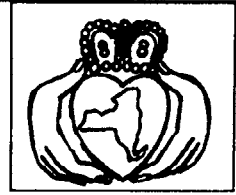




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President's Message

Matt Nelligan

With East Durham just passed and the State Convention just around the corner, this is my last Newsletter column as your President. It seems like just yesterday that I was elected and laid out my vision for the future of our Order. I am very proud of the efforts that we have made over the last two years and want to reflect briefly on some of what we have been able to accomplish.

Thanks to your generosity the last two years have seen us raise and donate more money than at any time in our recent history. Our donation to Project St. Patrick has quadrupled, and our support for the Christmas Appeal has reached an all time high, accounting for 40% of all donations made in the entire United States. We also raised nearly \$10,000 to assist localities in sending delegates to the National Convention in New Orleans and at that convention we were the leaders in making much needed changes in our National Leadership.

In the area of membership growth the last two years have seen the addition of three new divisions and counting. This

includes new divisions in two upstate counties that have never before had divisions in our Order, Otsego and Ontario Counties. We have also been working hard on membership recruitment and retention by maintaining and expanding our grant program. The per-capita rebate program has also been a big success with more divisions than ever paid on time.

When it comes to the promotion of our faith the New York State Board has been at the forefront. We have held a State Pro-Life Mass each of the last two years and have established a The Our Lady of Knock Queen of Ireland Pro-Life award that will be presented to Mayor Phillip Amicone at our convention in July. The State Board also was a prime sponsor of NYS Right to Life Youth Day in 2008 and of Camp Esther in 2009. We have passed and presented a resolution supporting traditional marriage and conducted a petition drive on the same topic. We have also issued many press releases and statements on Catholic issues.

On the vital issue of immigration, the New York State board has been at the forefront in promoting all legitimate efforts

to assist the undocumented and those in danger of deportation.

Through the efforts of State Historian Mike McCormack, the State Board has created a DVD with lesson plans to assist teachers in their instruction about the Great Irish Famine. This will serve as a vital educational resource for teachers for years to come and help us to expand the name recognition and membership of this order.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the efforts of an excellent group of State Officers. The Executive Board has done an outstanding job of providing great counsel to me and great leadership to our Order. I am confident that Vice-President McLean will continue the excellent programs that have been established over the last two years and expand our work in other areas. Chip has been there to assist with any and all tasks that I have asked for help on and I appreciate his loyalty and support.

Our State Secretary Mike McNabb has provided a steady hand to the day to day operations of our Order and has been on top of not only his duties but, has also provided much of

the energy and initiative to continue our Sports activities. He has done a phenomenal job. State Treasurer Jim Burke has also done an excellent job keeping track of the finances of our Order and has been an important part of the success of my administration. I would also be remiss if I did not recognize the efforts of Past President John Hennessy. John's knowledge of our Order and hard work as calendar Chair has been invaluable to me.

Our elected Directors and appointed officers have likewise been a pleasure to work with but I would be remiss if I did not mention a few by name. John Hyland has been such an excellent Director that his picture should appear when you look the term up in the dictionary. FFAI Chair Frank Corcoran's efforts to expand the Christmas appeal have been nothing short of phenomenal and are worthy of the highest praise. State Organizer Liam McNabb has traveled to every corner of this state to grow our Order and has been tireless, dedicated and above all successful. State Pro-Life Chair Leo Kane has been in my opinion the best State Pro-Life Chair we have ever had. I cannot recall anyone who has even come close to his level of activity and leadership. Likewise Catholic Action chair Dan Case and PEC Chair Merc Morris have done all that has been asked of them and more in standing up for our faith in the public square. We have

also been at the forefront of the fight for fair immigration policies due to the tireless advocacy of Dan Dennehy who I also owe a lot to for the time he took to make sure that I was clear on all of the intricacies of immigration law and policy.

Finally we should all appreciate the efforts of our Newsletter Editor Tom McKenna and Webmaster Al Norton. These brothers do an outstanding job and have been there to help me get the word out day or night.

It has been the highest honor to serve as your President and to work with such wonderful and dedicated people. I wish you all the best of luck in the future and stand ready to assist in any way that I can.

Vice President

Charles 'Chip' McLean

It is my pleasure to report to you that the work of our noble Order continues in earnest on the State level. Your elected officers as well as the appointed officers are all diligently pursuing a number of projects all of which you will hear about and read about in their reports at the Biennial State Convention. I urge all of you to monitor the activities and participate; get involved and help to promote so many of the multiple issues that are being addressed by your State Board. We, your elected officers have worked hard to provide the leadership that you can bring home to your own

local jurisdictions and motivate your members to *get involved*.

Degree Work... I continue to endeavor to promote and advance the Degree Work of our Order. I am happy to hear that many of our N.Y State Degree Teams have been working hard delivering the '*Lessons of the Order*' to our Brothers not only locally but in the tri-state area. It remains my goal to increase communications and open avenues of communication between our many Major Degree Teams in our State. Towards that ends I am happy to report that I will convene a Major Degree Team Committee meeting at our Biennial Convention in Albany in July. I have been given an assurance that our National Chairman of Rituals will be in attendance and I cordially invite as many as possible of our Degree Team members to attend in an effort to share and learn from one another so as to enhance and improve the impact the '*Lessons*' have on our members.

Our National V.P. has done a marvelous job in publishing a chart listing the various Major Degree Teams of our Order. The chart was published in the National Hibernian Digest recently. If any of you need a copy please feel free to contact me and I will get you a copy for your reference. I urge you all to use these contact numbers and reach out for our Degree Teams and schedule a Major Degree for your locality We are so fortunate to have so

many of the Orders' Degree Teams right here in our own State. However, it continues to be a challenge for us to get the members out to take there Major Degree. I would encourage the teams to encourage there members to attend other Major Degrees as observers to further enhance there own work. Lastly, it is my pleasure to announce that the Major Degree will be exemplified at this years Biennial State Convention by the **Cu Chulainn Major Degree Team** from my own hometown of Staten Island. All delegates and any members attending the Convention who have not yet received their Major Degree are advised that this is the time for you to take *'The Lessons'*.

All members are encouraged to attend the 95th Biennial Convention of the N.Y State Board on July 8th to the 11th in Albany. Information is available on our State website: **www.nyaoh.com**. It is always a memorable and historic event when the State Board gathers in convention and this years gathering will prove to be none other than just that. As the delegates gather from throughout our great State they will afford themselves the opportunity to renew and reeducate themselves in the ways of our Order and to be fully versed on the multi-issues that face us as a people as well as an organization of dedicated Irish-Catholic Americans.

This Convention also mandates the Delegates to select the Of-

ficers who will provide the leadership for our Order for the next two years and beyond. We will elect a new President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as District Directors for the eight districts of our State. It is imperative that each of our Districts weigh seriously the significance of choosing the "right man" for the job of District Director. We do not need someone who is just going to 'wear the ribbon'. We need a man who is well versed in his District and is motivated to be the local representative of the State Board throughout the entire District, not just his home Division or County. We need a man who will effectively be in contact with all parts of the District and is able to accurately and consistently report directly to the State President the business of the District as it affects the State Board and our noble Order.

Those men who may be under consideration for the post of District Director should seriously consider the task that stands before them. The duties are "simple yet onerous" and should be taken with all seriousness. If you have any doubts about doing the job please reach out for me or any of your Executive Officers and discuss your commitment with us. This is the time to do it before we get to Convention and you get involved in something that you can't do justice to.

We are also moving into the time segment for county con-

ventions. Please let me remind you that the county Conventions must be convened in compliance with the State By-Laws, Article VIII Section1 which states: "...County Convention to be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to convening of the State Convention". I would ask all jurisdictions to make me aware of the date of their County Convention. I will share the dates with my fellow Officers and I will personally make every effort to attend as many possible and it would be my great pleasure to install the new County Boards.

By attending these Conventions and conducting the Installations, it will allow me to bond with each of the County Officers who I so very much wish to serve with during the next two years. As you are probably aware, I have progressed through the chairs and I am now a candidate for the high office of N.Y State President of our noble Order. I humbly ask each of you for your vote this year once again as I stand for election to the office of President.....*and please God allow me the strength, knowledge and grace to do your work with the men of the Ancient Order of Hibernians as President of New York State!*

See you all in Albany.....

Secretary

Michael J. McNabb

I can not believe 2 years have past since our last Convention in Albany. It has been a pleasure to serve as YOUR AOH/NYS State Secretary. I hope you will support me in my quest to move forward to the position of Ancient Order of Hibernians New York State Vice President.

As of this writing 15 Divisions Per capita remain unpaid. There are also 19 Divisions who have not submitted Form 9's.

As per the AOH/NYS By-Laws Article IV Section 6 – No Division is entitled representation in the Convention unless all dues, assessments and fines due the National, State and County shall have been paid fifteen (15) days before the date set for the calling of the same.

That means any Division who has not paid their Per capita Tax and any late fees post-marked by June 23, 2009 is NOT entitled to representation at the Convention.

A reminder to all newly Elected County Presidents, a Form 9 must be submitted to the National and Sate Secretary's. This will ensure the proper County Officers receive the information they are due.

I would be remiss if I did not thank AOH/NYS President

Nelligan for his outstanding leadership these last 2 years. I would also like to thank the other Members of the New York Sate Board for their support and assistance.

Finally - a Thank You to all the Divisions who invited me to their events. I attended as many as was possible. I look forward to attending many more in the future.

PLEASE do not let my wife know I will be trying to travel more. She says 3 weekends a month on the road is enough. Hey, sometimes I got 4!

Treasurer

James Burke

Brothers, it was very good to meet with so many of you at the recent State Board meeting in East Durham.

As reported then, your NYS Treasury is financially sound and currently very strong. We thank you for your support of our early per capita rebate program which has been a great help to our cash flow. I am again requesting that all Divisions have their Division number and location (County) printed on their checks. Thank you for you cooperation in doing this.

On a personal note, it is hard to believe that almost two years have passed since my election and that my term as Treasurer will end in July (and we are

still solvent!) It has been an honor to serve as your Treasurer and a great pleasure working with the other State officers, all of whom I can attest are very dedicated to our Order. I hope to continue to serve you and our Order in the future. I will be seeking the office of NYS Secretary at our Convention in July. I would very much appreciate your continued support and hope to see you in Albany, July 8th through 11th. Best wishes for a very happy and safe summer.

Immediate

Past President &
Calendar Chairman

John Hennessy

It was great to see everybody up at East Durham, the weather held off for the best part.

I want to congratulate the winners of the golf tournament, and thank the committee for the job well done. Remember this is the only fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund.

As my report showed; the results of the 2008 calendar sales: 616 calendars @ 25.00 = 15,400.00, expenses printing and postage 2000.00. We had 187 winners @25.00 = 4675.00, 33 winners @50.00 = 1650.00 for a total expense of 8325.00.

15,400.00-8325.00 = 7,075.00.
\$7075.00 divided by 2 = \$3537.50 to each State Board.

I still have calendars for 2009 if you can sell any let me know; remember there are still 6 months left. If any brother has ideas on how to increase our sales please let me know.

We have an upcoming State Convention; our worthy President has appointed me to be Resolutions Chairman. Please mail any resolutions to me at P.O. Box 37 Deer Park, NY 11729.

District 1

Robert Flaherty

As summer approaches all divisions are busy planning events. I hope everybody had a great St. Patrick's Day. There were festivities going on at all divisions, as well as a great parade in Albany.

The Capital District Council met on 4/18/09 at Schenectady. Business of the order was discussed as well as communications between the divisions.

The Albany division members are planning the Wounded Warrior Project Golf Tournament at the Western Turnpike on June 26th, contact Ray McDermott at rmcderm1@nycap.rr.com.

The NYS AOH bowling tournament was held in Schenectady on April 25, with a great group of brothers participating. The Schenectady division won the tournament and a good time was had by all. The following day the

Schenectady division had their communion breakfast followed by a presentation on James Connelly. The breakfast was well attended by both members and state officers.

On June 19th the Celtic Faire will be held on Jay Street in Schenectady from 4:00pm to 10:00pm with no admission fee. On May 3rd the Schenectady division sent a bus to East Durham for mass at the Lady of Knock.

On May 1 the state held a golfing tournament at East Durham and the next day the New York State AOH/LAOH boarding meetings were held. They were well attended by members, state, and national officers.

On June 21st the Watervliet division will be having their communion breakfast.

Last but not least, the NYS AOH/LAOH Convention will be held at the Crown Plaza in Albany from July 8-11, 2009. Don't forget to attend; it's a great learning process.

District 2

Bill Powers

District 2 survived the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Our parade had the best weather and crowd in 25 years. Division 1, Erie County, hired a concert marching band, Kelly's Heroes, and they won 1st place. The crowd loved them.

The Emerald Society, Division

4, and the Professional Firefighters, Division 5, had large turnouts for the parade and for the small valley parade in the old First Ward in South Buffalo.

Niagara Falls has a St. Patrick's Day party on St. Patrick's Day in the best venue in Western New York. They have had as many as 2500 people attend.

Lockport had a family St. Patrick's party and had a great set up for young children. They had crafts and games for the kids. Adults enjoyed music and dancing.

Rochester had their parade and had a good party.

We are getting ready for the summer. We hope to have a Chicken BBQ to support our Western New York Gaelic Football Club. The Club got a great write up in a recent edition of the Irish Echo newspaper.

We are also getting ready for a James Joyce conference that runs from June 13th-17th at the University of Buffalo. It is run by a Buffalo State Professor who is a Joyce Scholar and one of our brothers, Lawrence Shine. He came here to study Joyce because UB has the largest collection of Joyce memorabilia in the world.

Please don't forget the State Convention, July 8th-11th in Albany. Keep making plans for Cincinnati next year.

Our area Hibernians have been contacted by the Erie County Historian, Doug Kohler, to help in resurrecting a plaque to commemorate the crossing the Niagara River for the Battle of Ridgeway.

District 3

Robert Loughery

I hope that all my brothers will have a great summer. I have enjoyed my time as your Director and hope to see everybody at the NYS convention in July.

District #3 is growing. I attended a meeting and installation of officers for the Utica Division. At that time they swore in 10 new members. I attended the Fulton and Oswego Installations and also attended Syracuse's installation dinner and Christmas party.

Syracuse has many activities going on through out the year. They now run the entire Syracuse Irish Festival in September. Fulton has the food concession at the festival. They also provided music and Irish food for the people of Fulton on the weekend celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the annual cleanup of the Irish Settlement Cemetery.

Oswego will have their annual Clam Bake. Watertown had a successful Irish Festival with most of the members working hard. We had an enjoyable Installation dinner with lots of

good food. We gained 3 new members this year. Unfortunately one new member passed away in March.

District 4

John Hyland

As the three County Boards within District 4 prepare for their elections and County Conventions, many other events are scheduled.

We would like to Thank NYS President Matt Nelligan for selecting Yonkers Mayor Phil A Amicone as the first recipient of "Our Lady of Knock-Queen of Ireland" Right to Life Award. This award will be presented to Mayor Amicone on Friday evening, July 10th at the NYS Convention.

The Bronx County Board held another successful Mass for the Unborn on Sunday, May 17th at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Bronx County Chaplin Rev. Brian McCarthy celebrated the Mass with a brief service afterwards at the Guardian Angel Plot.

The Irish American Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to John J. Sweeney, National President of the AFL-CIO and a former member of the Myles Scully Division 1, Yonkers at their annual Golf Outing Dinner at the Dunwoodie Gold Club on May 29th.

The 200th Anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of

Old St Patrick's Cathedral will take place on June 7th with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Dolan followed by a parade. As a special honor to the AOH the men will participate in a special ceremony in front of the Cathedral as our forebears did 160 some years ago.

The NY County Board will hold their annual Communion Breakfast/Convention on Saturday May 30th at the 69th Armory at Lexington and 25th St. The convention will start at 10:00 followed by the celebration of Mass at 11:00.

A special congratulation is extended to the Martin J. Kearns, Div. 4, NY County for their enormous efforts in recruiting new members to their division. In the last several months, they have installed 50 to 60 new members.

Div. 2 NY County received a donation of 20 sashes from the former Division 11 Bronx County.

District 5

Al Donohue

This has been a quick two year stint as your Director. Bill Kelly, the President of the county of Kings (Brooklyn) gave me a very good report, telling of all that has happened under his term as President, both good and bad. Michael Gaffney has been chosen by his peers as the next Division 35 President and has been

sworn in by Bill Kelly, as was the case with Patrick Cosgrave for Division 19. I have just been informed of the death of Charlie Boyle, a lifetime member of both District 4 & 19. After a wake and Funeral Mass, he was interred in Ireland.

In Queens, we had the bad news that Francis McLoughlin, the President of the Queens County Board, had suffered a TIA and has been on the mend and should be able to attend the State convention in July. Warren Scullin stood in for him and did a fine job.

In Richmond County (Staten Island), they are preparing for the Staten Ireland Irish Fair to be held on June 13 & 14 on the grounds of the South Beach Psychiatric Center. John Woods Division 1 Financial Secretary still puts out one of the most informative news papers in the State.

One problem that I have encountered as Director has been the number of people who have not taken their major degrees. I have been in touch with Jack King, Division 4 President, who tells me he will be able to bring his team to the mainland to give degrees.

The Kings County board unanimously voted their support to Timothy McSweeney in his run for New York State Treasurer as did Division 35, Kings County.

District 6

Edward F. Friel

It has been two years since I was elected to the position of Director of District #6. How quickly the years slip by. I have enjoyed holding this great position and I am proud of the new friendships I have made.

District #6 Nassau and Suffolk Counties are doing well. The membership is up and many activities are planned for the summer months. We are involved in many projects, such as a recruitment drive, Project Children fundraising, blood drives and a letter writing campaign to local politicians to show our support for anti-abortion issues.

Members of the Nassau County Board took part in the 93rd Anniversary of the Easter Rebellion that was held on April 13, 2009. The East Monday Monument located in Mineola, New York is to undergo major renovation. The Monument is supported by several Irish groups in the area. The Nassau County Board AOH, the Irish American Society, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Emerald Society of the Nassau County Police, Irish Northern Aid, Irish Americans in Government and the Brehon Law Society have taken the lead in the renovation project. We are hoping for a mid-summer completion date.

In Suffolk County the Derry 14 Committee sponsored a Mass for the Anniversary of Bloody

Sunday. The celebrant for the Mass was Father Henry Reed. The Suffolk County Board held a successful County Ball with a large group in attendance. The AOH Honoree was County Board President Walter Butler.

Nassau County hosted a Shamrock and Major Degree on April 19, 2009. The Major Degree was presented by the Tara Degree Team of Suffolk County. The Shamrock Degree was presented by the Nassau County Team.

Both Counties will be holding County Conventions in the next month and plan on having a good turnout at the New York State Convention in July. We wish our brothers good luck as they move up the chairs.

District 7

Tom Boslet

I can't express how wonderful the past two years have been for me to be able to serve as District Seven Director. Being the interface between the State officers and the Division Presidents is a very important and fulfilling position. Helping to guide the four Divisions when needed has been a very satisfying time in my life. It was unfortunate timing for me though because I also served as the NY State Secretary of the Knights of Columbus at the same time and so I had conflicts for many AOH events

that I would have wanted to attend.

I want to thank our Worthy President Matt Nelligan and his Officers, the editor Tom McKenna, and the State Pro-life Chairman Leo Kane for all the help and advice given to me over the past two years. Most of all I want to thank all of the Division Presidents for their many kindnesses and great cooperation in accomplishing the goals of the National and State Administrations.

The District is heading into the lazy days of summer and the calendars of events have fewer dates penciled in. All the Divisions are busy preparing for the July State Convention in Albany.

**Msgr. Donal O'Callaghan
Division 1, Binghamton,
Broome County:**

Worthy President Hugh McReynolds expressed his shock and dismay for the tragic and senseless killings in the City of Binghamton at the American Civic Association on April 3rd. "Our hearts and prayers go out to the relatives and friends of the survivors as well as the thirteen victims. Such tragedies usually don't occur so close to home. Offer your prayers for world peace."

The Special Olympics will be held at Binghamton University- June 12 - 14. Volunteers are needed. The Division Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 8, 2009.

Division meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Binghamton's website is <http://home.stny.rr.com/patjunk>.

**The Msgr. John Lee Division
1, Elmira, Chemung County:**

Worthy President Mark O'Herron is looking forward to his Division participating in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade. The Division is preparing for the upcoming State Convention.

Division meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Sons of Ireland Division 1,
Hornell, Steuben County:**

Worthy President Steve Donlon says the Division is planning their 3rd Annual Irish Fest for Saturday August 22, 2009, 5:30pm at the parking lot of St Ann's Church, Hornell, NY. Also on the calendar is the 30th Annual Irish Open on Sunday September 27, 2009, 9:00am at the Twin Hickory Golf Club, Hornell, NY. The Division also sponsors a Scholarship Fund that is open to current high school seniors that are members of Our Lady of the Valley Parish or is the son/daughter of a member of the AOH.

Membership is now up to 70+. Division meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Hornell's website is <http://www.freewebs.com/aohs onofireland>.

**Division 32, Oneonta, Otsego
County:**

Worthy President Bob Morrissey has been busy planning Division events. They're currently discussing "The 1st Annual AOH Irish Open." at CJ's on Saturday August 22nd, 2009. And maybe a "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day" party on September 26th, 2009.

Division meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Division 32's website is <http://www.orgsites.com/ny/otsegoaoh>.

District 8

Phil Sheridan

As we move into summer amid getting the tomatoes planted, the boat washed and planning vacations, it is a busy time to put some AOH functions on our agenda. Most important is the State convention, July 8 - 11, in Albany (see State web site for details). Come and take part in your AOH, you have the chance to make a difference with your vote.

Mark Sept 6 on your calendars; the Ulster County "Hooley On The Hudson"; this is a great day for all the young and not so young. Music, dance, a parade, food galore and a beautiful location, for more details see the Ulster County web site.

Down in Rockland County there is the 36th Annual Feis and Field Games on July 19th. Pipe competitions, Irish dance, singing, baking, Sheaf throw-

ing, and many other competitions. (See their web site at Rockland Feis Inc.)

Wishing all a happy and safe season. Pray for the Troops.

Political Education

Richard M. Morris

It has been my constant duty to respond to, keep track of and participate in, the issues crucial to our Catholic beliefs and our Hibernian Order; be these issues legislative or any other that may have a negative effect upon us as Hibernians and as practicing Catholics. I have been watch-dogging how politicians have been voting on issues important to us and I have done my best to inform all Brothers and others in your communities about these issues, how you might redress them thru your elected representative's and stop bad legislation. I have contacted state politicians and been pro-active in these matters.

Once again there are many groups who have expressed the idea/intent of bringing legal action against the Governor and his "order" concerning same-sex marriage benefits. It appears as if Governor Pater-son is and will do anything he desires to carry out his anything goes in New York State agenda; liberal to say the least. How did your Assembly person vote on the issue? Write your legislator and let them know your opposition. You can find out how to do this by

going to www.nyscatholic.org get involved.

There are now several important issues that affect our Catholic belief, these issues need involvement from us and not a shrug and walk away. That is precisely what is taking place and why our faith is challenged every day; we choose to do nothing. Example of the issues: the federal government is now, thru executive order of President Obama, providing additional funding for human embryonic stem cell research on any embryonic stem cell line; with new lines expected to be created from the destruction of so-called "left-over" embryos stored in fertility clinics. You can take action to oppose federal taxpayer funded cloning and embryo destructive research by going to the National Right to Life Committee website www.capwiz.com/nrlc/issue/alert/?alertid=12900506&type=CO. Here you can send a pre-written letter to your congressional representative on this important issue. Help protect Conscience Rights in Health Care right here in New York State, bills have been introduced intended to force Catholic hospitals to provide abortions and other procedures against Catholic teaching. Many pro-abortion groups have launched campaigns to make health-care providers violate their consciences and some groups; such as "Merger Watch"; were created for just this purpose. To be up to date on this issue go to

www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection. Another issue that needs attention: efforts to reduce abortion funding; Assemblyman Tony Seminerio, Democrat from Queens, presented an amendment to the State Budget SFY-2009-2010, #A.158-B, to restrict the use of Medicaid funds for abortion. Although the amendment failed the 43 members who voted pro-life, in its favor, are due a thank you.

Contact information for legislators can be found at: www.senate.state.ny.us and www.assembly.state.ny.us

I end this report with this food for thought: "You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom...What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for. That my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it." Dr. Adrian Rogers, 1931-2005

Charities & Missions

Dennis P Browne

1) I would like to remind everyone that the Bi-Annual Charities and Missions report is due at the end of the month. The time period covered is June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009. Please use the form from the web site or a similar spread sheet format. Remember to list separately man hours (@ 7.50 per hour) from monetary donations. Please include a contact name, phone number or e-mail address in case I have any questions.

2) The NYS AOH Jack Burns Memorial Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 26th at the Walkill Golf Course in Orange County NY. Hotel accommodations will be available and the banquet and awards dinner will be held at the AOH Hall in Monroe NY. For non golfers we will also be hosting an open dart tournament, (Cricket, 301 & 501) at the same time as the golf tournament. For anyone arriving on Friday, the AOH Hall in Monroe and Cornwall will be open at 4pm and a BBQ dinner will be available. If any division or county wishes to donate a prize for this tournament, I will gladly collect them at the State Convention in Albany. Hole sponsors and golf registration forms will also be available in Albany.

Catholic Action

Daniel Case

Again brothers I am forced as your Chairperson for Catholic Action write to you regarding Governor Paterson's attempt AGAIN to force his will and the will of a very few on the citizens of this state by enacting a bill allowing "SAME SEX MARRIAGES". Either this Governor is not listening to the people of the State of New York, or he us simply taking the advice of that very small minority to try to put this legislation before the people of this state again.

This my brothers is against all the precepts of our organization, and against the faith of our Fathers. Our Catholic doctrine teaches us that there is in a marriage the union between one MAN and one Woman. This is the way it has been for centuries within the Church and even before.

It seems that Governor Paterson wishes to dictate to us the members of this august body that he is the one that decides what is acceptable to the citizens of this state and our organization. Rest assured that his actions are being noticed by the voters, and thus will reflect if he has further ambitions to elected office in New York State.

I ask that you, my worthy brothers take the time to respond to this appeal by your AOH State Board and email or mail your displeasure to the

representative in your area. Please I encourage you to write and have others even family members write to voice your displeasure with the Governors actions.

There is also a website that was provided in an email to you by Brother Brian Nelligan AOH Publicity Chairperson on April 25th. If you did not receive it here it is again www.nyscatholic.org click 'TAKE ACTION NOW' then "Help Protect Marriage."

A signed copy by president Nelligan, P.E.C. Chairman "Merc" Morris, and myself of the resolution passed at the last board meeting against same sex marriages, was hand delivered to all the members of the N.Y. State Senate on Tuesday 5/12. Brothers lets hope that our voice is heard by these elected officials!!

F.F.A.I.

Frank Corcoran

C O N S T I T U T I O N OF
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INC.

PREAMBLE: It is hereby declared and decreed that the purpose of this organization, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., is:

(3) To aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and abso-

lute independence, promoting peace and unity for all Ireland.

New Initiative From Sinn Fein

On June 13th at 12 PM to 3:30 PM Sinn Fein will host a Conference on the future of a United Ireland. The event will take place in NYC at the Hilton Hotel. Once again our great state has been chosen to host a Sinn Fein event.

The format will be an open forum with an introduction by Gerry Adams followed by several speakers (I believe Worthy National president Seamus Boyle will be among them) and followed by an open mike for comments by anyone who wants to say anything on the topic.

I am hoping that a large number of NYS AOH brothers will attend and be part of the event. It certainly would be a huge disappointment if we did not appear in big numbers in our own state.

In conjunction with this, AOH National FFAI Chair, Sean Pender has asked us all to try to get resolutions from local governments to be read at this conference. I have some samples on the NYS website. We only have a few weeks so act as soon as you can. Please plan on attending the conference and reading your resolution. If you cannot attend you can send it to me or our Worthy President Matt Nelligan. Someone will present and read your resolution for you.

As you can read from the preamble to our Constitution this is a major goal of the AOH and we are all sworn to assist in this endeavor. Please join us on June 13th, even if you choose not to speak you can be there and be counted. Please contact me for information or assistance.

Christmas Appeal 2008

I thank you for your support of the Christmas Appeal 2008. Special thanks to Worthy President Matt Nelligan for his efforts in making the campaign a success. Please contact me if you have any questions.

The Christmas appeal was very successful and the AOH was able to contribute over \$55,000 to various organizations in the North. As the political climate continues to change, so do our contributions. We are trying to reach out to all communities as a gesture to the new realities of the Stormont Government.

Congratulations to New York State AOH. The final National Appeal number was up substantially from 2007 and NYS was again the leader in contributions. NYS contributed over \$16,000 which was 40% of the total of states contributing and a huge 25% over last year. The NYS Board was awarded a decorated hurley stick (caman in Irish), made in Belfast, noting the contribution of over \$1000 for 2008. AOH Division, County or State Boards that contributed over \$1000 were:
NYS Board

Division 5, Albany
Division 2, Syracuse
Suffolk County Board
Division 11, Hampton Bays
Division 14, Nassau County

See you all in Albany at the State Convention.
Tiocfaidh ár lá

Immigration

Dan Dennehy

Summer J1 Visa Program and 1 year J Visa Program

The intense economic climate in the US and Ireland has led Siobhan Dennehy, Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers President and Emerald Isle Immigration Center, Executive Director to ask for AOH members to consider employing and accommodate students from Ireland seeking summer jobs between the months of May and October and college students seeking a one year working visa. These students are legally allowed to work and drive in the US during that period. I believe that this can be a rewarding cultural exchange for the student and the family/business that employ/ accommodate them. Please contact me, Dan Dennehy at (914)588-2710 or contact Siobhan at 718/478-5502 Ext 206 for more details.

Senior Helpline Established In NY

The three Irish Centers in New York have been working with the support of the Irish Consulate in New York to develop a valuable new resource for sen-

iors in the New York area. Mr. Niall Burgess, the Consul General, in association with the New York Irish Center, the Emerald Isle Immigration Center and the Aisling Irish Community Center hosted reception at which Mr. Micheal Martin, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs officially launched the Senior Helpline USA.

The Senior Helpline is entirely volunteer run; it provides opportunities for older people to call and talk to a sympathetic listener of their own age group about common concerns and worries or just to have a friendly chat. This program will help to alleviate the isolation felt by seniors who are living alone.

The Senior Helpline USA is staffed by trained volunteers from the Aisling Irish Community Center, the Emerald Isle Immigration Center and the New York Irish Center. If you know anyone who would benefit from this service have them call the toll free number on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The toll free number for the helpline is 1-877-997-5777.

Meeting About Irish Immigrants Deportation Issues

On Tuesday May 19th I participated in a conference with representatives of Irish immigration centers in the US most familiar with issues concerning Irish detainees. The NYS AOH has helped many Irish detain-

ees in the past two years and I will update you soon.

AOH National Immigration Webpage

Recently I have been working with Danny O'Connell, AOH National Immigration Chairman to improve the immigration webpage on the national website. Although New York State AOH is clearly the leader in providing information and assistance to our members on Immigration issues, I am happy with the cooperation between the National, State and County Boards in streamlining our information.

ILIR Meeting in Rory Dolan's

I, along with many other AOH members, attended the capacity crowd meeting at Rory Dolan's to hear Fmr. Congressman Bruce Morrison, ILIR Chairman Bart Murphy and others give full credit to the AOH, with special mention to Brothers Matt Reilly, Rockland County and Peter Coyle, NY County for the AOH's participation in ILIR's past and future campaigns on immigration reform.

AOH National Website
www.aoh.com

Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers www.ciic-usa.org

Emerald Isle Immigration Center www.eiic.org

[ILIR www.irishlobbyusa.org](http://www.irishlobbyusa.org)

Veterans Affairs

John M. Ryan

This is the final column and I want to remind our membership of several important issues for the Order and our Veterans. Please keep in mind these two very worthy projects that directly address the problems our returning military are facing.

Wounded Warrior Project, National Processing Center, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516

AND

Fisher House, Stratton VA Medical Center, 113 Holland Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12208

Information for Veterans

There is a new addition of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" by the Department of Veteran's Affairs available. It updates the rates for certain federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American Veterans. The booklet is 153 pages and can be downloaded at va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current_benefits.asp. It can be ordered by mail from the US Government Printing Office for a fee of \$5. Call 866 512-1800. They accept credit cards.

Freedom Team Salute

Say "Thank You" with a Freedom Team Salute Commendation. Freedom Team Salute is sponsored by the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff. There is no cost to

participate. Anyone can honor a discharged U.S. Army Veteran and those individuals who support Soldiers and the Army mission. Active Duty Soldiers can honor their parents, spouses, and other supporters. Guard and Reserve Soldiers can honor their parents, spouses and employers and other supporters. Register on line at FreedomTeam-Salute.com or by mail at U.S. Army Freedom Salute, P.O. Box 529, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-9706.

An Interesting Publication for Veterans

VetJobs Veteran Eagle is a recent publication that contains a great deal of information on benefits for veterans, transitioning military and their family members. It contains information on free SAT & ACT test prep software, unemployment benefits, the VA Data Theft Class Action Suit, Camp Lejune Water Study, how to re-open claims using the VA's Missing Document Program, Military related Job-fairs and a brochure on Veteran's Benefits. You can access this newsletter at: www.vetjobs.com.

Agent Orange

(From The Blue Water Navy Web Site)

Representative Bob Filner, Chairman of the House Veteran's Affairs Committee reports that the committee is working on developing a bill to authorize medical care to veterans exposed to toxins during the Viet Nam War and Gulf War eras. The bill will provide

the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which at one time had the authority, permanent authority to treat these veterans. The bill will be called the Agent Orange Equity Act. Monitor the web for further developments and contact your Congressman.

Please continue to remember all our Veterans in your prayers. Remember, Freedom is not free. Some veteran earned it for you. God Bless America.

Organizer

Liam McNabb

"All Irish Need Apply"

All is well on the organizing front. Great news- there are two new AOH Divisions since we last met. On April 18th, 33 new members and seven transfers were initiated into the new AOH division in Geneva (Ontario County). Tom Corcoran (Elmira) and National Secretary Tom McNabb led the Shamrock Degree and were assisted from brothers from the Elmira and Auburn divisions. Many thanks to Brother Corcoran for leading the way in Ontario County.

There is also a new Division in Queens (Woodside) thanks to the hard work and leadership of Queens County President Fran McLoughlin and Deputy Organizer Warren Scullin. We hope to see members of both new divisions at this year's State Convention.

On February 2nd, I met with potential members in Owego, Tioga County, about starting a new division. There is a great deal of interest at this time and we expect more interest in the near future. Pat Hogan (Binghamton AOH member) lives in Tioga County and is leading our efforts. Special thanks to Tom Corcoran, John O'Herron, and Division President Mark O'Herron from the Elmira Division for attending and assisting with the meeting. We are scheduled to meet again in May.

At the end of February, I visited Elizabethtown, Essex County, for an "Informational Session" where we think we have enough interest for a new division. Another meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

In April, I conducted an "Informational Session" in Poughkeepsie (Dutchess County). This was in response to requests for organizing a new division specifically located in the city of Poughkeepsie. The meeting was productive and an outreach event will be scheduled in coming weeks.

If any divisions or county boards need recruitment materials, specifically our recruitment banner (with our 1-800 telephone number), the National AOH recruitment DVD or recruitment easels or posters, please feel free to contact me or Warren Scullin, Deputy State Organizer.

In closing, I encourage Brothers to contact me for more information about the recruitment and retention grant program as well as if anyone has organizing tips or areas of interest for organizing.

Deputy Organizer

A. Warren Scullin

Since my last report I discussed recruitment strategies and distributed organization materials at Division meetings in Queens, New York County and the Kings County Board. At this time I would like to report that a new Division has been formed in Woodside, Queens in conjunction with the Lincoln counsel of the Knights of Columbus. In Sunnyside and in Maspeth, Queens; plans are underway to form Divisions there.

At the National Convention in New Orleans I received a new supply of organization materials. I also have the "All Irish Need Apply" recruitment poster. If any County or Division needs an Organization kit, please contact me immediately.

National Director/Catholic Action

Martin Kelly

The Irish marching season is finally over, but I had a few pleasant surprises while helping out at the parade on Fifth Avenue. On the reviewing stand was California State

President Chuck Guilda who had come all the way from the West Coast. We enjoyed watching the Hibernian Pipe Band from Rhode Island in its first New York appearance and spotted National Director Joe Brady who gave us a hearty wave from the midst of the Rhode Island A.O.H. contingent. I marched with the New York State Board of the A.O.H. and was pleased to see two visiting Connecticut brothers, Frank Kearney, National Director, and Past National Director Phil Gallagher, stepping up the avenue with us. Phil gave me an excellent article on Catholic Action that he wrote some years back that is worth sharing with you. Thank you Phil for the article, the following is that article.

Since its earliest days one of the primary missions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has been its dedication to the Roman Catholic Faith and the protection of its clergy.

The Defenders, who were the forerunners of the A.O.H. in Ireland, set the standard during the Penal Years, when the English Government outlawed the Catholic Religion, by standing guard for the priests as they prayed open air Masses among the hidden glens of Ireland.

The A O H in America has continued this mission of protecting the Catholic Church. Two of the most noteworthy incidents occurred in New York City. In 1844

Archbishop John Hughes called upon the A O H to guard the old St. Patrick's Cathedral in lower Manhattan against anti-Catholic bigots who threatened to burn it down.

In 1990 John Cardinal O'Connor asked the A O H to help protect St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue against the desecrations being threatened by Act Up and some pro-abortion groups.

Hibernians always stand ready to shoulder the burden of defending Catholicism. The A O H was one of the staunchest opponents of the Klu Klux Klan during the 1920's and vigorously protested the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico and Spain during the 1920' and 30's.

Throughout the last half of the 19th century A O H Divisions and individual members made generous donations to the building of parish churches throughout the U. S. Visual evidence of these contributions remain to this very day in the hundreds of stain glass windows of St. Patrick that are found in Catholic Churches throughout America.

The relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was formalized in 1890 when Bishop Foley of Detroit became the first National Chaplain and cemented in 1898 when Bishop McCall of Trenton placed the A O H under the

rules of the Council of Baltimore.

Since Bishop Foley, a succession of illustrious members of the clergy have agreed to provide spiritual guidance to Hibernians as National Chaplains.

In return, the A O H and its members have donated enormous amounts of money to the Catholic Church and its institutions throughout the United States and beyond.

The A O H in 1896 donated \$50,000.00 to Catholic University in Washington D. C. to establish a chair of Gaelic Language and Culture which remains to this very day.

In 1912 the A O H and LAOH donated \$40,000.00 to the Catholic Church Extension Society for missionary work in rural regions of the U. S.

During 1927 the A O H pledged and subsequently gave \$50,000 to the Irish College in Rome. This was an enormous accomplishment in view of the fact that most of the money was raised during the dismal economic conditions of the Great Depression.

1978 was the year the A O H began its campaign to raise \$1,300,000.00 for the establishment of an A O H Chair at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. To this day the Notre Dame Fund and Notre Dame Scholarships remain one of the principal charities of the A O H.

In 1995 the A O H established Project St. Patrick to encourage vocations and award scholarships to worthy seminarians.

The year 2002 saw the A O H present checks for \$20,000.00 to Catholic Bishops in Belfast for the purpose of rebuilding Catholic Schools and Churches that had been burned by Loyalist arsonists.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians has always been in the forefront of Catholic causes. In the first half of the 20th century the A O H joined the Catholic Church in pressing for decency on the stage and on the screen.

Hibernians have also been noted for lobbying for financial help for Catholic parents who in effect must pay double for the Constitutional right to send their children to parochial school.

To better assist the Catholic Church and its mission, the A O H in 1960 established a National Catholic Action Committee.

Hibernians like many other Americans were profoundly shocked in 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion. Since that time Hibernians, individually and collectively have made the repeal of that decision a primary goal of the Order. The A O H. feels that goal is so important that it established a separate National Right to Life Committee to

combat the evils of abortion as well as the threat to legalize euthanasia. Each January thousands of Hibernians journey to Washington D. C. on the anniversary of Roe V. Wade to join with other like-minded people to protest the decision that has caused the death of millions of unborn children.

Hibernians will continue to have communion breakfasts, masses for the Holy Innocents or for Peace with Justice in Ireland. They will continue to do the many things that they have always done to collectively carry on the mission of the Catholic Church.

National Ritual Committee Chairman

Pat Shannon

There will be a Ritual Committee meeting with all the Major Degree teams in New York State at the State Convention. Location and time will be posted at the Convention.

Commodore Barry

Vic Vogel

Jack O'Brien, District of Columbia State Board Historian, continues to spearhead the Ancient Order of Hibernians' mission to erect a memorial dedicated to Commodore John Barry on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. The Superintendent of the Academy has agreed to reconstitute the Memorials Committee to reconsider the merits of the

project. With "right and facts on our side," Jack is getting support from many people. A retired Rear Admiral, in a letter to the Superintendent, wrote, "While we honor John Paul Jones as the father of the American Naval Tradition with that elegant tomb under the Chapel, we have failed to appreciate the man who actually was the father of the American Navy...Their (the Hibernians) research on Barry seems to me to be unusually complete including possession of his original commission, serial number one, which they have restored. Back in the day when officers were assigned serial numbers, ours took precedence from that commission. If for no other reason than this, a suitable memorial of his service is justified."

It is hoped that the work of the Commodore Barry Memorial Committee will at last meet with approval. When that occurs, we must be ready to move quickly in support of the project.

A conference on Commodore John Barry was held at Villanova University on May 13, 2009. The topic of the conference was the digitized Barry-Hayes Papers made available through a partnership between Villanova University and Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia. Speakers included dignitaries from the Consulate General of Ireland, the Presidents of Villanova University and Independence

Seaport Museum, AOH National President Seamus Boyle and a variety of Barry scholars. The Commodore John Barry Club of Brooklyn participated in the conference.

Scholarship

Thomas Conway

Once again, it is my pleasure to let New York members know about our Scholarship. The New York State Board sponsors the Austin V. Carew State Scholarship which is awarded to a deserving student whose parents/guardians are active members who have taken their Major Degree. Applications and requirements have been distributed to the Presidents and were sent out with the March issue of the Empire State Hibernian. The response has been very encouraging as I have received several outstanding applications. At present Jennifer O'Rourke, Kacey O'Herron, Kristin Armstrong and Bartholomew Johnson are the present recipients of the scholarship.

The scholarship is sustained by the James F. Hayes Memorial Golf Tournament which is held the first weekend in May in East Durham, the same weekend as the New York State Board meeting. This year, the tournament was once again a resounding success thanks to the contributions of the membership and sponsors. Also, a big thank you to all of the members and friends who

played a great round of golf and enjoyed the post tournament festivities at the Shamrock House.

This year we were able to offer A DAY AT THE BALL PARK, which raised over \$800.00 for the scholarship. Many thanks to Pat Philbin, the members of Division 7 Suffolk County and Clover Graphics for making this possible. The raffle was won by the Suffolk County Board.

I welcome any suggestions you may have that could improve this annual event. Till next year, keep those clubs swinging.

NYS AOH Convention
Chair

Liam McNabb
2009 Convention Update
Save the date!!!

The New York State AOH and LAOH Convention begins with our Opening Mass at Historic Saint Mary's Church on Wednesday, **July 8th** and concludes with our Installation Banquet on **Saturday, July 11th**. We are pleased to partner with the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Downtown Albany again for the very affordable rate of **\$124 per night (plus taxes)** and we are confident that you and your guests will enjoy the sites, events and scenery that downtown has to offer. Hotel parking is free for overnight guests. Hospitality suites are available for \$144 per night (plus taxes) and can only be

reserved by contacting me at (518) 489-1752 or at liammcnabb@hotmail.com.

To contact the Crowne Plaza hotel, call 800-2CROWNE or (518) 462-6611 or go to www.cpalbany.com. Use code "HO1" (H-zero-1) to book your room and benefit from the AOH/LAOH convention rate.

The Major Degree will be conducted by the Celtic Warrior Degree Team from Richmond County on Saturday, July 11th at 12 noon. Candidates are expected to check-in by 11:30am. The fee for candidates is \$20 and the registration form is posted on nyaoh.com and hibernians.com. Candidates can register at the convention as well.

This year, we are pleased to offer workshops for AOH delegates that include guest speakers from NYS Right to Life, CONPOR (Elks, Moose, Eagles, AOH lobbying coalition) as well as a seminar for Division Presidents and Financial Secretaries by National Secretary Thomas McNabb.

Registration Forms are posted on nyaoh.com and hibernians.com. Please note the early date of **6/19/09** and late date of **6/30/09** for ordering the full package or individual event tickets. **No Event Tickets Will Be Available At the Convention.** *We strongly encourage you to register and order your tickets as early as*

possible as this will assist our committee in the planning of each event.

Our committee has been working diligently to ensure an enjoyable and successful convention. We look forward to seeing you in July.

Chaplain

Fr. Henry W. Reid

Hanging on the wall of my office is a framed print, the one by Kevin O'Malley that everyone who has read the Hibernian Digest over the past number of years has seen. The sketch is of a number of Irishmen, Hibernians to be precise, from different socio-economic backgrounds, but doing one thing together, defending the Faith. These men, fellow Hibernians from another era, were called upon by Bishop John "Dagger" Hughes to defend St. Patrick's Cathedral from the anti-Catholic, anti-immigrant Know Nothings, a collection of intolerant "Nativists" who had been putting many of our Churches to the torch in the mid to late 19th Century. Those were hard times to be a Catholic, and an Irishman, as most histories of our order will testify to, but the Hibernians rose up to the challenge.

Now we are faced with difficult times again. The attack on Christian values by the media and "liberal" politicians calls on Hibernians to once again rally to the defense of the

Faith. The still pending "Marriage" Bill that would place gay relationships on par with committed marriages needs to be opposed at every step. Continuing attacks on the lives of unborn children by politicians and others, as well as another "liberal" Supreme Court Justice to be named by president Obama, means that we have to step up efforts in defense of the fundamental Right to Life.

Just a little note for those that believe the Notre Dame controversy was over Obama speaking, it was not; the issue was a Catholic University awarding an honorary Doctorate to someone who has been consistently opposed to the fundamental beliefs of the Church. But let's take him up on his invitation of dialogue. As Christians it is our duty to educate this President, and any other politician who will listen, as to what it is that we believe in.

Of course the Church has had a long tradition of dialoging with politicians. When Bishop Hughes met with Mayor Harper to express his concerns over the Know Nothings coming to New York, the Mayor, a Protestant, quipped "What are you worried about your Churches?" The Bishop responded: "No, mayor, it is you who should be worried about yours." Sometimes we have to look them in the eye and place all our cards on the table.

2009 New York State AOH/LAOH Convention

Registration, "Package", & Event Order Form

You MUST register to purchase ANY event tickets (listed below) to get AOH Room Rate of \$124.00 per night.

NO EVENT TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION

No DINNER/EVENT registrations accepted 7/1 or later (by postmark date)

Convention Registration (\$10) MUST be received by 6/30, or at walk-up registration at convention

Call or email to confirm your reservation.

DETAILED EVENT INFORMATION (meals, entertainment) AVAILABLE ON SCHEDULE.

OPTION #1: Full Package (DEADLINE postmark 6/19)*

Includes Registration Fee, Welcome Party, Awards Installation Dinners \$195 _____

OPTION #2: Ala Carte Event Reservations (DEADLINE postmark 6/30)*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>By 6/19</u>	<u>By 6/30</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration (Mandatory) ALL attendees <u>MUST</u> "register". Failure to do so will cause rejection of the registration.	n/a	\$10/pp	\$10/pp	<u>\$10.00</u>
Welcome Cocktail Party	Wednesday, 7/08	\$40/pp	\$50/pp	_____
Awards Night	Friday, 7/10	\$70/pp	\$85/pp	_____
Installation Ball	Saturday, 7/11	\$90/pp	\$105/pp	_____
			TOTAL	_____

*Meal Selections (OPTIONS #1 and #2)

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>	<u>CHOICE</u>	<u>MEAL OPTIONS</u> (select one per event)
Awards Night	Friday, 7/10	_____	Sliced Sirloin or;
		_____	Chicken with Apple Stuffing, or;
		_____	Vegetarian (Chef's Choice)
Installation Night	Saturday, 7/11	_____	Prime Rib or;
		_____	Grilled Salmon or;
		_____	Vegetarian (Chef's Choice)

We will do our best to accommodate seating requests, but NO guarantees.

If you wish to request to be seated with another attendee(s), list who (and County) below:

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Make All Checks or Money Orders Payable to AOH NYS Convention

Mail with completed registration forms (one per person) to:

NYS AOH/LAOH Convention Committee

c/o Registration Chair, Maggie McNally, 114 Kent St., Albany, NY 12206

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No Tickets Available 7/1 or later OR at the Convention!!

\$10 walk-up registration is available (ONLY)