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## President's Message

Matt Nelligan

Moving toward the busy March season, it's good to have a few minutes to catch up with you and update you on the progress of our Order in New York State. At fundraisers held in Albany in December and February, we have been able to raise record amounts of money for our four primary charities: The Freedom For all Ireland Christmas Appeal, The Hibernian Hunger Project, Project St. Patrick and The Irish-American Heritage Museum. What follows is a list of our 2007-2008 donations in comparison to last year:

Project St. Patrick	
\$700	2007-2008
\$500	2006-2007
Hibernian Hunger Project	
\$500	2007-2008
\$0	2006-2007
Christmas Appeal	
\$2250	2007-2008
\$1000	2006-2007
Irish-American Museum	
\$2500	2007-2008
\$2500	2006-2007

It is important to point out that although the museum total donation is the same, we have been able to provide our full two-year payment in just the first seven months of this administration. I am very grateful to all of the divisions and

counties that sponsored our charitable concerts. Your help was invaluable to the New York State Board, and has allowed us to dramatically expand our charitable work, without spending any dues money out of our general fund. This has helped us maintain a very strong financial position. I would be completely remiss if I did not thank Brothers Liam McNabb and Blake Washington from Division #5 in Albany who led the efforts to organize these events. Our success would have been impossible without their efforts.

I am also pleased to report that the per-capita rebate program that was initiated at our last State Convention has gotten off to an excellent start. As of January 31st, we had 43 divisions paid in full. Last year we had only 3 divisions paid by the same date. The challenge now, is to make sure that the remainder of our divisions pay by the end of March, in order to avoid the 50 Cent per member penalty. Please get your payments in as soon as possible.

As we look toward the summer and our National convention we face more challenges and I am confident that we will achieve similarly good results. As you are all by now aware, State Vice-President Chip McLean is running

a jumbo raffle to benefit our National Convention assistance fund. Tickets are \$10 each and the top prize is \$5000. All proceeds will go to support locally elected delegates to our National Convention. It is imperative that we sell all of the tickets available. Every dollar of profit will go back to you, the members so that we can maximize our delegation in New Orleans. We have endorsed FIVE candidates running, and I will not consider our efforts successful unless all five are elected. To do this, we need all our delegates and to get all our delegates to New Orleans we need to sell all these tickets. Feel free to contact Vice-President McLean if you have any questions. I also want to thank those who supported our convention fundraising concert in Nassau County a couple of weeks ago. State Treasurer Jim Burke did an excellent job organizing this effort.

Over the last months, I have been able to visit many jurisdictions and spread the word about the programs and goals of the New York State AOH. I want to thank Brothers in Bronx, Cayuga, Chemung, Onondaga, Oswego, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga and Jefferson counties for their recent hospitality. I will also be visiting Rockland, Broome, Westchester and New York Counties in the weeks

to come. I am also pleased to report that I will have the honor of meeting with His Eminence Cardinal Egan this March to discuss our role in supporting our Catholic Faith and the importance of the expansion of Catholic Lay organizations such as ours. I will also present His Eminence with a membership card on behalf of the Ancient order of Hibernians. As I have traveled the state, I have been very impressed with the good work being done on the local level. The activities of our Divisions are after all, the lifeblood of our organization. The State Board will continue to do all that we can to support your efforts. Please have a very Happy St. Patrick's day, and don't forget that March is Irish-American History month! On a personal note, my wife Jennifer and I welcomed our second daughter Emily Rebecca on February 7th, everyone is happy and healthy and her big sister Molly is very excited. Thank you for all of the congratulatory notes and e-mails, Jen and I really appreciate it, and know that we can always count on the support of our Hibernian family.

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Secretary

Michael J. McNabb

I must start this report with a couple of CONGRATULATIONS. First to our State President and his wife Jen on the birth of their daughter Emily. Second to the 43 Divisions that took advantage of the Per Capita Rebate. We are now in the \$4.00 per Member part of the year. Please remember that any Per Capita postmarked after March

31st will be assessed a late fee of 50 cents per Member.

The updated New York State By-Laws have been mailed to all State Board Officers, National Officers who reside in the State, County and Division Presidents.

I have not received a number of Form 9's. If your Division has not sent it in please do so, even if there is no change in Officers.

Our next State Board Meeting will be held in East Durham on May 3, 2008

This will follow the James Hayes Golf Classic on May 2nd. If you have not participated in this event in the past you are missing a great time.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Treasurer

James Burke

Brothers, congratulations! Due to your early submission of your per capita assessments our rebate program has been a resounding success. For the first time in many years the state treasury has a positive cash flow at the beginning of our calendar year, thus enabling us to continue our charitable and benevolent endeavors uninterrupted. Over sixty percent of our Divisions participated and earned up to two hundred fifty dollars in rebates for themselves.

Those who have not taken advantage of the rebate please note that the regular assessments are due by March 31st. Please be sure to submit them before that date and

avoid any penalty. Also your National per capita was due February 15th.

As you know we are conducting a state-wide raffle with over seven thousand dollars in prize money. Your presidents, District Directors and state officers have tickets. Please support this effort which will directly benefit Divisions sending delegates to the national convention. A very happy St. Patrick's Day to all, as with Christmas, remember the reason for the season and honor our patron saint.

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Chaplain

Fr. Henry W. Reid

Once again the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of our people, of our Order, is upon us, and throughout the world the Irish will observe St. Patrick's Day with great celebration. Unfortunately, since St. Patrick's Day falls on Monday of Holy week this year, the liturgists in charge of the U.S. Bishop's Conference decided that this great feast day would not be observed liturgically, except in those dioceses where St. Patrick is their patron, or for organizations such as ours. While I look forward to seeing you at the parade, I will have to make a quick exit as my pastor has planned all day confessions that day.

Once again I would like to remind all of you that we are celebrating a religious feast day, and that while there is nothing wrong with a pint or two, please remember that you are representing your heritage and your faith. A good measuring stick of how you should behave: If

someone was video taping you, would you show that tape to your son or daughter when they turned 21?

On a similar note, may I express my deep and enduring hatred for plastic green derbies and all that they represent, as well as encouraging all of you not to buy cheap Chinese made junk that only serves to reinforce the stereotypes of the Irish. Even though it is more expensive, visit your local Irish store, or go online and get a nice Irish made wool cap. Now that I have covered Catholic Action, Anti-defamation, and Buy Irish, let me end by wishing all of you a Happy and Blessed Feast Day.

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## District 1

Robert Flaherty

It's hard to believe that we are into the second month of 2008. The last three months have been very busy in District #1.

I had the honor of attending the installations of all divisions in the District. They were very well attended by other divisions and a good time was had by all. As brothers, we need to show support for each other.

On Dec. 8th I opened the meeting of the Capital District Council at the Watervliet division hall. After our regular meeting there was a seminar. The things covered were an overview of all AOH National forms and how to complete them, recruiting and motivating existing members, and information on state grants and programs. The seminar was well attended and

many divisions were represented. The seminar was conducted jointly by AOH National Secretary Tom McNabb, AOH National Director Martin Kelly, NYS President Matt Nelligan and NYS Organizer Liam McNabb. Also attending was NYS Publicity Chairman Brian Nelligan, NYS Deputy Organizer Warren Scullin and myself, District #1 Director Robert Flaherty.

There were two state fundraisers at the Capital District Irish American Center. On Dec 14th the Hair of the Dog performed and proceeds went to the FFAI Christmas Appeal and the Hibernian Hunger project. On Feb. 1st Hair of the Dog and Greenwich Meantime performed with all proceeds going to the Irish Heritage Museum and Project St. Patrick. They were both a great success and a great time was had by all. Our hats are off to the organizers.

On Feb. 22nd Black 47 was at the Capital District Irish American Center. This was a fundraiser held to benefit the Capital District Council.

Also on Feb. 1st; the Schenectady JFK Division Hall hosted the naturalization of citizens; we finally had an Irish born person become a US Citizen.

On April 5th Auburn will be hosting the NYS AOH bowling tournament. If you are putting a team together contact Pat Burns NYS Sports chairman at 315-252-0990. On April 6th the Schenectady Degree team will be giving the Major Degrees in Syracuse. Also at the Schenectady Hall, on Saturday,

April 26th, there will be a state fundraiser for AOH members going down to the National Convention. The tickets will be \$20.00 at the door and there will be several different local acts performing.

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## District 2

Bill Powers

The Western New York Irish are getting ready for the High Holy Day of March 17th. They will start off with the Guinness Toast at the Buffalo Irish Center. AOH Div. 1 will be serving the food. The next function that is noteworthy is the Wolf Tone's concert to aid the Belfast Relief Program, Feb. 25th at the Buffalo Irish Center.

As other divisions are getting ready for their parades and parties we wish them luck. The Rochester parade is March 15th. The Buffalo parade is March 16th. The Niagara Falls party is March 17th. Watch for plans for Lockport and Olean. (Sorry, I don't have them at this time)

Lawrence Shine, an AOH member and a James Joyce expert, presented a program on the James Joyce Poetry/ Rare Book collection at the University of Buffalo. The collection is the most comprehensive collection of Joyce in the world. It includes 11,000 pages of manuscript of "Ulysses". Shine hopes to make this a major attraction for scholars around the world.

Save June 16th for the Bloomsday Celebration in Buffalo. District 2 has applied for a grant to advertise in our Diocesan paper that covers

all of our divisions except Rochester.

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### District 3

Robert Loughery

District #3 is doing well. I was able to attend most of the installations; Matt and Brian Nelligan and Ed Wallace were also in attendance and did the installing of the officers. District 3 and I would like to congratulate Matt and his wife on the birth of their second child.

Utica Division is growing. They gained four new members this month. They are working on their "Irish Breakfast" which will take place on March 2nd from 9 till 12 with a hooly from 12 till 4. This is to benefit Project Children. For more information contact Nicholas Durr at 315-793-3527.

Syracuse Division had a great attendance at their installation and Christmas dinner. I attended one of their monthly meetings and watched as they swore in young new members. It is great to see these young guys joining the AOH. Syracuse will be hosting the "Higher Degrees" on Apr 6th, the time and place TBA. If you need the Higher Degrees this is your chance if you live in central and "up" state New York for more information contact Dan Case at 315-638-2285.

Auburn is doing great. They just gained six new members. They are busy now, during Lent, with their Fish Dinners on Friday. Auburn will be hosting the Men's AOH bowling tournament on April 5 .A good time for all. There is more

information on it in the Sports column from Pat Burns.

Watertown Div is moving along. They are preparing for Watertown's North Country Goes Green Irish Festival on March 14 to 16 at the State Office building. They run a booth raffling off a basket of Irish products and they run the coat check for the festival.

Fulton Division is preparing for their St. Patrick's Day Party held on Sunday March 16th from 2 till 7PM, for more information call Dan Mahaney at 315-564-5658. They are working on their Dick McCann Scholarship in which they award two \$250 scholarships to 1 local high school students. They are also planning to do their "Trip to Ireland Raffle" for two.

Oswego is doing well. I was able to attend their installation. Their clubhouse is doing well and is in a beautiful locale on the golf course. Like all the other divisions they are getting ready for the St. Patrick's Day festivities.

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### District 4

John Hyland

During the first quarter of this year, I have visited the three county boards and numerous divisions within my district. I am finding it increasingly difficult to attend Division meetings due to the fact that many are scheduled on the same nights.

Congratulations are in order to Brother Tommy Smyth, Division 4 New York County on being chosen as the Grand Marshall of the 247th

St. Patrick's Day parade on Fifth Avenue in New York City. We would also like to congratulate James O'Farrell, Division 4 Bronx and Michael Prunty, Division 4 New York County as being selected as aides to the Grand Marshall.

Division 1 Yonkers, Westchester County, has recently completed negotiations on a permanent basis for two rooms at the Tara Circle. Eventually this will become their permanent home. Job well done!

Division 12 New York County, I am pleased to report, is currently in the process of reorganizing. I have also had the pleasure of installing their officers.

The Bronx County board is in the process of preparing for their annual Mass for the Unborn to be held at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester County, on Sunday, May 18th at approximately 2PM in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel. Reverend Brian McCarthy, Bronx County Chaplain will celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Following there will be a short procession to the statue of Rachel Crying for Her Children where a decade of the rosary will be said and flowers placed. ALL ARE WELCOME.

I would like to wish all of our brothers and their families a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

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### District 5

Al Donohue

THE PARADES ARE COMING. The NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall & Aides Recep-

tion was held on Sunday, February 24th at Antun's, in Queens Village. The aide from Queens is Maureen Leahy and the aide from Brooklyn is John O'Leary. This was an opportunity for all people in District 5 to come together in unity, and enjoy the music of Jerry Finley and the Cara Band.

The Queens County AOH/LAOH Boards will have their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday April 20th at 10am in the Immaculate Conception Center. The donation will be \$25.00 per person; it is being chaired by Brother Patrick Rooney whose phone number is 516-487-9703.

The Queens parade, held in Rockaway on Saturday March 1st at 1pm, has always been a great parade as well as the first parade in NYC.

The 94th National Biennial Convention will take place in New Orleans on July 23rd--July 26th and toward that end, the NYS Board is sponsoring a jumbo raffle to benefit our National Delegate Assistance Fund. More than \$7000.00 in prizes will be awarded and the cost is \$10.00. The drawing will be held at the State Board meeting on May 3rd in East Durham. All proceeds from this raffle will be used to subsidize delegates to the National Convention. If any of you need tickets, they are available from Al Donohue at 917-509-0553.

In Brooklyn, the County Board Meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Club on Monday, February 25th. The President

of the Catholic Club is Jerry McCabe, who is also President of Division 12 and Aide to the Grand Marshall at the Park Slope Parade. Well done Jerry!! The Park Slope St. Patrick's Parade will be held on March 16th after a mass at 9am at Holy Name Church. The next and last St. Patrick's Parade will be held in Bay Ridge on March 30th after a 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's Church and the aide is Brother Thomas Gottlieb of Division 12.

I must thank the members in Brooklyn for purchasing 25 of the NYS calendars. Queens has 22 Calendars and President Francis McLoughlin is trying to sell all of them. Staten Island has had 12 calendars since December 2007 and President Norman Nilsen is trying to sell them.

On another note, please pray for Caitlin Martin, Martin Kelly's granddaughter who was diagnosed with leukemia and has been going through many operations as well as chemo. She is only 3 years old and is the older sister to Liam. Their mother Margaret is currently pregnant with a new member of the family. All of the Martin and Kelly families need your prayers and if you are in NYC please call Sloan Kettering hospital to donate blood or platelets in Caitlin's name.

## District 6

Edward F. Friel

District #6 Nassau and Suffolk Counties are doing well with many activities planned to celebrate the upcoming St. Patrick's Day. I have enjoyed attending meetings in both

counties and have formed many new friendships.

On January 20, 2008, I attended the 36th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday. A Mass was held at the AOH Hall in Babylon, New York. It was sponsored by the Derry 14 Committee of the Freedom for all Ireland Committee. The celebrant for the mass was Father Henry Reid with music by the Hibernian Singers. It was a very moving afternoon. Congratulations to the Committee for a job well done.

The Nassau County Board is involved with several other Irish organizations in the renovation of the Easter Monday Monument which is located in Mineola, New York. This year's Easter Uprising Commemoration will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 12 Noon at the Mineola Court House.

I would like to wish all Hibernians Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy and Holy Easter.

## District 7

Tom Boslet

The Msgr. Donal O'Callaghan, Division 1, Binghamton, Broome County: I had the honor of presiding at the Installation of Officers on January 6th 2008. Brothers Bob Deemie and Leo Kane were the Marshals. Brother Mark Kadlecik was installed as the Worthy President. The LAOH Divs. 1 and 2 also held their Installations. The attendees filled the hall and food and refreshments were provided for all. The Parade Committee's Irish Heritage Ball was Feb-

ruary 23rd at St. John's Memorial Center.

The AOH/LAOH Division's Memorial Mass will be held on March 1st, 11:30am at St. Mary of the Assumption Church located at Court and Fayette Sts, Binghamton. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will follow Mass at 1:30pm. Our Brother, the NYS Pro-Life Chairman, Leo Kane is the Grand Marshall of the Parade.

On March 9th from 8am to Noon, AOH Div 1 will host an AOH Irish breakfast at the hall.

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

The division was a major sponsor of the 2007 Josh Palmer Coaches vs. Cancer Basketball Tournament on Dec 27th to the 29th at Elmira Southside High School. Josh Palmer, a cancer survivor, along with his family, who are all Hibernians, has taken up the cause to aid local cancer victims and their families. Ticket sales, along with selling 50/50 tickets by AOH members, realized \$52,000 for the cause. Good job! Congratulations on your efforts!

Worthy Presidents John O'Herron and Matt McAneney, Hornell Div. 1, held a combined Installation of Officers on January 18th at the Elmira hall. The Worthy State President Matt Nelligan installed the officers. Brother Leo Kane and I had the honor of presenting the emblems of office to the officers in both Divisions. The Worthy State Treasurer James J. Burke and the NYS Political Education Chairman Merc Morris were the Marshals.

The LAOH also held their Installation. As you might guess, the hall was packed. Food and refreshments were provided for all present.

Elmira's Annual Corporate Communion March from City Hall, at 8am, to St. Peter and Paul Church is on March 9th. This is the division's most glorious day with approximately 300 members attending Mass, at 9am, which is followed by breakfast at the Holiday Inn.

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

Worthy President Matt McAneney and his Officers joined Elmira for the Installation of Officers on January 18th.

The division is planning their Corporate Communion for March 15th. Mass will be held at St. Ann's in Hornell, followed by breakfast and then marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The division is doing well and is currently at 56 members.

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## District 8

Phil Sheridan

### Ulster County

Ulster members are busy planning upcoming season.

The St. Patrick's Parade is set to step off from Kingston Plaza March 9th. Congratulations to Grand Marshal John Dwyer, Mayor for the Day Pat Pillsworth and Irish Princess Molly Rose Gaffney.

### Rockland County

One of the largest parades in NY State the Pearl River St. Patrick's Parade steps off from the Wyeth Company lot at 1:30 March 9th. The Grand Marshal, Senator Morahan.

The Rockland County AOH Pipe Band will be performing at Carnegie Hall, March 13th with Ronan Tynan, in "A Great Night For The Irish".

Also welcome back into the fold Division 4, around the Suffern, NY area. This Div. has been struggling the last few years, but thanks to some dedicated individuals and Rockland President, Vince Tyre elections have been held and approximately 15 new members have taken the oath. Good luck and God bless.

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## Immigration

Dan Dennehy

The commemoration of our Patron saint, the parades and celebrations that surround St. Patrick's Day give Hibernians a public forum for the religious and cultural issues that concern us. It is a time when politicians and press are eager to attend our events to demonstrate their connection to Irish and Catholic America. Our St. Patrick events are often attended by our local, state and national representatives as well as visiting Irish politicians. This offers us a rare opportunity to speak on issues, like immigration, that will affect the future of both Ireland and America, and in particular, salvaging Irish American culture.

Every week we learn of a new deportation of Irish men and women who came to this country over the years seeking asylum from injustice and the economic possibilities that America promises to all. In some cases, people have fought long, expensive asylum battles for the right to stay in the US; only to be picked up on technicalities by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, incarcerated for many weeks like common criminals and deported, without regard for their safety or danger they face in Ireland. Hibernians have worked tirelessly to secure a place for the Irish in America; clearly our work is not done. In order to speak to legislators about our issues, it is necessary to have the facts and some talking points.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson started a process that sought to remove the quota of allotted 17,750 visas to Irish Nationals since 1952. The 1968 Immigration and Nationality Act ended the quota of 17,750 visas allotted to Ireland altogether. The Act benefited many nations like India and China with its family unification mechanisms, but was ultimately detrimental to the Irish, who in most cases don't have the necessary family requirements in the US. It is time that legislators both here and in Ireland recognize the need for reparation for this 40 year long disparity.

The contributions the Irish have made to this nation are too numerous to mention. The Irish are the single largest recipients of the Medal of Honor and have fought valiantly in every American war

and conflict. The United States national security and defense have benefited in many ways from its relationship with Ireland. Recently, Ireland allowed US Customs and Immigrations to create a security clearance and customs facility at Shannon Airport. These innovations will allow improved screening of freight and passengers traveling to the US before they land on US soil.

Hibernians visiting Ireland over the last few years have witnessed firsthand that the Shannon stop-over is the first friendly port of call to US troops entering and leaving our nation's war against terror in Afghanistan and Iraq. The warm Irish welcome that our troops receive every day at Shannon Airport is reflected on the faces of those brave service men and women and can never be forgotten.

The Republic of Ireland is recognized as the 'Gateway to European Commerce'. American investment has led to a booming Irish economy on both sides of the border. Many American workers desire to move to Ireland and Ireland would benefit from increased American business interest. The US State Department greatly assisted the recent Northern Ireland Agreement. It is hard to believe that the US would invest so much energy in promoting peace and then deny the people of the North from experiencing our way of life. Irish men and women would benefit from coming to America to legally live and work as they have always done in generations past. At present, it is difficult for Americans to live and work in Ireland and prac-

tically impossible for the Irish to work here. A bilateral immigration deal would benefit both nations.

Ireland extends the welcome of CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte every day to American business and national security issues and yet young Irish men, women and families who seek opportunity in the United States are being swept under the door mat! It is incumbent on our Irish and American legislators to address the facts and not ignore our demand for a real quota of visas for the Irish people to correct the 40 years of inequality that has been the rule of law in US immigration policy.

I wish you and yours a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Blessed Easter Week. If you or the legislators you encounter would like to speak further on these issues please do not hesitate to contact me at (914) 588-2710 or email [dandennehy@hotmail.com](mailto:dandennehy@hotmail.com).

Veterans Affairs

John M. Ryan

Good news! As of this writing Fr. (Maj. /USAF) Tim Hirten has returned home from his tour in Iraq. You may recall that Fr. Tim served as the LAOH National Chaplain a few years ago. He has asked me to thank you for all your prayers and e-mails.

We are asking the Divisions and Counties of the State to get involved in the Wounded Warriors Project. The Wounded Warriors Project (WWP) is a 501© (3) non-profit organization that provides

tangible comfort and support to severely injured service men and women upon their return from the war on terrorism. WWP programs can be divided into three segments that correlate to the stage of recovery that the wounded warriors find themselves in after incurring their injuries.

1. Immediate Impact: covers that period immediately following injury and long term hospitalization.
2. Transitional: the period of time during which the wounded warrior is transitioning from the hospital back into community or civilian life.
3. Long Term: includes programs that span the rest of the life of the wounded warrior.

#### WWP Back Packs

Transitional Care Packs (TCPs): a smaller, modified version of the WWP backpack, transition care packs are sent directly to Iraq and Afghanistan to provide immediate comfort during a warrior's relocation to a U.S. military trauma center. Not only are the contents of these packs invaluable to a warrior coming off the battlefield, but also the packs themselves are utilized as a pillow while lying on a stretcher.

WWP Backpacks: contain essential care and comfort items including clothing, toiletries, calling card, CD player, and playing cards, all designed to make their hospital stay more comfortable. They are provided to severely wounded service members arriving at military trauma centers in the U.S. Each backpack costs \$99. Checks can be

made payable to Wounded Warrior Project.

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

Paul Hastings, a member of Division 15, Nassau County, is an Ambassador for the Wounded Warrior Project in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. He can be reached at 516 785-8650 or dadhastings@yahoo.com for an informational brochure outlining WWP programs, including ideas for fundraising in your division. You can also visit WWP at [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org) for further information. As a side note, Ian Lennon of Division 15, Nassau County, himself a wounded warrior, travels with Bro. Hastings. They would both be glad to visit with your division to explain the project and give you some ideas on fund raising. Bro. Lennon was a Marine Lance Corporal, who was burned over a third of his body in a fuel explosion on 3/6/03.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance in this project for your division. You can reach me at [JMRYAN3058@aol.com](mailto:JMRYAN3058@aol.com) or 516 639-3695. Do not forget to include your donations on your Charities and Missions report.

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#### Sports

Patrick J. Burns

Mark your calendars! The annual NYS AOH Men's bowling tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th and will be hosted by the JFK Division #1 in Auburn. Registration begins at 12 noon at Star-

lite Lanes on Routes 5 & 20 and bowling begins at 1pm. The dinner banquet will follow bowling at the AOH hall at 79 Van Anden Street in Auburn. The cost for bowling and the banquet is \$30 per person and \$10 for those who wish to join us for dinner only.

Lane sponsorships are available for \$25. Contact State Sports Chair Pat Burns to register your team or if you're interested in sponsoring a lane by calling me at home at (315) 252-0990 or via e-mail at: [president@auburnaoh.com](mailto:president@auburnaoh.com) Registration forms and hotel information will be mailed in the near future. As always, if you're in Auburn for the entire weekend, all are welcome to visit the clubrooms on Friday night for fun and Hibernian hospitality.

Also, the date for the 2008 Burns-Hayes Memorial Golf Tournament is Friday, May 2nd and the tournament will be held at Sunny Hill Golf Course in Freehold. More details to follow in a statewide mailing.

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#### Catholic Action

Dan Case

Brothers, well with your help and the help of so many others, including both Catholic & Protestant Churches, we were able to ruin the box office receipts for the showing of the Golden Compass. From what I can gather, there is no sequel planned for another episode of this anti-Christian movie.

On December 9th I represented the AOH at the protest at our local cinema. There were representatives

from local churches and some concerned citizens that were opposed to the showing of the movie, about 8 in all. Many that were about to attend were not aware of what the movie contained, when told, many left. Security asked us all to leave but since it's a public area we did not. All was very orderly. So hurry for our team of Christians we won this time!!

As I outlined at the board meeting, I have been pushing the use of the Project St Patrick cards at our local meetings. Hopefully we can get many new users of these very important cards.

Again I ask that our local divisions take it upon themselves to find a Catholic School in Northern Ireland to support. While much of the violence has stopped, our children in the North are still having a hard time attending these schools. Your support is greatly needed. If I can assist you please contact me and I will find a school that you might aid.

We, as a men's Catholic organization, need to step forward to assist the church in any way possible. Since the shortage of Priests continues, if you can help out at your local parish church, it helps take off some of the burden now placed on those that remain.

Another area that needs to be discussed is finding the local abandoned cemeteries that have hundreds of our Irish Brothers & Sisters. All of our Brothers owe this respect to our deceased brethren. Even if we just clean up the property it will be a good and worth-

while cause. I encourage you to do this, it would take very little of your time, but the rewards are great.

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## Charities & Missions

Dennis Browne

First, I would like to thank the committee members from Albany county for their dedicated service to the State Board and to congratulate their successful fundraising efforts in December and February. I was present for the February fundraiser and I can attest to their hard work and dedication to our motto.

Now that the Holiday season is over, the marching season begins; I would like to remind everyone to please submit their charity and missions reports by April 1st. If you have individual events scheduled for after April 1st you can always send a single event report to me after the April 1st date. Please remember to include all monies donated straight to the National for Hibernian Charities. (I will not know that information unless you supply it to me.)

The reporting period for the national convention in New Orleans is June 2006 through June 2008. Please forward hard copies (available from the web site) to Dennis P. Browne, 15 Park Drive, Chester, NY 10918-1126. Further questions can be sent to my cell phone at, (845) 774-9436.

23-343-37 Lest We Forget.

## Commodore Barry

Vic Vogel

The Commodore Barry Club of Brooklyn will hold its annual Commodore Barry Birthday Commemoration on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 11:00am at Commodore Barry Park. The park is located on North Elliot Place between Park and Flushing Avenues. All are invited to attend. The club is looking to expand its membership.

Efforts to gather information regarding the re-issuance of Gallant John Barry, A Naval Hero of Two Wars by William Clark Bell had been difficult at best. However, a descendant of Commodore John Barry has recently come to light. Perhaps this source will provide information needed to succeed in the endeavor.

I would like to thank Mike Kearny, past Commodore Barry Chairman, for his assistance in communicating some of the obstacles that confront our attempts to help Commodore Barry receive his rightful place in history. You're a good man, Mike.

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## F.F.A.I.

Frank Corcoran

We have lost a great fighter for Irish Freedom. Brendan "Darky" Hughes died in hospital on February 16th 2008 in his beloved Belfast.

Hughes was an "officer commanding" in the Maze and led the first 53 day Hunger Strike in 1980 and Dirty Protest. He escaped from the

Maze only to be recaptured and returned to the H Blocks. Bobby Sands was his close associate while Hughes was OC at the Maze. Please remember Brendan Hughes and his family in your prayers.

Mile Buichoas to all who contributed to this year's Christmas Appeal. Sean Pender AOH National FFAI Chair was in the north of Ireland and was received warmly by the good people of Belfast, Derry and all of the North. There he distributed \$51,000 for different deserving organizations. Once again NY AOH was the largest contributor with over \$12,000.00. Special thanks to Albany, Fr Tansey Div for a donation of \$3000. Any contributions which arrived after January will be placed in next years contributions.

I apologize that information for the Appeal was a little late this year, but we will do better next year and I hope that you all continue to support those who are in great need of our help. Although Ireland in the south is doing fantastic, the Catholics in the north are still facing severe joblessness and discrimination, particularly ex-prisoners and their families. The organizations which benefit from our Appeal assist those that need the most help, so our job continues. Please note a list of donation below:

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Derry AOH  
\$ 1,000  
St Patrick's Centre  
\$ 2,000  
National Graves Assoc  
\$ 2,000

2006 AOH Christmas Appeal  
Total \$ 51,000  
Once again many thanks. Please contact me with any questions. Go  
Raibh Maith Agat. Proinnsias.

## Historian

Mike McCormack

**A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH**  
Welcome to the month of Saint Patrick, a time of joyous celebration among the Irish around the world. And why do we celebrate? Because we're Irish. It's been said that the Irish passion for their heritage gets stronger, the further they are from the Emerald Isle, and that may partially explain the popularity of this day, for whether or not they were poor in material possessions, the Irish always managed to carry with them, their unique culture, traditions, and religion. And Saint Patrick is part of all three. As a result of the diaspora of the Irish throughout the world, no one in the entire litany of saints is better known, more loved, or greater celebrated than our patron.

It should be no surprise then that the tradition of parading in St Patrick's honor started thousands of miles from the Emerald Isle, among Irish soldiers serving in the British army right here in America. St Patrick's Day had previously been celebrated with a dinner, like the one recorded in 1737 hosted by the Charitable Irish Societies of Boston, or in 1762 hosted by John Marshall near St Peter's Church in New York City. However, when local Irish regiments were invited to attend, they marched in military manner to the banquet. The first march we've found reference to was held in 1766, with fifes and drums and all, and a tradition was born. Years later, when many Irish marched away under Washington's banner to help establish this new nation, civilians still paraded in the cities on March 17. General Washington even observed the feast in the field by making the password on March 17: St Patrick. As a result, it can be said that honoring the memory of our patron saint became one of America's first traditions.

In the years that followed, this Irish American tradition was exported around the world with the result that today, there are at least 250 annual parades in honor of our patron saint across 44 states, in addition to countless parades in Ireland, Canada, Australia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Buenos Aires, and every country to which the children of Erin have been scattered. But it all started in New York when the informal parades became formal right after the American Revolution. In 1784, the Friendly Sons of St Patrick were

formed, and soon took over organizing the parade in lower Manhattan. In 1790, a Brooklyn parade was organized, and another - organized by a convention of Irish Societies - soon followed. By 1843, and for some years thereafter, there were two major parades in Manhattan as well as the one in Brooklyn with the parade organized by the Convention of Irish Societies gradually emerging as the main one. In 1853, the Ancient Order of Hibernians first marched, and thus began an association that led to their assuming responsibility for that event. Today the Parade Committee is a separate corporation though the committee are AOH members who still plan, organize, and manage the largest ethnic demonstration in the world.

In the early days, the route of the parade required a great deal of stamina to complete. As the city grew, the parades got longer. The 1899 parade started at Washington Square and marched to Brommans Union Park for the traditional banquet. Brommans was located at 133 St and Willis Ave in the Bronx - a distance of about six miles from the starting point. It was the only time the parade entered that borough, although the Bronx was not the only borough to have been visited by the Manhattan parade, for the Brooklyn Hibernians took the parade over the Brooklyn Bridge to march in their streets several times. In 1909, another borough entered the picture as the Queens AOH - 1,000 strong - were given the honor of becoming the first to cross the recently completed, but as yet unopened, Queens borough Bridge. That honor was accorded

in recognition of the Irish laborers who constructed the span. After parading through Queens, they proudly marched over the new bridge to join the New York parade, led by a unit of Silver Greys - AOH members over 70 years in age - in horse-drawn carriages. The record for the longest parade however, was established in 1904 when the annual march started at 26th street and Fifth Ave, marched to 126 St, turned west to Seventh Ave, then north again to 155th St, and proceeded west again to the Manhattan Casino at 155th St and Eighth Ave - a distance of 8 miles.

Today, there are parades in many local communities on dates surrounding March 17. As in the beginning, there is still a common link between them all. On the one hand, that link is the common reverence for St Patrick which all true Irishmen cherish. On the opposite extreme they are all subject to the terrible Paddy-bashing of the media prompted by misbehaving Amadans\* in green plastic derbies, drinking green beer! Each year on March 17th, there are those who drag our heritage through the streets, and those who parade it. St. Patrick's Day is not an excuse for a party, but a reason for pride - pride in an Irish Christian heritage that is second to none. Those who debase themselves on that day are either not Irish or are Irish in name only, and their condition at the end of the day is a direct reflection of their appreciation for, or ignorance of, their own heritage. Further, those who respect that heritage don't call their patron saint by a nickname; the difference between Paddy's Day and St. Patrick's Day

is the difference between the office Christmas party and Midnight Mass - the only thing they have in common is the date. \*Amadan - Village Idiot

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## Irish Americas 40 Under 40

NYS President Matt Nelligan has been named one of Irish Americas 40 Under 40 by *The Irish Echo*.

Those chosen for the honor are considered to be the up and coming leaders of Irish America, coming from a wide variety of fields - from music to computer programming. "This generation of young Irish and Irish American high-achievers has set the bar higher than ever in terms of accomplishment and endeavor," said Irish Echo Editor Ray O'Hanlon. "We wanted our list of winners to be inclusive and diverse spanning the entire nation and encompassing as many different fields as possible," said Mr. O'Hanlon.

"It is a singular honor to be recognized as a part of *The Irish Echo's* 40 Under 40 program," Mr. Nelligan said. "As with the other honors that I have received, it is more of a testament to the greatness of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the hard work of our membership, than it is to any personal achievement. This is just the latest example of the fact that our organization has given me far more than I have been able to give back to it," he said.

Mr. Nelligan will join his fellow winners on February 27 as guests of honor at the Manhattan Club,

hosted by Irish Consul General Niall Burgess.

Based in New York City and founded in 1928, *The Irish Echo* is the largest circulation Irish-American weekly newspaper in the United States.

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## Organizer

Liam McNabb

### *“All Irish Need Apply”*

Brothers, your help is needed as we all work together to organize new divisions, recruit new members and retain our current membership. Much of this larger campaign takes place on the local and division level.

Our GOALS are as follows:

- To increase the name recognition of our Order
- To better publicize the good work of our Order at all levels
- To standardize and modernize the application form and information gathering and dissemination process across our state
- To increase statewide membership by 20% over a two-year period
- To focus on the recruitment of members in the 18-35 year old demographic
- To ensure that every jurisdiction in our state has an active Organizer
- To organize the 31 unorganized counties in our State
- To standardize retention procedures throughout New York State
- To directly involve the State in the process of dropping members
- To decrease the amount of members dropped on a yearly basis
- To increase cooperation and

communication between the State Board and the other jurisdictions

•To ensure that every jurisdiction has an active public relations officer

To assist with your efforts, funds are available through NYS AOH Advertising, Marketing & Recruitment Grant program. Divisions are encouraged to apply for and use these funds to assist in promoting the order in an effort to recruit new members. You can download a form from [nyaoh.com](http://nyaoh.com) or contact me for an application.

There continues to be interest in new divisions in various parts of the state. Specifically, I am focused on Johnstown in Fulton County), and Kinderhook/Valatie in Columbia County. There is now interest and a viable opportunity to start a new division in Hudson, Columbia County and I expect the next few months to involve promoting the AOH. Fortunately, through contacts in Columbia County, a press release with contact information was printed in a monthly countywide newspaper in November.

There was an active AOH Division in Amsterdam, Montgomery County many years ago that met at the Irish-American Club. I have been communicating with several potential members who are evaluating the possibility of starting a division again to meet at the Irish-American Club.

In the past several months, we have made progress in attracting potential members in Essex County and it will not be long until

we have 15 members to start a new division in the Elizabethtown area. Special thanks to Doug Uvyn, a member of the Albany division who recently moved to Essex County and initiated the process.

I was interviewed on the radio through a radio station in Massachusetts and I promoted the order and provided our 1-800 telephone number as well as my personal contact information. This particular station reaches eastern New York counties that include Columbia and Dutchess counties. In the next month, I am scheduled for appearances on a radio station in Columbia County and the Irish Radio Show from Albany which reaches Fulton and Montgomery counties.

On Saturday, December 8th, President Matt Nelligan and I assisted in a training/seminar organized by National Secretary Tom McNabb and National Director Martin Kelly to promote and encourage recruitment and retaining of members. The training was hosted by the Watervliet AOH and included tips/instructions specific to Division Financial Secretaries. Numerous divisions from much of upstate attended and we expect that this training/seminar will be available for other parts of the state in the future.

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.

I wish all of you and your families

an enjoyable St. Patrick's season and a wonderful Lenten season and Easter Holiday

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## Deputy Organizer

A. Warren Scullin

I would like to thank Worthy President Matthew Nelligan and Worthy Organizer Liam McNabb for the privilege of being appointed as the Downstate Deputy Organizer.

Too many times we Hibernians tend to see issues as problems. This reminds me of what John Lennon once said: "There's no problem, only solutions."

During these past months I have met with Brothers from all over the Downstate region and have discussed ways that we, as an organization, can increase current membership. In the coming months I plan to hold an organization meeting where Brothers of the Order can work together to develop new strategies to increase and strengthen our membership.

I have worked with the leadership in Richmond and New York Counties in referring new members to their divisions. I have also issued organization materials to Brothers in other parts of the Downstate region. If any County or Division is in need of Organization kits, please have them contact me immediately.

During this time I have learned that as an organization we must be a multi-issues group ready to serve the diverse needs of the Irish

American community. We can not be a one issue organization or tied to one political or philosophical thought. More and more new members are part of diverse cultural marriages and families, and we must be responsive to their needs.

I know we are ready for this challenge and together let us start to find the way.

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## National Director

Martin Kelly

Watervliet NY- With Divisions from all around the country coming up on filing their final membership reports for 2007 and beginning to collect both information and dues for 2008, the New York State Board in conjunction with National Director Martin Kelly and National Secretary Tom McNabb, held a seminar on the all important topic of recruitment and retention. This seminar focused primarily on Upstate New York, while a Spring Seminar will focus on the downstate region.

Divisions from all over New York State traveled to the seminar with representation from 14 divisions and county boards. New York State President Matt Nelligan began the session by explaining that it was "Vitaly important that we work to keep every current member active and just as important that we spread Hibernianism to every area of our State." National Secretary McNabb and National Director Martin Kelly went on to explain the importance of every National Form, and to answer questions in regard to how to prop-

erly file each one. McNabb stated, "Time and again, people call the office and ask why they are not receiving communications from the National Board. Almost without exception I find that they have not filled out the proper forms and submitted them to my office. It is impossible to maintain effective communication unless all jurisdictions are up to date submitting their information on a yearly basis."

New York State Organizer Liam McNabb went on to discuss the many programs that the New York State Board is offering to assist local Divisions and County Boards with Organization and Recruitment. These include, a Statewide Grant for local recruitment and retention programs, and a statewide public relations consulting firm. McNabb said, "It is vital that we use all of the available tools and resources at our disposal to keep our order growing and moving forward." Seminar attendees readily agreed, and busily took down information to bring back to their localities.

National Director Kelly closed the seminar by thanking everyone for attending and promising that this would not be the last meeting of this kind "We will hold a Seminar similar to this one in the New York city area this spring. In the meantime you are always welcome to call on any of us if you need assistance. No jurisdiction of our Order should ever feel that you are alone in your efforts, the State and National Boards stand ready to assist you in all of the good work that you do."

## NY City Department Of Education Continues To Ban The Nativity Scene In The Public Schools

On Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007 I attended a Press Conference on the steps of NY City Hall. The press conference was called by Member of the NY City Council Tony Avella to renew his call for the Dept. of Education to amend Holiday Display Policy to include Nativity Scene/Crèche in public schools in the same manner it allows the display of the Menorah and the Star and Crescent. Avella introduced Resolution No. 930/2007 in June of this year. However, to date, neither the city administration nor DOE has responded to the proposed Resolution.

"As I have previously stated, this resolution is purely about inclusion," stated Avella. "Unfortunately, the City has chosen not to respond to the overwhelming demand by many New York residents to change this policy and allow for the display of a nativity scene/chrèche along with the other permitted religious displays - the menorah and the star and crescent".

The members of the AOH/LAOH throughout the five boroughs of New York City have been very actively involved in this issue. They have been writing and calling Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Speaker of the City Council Christine Quinn. Despite this widespread support for Resolution 930 and repeated requests, Speaker of the Council Christine Quinn has failed, so far, to put the Resolution in the Council's calendar for a

hearing and vote. Her phone No. Is (212)788-7210. Her mailing address is -City Hall, New York, NY 10007. The Mayor's mailing address is: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the city of New York, City Hall, NY, NY 10007. It is not necessary to be a resident of NY City to contact the mayor and the speaker on this issue. It will be very embarrassing for the City administration if this issue gets widespread publicity. It is important to note that in the U.S. Court of Appeals Second Circuit decision it did not bar the City from displaying a nativity scene along with the other religious symbols "We do not here decide whether the City could, consistent with the Constitution, include a Crèche in its school holiday displays." Furthermore, the appeals court rejected the "absurd" claim by the city's DOE that the Menorah is not a religious symbol.

There was diverse representation at the two press conferences that have been held on Reso. 930 including a Jewish Rabbi, the President of the Catholic League, William Donohue, Brian Rooney of the Thomas Moore Law Center, Bridget Kearney from the LAOH and Martin Kelly representing National President Meehan for the AOH. All the participants called on the Dept. of Education and the administration to end this injustice and discrimination. "It is obvious and appropriate for the people of New York City to have a policy that represents them and they should decide what symbol represents Christianity best during Christmas. A Bureaucrat in the city Department of Education should not be the final arbiter as to what

symbol is best suited for display," concluded Brian Rooney of the Thomas Moore Law Center

## Scholarship

Thomas Conway

New York State AOH offers a scholarship to a current high school senior.

Is there a member of your family who is graduating from high school this June? The New York State Board generously awards the Austin V. Carew State Scholarship each year to a deserving student whose parents/guardians are active members and who have taken their Major Degree. The student must sit for our scholarship exam which tests knowledge of Irish history. In addition the student's SAT scores are also considered in determining the recipient of the scholarship. Enclosed you will find the necessary information and application which must be completed for a student to qualify for the exam. If you have any questions, send me an e-mail message tomconway35@yahoo.com. Let's get the news of this scholarship out to all our members. I personally request that all division presidents bring this to the attention of their members. Divisions may make as many copies of the application as needed.

Some reminders:

- 1) Parents or guardians of the student must have Major Degree.
- 2) Student must take our Irish history exam.
- 3) SAT scores must be provided.
- 4) Applications must be sent to the Scholarship Chairman by May 16, 2008

5) Information on the scholarship exam will follow upon receipt of application.

This scholarship is funded by the James F. Hayes Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be held in East Durham this year on May 2nd. This is also the New York State Board weekend in East Durham. Get your clubs out and prepare for a great day of sport and fellowship on the links while at the same time supporting our scholarship. Information on the golf outing is also enclosed in this newsletter. This year, with the help of Division 7 East Islip and their Past President Pat Philbin, we are offering a raffle to augment the Jim Hayes Golf Tournament. "A Day at the Ballpark" will entitle the winner to 4 tickets to Yankee Stadium or Mets Shea Stadium for a game and date of their choice during the 2008 Season (Some restrictions may apply). The chances are priced at \$5 each, 3 for \$10, or 5 for \$15. The drawing will also take place the weekend of the NYS board meeting in East Durham on May 3rd. See you in East Durham!

## State Board Raffle

The New York State Board is sponsoring a jumbo raffle to benefit our National Convention Delegate Assistance fund. More than \$7000 in prizes will be awarded, all for a low \$10 per ticket price. The winning tickets will be drawn at our State board meeting on May 3rd in East Durham. ALL proceeds from this raffle will be used to subsidize delegates to the National Convention. Every State board member who was at our State

meeting in Binghamton in October received 50 tickets. If no tickets have found their way back to your jurisdiction or if you need more tickets, please contact NYS Vice President Chip McLean.

Once the profit from the raffle has been determined, we will publicize the dollar amount per delegate that will be given in assistance to our members. Basically this is how it will work.

- 1) Delegates will go the National convention.
- 2) Delegates will receive a delegate seating card before voting, and keep the portion that is not collected by the election committee.
- 3) If a Division or County Board paid for your expenses to attend the convention, your division or county President will collect these cards and send them to the State Secretary and a check will be sent to your division or county on a per member basis
- 4) If you pay for your own expenses, you will send this card to the State Secretary yourself and be reimbursed for a portion of your expenses.

The key is to sell as many of these \$10 tickets as possible. If you need more or have questions, e-mail NYS Vice-President Chip McLean at [chipaohny@yahoo.com](mailto:chipaohny@yahoo.com) or call him at (718) 981-3196,. Remember that this money is being raised for the benefit of local divisions and their members, not for the State Board. Every dollar counts. Please have a happy new year, and help us make this raffle a success.

On behalf of the NY State Ancient Order of Hibernians, State Presi-

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**NEW YORK STATE BOARD  
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This application must be submitted by May 16, 2008. In addition to this completed application, please enclose the following:

1. A **copy** of your highest SAT Math score and highest SAT Verbal score,
2. **Recommendation** of your parish priest.
3. A **copy** of the AOH membership card of the applicant, parent or guardian

Send to the Chairman of the AOH NY State Scholarship Committee: Mr. Thomas Conway  
107 Saint Mark's Lane  
Islip, NY 11751-4116

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_ in the New York County of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the President of the Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Division \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Division or President's Telephone Number (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the college you plan to attend in September 2008: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Father or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Division President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

### NEW YORK STATE BOARD ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA

Each year, the New York State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians awards a scholarship for college study. The amount of the award depends upon the number of qualified candidates, as well as the availability of funds. The typical scholarship award is \$500 per year for four years – a total of \$2000. This scholarship is intended for 2008 high school graduates who will be matriculating freshmen in college in September 2008.

THE NEW YORK STATE AOH SCHOLARSHIP IS COMPETITIVE AND THE AWARD IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 1 The parent or guardian of the recipient must be a Major Degree member in good standing of any AOH or LAOH Division in New York State.
- 2 The parent or guardian of the recipient must maintain membership in their respective division of the AOH or LAOH for the term of the scholarship.
- 3 Each year, the recipient must provide evidence of satisfactory academic performance during the term of the scholarship by submitting to the Scholarship Chairman a transcript of grades received from the previous academic year.

THE SELECTION OF THE WINNING APPLICATION WILL BE BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 A positive recommendation by your parish priest.
- 2 Results of SAT Math and SAT Verbal test scores.
- 3 AOH Scholarship Test Results. This is a test of the applicant's knowledge of Irish History 389 A.D. to the present. This test will consist of a short answer part and an essay whose emphasis is Eamon DeValera, Michael Collins or James Connolly.

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ALL THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ENCLOSED:

- The completed application:
- A **copy** of the highest SAT Math score and highest SAT Verbal score
- A positive recommendation from the parish priest.
- A **copy** of the AOH membership card of the applicant, parent or guardian. This verifies membership and the Major Degree date.

Send by May 16<sup>th</sup> to the Chairman of the State Scholarship Committee: Mr. Thomas Conway  
107 Saint Mark's Lane  
Islip, NY 11751-4116

Do you have any questions? E-mail [tomconway35@yahoo.com](mailto:tomconway35@yahoo.com)

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