

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

September 2008

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2008

That those who are forced to leave home and country because of war or oppressive regimes may be supported by Christians in the defense and protection of their rights.

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 16, 8:00pm
Knights of Columbus
495 East Main Street
Somerville

We plan to conduct a brief business meeting, including any additional nominations of officers prior to election of the officers for the coming year, and the election of officers. Plan to attend this very important meeting. As usual, free beer, soda and wine.

Pint agus caint
(pint and chat).



J. Brandon Maxwell, Charter Division Member, passed away recently.

We mourn the recent loss of our beloved Hibernian Brother, J. Brandon Maxwell who passed away recently. At the same time, we rejoice in God's gift of his life to us. He was known for his love of Irish music. He will be missed.

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)

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
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

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, as soon as possible. Further nominations will be held at our *next meeting* 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.

The Charities Committee will be conducting another SUPER PRIZE RAFFLE for the Center for Great Exceptions (CGE). The prizes will be something to wet your whiskers or raise your interest. Brothers who wished to remain anonymous generously donated the gifts. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and to have a very good chance at winning these lovely and valuable prizes. A Very Hearty Thanks to all whom have contributed in the past. God Bless.

A BIT OF IRISH

Irish (Gaeilge):

Pronunciation:

English:

Ní neart go cur le chéile.

ni: n'art gë kur lë x'e:l'ë.

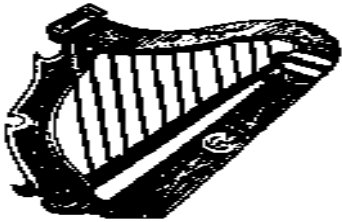
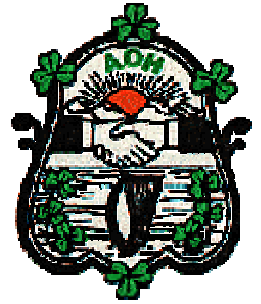
There is no strength without unity.

IRISH TRIVIA

The Question to this month's trivia is: Can you name the Irish-American born in September of 1842 and died in September 1928 in Atlantic City? (Answer may be found elsewhere in the newsletter)

SPECIAL AOH MEETING OCT 21ST

Our October meeting will be a planned buffet at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is the meeting at which we traditionally install the newly elected officers, have a swearing in of all the new members for the year along with any members who has not been sworn in before. Those who have not previously been inducted with the **Shamrock Degree** of the Order will have the opportunity to receive it this evening. 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 working on this Special Meeting, please call your Division President Finbarr Kirby at (908) 218-9357.



2008 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- **September 28** – October 26 – November 23 -

For Information, call (908) 359-8820

FREE TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SEISIUN, SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

Our next Free Irish traditional music seisiun will be held Sept. 28, 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 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.



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:

- J. Brandon Maxwell, charter member, passed away recently. Prayers are requested for the repose of his soul.

- Margaret Mulrooney, lovely wife of Brother P. Joe, is recovering from a recent surgery. Please keep her 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 (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.

A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

- To Our Lord, Our Lady of Knock and St. Patrick for providing a beautiful and soft day for our annual picnic.
- To our picnic co-chairmen – **Pat Mannion & Jim Walsh**, organizer – **Bob Eustice**, announcer – **Brain Regan**, ticket chairman – **Joe Simmons**, Music setup - **Tom Burns**, and to all the workers and to ALL the Hibernian Brothers, relatives and friends who helped in any way to make this year's picnic such a resounding success, once again. There is not enough room to list all who helped and we'd surely miss someone, so please give yourselves a BIG pat on the back and act as our Division's representative and let all who helped know that we really do appreciate their efforts. We couldn't have done it without them.
- To the Eagles Aerie management and staff, Willie Lynch Show Band, the St. Ann's of Hampton Pipe Band and friends, and the representatives and our young step-dancers, for making the picnic such a SPECIAL DAY.

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

The answer to this month's trivia question is John Devoy, one of the most devoted revolutionaries the world has ever seen, was born in Kill, County Kildare. Moving to America he worked as a journalist and joined Clan na Gael which had become the leading Irish-American ally of the Irish republican movement. Few men have sustained their revolutionary zeal into their 80s as did Devoy. He died in Atlantic City, N.J., on September 29, 1928, having sacrificed for nearly his entire life for Ireland.



L A O H Fall Dinner/Dance

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Somerset County Division, will present a Fall Dinner Dance in November at St. Mary's Hillsborough, 8PM-12PM. Tickets prices will be announced shortly and includes Beer, Wine, and Soda. There will also be a Bake Sale. For tickets and more information, please contact Mary Kelly (908) 359-3950.

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 Finnerne 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 (908) 526-9475.

Outstanding Service Award

Our Division proudly bestowed our 2008 Outstanding Service Award to **Brigid Berry** at our recent picnic. Brig has been a very active friend of our Division. She had helped organize the food for your Monthly Seisiuns for many years. If we have a Division function, Brig was helping somewhere. The Award will be presented at our Annual Picnic in August.

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

Shamrock Award

Our Division is proud to bestow the Shamrock Award to **Derek Kirby** at our recent picnic. Derek helps run our Dinner/Dances and organized our recent 25th Anniversary Dinner/Dance, as well as helped at many of our Division's functions. Also, a 2nd Shamrock Award was presented to **Bruce VanArsdale** who has organized our Division's Annual Irish Heritage Mass and Brunch for the last 3 years. Thank you Derek and Bruce! God be with you.

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.



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>.

Bill Healy Crystal Has Moved

Bill Healy Crystal, celebrating 35 Years, has moved to new location, 79 Main Street (next to the Historic Courthouse) in Flemington, NJ. Their hours: Monday to Saturday 9:30am until 5:30pm. And, more importantly they wanted to remind the AOH members of an automatic special 15% discount. This would apply to all regular purchases not engraving or repair services. Stop in and say hello. Ph (908) 806-2100 / Fax (908) 782-6769 Web: www.healycrystal.com / Email: healy@eclipse.net

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.

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").

"Irish-American Experience at Gettysburg"

Tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield & Soldiers National Cemetery

The Pvt. Barney Devine Div #1 of Adams County, PA is sponsoring a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield & Soldiers National Cemetery. The tour is not exclusive to AOH/LAOH members, it is open to the general public as well but it is a tour designed to cover the experience of the Irish and Irish-American soldier (both Union & Confederate) at Gettysburg. The tour will help make a substantial contribution to the effort to put a monument to Gen. Thomas Francis Meagher in his hometown of Waterford. For those of you who have visited the Irish Brigade monument on the Antietam battlefield, a duplicate of the Meagher bronze on the back side of the monument is what the Irish Cultural Society of MD/DC hopes to place in Ireland. Filling the bus is essential to the success of the tour. The cost of the tour will be \$50 per person and includes transportation, guided tour and a hot buffet lunch. Please visit <http://www.gettysburgaoh.com/tour/info.html> or call Jim McGuigan (717) 360-5704 by September 1st if you are interested.

NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT

- Ceili Classes begin September 11 and run through November 6 at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Funderne Ave., Bridgewater.
- Smithville Irish Festival, Saturday Oct 11, 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.
- The New Jersey State Board of the AOH will hold their meeting Saturday, October 18 at 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.
- The Somerset County LAOH will hold a Fall Dinner Dance, at St. Mary's in Hillsborough in November. Tickets or more information will be forthcoming.
- The Irish Repertory Theatre presents The Master Builder adapted by Frank McGuinness, 132 West 22nd St., New York City, October 10 – November 30, (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.
- 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),

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

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Mannion's Pub & Restaurant 150 West Main St., Contact Pat Mannion (908) 203-0700.

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Mail Boxes Etc. - For All your Shipping and Copying Needs. Tony Leonetti (732) 981-9444.

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Cliff Roberts (908) 704-0048.

O'Neill, Knapp and Associates, PC – Certified Public Accountants – Peter J. O'Neill (908) 647-7258

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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.

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WineRx.com 42 Main St., Madison, NJ 07940 Fine Wines Online, Marty Foy Jr. (973) 822-1443.

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Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

CALENDAR

(Thurs) AOH sponsored FREE traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes are starting Sept. 11 thru Nov. 6 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-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.

Sept 1 (Mon) Labor Day Holiday, fly your American Flag.

Sept 6-7 (Sat-Sun) The Ocean County Division 4 is proud to present their 3rd Annual Ship Bottom Irish Cultural Festival, on Long Beach Island, from 11am to 7pm. There will be Bagpipe bands, Irish Step Dancers, Irish Contemporary music, and much more! Gate Admission: \$10.00, (Children under 12 years old FREE), (Active members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, "ONLY", admitted FREE, with their traveling cards.)

Sept 8 (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.

Sept 15 (Sat) The Patrick Torphy Division (Monmouth County 2) will host the 10th Annual Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore at the Sea Girt National Guard Base from 10am till 6pm - Rain or Shine! -Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the gate, Free to all AOH members with membership card. For tickets, sponsorship and vendor information, call (732) 291-3239. Mail ticket payments to AOH – Div 2 – PO Box 913, New Monmouth, NJ 07748.

Sept 18 (Tues) Regular Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, in Somerville. Nomination of Officers.***

Sept 18-21 (Thur-Sun) The 17th Annual Irish Fall Festival North Wildwood, starts on Thursday with a golf tournament at Avalon Country Club. It continues with Ceili, pipers, Vendors and Entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A 5K run on Saturday, Mass Sunday at 11 am followed by a parade at 1pm with special guest newly elected National AOH President Seamus Boyle. For more information, please call (609) 729-0075 or (800) Irish 91.

Sept 28 (Sun) AOH sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun.***

Sept 26-28 (Fri-Sun) The American Irish Ass'n. is sponsoring Gavin's Tip. Please contact Charlie Reilly (732) 382-1853 for more information.

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

*** MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW***

Don't Forget!

September 11 – Thursday - Start of our free sponsored traditional Irish folk dance (ceili) classes at PeopleCare Center, Bridgewater.

September 16 – Tuesday - Division Meeting – Election of Officers at K of C Hall, Somerville.

September 28 – Sunday - Our sponsored Irish Traditional Music Seisiun.



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