

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

October 2008

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR OCTOBER, 2008

That the Synod of Bishops may help bishops and theologians as well as catechists and pastoral workers engaged in the service of the Word of God transmit with courage the truth of the faith in communion with the entire Church.

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, October 21, 8:00pm

Knights of Columbus
495 East Main Street
Somerville

SPECIAL AOH MEETING

PLEASE NOTE THE 8:00PM START TIME SO WE MAY ALL EAT HEARTILY AFTER THE MEETING.

Please Note the DATE & TIME: Tuesday, Oct. 21!

Brother Jim Fleming is planning a FREE buffet, this evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will have a short business meeting and the installation of our new executive board. The Shamrock Degree of the Order will be had at another date. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend; we DO NEED TO KNOW how many are planning to attend so we can order appropriate amounts of food and arrange for seating. Anyone interested in helping with this Special Meeting and/or planning to attend, please call Division President Finbarr Kirby at (908) 218-9357.

As usual, free beer, soda and wine. *Pint agus caint* (pint and chat) AND a star packed venue of Hibernian entertainment after the meeting.

Charities Committee will be conducting another SUPER PRIZE RAFFLE for the Center for Great Exceptions (CGE). The September raffle donated \$190 and the winners went home with wireless headphones, Turtlewax Interior Cleaner, a decorative clock, a world clock, a bottle of Unionville Riesling Wine and a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon. The prizes will be something to wet your whiskers or raise your interest. Brothers who wished to remain anonymous generously donated the gifts. The Committee reports that the Center for Great Exceptions is very appreciative of our generous donations and keeps us in their prayers. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and to have a very good chance at winning these fabulous prizes. A Very Hearty Thanks to all whom have contributed in the past.

CONGRATULATION TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

President	John Kelly III	Vice President	Cliff Roberts
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

A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):

Is teann gach madra gearr i ndoras a thí féin.

Pronunciation:

Is t'an gax ma-drë g'a:r i nor-ës ë hi: f'e:n'

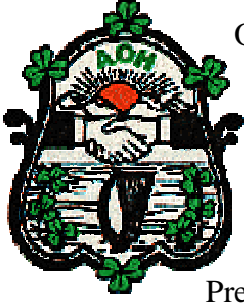
English:

Every terrier is bold in [the] door of his own house.

IRISH TRIVIA

The Question to this month's trivia is: Do you know where the Treaty of Limerick was signed on in October 3, 1691? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)

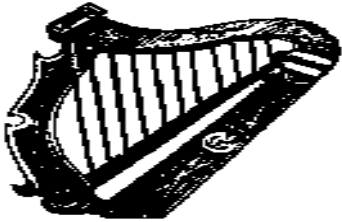
SPECIAL AOH MEETING, TUESDAY – OCTOBER 21



Our October meeting will be a planned buffet at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is the meeting at which we install the newly elected officers. Those who have not previously been inducted with the **Shamrock Degree** of the Order will have the opportunity to receive it in the Spring. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend; we do need to know how many are planning to attend so we can order appropriate amounts of food and arrange for seating. The buffet dinner, made by Brother Jim Fleming, after our brief meeting. Anyone interested in working on this Special Meeting, please the Division President Finbarr Kirby at (908) 218-9357.

Shamrock Award

Our Division is proud to bestow the Shamrock Award to Bruce Van Arsdale at our recent picnic. Bruce chairs our Annual Mass, as well as helped at many of our Division's functions. Thank you Bruce! God be with you. Congratulations to Bruce Van Arsdale! *Dia dhuit!* (God be with you)



2008 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

– October 26 – November 23 –

For Information, call (908) 359-8820

FREE TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SEISIUN, SUNDAY, OCT. 26

Our next Free Irish traditional music seisiun will be held Oct. 26, 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, and former chair, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- To Brother Msgr. James Brennan on being invested to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Sainte And God Bless!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our one new member who has been accepted at the September meeting. **Ciaran Scullion** proposed by Rich Hyland.

CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte (100,000 WELCOMES).

MEMBERSHIP

We regret to inform the membership that following members have resigned as by the vote of the Brotherhood at the October meeting: Sean O'Neill, James Meade, Thomas Finlan, Gerald Nugent, Richard Monoghn, Edward Gibney, Steve Murray, William Bochinski, Lawrence Dwyer, Jr., Frank Bubb, Jr., Steve McCarthy, Tim Hyland, Francis Hermes, L. Edward Hagan, John Edward Healey, Kevin Byrne, Thomas O'Connor, Brendan Crosby, Dr. Thomas Boyle, Dennis Felter, Jim Jenkinson, Daniel O'Leary. We are sorry to see them go, but wish them all the best.

A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To all our officers, committee chairmen and members who worked so hard during this past year to make this a GREAT AOH DIVISION.
- To Brothers P. Joe Mulrooney and Bob McCann for all the work he did with providing a wonderful slate of new officers for the 2008/09 year.
- To the Brothers who wished to remain anonymous, for their donations of the raffle gifts for the September CGE Raffle.

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

The answer to this month's trivia question is The Limerick Treaty Stone near the Thomond Bridge and across the river from King John's Castle.



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.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The September attendance raffle amounted to \$477 and would have been won by Brother Hugh McGee; however, Hugh could not be at the September 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. 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 Division President Finbarr Kirby, 803 Boesel Ave., Manville, NJ 08835-2418. The money obtained will be given to National as part of our pledge of \$1,000 to FFAI. 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.

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 recovering after a surgery, please keep him in your prayers
- **Brother Bill Donohue** is having health issues, 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, 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.

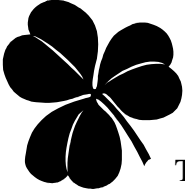


SOMERSET LAOH

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 NOW thru NOV. 8, THURSDAYS

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 have begun and run through Nov. 8, 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 (908) 526-9475.



L A O H Fall Dinner/Dance

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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.

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.



NEEDED – Chairman & Committee to Deliver Thanksgiving Turkeys & Fixings to Needy Families

We have a few volunteers but we need at least a dozen more and non-AOH members are very welcome to join us on this project, including spouses, daughters and sweethearts. We are also in need of a chairman to help supervise. The volunteers are needed to put together Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. Our Division and K of C plans to purchase turkeys and the fixings to deliver to needy families identified by one or more local parishes or by our members. Those wishing to participate in this noble effort or to donate to the cause are asked to let Division President Finbarr Kirby know ASAP (908) 359-3950. Turkeys are to be delivered or picked up by the respective families on Monday, November 24 (Monday before Thanksgiving) at 10am.

Trenton Irish Music Festival

The Trenton AOH, 2419 Kuser Road, Hamilton Square, NJ, present the Trenton Irish Music Festival: Day 1 Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 4pm –10:30pm Starts off with a Mass followed by performances By: Grade 6 Pipe Band contest; Willie Lynch, a pipe massing and the Bogside Rogues. Admission: \$5 for adults and students [Note: Free Admission with a Hibernian Card]. Day 2 Sunday, October 5m starts at 1pm to 7pm with performances By: a musical tribute to the late Billy Briggs; AOH Pipe Band; Nancy McHugh Band; Irish Dancers; Jamison. Admission: \$8. For more information, please contact Phil Murray (609) 346-2771, phil.murray@trentonaoh.com, sean.pender@trentonaoh.com or check out <http://www.TRENTONIRISHFESTIVAL.COM>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHARITY BALL, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Knights of Columbus, Somerville Council, will be conducting their Annual Charity Dinner/Dance on Friday, October 24 at the St. Mary, Brookes Blvd., Hillsborough. Dinner will be served promptly at 8pm; doors open at 7pm. Dinner includes choice of beef, chicken or fish. Proceeds from tickets and raffle go to Leukemia and Lymphatic diseases. Tickets are \$50 per person. It is our chance to show our support to the K. of C. for all that they have done for our AOH Division. Please call Tom Russell (908) 722-8299 for tickets and information.

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); \$25 1-color Polo Shirts – White or Blue or Kelly Green or Forest Green; \$20 Sweatshirts – White, Grey, Green, Blue; \$40 Lined Hooded Jackets – Green, Blue, White; \$50 Windcheater Long Sleeved Shirt – Blue; \$40

Windcheater Vest – 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 charge. 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.

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.

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").

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- The **Somerset County LAOH will be hosting the Fall Dinner Dance** featuring Michael Byrne, Friday, November 7, from 8pm to Midnight at St. Mary’s in Hillsborough. Tickets are \$35 per person and include Beer, Wine & Soda. For tickets or more information, please contact Meghan Kelly (908)-371-9080.
- 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.

OUR DIVISION’S WEB SITE



Our Division has produced a web site. It has up-to-date information, contacts, dates and the Newsletter online. If you have internet access, at home or at work, you can see the site at <http://www.aohsomerset.com>. You can also talk to our Vice President at upcoming meetings or events about the web site. You will receive an email when the Newsletter is posted and link to take you right to the new Newsletter. Take a look at it and let us know what you think. Thank You and God Bless.

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

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),

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.

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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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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

CALENDAR

(Thurs) AOH sponsored FREE traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes now thru Nov. 8 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finnerne 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.

Oct 4-5 (Sat-Sun) Trenton Irish Music Festival - Tickets are on sale now at the club. Saturday \$5, Free to AOH members, Sunday \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Call Phil Murray (609) 346-2771 for more information.***

Oct 5 (Sun) Sons & Daughters of Erin Shanagolden Sunday Sets at Xavier Hall, 201 Broadway, Westville, NJ. Admission \$15. Please call (856) 983-7464 for more information.

Oct 6 (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.

Oct 7 (Tues) Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Try to remember to say a rosary for continued peace in Ireland, this special day and as many other days as possible in this Month of the Rosary.

Oct 10-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.

Oct 11 (Sat) Smithville Irish Festival, 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.

Oct 13 (Mon) 90th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima. Please say an extra prayer for continued peace in Ireland.

Oct 13 (Mon) Burlington County Division 1 is sponsoring the Thomas G. Prendergast Golf Outing at the Fountain Green Golf Course Fort Dix, NJ. 4 Player Scramble/ Shotgun Start Registration Donation: \$90 per player at the golf course. Registration at 8am, Shotgun Start at 9am. Irish Piper Entertainment Salute to America Refreshments At the Legion, Buffet Lunch Open Bar Awards/ Prizes (All golfers receive a prize) For More Information Contact Mike Hogan at hoganm_nj@yahoo.com

Oct 12 (Sun) New Castle County Irish Society are holding the 15th Annual Irish Festival, 11am – 7pm. Price \$12 per person, children under 12 Free. Our own Willie Lynch will be there.

Oct 18 (Sun) The New Jersey State Board of the AOH will hold their meeting, noon, to be held at Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, 648 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ. If you are interested in going, please contact Division President Finbarr Kirby (908) 218-9357.

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Nov 15 (Sat) The NJ State Board will hold its annual Remembrance Mass, 293 Carr Ave., Keansburg, NJ for those who died in the Great Hunger and in 911. The mass will be celebrated in Gaelic by State Chaplain Fr. Dan Cahill.

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

*** MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW***

REMINDER



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