



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

Lehigh County DIVISION I

"FRIENDSHIP, UNITY, AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY"

AOH LEADER URGES BRITISH TO REFUSE MCALISKEY EXTRADITION



Quincy, MA July 19, 2007 Jack Meehan, National President of the AOH in America, released today a letter he has sent to the British Home Secretary Jacqui Smith regarding Germany's request for the extradition of Roisin McAliskey.

Stated Meehan: "Will this nightmare never end for the McAliskey family? How is it that criminal cases that are 10 years old always seem to grow stronger when a Catholic/Nationalist is being charged. However, when Commissioner Stevens requested criminal charges against colluding Crown forces for murders committed ten years ago, those charges disappeared with foggy rhetoric from the Director of Prosecution Services in Northern Ireland."

DEGREE CEREMONY NOVEMBER 4TH - GIRARDVILLE, PA

Degree Ceremonies are being held on Sunday, November 4th at Jack Kehoe, Division I in Girardville, PA. Brothers wishing to take their degrees should contact Brother Ed Barry to register and arrange for transportation. The cost to take part in the degree ceremony is \$30 paid in advance or \$35 at the door. This expense is paid for by AOH Lehigh County Division I. The ceremony can be observed by those not taking part for a \$20 fee. **Please keep in mind that all Brothers are required to receive degrees in the order and are not able to hold office at any level without their degrees.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join Immaculate Conception Parish in celebration of their 150th Anniversary on October 21st at the Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy Celebration. All AOH Brethren are invited to the celebration dinner after the liturgy ceremony. Contact Immaculate Conception Rectory at 610-433-4404 for details.

2008 CHILDREN'S CHARITIES RAFFLE TICKETS

2008 Children's Charities Trip to Ireland Raffle Tickets will be mailed out soon! This raffle is our most important fundraiser, so please do your part. The kids will be the winners if you do! And remember Brothers; our goal is for each of you to sell or buy at least 10 tickets. Contact Pat Gavigan for details. **The drawing will be held on July 28, 2008.**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- AOH Leader Urges British to Refuse McAliskey Extradition
- Degree Ceremony
Nov. 4th Girardville, PA
- Immaculate Conception
150th Anniversary
- 2008 Children's Charities
Raffle Tickets
- AOH/LAOH 94th
Biennial National
Convention 2008

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**6TH ANNUAL TOY'S
FOR JOE'S KIDS
EVENT**

Hosted By

Jack Callaghan's Ale House

2027 Tilghman Street, Allentown

Saturday, December 8th

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

M E M B E R S H I P R E P O R T

97 Members on Roll | 84 Members Paid

New Applicants for Membership:

Mr. Brendan Gery, Fogelsville, St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Mr. Jeff Purtell, Emmaus, St. Ann's Parish

Invitees for Initiations:

None

Brothers Initiated Last Month:

None

**A O H / L A O H 9 4 T H
B I E N N I A L N A T I O N A L
C O N V E N T I O N 2 0 0 8**

July 23 - 26, 2008

Event Venue: Sheraton New Orleans

National Convention

- Ice Breaker July 23
- Open Night July 24
- Irish Night July 25
- Installation Banquet July 26

**I R I S H I N T E R E S T
B O O K S**

**I R I S H F R E E D O M : T H E H I S T O R Y
O F N A T I O N A L I S M I N I R E L A N D**
BY RICHARD ENGLISH

Richard English's brilliant new book is a compelling narrative history of Irish nationalism, in which events are not merely recounted but analysed. Full of rich detail, drawn from years of original research and also from the extensive specialist literature on the subject, it offers explanations of why Irish nationalists have believed and acted as they have, why their ideas and strategies have changed over time, and what effect Irish nationalism has had in shaping modern Ireland. It takes us from the Ulster Plantation to Home Rule, from the Famine of 1847 to the Hunger Strikes of the 1970s, from Parnell to Pearse, from Wolfe Tone to Gerry Adams, from the bitter struggle of the Civil War to the uneasy peace of the early twenty-first century. Is it imaginable that Ireland might - as some have suggested - be about to enter a post-nationalist period? Or will Irish nationalism remain a defining force on the island in future years?

\$57.50 on Amazon.com

T H A N K S T O O U R S P O N S O R S

Donegal Square - 534 Main Street Bethlehem, PA

www.donegal.com

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

Geiger Beverages - 2310 South West 26th St.

S U P P O R T Y O U R A O H B R O T H E R S

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

Bro. Denis Fitzgerald - Plumbing and Heating, 610-782-9640

Bro. Edward J Scott - Custom made BOOM-BAS,
610-965-2747

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
& Egg Farm, www.briarpatcharchers.com

Bro. Tim Butler - Celtic Hands Cleaning Service,
610-799-0727

Bro. Sean Shields - Elite Limousine, 484-275-6600 ext. 706

Bro. Brian Foy - Keller William Real Estate, 610-871-0521
www.lehighvalleyhomesales.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	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			

November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	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	

* 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

- 10/3 – 7:30 Officers meeting
- 10/17 – 7:30 General members meeting*
- 10/21 – Immaculate Conception 150th Anniversary
- 11/4 – Degree Ceremony, Girardville
- 11/7 – 7:30 Officers meeting
- 11/12 – 7:00 St Patrick's Parade Committee Meeting**
- 11/21 – 7:30 General members meeting*
- 12/5 – 7:30 Officers meeting
- 12/8 – 3 to 6pm Joes Kids Party, Callaghan's
- 12/19 – 7:30 General members meeting*

2008

- 7/23 – 7/26 AOH/LAOH 94th Biennial National Convention
- 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

2007 LEHIGH COUNTY DIVISION I OFFICERS

Chaplain	Reverend Harold F. Dagle Immaculate Conception Church		610-433-4404
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Recording Secretary	Don Doyle		610-837-2925
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Marshal	Sean Shields		610-349-9780
Sentinel	Andy Carr		
Special Committees	Pat Gavigan	pgavigan@rcn	610-435-1356



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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!