



ANCIENT ORDER
OF
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IN AMERICA

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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!



" FRIENDSHIP, UNITY, AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY "

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE SUCCESS & THANKS!

Brothers all, the LAOH and Hibernian friends,

I feel so good composing this note. **WHAT A DAY ON SUNDAY**, makes me Proud being Irish and a Hibernian. God and St. Patrick were surely smiling on us. Makes you wonder if God may have a little Irish in Him.

I am usually marching with you in the parade to thank you all personally for coming out to represent the division. This year I had duties that kept me at the staging area and was unable to be with you. So THANK YOU for taking the time. I would also like to thank the brothers and friends who helped make this one of the proudest parades since the AOH started taking an active part.

For those of you who made it to Mass before the parade, what did you think????? Two words, SPIRITUALLY MOVING, thank you Father Dagle, Joann Gallagher, the LAOH, the young adult choir and pipers.

Most of you are not aware of all the time and energy it takes to put the parade on the streets. We do it for the satisfaction of showing the community that we are a proud of our heritage and enjoy having a grand time.

All that being said, **you can take a bigger role in this event**. Many things did not get accomplished because of the lack of manpower. Many of the committee had 2,3,4 Assignments to do to get the job done. Now, I would like to ask *again* to think about being a part of next years parade. All it would take is attending a couple of meetings, taking an assignment which you would feel comfortable doing and it would really be unrepayable help.

Again, as president of the division and a member of the parade committee, THANK YOU ALL, no part you played was too small.

Brother John Chaya, chair of the parade committee, who with his leadership and great effort led us to this proud end. When you see John, or any member of the committee, let him know what you thought of their hard work and the events. Below is a note from John to the parade committee.

Bro. Ed Barry

Greetings,

We all have a lot to be proud of! Yesterday was a wonderful parade event, great crowd support, and many, many positive comments from businesses and people along the route. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL...And thank you for all you did to make this a memorable event! At 10:00 this morning I received a congratulatory call from Mayor Edward Pawlowski with his thanks for a spectacular day in support of the community. He gave me a promise of support for our future efforts. Everything he heard about our parade, and his own observations were most positive. I will write a letter to the Morning Call thanking all for their support...maybe we will get some positive letters in reply. Thanks again...

Bro. John A. Chaya

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Patrick's Parade 2008 Success & Thanks!
- National Presidents Message
- AOH Lehigh County Division I 2008 Membership Dues
- Irish Websites to Remember

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**NATIONAL PRESIDENT MEEHAN
RELEASES LETTER TO
PRESIDENT BUSH**



March 14th Quincy, MA & Albany, NY Jack Meehan, the National President of the nations largest Irish Catholic group, released a letter today he has sent to President Bush. The letter acknowledges the reduction of violence and economic progress brought about in the North of Ireland as a result of the 1998 Belfast Agreement. "But there is no mistaking the lack of progress" stated Meehan, "on the accord's justice and truth provisions ten years after its signing. The British mockery of the 'Good Friday' treaty obligations reflects on the credibility of the United States and sets us for up for ridicule around the world. We have asked the President to insist England promptly report the truth and facts of their 40 year criminal conspiracy in six counties of Ireland." Meehan noted he would like to be the last National President of the AOH to raise the issue of Britain's 'dirty war' in Ireland "... but our Order will not rest until every textbook depicts the truth about An Gorta Mor during 1845-1850 and the corrupt undemocratic occupation of the six counties erroneously referred to as Ulster."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

97 Members on Roll | 84 Members Paid

New Applicants for Membership:

None

Invitees for Initiations:

Mr. Robert Miller Sr. Allentown, St Thomas Moore's Parish
Mr. Anthony Andrews, Easton, St. Joseph's Parish
Mr. James Reidy, Allentown, St. Catherine of Sienna Parish

Brothers Initiated Last Month:

None

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES

In addition to their 2008 Dues, we would like to thank the following members for their donations to our Children's Charity Fund:

Jim Hershaw Thomas Walsh
Richard Moore Robert Doggett
Michael Weber Bill Hinchey

The 2008 Membership Dues are now due. Dues are \$25. \$5 Late fee charge after April 10th. Unpaid members will be dropped after April 30th.

Bro Ed Jordan can be reached at 610-439-5149

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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

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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

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

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2008

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			

May 2008

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

* 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

2008

- 4/16—General members meeting*
- 5/7—Officers Meeting
- 5/21—General members meeting*
- 6/4—Officers Meeting
- 6/18—General members meeting*
- 7/2—Officers Meeting
- 7/16—General members meeting*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HOME NEWS**

Happy Hour continues Mon to Fri 4pm to 6pm & Sat 1pm to 3pm \$.50 cents off all mixed drinks wines & bottle beers. \$1.00 domestic pony bottles

New Lunch & Dinner Menus stop in and experience a refreshing new change with lots of specials

Dave Marchetti performs on the piano every Sunday starting at 6:30pm

Sunday Breakfast ALWAYS A FAVORITE 8:00am to 1:30pm Experience a great new taste, prepared just for you.

Mondays Hot Dogs & Burgers stop and enjoy

**HIBERNIAN
ROOM USAGE**

If you wish to use the Hibernian room for meetings or get togethers, 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.

**IRISH WEBSITES
TO REMEMBER**

- www.aoh.com
- www.paaoh.org
- www.allentownaoh.com
- www.irishphiladelphia.com
- www.pahurling.com

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