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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"

### ALLENTOWN, PA

### CELEBRATING SAINT PATRICK'S PARADE 2008

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24TH 3 - 6 PM  
PARADE COMMITTEE KICK-OFF PARTY

Jack Callaghan's Ale House - 2027 Tilghman Street Allentown  
**Donation \$ 10.00** Includes 4 selected beer and soda tickets, and entry for door prize. Raffle tickets will be sold for many additional prizes. Kitchen open with Irish fare.

FRIDAY MARCH 14TH  
CORONATION CELEBRATION

Fearless Fire Company Ballroom, Front and Susquehanna Sts. Allentown  
**2008 King and Queen Tom and Sherry Gallagher**  
Entertainment \* 8 pm to 12 am ~~~ "The Members Dance Band",  
Pipers with Mr. James Ruhf, & O'Grady-Quinlan Irish Dancers  
Open 7:30 pm ~ Coronation 9 pm  
Donation \$ 15.00 ~ includes beer, soda, parade program book and entry to door prize. Raffle tickets will be sold for many additional prizes.

SUNDAY MARCH 30TH  
PARADE DAY WILL INCLUDE  
8:00 AM MASS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH  
~ 501 RIDGE AVE. ALLENTOWN ~  
Celebrant Fr. Harold Dagle, Organist Ms. Jeanne Jordan, Piper Mr. James Ruhf  
**ALL ARE INVITED**

9:00 TO 11:00 AM FULL IRISH BREAKFAST  
~ THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' COLUMBIAN HOME ~  
15<sup>TH</sup> and Greenleaf Streets, Allentown, Pa.  
**TICKETS \$10.00 IN ADVANCE \$12.00 AT THE DOOR**

**12:00 PM PARADE START** ~ ALLENTOWN FAIRGROUNDS 17TH AND LIBERTY,  
NORTH ON 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO TILGHMAN, WEST ON TILGHMAN TO 25<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET, SOUTH ON 25 TO LIBERTY, EAST ON LIBERTY TO SAINT ELMO.

ENJOY YOURSELF AND CELEBRATE AT THE OFFICIAL  
SPONSORING PUBS ON THE PARADE ROUTE  
THEY HELPED MAKE OUR PARADE POSSIBLE

Jack Callaghan's Ale House, Gregg's, Liberty Street Tavern,  
Ringers Roost, Ruffino's, Stooze's, Volpe's

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Celebrating Saint Patrick's Parade 2008
- National Presidents Message
- AOH Lehigh County Division I Jackets Available
- State Calendars
- AOH DIV I Cards Night

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**HIBERNIAN LEADER  
CONDEMNS DEPORTATION OF  
MCALLISTER KIN**



Quincy, MA & Albany, NY.....The leader of the nation's oldest and largest Irish Catholic organization has taken the U.S. government to task for the deportation of Jamie McAllister. "It is apparent that having failed in their efforts to

extradite Jamie's father Malachy," stated Jack Meehan of Quincy, MA, "the U. S. government is taking its' revenge." This action is reprehensible, a mockery of priorities and truly unjust."

"Folly such as this has become all too common," claimed Meehan, "with governments that have lost their sense of priorities. They take comfort in one shallow publicity stunt after another while real problems and real solutions seem beyond their grasp."

Concluded President Meehan: "I will be urging our members and their families to share their opinion of this latest outrage with their elected officials and the U. S Department of Justice. For far too long the lives of some of our members have been ruined to satisfy the ego of small minded bureaucrats and vindictive public officials who have lost all perspective of what it means to be a public

**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

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

**Bro. Joseph Kloss** - Accounting & tax services for small businesses, 610-435-6681, JoeCFO@gmail.com

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

97 Members on Roll | 84 Members Paid

New Applicants for Membership:

None

Invitees for Initiations:

None

Brothers Initiated Last Month:

None

**AOH DIVISION I JACKETS**

AOH Lehigh County Division I Jackets are now available for order. If anyone is interested in ordering a jacket or wants information about the jackets, contact Bro. Ken Walsh at bigirish44@aol.com

**STATE CALENDARS**

State Calendars are here! Congratulations to last years winners and good luck to those who buy this 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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**February 2008**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	

**March 2008**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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**

**2008**

- 2/18 - St Patrick's Parade Committee Meeting\*\*
- 2/20 - General members meeting\*
- 2/24 - Parade Committee Kick-Off Party
- 3/1 & 3/2-- 2nd Annual Winter Classic
- 3/3 - St Patrick's Parade Committee Meeting\*\*
- 3/5 - Officers Meeting
- 3/14 - St. Patrick's Coronation Celebration
- 3/19 - General members meeting\*
- 3/30 - St. Patrick's Mass
- 3/30 - St. Patrick's Parade
- 4/2 - Officers Meeting
- 4/16 - General members meeting\*

**\*\* 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 & fourth Monday of the month starting at 7pm. All are invited to attend. Visit www.allentownstpatricksdaysparade.com

**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.

**AOH DIV I CARDS NIGHT**

Join your Hibernian brethren for a night of Texas Hold 'em on February 23rd in the Hibernian Room at the KofC at 6pm. For

**2007 DIVISION I OFFICERS**

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