

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

June/July 2009

GENERAL INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JUNE, 2009

That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help, in particular to relieve them of the crushing burden of foreign debt.

July, 2009

That the Christians of the Middle East may live their faith in full freedom and be an instrument of peace and reconciliation.

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

REGULAR AOH MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 8:00pm

Knights of Columbus

495 East Main Street, Somerville

No Meetings in the months of July & August

JUNE 21



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:

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s'íen d'íes is trom-ë is I:s'-l ë xrom-ës ë k'an.

The heaviest ear of grain bends its head the lowest.

Mannion's 10th Anniversary

Friday, June 12, Somerville, NJ

39th ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 13, 9:00am First Energy Park, Lakewood, NJ

Somerville Knights of Columbus 100th Anniversary Picnic

Saturday June 27, Falcon's Club, Hillsborough, 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. *Pínt 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 \$170 to CGE. The May Raffle winners were Bob Eustace, a Neat Sheet towel; Barney Sloan, a tray of goodies; Lenny Fitzmaurice, the set of Chicken Soup for the Soul; Jim Murphy, an Olympus camera; and Mike Shaughnessy, a set of golf balls. Don't miss this opportunity to help CGE and to have a very good chance at winning some fabulous prizes.

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.

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.

LAOH Dinner/Dance

The LAOH of Somerset county are having a dance on Oct. 30, 2009 at St. Mary's Parish Center, Hillsborough. Cost is \$35/pp. Doors open @ 7pm, dance runs from 8pm to midnight. Corned Beef Reuben, fish & chips, beer, wine, and soda plus the incomparable Willie Lynch Band. The event will also have a Bake Sale as well as many Door Prizes. For ticket information call: Diana Hayes @908 256-5544 or Meghan Kelly @ 908 371-9080.

39th Annual New Jersey Irish Festival at the First Energy Park

Thirty-Ninth Annual Irish Festival at the First Energy Park in Lakewood, NJ, tickets are \$10 and on sale now. It will be held on Saturday June 13, 2009, from Noon to 8pm. It is a full day of activities including: Morning Mass, Food, Drinks, Music, Pipe Band Competition, Step Dancers, Merchandise, and more!!! Please call Festival Chairman Patrick Giblin (201) 214-3296.

Knights of Columbus 100th Anniversary Picnic

The K of C is having a picnic on Saturday, June 27th to celebrate their 100th anniversary. Will be held at Falcon's club in Hillsborough – contact Ron Newsom at 908-829-0285 or rrnewsom@comcast.net for ticket info. Picnic is noon to 4:00 – Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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 those members who volunteered and helped with the Annual Corpus Christi procession in Raritan.

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A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU

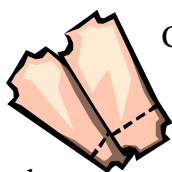
- To the Division Executive Board for all their efforts on our behalf throughout the year.
- To all Hibernians and friends for your appreciation and thank you's that I have received from editing the Newsletter.
- To all the Brothers who contributed to CGE, our contributions are most appreciated and they 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 Rich Hyland and our Charities and Mission Committee, for all their efforts in fund raisings and helping 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.
- 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.

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.

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 16**.

SINGLE TICKETS MAY BE SOLD / BOUGHT. EVERY TICKET AID'S 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.*

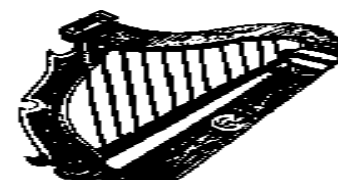
St. Patrick Division I Annual Picnic



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 23** 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.

2009 SEISIUN SCHEDULE

- NO SEISIUNS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST -
 - September 27 - October 25 - November 22 -
- 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 on Main Street in 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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our three new members who has been accepted at the March meeting. Rev. Kenneth R. Kolibas proposed by Gary Adams, Tom Moran proposed by Cliff Roberts, and Eric Thiel proposed by Cliff Roberts.

CEAD MILLE FAILE (100,000 WELCOMES).



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 2009. *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, Derek Kirby, P.O. Box 291, Manville, NJ 08835. If you should need one or more application blanks, give Derek a call (908) 218-9357. *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????

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	Cliff Roberts	Marshall	Jack McCullagh
Recording Secretary	Tom Burns	Sentinel	Open
Financial Secretary	Derek Kirby	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 15*, 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.

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:

- Sister Vicki O'Connell is recovering from recent surgery. Please keep her in our prayers.
- Brother Bill Donohue is in need of prayers. Also, his wife, Nora, is recovering from recent surgery. Please keep the Donohues in your prayers.
- Brother Jim Walsh had surgery recently, please keep him in your prayers.
- Brother Leo Collins is slowing down, please keep him in your prayers.
- Brother John Gleeson passed away last November. May he rest in peace.

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.

NOTE from Your Editor

As you may have noticed the Newsletter has been delayed this month due to family and computer issues. 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.

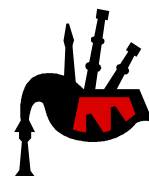
BE PROUD OF YOUR DIVISION AND YOUR IRISH HERITAGE, WEAR YOUR COLORS! AOH APPAREL FOR SALE



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.

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 May attendance raffle amounted to \$658 and would have been won by Brother Rev. Michael J. Moran. However, Brother Rev. Mike 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 Sunday at 1:00pm and repeated on at 11:30pm on WLIW, Public Television Station on Long Island. Please check your local listings.
- **Glor na hEireann / The Voice of Ireland** radio program is moving to a new time slot at WRSU 88.7 FM and will now be on the air from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sundays (except when preempted by a Rutgers sports program). Brothers Tommy Burns and Jack McCullagh and their friends look forward to your joining them at this new time slot. You can also listen in on the Internet at WRSU.RUTGERS.ORG from anywhere in the world.

The 6th Annual I.H.S. Race 4 Freedom

Attention all Runners and Walkers! The 6th Annual Immaculata High School Race 4 Freedom is just around the corner. Scheduled for 8:00 am on Saturday, June 27th, 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

- **Our Division Annual Picnic**, mini Irish Festival, **August 23, Sunday**, at the Eagles Aerie Picnic Grounds in Bridgewater, NJ.
- 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 19 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 25-27. 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-Jul 19 (Wed-Sun) The Irish Repertory Theatre presents The Rivalry, 132 West 22nd St., New York City. (No shows Mon) Tickets are \$65 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 1 (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 13 (Sat) 39th ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL, First Energy Park, Lakewood, NJ, from Noon - 8pm - Admission is \$10 per person Kidzone, Children's Playland, Ceili Tent, Irish Stepdancers, Kathy Durkin & Andy Cooney, The Wolfetones, Willie Lynch, The Bantry Boys, Massed Pipe Bands.***

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

Jun 14 (Sun) Corpus Christi Procession in Raritan, NJ.

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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Sheenan Funeral Home – Dunellen Funeral Home – Thomas E. Sheenan, Manager (732) 968-4227.

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William T. Cooper Sr. – Attorney and CPA. William T. Cooper Sr. (908) 725-4190

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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
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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.
Select Title Agency – Providing residential and commercial title insurance throughout NJ Tom Clarke (973) 761-1112.
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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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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!

CALENDAR

Jun 16 (Tues) Regular AOH Meeting and Raffle Drawing. Meeting will start at 8pm.***

Jun 21 (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 27 (Sat) The 5th Annual Immaculata High School Race 4 Freedom.***

Jun 27 (Sat) Somerville Knights of Columbus 100th Anniversary Picnic, Falcon club, Hillsborough, NJ.***

Jun 27 – 28 (Sat-Sun) Shawnee Mountain Celtic Festival, Loads of Entertainment. Please call (507) 421-7231.

Jul 4 (Sat) AOH Holiday-Independence Day.

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

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