



**ANCIENT ORDER  
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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 "

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Hibernians to expand pro-life agenda
- 2008 Children's Charities Raffle Tickets
- St. Patrick's Parade Events
- AOH Lehigh County Division I Jackets Available
- State Calendars

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### HIBERNIANS TO EXPAND PRO-LIFE AGENDA



Quincy, MA & Albany, NY National Hibernian President Jack Meehan took the occasion of the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Dec. 28th) to propose an expansion of AOH education and material assistance in efforts to protect and promote their pro life agenda. Stated the Brighton native: "The core missions of the Hibernians remains—a free and united Ireland and support for the teachings of the Catholic Church—but the 10th anniversary of the Belfast Agreement has given not only Irish Nationalists, but also, the AOH a peace dividend. Now, more than ever, we can concentrate on expanding our charitable efforts in areas of great need."

In a letter released to the leaders of over 300 Divisions and all members, Meehan recalled the words of Pope John Paul II in his 1979 visit to Ireland in which he urged Hibernians to support projects that were first fostered by our Brother Hibernian and JFK Memorial Medal recipient John Cardinal O'Connor. "The practical and material support for Birthright and Pregnancy Centers must now be supplemented by support, in both word and deed, for the Priests for Life and Sisters for Life in their dedication and compassion for the unborn."

"In all we do," concluded Meehan, "we, like past generations, draw strength from prayers to St Patrick and St Brigid who inspired so many Irish to serve the poor, the defenseless, and the powerless. This legacy of compassion will now be given new luster by a highly focused Hibernian program in defense of the unborn."

### 2008 CHILDREN'S CHARITIES RAFFLE TICKETS

2008 Children's Charities Trip to Ireland Raffle Tickets are now available! 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.**

**ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

**Help make the parade a success!**

The St. Patrick's Parade Committee is looking for committed people to fill the necessary positions to produce the parade. If you have an interest in helping with the parade in any way, please attend the committee meetings on the second or fourth Monday of each month. **Time is running out!**

**PARADE FUNDRAISER**

Place - Jack Callaghan's Ale House  
 Date - Sunday, Feb 24, 2008  
 Time - 3:00pm to 6:00pm  
 Cost - Tickets \$10.00 - redeemable for 4 select beers  
 Door prizes, Disk Jockey, Jello shots & Shamrocks

**CORONATION CELEBRATION**

Place - Fearless Fire Company Ballroom  
 Date - Friday, March 14th, 2008  
 Time - 8:00pm Coronation 9:00pm  
 Admission - \$15.00 - includes door prizes & program book  
 King and Queen - Tom & Sherry Gallagher

Tickets available for sale now - contact Jean Gallagher

**SAINT PATRICK'S MASS**

Place - The Immaculate Conception Church  
 Date - Sunday, March 30th, 2008  
 Time - 9:15am  
 Fr. Harold Dagle, Celebrant  
 King and Queen, Tom & Sherry Gallagher, will present gifts.

**IRISH BREAKFAST**

Place - Knights of Columbus, Allentown  
 Date - Sunday, March 30th, 2008  
 Time - 10:30am to 12:00pm  
 Tickets - \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door

**ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

Place - Tilghman Street, West End Allentown  
 Date - Sunday, March 30th, 2008  
 Time - 2pm

**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

**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**

99 Members on Roll | 84 Members Paid

**New Applicants for Membership:**

None

**Invitees for Initiations:**

None

**Brothers Initiated Last Month:**

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

**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**

**January 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		

**February 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	

\* 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**

- 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\*
- 2/24 - St. Patrick's Parade Fundraiser
- 3/1 & 3/2 - 2nd Annual Winter Classic
- 3/14 - St. Patrick's Coronation Celebration
- 3/30 - St. Patrick's Mass
- 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 & fourth Monday of the month starting at 7pm. All are invited to attend.

Visit [www.allentownstpatricksdaysparade.com](http://www.allentownstpatricksdaysparade.com)

**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

Elected officers for our division will be announced at this months general members meeting.

**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.

**2007 DIVISION I OFFICERS**

Chaplain	Reverend Harold F. Dagle	h.dagle@verizon.net	610-433-4404
	Immaculate Conception Church		
President	Ed Barry	edbarryaoh@aol.com	610-417-1474
Vice President	Ken Walsh	bigirish44@aol.com	610-462-9963
Financial Secretary	Ed Jordan		610-439-5145
Treasurer	Mark Greenawalt		610-533-0568
Recording Secretary	Don Doyle		610-837-2925
Standing Committee	Jim Spang		610-442-4889
Marshal	Sean Shields		610-349-9780
Sentinel	Andy Carr		610-845-8674
Special Committees	Pat Gavigan	pgavigan@rcn.net	610-435-1356