participated in considerable fighting in both.

Annual Remembrance Mass and Luncheon

The annual NJ AOH State Remembrance Mass will be held on Saturday, November 15th 2008 at 11:00 AM. This mass is celebrated in the traditional Gaelic language to honor the memories of those that died in the Great Hunger and on 9/11, at St. Ann's Church located on Carr Avenue in Keansburg, NJ. A luncheon will follow at Town & Country Inn located at Broadway and Hwy 35 in Keyport. The cost for the luncheon is \$25 per person plus a cash bar. As always, our State Chaplain Father Cahill will say mass in Gaelic. For ticket and further information call Kevin Weldon at (732) 531-2580 or John Keane at (732) 740-6821.

Annual Bloody Sunday Tour of Ireland

The Annual Bloody Sunday Tour of Ireland will take place from January 30th thru February 6th 2009. This year it is being run by our National AOH Freedom for All Ireland Committee. You must arrange for your own airfare to Ireland. The cost is \$695 for Double/\$850 for a single and includes hotels, meals, tour bus and driver. A \$250 deposit is required by December 10. For more information call Sean Pender (609) 462-7056.

2009 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER PROJECT



Each Thanksgiving, the St. Patrick Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) and the Somerville Council of the Knights of Columbus (KOC) purchase turkeys and all the fixings for groups and families in need throughout Hunterdon, Somerset and Middlesex counties. We package and deliver between 50 – 60 baskets of food to needy families on the Monday (11/24) before Thanksgiving. We are asking for your support in feeding the hungry and our needy neighbors this year.

How you can help

DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD:

Our standard baskets contain: Stove Top stuffing, cranberry jelly, boxes of Jello, canned vegetables (green beans, corn, etc.), and canned gravy. Of course, any other type of canned good is welcome.

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS

Every basket starts with a turkey. Storage space is not available, so please drop off your frozen turkeys either Sunday night or Monday morning at locations listed below.

CASH DONATIONS

We do purchase the turkeys and food for approximately 50 baskets. Your cash donations assist us in defraying the cost and/or increasing the number of baskets we deliver. Make checks payable to AOH and mail to Tom Burns, 8 Camden Rd Hillsborough NJ 08844

VOLUNTEER TO PICK UP FOOD

We need help picking up food from supermarkets on the weekend (11/22) and Monday morning (11/24) and delivering to the KOC hall. All volunteers are appreciated; those with vans and pickup trucks especially.

VOLUNTEER TO ASSEMBLE AND DELIVER FOOD BASKETS

Deliveries are performed on Monday (11/24) late morning / afternoon from the KOC hall to the needy families and charities. All volunteers are appreciated; those with vans and pickup trucks especially.

Drop off location for non-perishable food:

8 Camden Rd, Hillsborough	Tom Burns (AOH and KOC member)
KOC, 495 E Main St. Somerville	1 st and 3 rd Thursday of Nov

Drop off location for frozen turkeys:

KOC, 495 E Main St. Somerville	Sunday evening Nov 23, 4 – 9 pm or
	Monday morning, Nov 24 7am – 9 am

Please call Tom Burns (908 359-8820) with any questions about how you may be able to support us.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To Tim and Phyllis Powell, longtime Division supporters, on their fortieth wedding anniversary.
- To Patrick E. Gibney, son of Brother Brian, was a recipient of the St. Timothy Award from the Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D on October 5, 2008 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Skillman, N.J
Slainte And God Bless!

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").

Purchase and Wear your AOH Apparel



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. Pat can be reached at (908) 371-9080.

REQUEST FOR HELP

The Samaritan Homeless Interim Program, SHIP, whose executive director is Brother Tom O'Leary, is looking for help during this Holiday season. They could use our help in donations. Please send your donations to SHIP, 67 W. High St., Somerville, NJ 08876. Thank you and God Bless.

Also, SHIP is in need of volunteers to help during the holidays with dinners, etc. If you can help, please call (908) 725-3260. Thank you.

Appeal for Volunteers to the Veteran Hospital at Lyons.

Brother Bob Eustace has asked for volunteers to help at the Veterans Hospital at Lyons. Please call Mary Beth Hynowski, Volunteer Program Director, at (908) 604-5814 ext. 4191 and let her know Bob Eustice requested you call her. Thank You and God Bless.

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- The Sons & Daughters of Erin will be holding their Scholarship Dance, Saturday December 6 at German-American Club, Uncle Pete's Rd., Yardville, NJ.. Great food, Great Music, Great Friends and a Great Time, starts at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm and dancing until Midnight. Tickets are \$45. Please call Gerry Nabinger (609) 587-8375, for more information and tickets.
- Andy Cooney's Cruise of Irish Stars 2009, February 7-14, 2009. 7-night western Caribbean cruise aboard the "New" MSC Orchestra. Our won Willie Lynch will be performing. Prices start at \$849, please call Cruise Specialists of Long Island (800) 499-2010 and let them know you are with the Willie Lynch Group.

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

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.

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.

Hanlon Holding Co. – Earn 18% on your money in one year – Jim Hanlon (732) 868-1225.

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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CALENDAR

November – Month of All Souls –A time to remember all our departed loved ones.

Please also remember our deceased AOH Brothers and Sisters and friends in your prayers.

(Thurs) AOH sponsored FREE traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes are thru Nov. 10 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne 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-Nov 30 (Tues-Sun) The Irish Repertory Theatre presents The Master Builder adapted by Frank McGuinness, 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.

Nov 1 (Sat) All Saints Day. Please ask our patron Saints and all Irish Saints including the patron Saint of our Division to intercede with God for continued peace in Ireland.

Nov 2 (Sun) All Souls Day – Pray for all our dearly departed and especially remember all of our departed Hibernian Brothers & Sisters.

Nov 3 (Mon) Irish American Public Action Committee Meeting at Mannions on Main St., Somerville, at 5:30pm. All welcome. Information (908) 647-3984

Nov 4 (Tues) Make plans NOW to VOTE on Election Day – Your vote does make a difference.

Nov 9-18 (Fri-Sun) “The Big House” by Lennox Robinson by the Celtic Theatre Company at Seton Hall University at the Theatre-in-the-Round on the South Orange campus. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for Seniors or Students. Please call (973) 761-9790.

Nov 15 (Sat) NJ State Boards of the AOH/LAOH present the “Irish Remembrance Mass” – In Remembrance of the Great Hunger and the lost AOH/LAOH members on 9/11 – Mass to be held at St. Ann’s Church, Carr Ave, Keansburg. A luncheon will follow at the Town & Country Inn located at Broadway and Hwy 35 in Keyport NJ. As always, our State Chaplain Father Cahill will say mass in Gaelic. For tickets and further information call Kevin Weldon at (732) 531-2580 or John Keane at (732) 740-6821- If you cannot attend, your donation would help - ACT NOW DON'T WAIT!***

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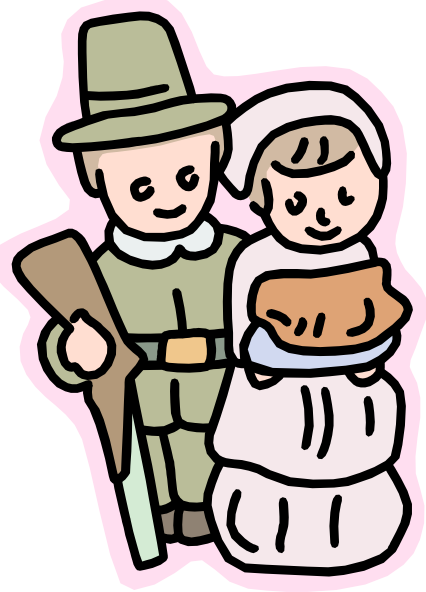
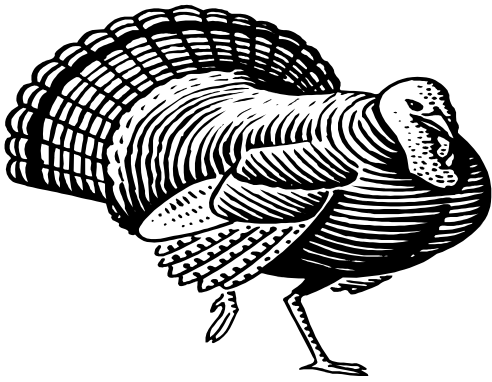
Nov 24 (Mon) Turkey Drive, 10am Knights of Columbus Hall, Somerville, Volunteers Needed.***

Nov 23 (Sun) AOH sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun, 5pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Somerville.***

Nov 27 (Thur) Thanksgiving Day.

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

*** MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW***



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