



# NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2007

## Lehigh County DIVISION I

*"FRIENDSHIP, UNITY, AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY"*

### CATHOLIC BISHOPS APPROVE OF 'COMPASS'

Robert W. Butler  
McClatchy Newspapers

"The Golden Compass" and Philip Pullman's "His Dark Materials" trilogy of novels on which it is based has been criticized in some quarters for being anti-religious and specifically anti-Catholic. But the U.S. Conference of Bishops recently issued its official review of the film, and it's a rave. Writing for the Catholic News Service ([www.catholicnews.com](http://www.catholicnews.com)), critics Harry Forbes and John Mulderig call the movie "lavish, well-acted and fast-paced." "The good news," they write, "is that the first book's explicit references to this church have been completely excised, with only the term Magisterium retained. The choice is still a bit unfortunate, however, as the word refers so specifically to the church's teaching authority. Yet the film's only clue that the Magisterium is a religious body comes in the form of the icons which decorate one of their local headquarters.

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### MEEHAN URGES RENEWAL OF HIBERNIAN MISSION

Quincy, MA 7 Albany, NY



Jack Meehan, a Brighton native, who has been at the helm of every major enterprise of the Hibernians over the past 30 years, has chartered a new course for the 173 year old group. His remarks were delivered at the National President's Testimonial Dinner\* at the Martin Center at Stonehill College in N. Easton, MA. Meehan reviewed the long tradition of the AOH support of Irish freedom. "This is a history of which we are justifiably proud. As long as there are Hibernians we will demand truth and accountability by the British for their killings of Pat Finucane, Rosemary Nelson and the 33 victims of the Dublin-Monaghan bombings, the deadliest of the entire conflict." He continued: "But the war is over, the prisoners are freed and Nationalists now have a say in governance and can demand justice with the ballot box. We, on the other hand, will never stop demanding an end to the partition wall." The President gave examples of a new agenda for the Order for which more resources will be dedicated. "Our support of Irish men and women studying to serve our church will grow. We will help Irish missionaries around the world that live and work under death threats. We can expand our efforts to combat the barbarism of abortion and to fight hunger as no other ethnic organization has. Those Hibernian families affected by disasters, or have a member who is a wounded warrior or who struggles for citizenship must receive our wholehearted support."

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"Most moviegoers with no foreknowledge of the books or Pullman's personal belief system will scarcely be aware of religious connotations, and can approach the movie as a pure fantasy-adventure. This is not the blatant real-world anti-Catholicism of, say, the recent 'Elizabeth: The Golden Age' or 'The Da Vinci Code.' Religious elements, as such, are practically nil." While noting that "Pullman's fanciful universe has a patchwork feel, with elements culled from other fantasy-adventure stories most especially 'The Chronicles of Narnia' (a work Pullman disdains)," the review goes on to say that the film has "hardly a dull moment." Whatever Pullman's motives in writing the story, the film "can be viewed as an exciting adventure story with, at its core, a traditional struggle between good and evil and a generalized rejection of authoritarianism," the review says. "To the extent that Lyra" - the movie's young heroine "and her allies are taking a stand on behalf of free will in opposition to the coercive force of the Magisterium, they are of course acting entirely in harmony with Catholic teaching. The heroism and self-sacrifice that they demonstrate provide appropriate moral lessons. "Is Pullman trying to undermine anyone's belief in God? Leaving the books aside and focusing on what has ended up on screen, the script can reasonably be interpreted in the broadest sense as an appeal against the abuse of political power." Addressing the question of whether the film may inspire teens to read the books, the writers suggest that "rather than banning the movie or books, parents might instead take the opportunity to talk through any thorny philosophical issues with their teens." The religious themes of the later books may be more prominent in the follow-up films, they note, but for now "this film \_ altered, as it is, from its source material \_ rates as intelligent and well-crafted entertainment."

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

99 Members on Roll | 84 Members Paid

### New Applicants for Membership:

Mr. Patrick Roarty, Bethlehem

### Invitees for Initiations:

Mr. Brendan Gery, Fogelsville, St. Joseph the Worker

Mr. Jeff Purtell, Emmaus, St. Ann's

Mr. Philip Forchelli, Walnutport, Notre Dame Parish

Mr. Nicolas Peters, Allentown, St. Ann's Parish, Emmaus

### Applicants to be voted on this month:

Mr. Patrick Roarty, Bethlehem

## C O L U M B I A N H O M E H A P P E N I N G S

**\*\*Reminder:** The restaurant has a new chef with a reputation for excellent food and service so come out and try the new menu.

### **Santa Event**

Sunday Dec 16, 2007

### **News Years Eve Gala Party**

Monday Dec. 31, 2007

Entertainment: Tom Zito

\$65.00 Per person Act Quickly - Always an early sell out!

Call 610-433-6333

### **Murder Mystery Dinner "All this talk is killing me"**

January 12, 2008

## STATE CALENDARS

State Calendars are here! Congratulations to last years winners and good luck to those who buy next years numbers! Purchasing these calendars ensures keeping our state assessment dues at it's very low rate.

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

**Donegal Square** - 534 Main Street Bethlehem, PA  
www.donegal.com

**Ryan & O'Carroll's** - (Irish Gifts) 3140-B W. Tilghman St.  
PMB 117, Allentown, PA

**Corporate Environments** - 605 East Broad Street  
Bethlehem, PA www.ceg-pa.com

## SUPPORT YOUR AOH BROTHERS

Do you have a project or service that you need help with? Contact an AOH brother for help!

**Santa A. Claus** - America's #1 Santa, 570-465-2206

**Bro. Michael J. Toth** - Rare books & book searches,  
610-346-7737

**Bro. Dan Bonner** - Dapper Dan the Clown, 610-253-6761

**Bro. Scott Rosati** - Electrician, 610-797-2335

**Bro. John Chaya** - Jack Callaghan's Ale House,  
2027 Tilghman St.

**Bro. Roger Brock** - Financial Consultant KNBT Securities,  
610-882-5304

**Bro. Bob Carlin** - Certified Public Accountant, 610-798-7220

**Bro. Chris Cowen** - Somakhn Athletic Training Center,  
15th & Chew St. 610-351-1747

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**Bro. Edward J Scott** - Custom made BOOM-BAS,  
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**Bro. John Dawson** - National Footwear,  
4571 Tilghman St. 610-398-3900

**Bro. Kevin O'Donnell** - O'Donnell Funeral Home,  
908 Hanover Ave. 610-432-8522

**Bro. Andy Carr Jr.** - Briar Patch Acers Equine Waste Removal  
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**Bro. Sean Shields** - Elite Limousine, 484-275-6600 ext. 706

**Bro. Brian McGonigle** - Graphic design, web design &  
computer repair 484-358-2828

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10**	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19*	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

### January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7**	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16*	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

\* General membership meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at the Allentown Knights of Columbus House in the Hibernian room starting at 7:30pm. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/16—Lehigh Law Enforcement Christmas Party— Free at Knights of Columbus Home
- 12/19 – 7:30 General members meeting\*
- 12/25 - Merry Christmas
- 12/31 - New Years Eve Gala Party at K of C

### 2008

- 1/2 - Officers Meeting
- 1/7 - St Patrick's Parade Committee Meeting\*\*
- 1/16 - General members meeting\*
- 1/21 - St Patrick's Parade Committee Meeting\*\*
- 2/4 - St Patrick's Parade Committee Meeting\*\*
- 2/6 - Officers Meeting
- 2/18 - St Patrick's Parade Committee Meeting\*\*
- 2/20 - General members meeting\*
- 3/1 & 3/2— 2nd Annual Winter Classic
- 3/30 — St. Patrick's Parade

#### \*\* ALLENTOWN ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMITTEE

Help make the parade a success! Brethren interested in being part of the parade committee should attend the meetings every second Monday of the month starting at 7pm. All are invited to attend. Visit [www.allentownstpatricksdaysparade.com](http://www.allentownstpatricksdaysparade.com)

### ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Elections of Officers for our Division will be held at this months meeting. Election results will be announced in January.

### HIBERNIAN ROOM USAGE

If you wish to use the Hibernian room for meetings or get together, please make prior arrangements with the Columbian Home President, Bro. John Dawson. The information can be left at the Columbian Home by phoning 610-432-6333 or by stopping in during hours of operations.

### 2007 DIVISION I OFFICERS

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### **What is The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America?**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is a Catholic, Irish American Fraternal Organization founded in New York City May 4th, 1836. The Order can trace its roots back to a parent organization, of the same name, which has existed in Ireland for over 300 years. However, while the organizations share a common thread, the North American A.O.H. is a separate and much larger organization.

The Order evolved from a need in the early sixteen hundreds to protect the lives of priests who risked immediate death to keep the Catholic Faith alive in occupied Ireland after the reign of England's King Henry VIII. When England implemented its dreaded Penal Laws in Ireland, various secret social societies were formed across the country. These groups worked to aid and comfort the people by whatever means available. Similarly, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was founded May 4th, 1836 at New York's St. James Church, to protect the clergy, and church Property from the "Know Nothings" and their followers. At the same time the vast influx of Irish Immigrants fleeing famine issues in Ireland in the late 1840's, prompted a growth of various social societies in the USA - the largest of which was, and continues to be, the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Active across the United States, The Order seeks to aid the newly arrived Irish, both socially, politically. The many Divisions and club facilities located throughout the U.S. traditionally have been among the first to welcome new Irish Americans. Here, the Irish culture -- art, dance, music, and sports are fostered and preserved. The newcomers can meet some of "their own" and are introduced to the social atmosphere of the Irish-American community. The AOH has been at the political forefront for issues concerning the Irish, such as; Immigration Reform; economic Incentives both here and in Ireland; the human rights issues addressed in the MacBride Legislation; Right-To-Life; and a peaceful and just solution to the issues that divide Ireland.

The Order has also provided a continuing bridge with Ireland for those who are generations removed from our country. The AOH sponsors many of the programs associated with promoting our Irish Heritage such as the IRISH WAY PROGRAM.

You may further seek admittance to the FINEST Irish Catholic Organization in the World -- all we would ask is for you to live our motto of: "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity". Dia 's Muire dhuit!