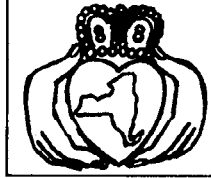




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The Myles Scully Division #1 was honored to welcome NYS President Charles McLean (center) to the third annual "Respect Life Week" held in the City of Yonkers on January 24th 2010. The event was sponsored by Yonkers Mayor Philip A. Amicone, an Associate member of Division #1, and a politician who has been an outspoken advocate defending the rights of the unborn. Yonkers is the only municipality in the State of New York to commemorate Respect Life Week. The NYS Board honored Mayor Amicone last summer for his efforts with its first annual Right to Life Award which was presented at their State Convention Awards Dinner.

Pictured from left to right: Dan Mulvey, John Hyland, Larry McCrudden, Brendan Murphy, Kevin Ellis, Charles McLean, John McDonald, James Walsh, Tom Allison and Liam McLaughlin

## Charles 'Chip' McLean President's Message

It is once again my honor to address you as the President of this great State. By this writing we should all be able to write the correct date (2010) on our checks and all of our Divisions should have installed their officers for the upcoming year. I

once again congratulate all of the newly installed and thank all of the outgoing officers for their dedicated service. Those who have been relieved, "stick around", the Divisions could still use your help. The more hands the more each of our jurisdictions can accomplish.

As all of us are very occupied digging out from the heavy

snows this year in all corners of the State, we should be actively engaged in planning our calendars for the upcoming Hibernian year. Take it easy with the shoveling but full speed ahead for activities. I urge you to keep the members busy with a full array of functions including cultural and historical events as well as social that can serve as

fundraising endeavors for the many charities that our noble Order supports. As a reminder the official holidays of our Order are St. Patrick's Day, July 4th, Our Lady of Knock (in August), and Commodore Barry Day (Sept 13th) and all should plan or participate in ceremonies for each date.

In addition to the many charities that each of the local jurisdictions support, your State Board will be planning fundraising endeavors in support of Project St. Patrick, the Irish American Heritage Museum in E. Durham and the Austin V. Carew Scholarship Fund.

The Carew Scholarship is a Scholarship that is awarded by your State Board to a graduating high school senior who is a child of a Degreed member of the Order. The Jim Hayes Memorial Golf Outing is held annually as the prime fundraiser for the scholarship and I ask each of you to support this endeavor this year. The Hayes Memorial Golf Outing is being held in conjunction with our State Board meeting in East Durham. It is slated for Fri. April 30th. All information for the outing is listed on flyers attached to this newsletter. I ask all jurisdictions to dedicate to this charity and support the outing by sponsoring a hole and/or sending golfers to participate. The Carew Scholarship benefits directly from your support.

Part of the activities you schedule should be the exemplification of the Major Degree. We

are very lucky to have a preponderance of Degree Teams in N.Y. State and we should take advantage of that. I even encourage jurisdictions to merge and have a joint exemplification with two or more jurisdictions sharing in the responsibilities involved in hosting such an event. Groups in remote parts of our State could even plan fundraisers to raise the funds that would help offset any expenses associated with the same.

March is right around the corner and as such so is the "Marching Season". I congratulate all jurisdictions who support directly or indirectly various St. Patrick's Day Parades throughout our State. Keep up the good work but please insure that all participation by the AOH in these public events is dignified. Insure that our members are dressed like Irish-Catholic gentlemen and conduct themselves as such throughout.

At this time I would like to extend an invitation to all members of the AOH to march with your N.Y. State Board as we march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in N.Y.C. on the 17th of March. This is as they say "the granddaddy of them all" and is something that a Brother should experience at least once in their life. The time and place of formation will be listed on our website and any member is welcome to join us even with a family member. Keeping in mind tho' that you and any guests are attired properly, and don't forget your sash and medallion.

Please continue to keep your District Directors fully aware of all activities and endeavors. We have a great group of Brothers serving as the Directors and they can only be of service if you keep in touch with them. If for any reason you cannot get in touch with him please feel free to contact me immediately. Also, remember to keep those invitations coming. I know I've turned down a few but that's not to my liking. I would very much like to be able to be at them all, I assure you that I will make as many as possible.

Finally, on behalf of myself and my family I would like to extend to you all, the very best for a rewarding and fulfilling St. Patrick's Day season as well as a very Holy and Happy Easter. God Bless you and all of your families.

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Vice President

Michael J. McNabb

The Burns – Hayes Memorial Award Nomination Forms have been sent to the NYS Board members and all County Presidents. Remember if you are nominating someone it must be returned postmarked by March 31, 2010.

I would like to thank all the Divisions who invited me to attend their Installations. Congratulations to all new Division Officers and those who have stayed on for another term.

It is not too early to start thinking about golf. The James F. Hayes Memorial Classic will be

held April 30, 2010 in East Durham.

Have a safe and Holy Saint Patrick's Day.

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### State Chaplain

Fr. John Ahem

As Men and Women of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, we strive to live out the motto of our organization, Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. There can be no friendship unless we come to realize that love and charity have no limits. Every member has wonderful and unique gifts to offer in reaching the goals and dreams of each organizational meeting. If we were all alike we would be boring and like clones swirling around in an endless circle. Our challenge is to try to respect each member and allow their voice to be heard. As we approach the season of Lent it is a good time to be mindful of humility and patience.

As members of the Body of Christ we have a serious responsibility to make Jesus present again among our wonderful membership. We do this by our friendship, unity and active love. During the season of Lent we have the Stations of the Cross. The Cross is more than just a Christian symbol, but a symbol it definitely is. This is a direct connection between the vertical and the horizontal, between what comes from God to me and what goes from me to others. Unless friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity goes from me to others, it doesn't come

from God. But God, in His great love, keeps working on us. God wants to liberate us from any narrowness. God wants us to be free to live life in its fullness. Jesus taught us there can be no peace on earth and no peace in our hearts until there is a removal of pride from our lives.

Jesus lays great stress on the evidence or witness of Christian Charity. 'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works' (Mt 5;16). 'By this shall all know that you are my disciples, if you love one another' (Jn 13;35) "May they be one, as we are one, Father'(Jn 17;23) May we as Christian Hibernians remember that we are not brothers and sisters who are striving to get to heaven, but rather trying to get heaven down here. It is often so much more difficult to get heaven into people, than to get people into heaven!

May this season of lent be a new beginning in our relationship with Christ and with one another as faithful Hibernians. May the Blessings of St. Patrick and St. Brigid be always upon you!

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### District 1

Brian J. Nelligan

It is a busy time in the district, now that the installations are done; we go right into the St. Patrick and Lenten Season; when we will be celebrating our religion and our culture. I will be visiting the different divisions in the upcoming weeks as well as attending the Albany

Division 5 Communion Breakfast and the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Our Albany, Schenectady and Watervliet divisions will be having Fish Dinners on Friday's. On March 14th our Saratoga division will be hosting a family Irish Party. Albany will be sponsoring the annual NYS AOH Bowling Tournament on April 18. The district has also organized a bus to the NYC St. Patrick's Day parade to march; currently we have 30 members going. On the way home we will be visiting our brothers in Rockland County.

We are proud to have one of the Degree Teams in our district; they will be having a major degree at the Albany Hall on Feb 28th. I look forward to seeing all of my friends in the district and to seeing all of my friends across the state at the May State Board meeting.

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### District 3

Daniel Case

District 3 is planning many events; such as the annual Irish festivals of Syracuse and Oneida County.

I attended the installations of Auburn, Syracuse, and Oswego. We can be very proud that not only these, but all divisions in this district continue to grow. These divisions continue to install younger individuals in our Order, we must continue this or we will face the decline in membership that has effected

many charitable, fraternal organizations.

Syracuse has sent its members a questionnaire to better understand how they feel about; and what they would like to see the future hold for their division. The questionnaires were accompanied by a self addressed stamped envelope to be returned to the division officers, names were not required. It had 14 questions designed to be quick and simple to complete. Areas covered were: how long have you been a member, how often do you attend the meetings, a choice of what age bracket you are in, marital status, opinions on AOH and Irish related interests, division sponsored events that you have assisted with, how satisfied are you with your AOH related experiences, your feelings about events and activities within the division, how do you envision your involvement in future division events, what have you liked and disliked concerning the division and what are some things that could be done to improve it, how does the division fulfill the spirit of our motto of friendship unity and Christian charity, a space is also provided for additional information you wish to share with the officers. Officers of other divisions, you may want to consider doing this within yours. I can have a copy sent or emailed to you. I feel this is a novel approach to finding out the feelings of our members. As usual I am available at Fenian@twcny.rr.com or either of my addresses, PO Box 147 or

3404 Hammocks Dr both in Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

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#### District 4

A.J. Smith

One of the best parts of moving into an office at a higher jurisdiction, much like attending the Conventions of the Order, is the opportunity to meet and work with a new group of brothers. In my short time as District Director I already feel blessed to have had the opportunity to meet and make friends with brothers in the new jurisdictions in my District. I have also learned that Hibernianism is alive and well in the Bronx, New York, and Westchester Counties.

Before detailing what is going on, I would be remiss if I didn't thank, on behalf of everyone in District 4, John Hyland for his hard work and dedication during his second time around as District Director. He is the gold standard of District Director, seemingly everywhere at all times. What a great job you did!

I would also like to thank Tom Beirne for all his years as VP of New York County as I leave the office of County President behind me. Tom has already distinguished himself as a great President, bringing new activities and ideas to the County. Over the summer Tom organized the Hibernian presence at the 200 Anniversary of Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York ([www.oldcathedral.org](http://www.oldcathedral.org)), a place once protected by the

AOH against the "Know Nothings." The recently renewed ties to the Cathedral by the NY County Board have led to County and local division interest in supporting the Cathedral's ongoing renovation. Please feel free to contact me for any information on the good work that is being done and I'll be sure to pass your information along.

Since being elected, I have had the opportunity to meet each of the County Boards at County Board Meetings, have attended a number of events run by the various jurisdictions in my District, and attended our State Meeting in Elmira. I look forward to continuing making as many of these meetings as possible, and also getting a chance to making the rounds amongst the Divisions. I have also tried to create a mass e-mail list containing the e-mail address of each President and Secretary in my jurisdiction so that we can do a better job of networking and cross-promoting our Order within our District.

The writing of this report comes during the calm before the storm of the St. Patrick's Day season. So many events inspired by, and intended to Honor, the great Patron Saint of Ireland. Some of the events that will be taking place in my District in the next few months include the Annual Cocktail Party of Division 3 (NY Cty) at Coogan's in New York (Broadway and 169<sup>th</sup> Street) on March 3, the Bronx County Communion Breakfast at St. Barnabas followed by a break-

fast at Rory Dolan's, mass is at 10AM on March 21, and Division 2 (NY Cty) Communion Breakfast on April 11, 11 AM mass at Our Lady of the Rosary (State & Battery) followed by breakfast at the Killarney Rose.

Of course, March brings parades and the Divisions and County Boards of the District will be represented on The Avenue on March 17 for the New York St. Patrick Day Parade. Congratulations to Raymond Kelly (Grand Marshall), John Hyland (Bronx County Aide), Matthew Devine (NY County Aide), Catherine Courtney (Westchester County Aide) and all the Aides and workers for the 249<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade.

Other Parades that should see Hibernian participation include the Yonkers Parade (March 8), the White Plains Parade (March 13 - see below), Peekskill (Westchester) and Throggs Neck in the Bronx on March 14, and Eastchester (Bronx) March 15. I may have missed a few, and please verify the dates.

On the subject of White Plains, recent work has been done to reform the White Plains Division in Westchester. Discussions have taken place about a possible AOH presence in that parade, with help coming from other jurisdictions in the area. We are also looking for potential members to get involved to help reestablish that Division. Please contact the Westchester County Board or myself if you can help this process.

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Finally, I ask all the Presidents in my District to let me know about any events in your jurisdiction so that I may put them in my next report. I look forward to working with you during my term

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## District 5

### A. Warren Scullin

Since my last letter, there have been many events to report. In December, I chaired the meeting of District #5's County Presidents. At this time we reviewed the necessary paperwork that Divisions and Counties must complete for the State and National Secretaries. There was also an open discussion of the activities that District 5 will focus and work together on for the upcoming year. I want to thank Kings County President, Hugh Harvey, and Queens County President, Edward Rice, for their participation. There will be another meeting of the County Presidents to discuss a District # 5 Major Degree Ceremony.

In Kings County, I attended the December meeting of Division 19, located in Gerritsen Beach. At that time I discussed the 2010 New York State Calendar and the upcoming New York State Board meeting.

I also assisted our State President, Chip McLean, in the installation of the officers of Division 12 in Bay Ridge. This Division, under the leadership of their new President, Barney Cassidy, raised \$1,000 for the Bay Ridge Volunteer Ambu-

lance Corps. A check for that amount was presented to that organization at the conclusion of the installation.

Richmond County was another place where I have met and discussed the activities of the State and the other Counties of District 5. As with Division 12 of Kings County, I assisted our State President in the installation of the officers of Division 4. I congratulate their new President, Jack King, and wish him and his Division all the best for the coming year. I also attended the Richmond County Board meeting. At that time I discussed the State Calendar and distributed the Hibernian Great Hunger Educational DVD.

In Queens County, I can report that their Communion Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 18 at the Immaculate Conception Center, located at 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston 11362. Mass will commence at 10:00 AM. Tickets are \$28. For further information, please call Edward Rice at (917) 209-5829.

Other events I attended were the National Hibernian Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal party, the New York County Division #1 Christmas Party and the United Irish Counties 2010 Ball where our National President, Seamus Boyle, was honored as the Man of the Year.

I would also like to thank all the brothers of District #5 for their enthusiasm and support in purchasing the 2010 Hibernian

State Calendars. It is good to know that so many members of our Order support the State and appreciate the efforts of the calendar committee.

I am always here to help at (917) 751-1661.

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## District 6

Vic Vogel

Dia duit and greetings from District Six. March is finally here, bringing with it St. Patrick's Day and our Irish marching season. Hibernian parades will be hosted by Nassau County Division Eight, Glen Cove; Suffolk County Division Three, Huntington; Division Seven, East Islip and Division Eleven, Hampton Bays. In addition, Hibernian contingents will march in the Garden City, Rockville Centre and Bay Shore-Brightwaters parades. Proudly on display in all of these parades will be the Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band, Tara Pipes and Drums, Saffron United, Siol na h'Eireann and Glor na Gael. Each of these bands was established and supported by the Hibernian division it represents.

The Nineteenth Annual Suffolk County Ball will be held on April 23, 2010, at the Larkfield Manor in East Northport. Bud Thompson of Division Five and Pat Rattigan of Division Two will be honored as Hibernians of the Year. A cocktail hour will be followed by dinner and dancing to "Twenty-six and Six". Tickets are \$75 each and are available at this time.

Plans have begun for the annual Nassau County Feis which includes Irish dance and pipe band competitions. The Feis Committee is studying different site locations to maximize participation. When that decision is made, a date will be announced.

Likewise, The Long Island Feis is in the planning stage. Known for its Irish dance competitions, the feis will be held indoors at Stony Brook University next August. Both feiseanna are seeking vendors.

The Tara Court Major Degree Team will hold a Major Degree Service on April 11, 2010, in the Nassau area. For information, call Walter Butler at 631-736-2171. All are welcome.

The Tom Clarke Memorial Service will be held on April 18, 2010 at the monument in Manorville. Mass will be celebrated, followed by breakfast, at the Rock Hill Country Club. We are pleased and excited to announce that our guest speaker is Congressman Peter King. Tickets are \$25 each.

The Hibernian Festival Singers performed at the annual St. Brigid's Mass at St. Joseph's Convent in Brentwood. The Mass was celebrated by Father McGann of St. Joseph's in King's Park. An entrance procession, led by the Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band, featured the Junior Girls divisions of Suffolk County.

If you would like more information regarding any of the events taking place in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, please contact me at 631-513-9721.

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## District 7

John O'Herron

Winter is coming to a close and the divisions in District 7 are in motion to tackle the business of the new year. Congratulations to all newly elected and appointed officers and I wish you all joyful and successful terms. I want to thank all who supported FFAI and the efforts made in calendar sales. St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching as each division makes ready to celebrate this grand Holiday of the Order in their own tradition. This month I hope to be a part of some of those traditions.

Broome County's Msgr. Donal O'Callaghan Division is celebrating a Mass in honor of St. Patrick and deceased members of the AOH and LAOH at St. Mary of the Assumption in Binghamton on Saturday, March 6th at 11:30 am. I can attest that this division embellishes the Mass with pipes and pomp not rivaled by many. This most inspiring Mass is followed by the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYS beginning at 1:30 pm. Afterwards, a Post Parade Party will be held at Seton Catholic High School. On January 16th, I was granted the honor of installing the division's 2010 officers. Elmiria's Recording Secretary Gerry McInerney and I spent an enjoyable afternoon at the

Binghamton Hall leaving the division in the capable hands of continuing President Hugh Reynolds. Finally Broome County's Ben and Kay Demott are exploring the possibility of getting a group together to attend the National Convention in Cincinnati this summer. They have researched such avenues as Amtrak and Greyhound. Any interested parties may contact me and I will relay the message.

Chemung County's Msgr. John J. Lee Division's Installation of Officers took place on Jan. 9th with veteran Hibernian Tom Corcoran returning as President after a 20+ year absence. State VP Mike McNabb presided over the event as Secretary Jim Burke and I assisted as Marshals. The division's annual Corporate Communion March and Mass will be celebrated on March 14th at Elmira's St. Peter and Paul's Church; all division members are obliged to attend this Mass barring extenuating circumstances or travel distance exceeding 50 miles. The membership will march from City Hall to Mass and a breakfast will follow at the Elmira Holiday Inn. The division sponsored and sold 50/50 tickets at the Annual Josh Palmer Coaches vs. Cancer Basketball Tournament which was held the four days following Christmas. The tournament's proceeds exceeded \$10,000 and the 50/50 tickets brought in an additional \$3,000; all to aid local cancer victims and their families. Each year members of the division host an Irish Road Show of various acts to get the residents

of the Chemung County Nursing Facility in the St. Patrick's Day spirit. The show begins at 2 pm on March 6th at the Nursing Facility. President Tom and Past President Mark O'Herron are working out the details for a Major Degree to be held in Elmira sometime this spring. The information pertaining to this event will be disseminated in the near future.

Steuben County's Sons of Ireland Division also has a Corporate Communion March and Mass to be held on March 13th in Hornell. With the nucleus of the division's membership being former Elmira members, it is fitting that the tradition should carry on in Hornell. The division will meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7:30 am and march to St. Ann's Church for Mass. Afterwards breakfast will be served at Paddy's Restaurant and a city wide St. Patrick's Day Parade will follow at 11:00 am. In its three years of existence, the Sons of Ireland has grown to 92 members, hosts an annual golf tournament, puts on a large scale Irish Fest, contributes to multiple local charities and has established a Perpetual Adoration membership rotation. Behind the dedicated efforts of continuing President Steve Donlon and crew, I suspect this division will continue to flourish in the upcoming year.

## District 8

Kevin R. Cummings

Over the past two months I had the honor and pleasure of attending many county and divi-

sion meetings and conducting the installation of officers across the district. I was pleased to accept invitations to install the officers of Division 2 in Greene County, John Cardinal Dalton Division 3, Rockland County; Msgr. Sheahan Division 1, Dutchess County; Joseph Duell Jr. Division 1, Fr. Donald J. Whelan, Division 2, and Fr. Emmanuel Hourihan Division 4 all in Orange County. I wish all the newly installed officers success in their endeavors. Special thanks to Orange County Financial Secretary, Kevin Moore who acted as the Installation Marshal at many of the installation ceremonies. The 2010 Hibernian Calendar sales have been going well in the district and I am happy to report the district has had several winners already.

Special recognition is in order for New York State Senator Thomas P. Morahan (Division 2, New City) for sponsoring legislation declaring March as Irish American Heritage Month across New York State. Because of Senator Morahan's tireless efforts the legislation was passed in mid-February. Please remember the Senator in your prayers as he undergoes treatment for a serious illness. Also keep in your prayers Tim O'Sullivan of Greene County who is serving his fourteenth year as President. Tim is recovering from surgery and doing better.

Congratulations to our Brother Hibernians who are being honored at various parades and

events in the region including Paul Geary (Division 1) Grand Marshal of the Ulster County St Patrick's Parade; Gerard McVicker (President-Division 1) Grand Marshal of the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade; Edmund Burke, (Division 4), the Orange County Aide to the Grand Marshal New York City St Patrick's Day Parade and Dermott Moore (President Division 3) Rockland County Hibernian of the Year.

Mark your calendars for parades and cultural events around the different counties in the district including Dutchess County Parade (March 6) Orange County Irish Day (March 7) Orange County Mid Hudson Parade (March 14), Ulster County Parade (March 14) and the Rockland County Parade (March 21). I wish all Hibernians and their families a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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### Fund Raiser Calendar Chairman

John Hennessy

Brothers, I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas. By the time you read this column it will be the month of March. It's been four months since the distribution of the Hibernian calendars at the last State Board meeting. Returns are behind last year's; this is the only fundraiser the State Board runs. Considering the membership in this State I can't understand why we cannot sell 1000 calendars between the AOH and the LAOH. I have asked for ideas but to no avail.

There were 232 winners for 2009 totaling \$6775.00 There will be a full report at the State Board meeting in East Durham on May 1, 2010 I will have calendars with me, and so will John H. Juhren, Sr. Remember there are still 9 months left in 2010. We can still make this calendar program a Success

See you in East Durham. Have  
a Happy St. Patrick's Day

### Buy Irish

Robert Flaherty

Well I hope everybody is getting through the winter ok. I know it's been a while, but shortly we will have a BUY IRISH site connected to the AOH NY website. There will be a list of places to go and buy Irish merchandise. All of the listed stores will be giving a 10% discount to AOH members showing a paid dues card. In their windows will be our logo of the Irish and American flags. Also listed will be all the addresses of the other AOH halls; these will be listed in alphabetical order by city.

I believe this site can be a great tool for any brother Hibernian who is visiting another city and is interested in visiting an Irish shop or an AOH hall. Now to make this work, I need your help. If you have any Irish shops in your area, please send me their name, address, and telephone number so I can contact them to see if they agree to give the discount.

Email Gelic46@aol.com  
Telephone- 518-399-4960

### FFAI

Tim Myles

Once again I am proud to say NYS led the way in the FFAI Christmas Appeal. NYS will receive 9 hurling sticks representing pledges of \$1000.00 to the appeal. The sticks will be presented at the board meeting in May. Thanks to all who made this a success and to the brothers who attended the fundraiser in NYC. Of special note is Brother Jeff Nisler who made a 1K donation.

I took part in the annual Bloody Sunday tour. We marched in solidarity with the Bloody Sunday families and then were hosted by our brother Hibernians of Div. #1 Derry. I can assure you our donations were well received. We had briefings with Relatives for Justice and the Pat Finucane Center. RFJ is asking us for help in bringing forth their findings about the Ballymurphy massacre, a prelude to Bloody Sunday. The group would like our government to conduct hearings on this cause. We also visited Downpatrick, South Armagh and Belfast. We received thanks from the Holy Cross Ardoyne Trust, The David Irvine Trust and the Omagh Boys and Girls club. We were also entertained at an Irish language school in Belfast that we supported. The children performed "A Christmas Carol" in Irish. I could go on with many stories of our FFAI tour, but why don't you start planning now to partake in the 2011 tour and you can see for yourself the good work we

are supporting. If the Saville Inquiry is presented this year the families have said it would be the last march. We are hoping Lord Saville will release his report soon and that the families will get to see it at the same time as the British government.

During our visit there was breaking news. The parties in the six counties agreed on devolution of Policing and Justice. This had been a very contentious issue and is seen as a great step forward. Sean Pender, National FFAI chair was invited to the news conference when the story broke. State President McLean has issued a statement supporting the good news.

As we move forward in the new year our focus will be on getting resolutions passed by local governments supporting a united Ireland. Please work with your FFAI chairman and Political Education chairman to move this forward. It is our responsibility to educate politicians of our concern for a 32 county united Ireland. They won't do it on their own.

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## Veterans' Affairs

John M. Ryan

Happy New Year and thank you to all who remembered our troops in their prayers and their support of the Wounded Warriors Project, Fisher House and Christmas Trees for GIs.

For Veterans who have misplaced their DD 214, you can go on line to [www.vetreecs.archives.gov](http://www.vetreecs.archives.gov) and get a copy

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For those who are looking to translate their military skills and experiences into credentials to obtain civilian skills, you can view your options at the Workforce Credentials Information Center. The site contains information on certification finders, licensed occupations, apprenticeships and military resources for each of the branches of service.

The SMART Program: This is a skill matching technology. The Skill Matching Technology (SMT) reads your resume to extract your skills, work history and education. SMT matches this information with current local job openings and looks for new matches whenever new jobs arrive. SMT will send you an e-mail list of matching jobs with links to more details about job openings. This site is valuable for ALL. You can access it at [www.labor.ny.gov](http://www.labor.ny.gov).

NYS Veterans' Property Tax Exemption provides a partial exemption on real property taxes to veterans' of defined periods of war, veterans who received expeditionary medals or certain family members, as allowed by law. There are three levels of benefits, depending on whether the veteran served in combat and/or was disabled. Exemptions are also subject to dollar limitations, pursuant to state and local law. Full information on Section 458, a or b of the Real Property Law can be found at 1-888-838-7697 or at

[www.orps.state.state.ny.us](http://www.orps.state.state.ny.us). For other programs visit the N Y S Division of Veteran's Affairs web site.

Veterans Saluting the Flag: Section 594 of the National Defense Authorization Act, which was signed by President George W. Bush, allows veterans out of uniform to salute the flag.

Please keep out troops in your prayers. God Bless America.

## Archivist

Jerry Callahan

I recently come across some interesting items in my quest for historic information regarding our Order. We have on display, in our Brooklyn AOH Center; catalog No. 143 of the M. C. Lilley & Company of Columbus Ohio, listing the availability and illustrations of Hibernian ritualistic ceremonial uniforms and equipment, circa 1890. We can not describe some of these items as they might reveal vital secret information pertaining to these exemplifications. Our display of this portion is hidden to all but fourth degree members.

Many of our members have contacted me offering items for our collection, but to date have not yet forwarded this information to me. Please remember the history of our Order is important and should be displayed for all to see.

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## Charities and Missions

Arnie Nagelhout

With St. Patrick's Day around the corner, spring and warmer weather are not far off. I'm sure everyone is saying the same thing "Thank the Lord".

All of New York State has had a rough winter. The homeless and needy families have suffered many hardships this winter and I hope all jurisdictions have done something to help them. I had the opportunity to assist in preparing and serving a Sunday lunch for about 110 needy people at the Heart and Soul food pantry. I was surprised at the number who came; men, women and many children. These people were from all walks of life, not necessarily on welfare, but, needing a warm meal. I applaud Sister Barbara for the help she has given the needy of our area because of the generous donations from our community. You would also be surprised how many in our own parishes are in need of help to feed their families. Divisions should organize food drives to support your parish St. Vincent de Paul societies to assist these families. Members should be encouraged to buy a few dollars of extra food when they go shopping every week and place it in the food collection barrels when they go to Church.

Easter is less than 30 days away. All jurisdictions are requested to make a donation to Project St. Patrick to recognize and honor your Chaplain during this holy season. Our church is

in need of priests and this AOH program has assisted several men to fulfill their vocation.

Congratulations to the following good work done in the name of the Order. John C. Deveraux Div. 1 Oneida Co. has submitted an annual report of \$4,800 being donated to Rescue Mission; Hope House; Fort Hill Rural Com. Food Bank; Little Falls Food Pantry and Rome Rescue Mission. --Thomas W. Carroll Div. 1 Erie Co. has submitted 2 reports showing \$100 for FFAI and \$25 for Project St. Patrick. -- Rev. James J. Browne Div. 1, Niagara Co. has donated \$3,550 since June to Niagara Catholic High School and Niagara Active Hose. A report of 16 man hours was performed at Heart and Soul Food Pantry. -- Our Lady of Knock Div.2, Green Co. has submitted a 2009 report showing \$2,644.50 in donations going to FFAI; AOH Right to Life; MJQICSC; Sacred Heart Food Pantry; Oak Hill Ambulance; American Legion and E. Durham Fire Co. -- Mt. Kisco Div.16, Westchester Co. has donated \$5,251.50 to Hospice Care Westchester/Putnam Co and \$5,251.50 to Rosary Hill Cancer Center.

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### Organizer

Edward Rice

I want to begin with expressing my hope that all our Hibernian brothers and sisters had a most beautiful Christmas, and with my wish that everyone has a healthy and happy 2010. Before you know it, we will be march-

ing on St. Patrick's Day and at parades in his honor throughout the state. This is a good time to start thinking about the "wearing o' the green". And, that means thinking about recruiting new members. However, please beware of the St. Patrick's Day Irishman. No green hats, no green bagels, and no leprechauns carrying pots of gold. We are proud Irish-Catholics. We support a united and independent Ireland. We are defenders of our Catholic faith, our Irish history, and traditions. We promote the interest and welfare of the Irish people. We love our God and our country America and Erin. Please be assured that there are good Irish-Catholics out there waiting to join the Ancient Order of Hibernians. We, as individual Hibernians, have only to ask them to join.

Our National Organizer, Christopher Norris, reminded us in his Director's Report in the Hibernian Digest, that we all are salesman for our Order. He mentioned using the local parish bulletin to let parishioners know that we are out there, and to use our AOH logo whenever we can. When marching in parades and attending other functions, it is important to wear AOH apparel so the public knows who we are and asks questions about our Order. Carry business cards with you and bring membership applications.

Brother Norris also noticed that many AOH sites on our National web should be visited and made sure that they are up-to-

date. An inactive and outdated web site is embarrassing. The Irish-Catholic public needs to be able to make contacts through these sites. Don't overlook innovations such as Face Book and Twitter to reach out to Irish-Catholics.

As new Division officers are being installed, make note on your Form 9's of the name of an Organizer, - instead of leaving it blank. Find a good man who is capable, enthusiastic, and dedicated to the Order, and appoint him to the position of Organizer. Now, once that's done, it is just as important to encourage and support that brother in his efforts.

As we move along into spring, I hope to launch a recruitment drive that will hopefully get new life blood through membership. But, also, not to be overlooked, are those members who have fallen away. We need to get them back in and to pay their dues.

I am also working on distributing grant money to those Divisions that have applied for it. Those Divisions will be getting their money.

Lastly, I apologize for not being in attendance at the Major Degree ceremony being held in the Capital district on the last weekend in February. However, I appreciate being informed about any Major Degree being put on. The Major Degree exemplifies the values we stand for as Irish-Catholics.

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## PEC

Liam McNabb

### Save the Date Prayer Rally

Tuesday, May 11th  
11:30am to 2:30pm  
State Capitol Building

The NYS AOH Board will partner again this year with the NYS Knights of Columbus. AOH Members are encouraged to attend and participate. Buses are expected from all parts of the State. Contact your local Knights of Columbus Counsel to join them on the bus.

Please promote this event to your membership. For more information, go to [prayerrally.org](http://prayerrally.org) or contact Liam McNabb at [liammcnabb@hotmail.com](mailto:liammcnabb@hotmail.com) or call (518) 489-1752.

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## Sports

Thomas W. Thompson

Mark your calendars! The annual N.Y.S. A.O.H. Bowling Tournament is scheduled for Saturday APRIL 17 2010. Hosted by Fr Henry Tansey Division #5 Albany N. Y. Registration begins at 12 noon at Playduim Bowling Lanes 369 Ontario St. Albany N.Y

Bowling begins at 1 PM. The dinner banquet and awards will follow bowling at Capital District Irish American Center 375 Ontario St. Albany N.Y. Cost for bowling and banquet is \$30.00 per person and \$12.00

for those who wish to join us for dinner only.

Arrangements have been made with Best Western Sovereign Inn for \$79.00 a night. Call 1-800-780-7234. for reservations

Lane sponsorships are available for \$ 25.00. To register a single or 5 man team or interested in sponsoring a lane, contact me as below.

## HELLO GOLFERS

Our Eleventh Annual James F. Hayes Golf Classic will be on Friday April 30, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. Continental breakfast, sign in and scramble start at Sunny Hill Golf Course East Durham N. Y. This game is very important for our Scholarship Fund. We need all the golfers and hole sponsors (\$100) to make this successful. We are encouraging ladies to play in this outing. \$75.00 per person/\$300.00 per foursome includes: continental breakfast, green fees w/cart, Bar B-Q at turn; followed by awards presentation and dinner (3 Hours), Raymond J. Meehan Memorial Trophy. Save the dates, mark your calendar, mailing will follow.

NYS Sports Chairman Thomas W. Thompson: phone # 631-588-3008 or cell# 631-786-3128  
email  
[Seaspray114@yahoo.com](mailto:Seaspray114@yahoo.com).  
Thank you and God bless  
Happy Easter

ANCIENT ORDER of HIBERNIANS NEW YORK STATE BOARD



# ELEVENTH ANNUAL JAMES F. HAYES GOLF CLASSIC

*With The Presentation Of The*  
RAYMOND J. MEEHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

At

SUNNY HILL RESORT & GOLF COURSE  
(518) 634-7642

DATE: FRIDAY APRIL 30, 2010

In conjunction with the Semi-Annual Mtg. of the N.Y. State Board

TIME: 8:30 A.M. SIGN-IN FOLLOWED BY  
SHOT GUN START

FOUR PLAYER SCRAMBLE

PRICE: \$75.00 PER PERSON/ \$300.00 FOURSOME  
Including Continental Breakfast, Golf & Cart, Lunch at the Turn,  
Awards Banquet After Golf

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CALL:  
Tommy Thompson (631) 588-3008 H  
(631) 786-3128 Cell or seaspray114@yahoo.com

SPONSOR INFORMATION: HOLE SPONSOR---\$100.00

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: TO AUSTIN V. CAREW SCHOLARSHIP**

All Proceeds From This Tournament Go To  
***THE AUSTIN V. CAREW SCHOLARSHIP FUND***

For children and  
grandchildren of members who have their major degree.

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Welcome AOH / LAOH and Friends to the Eleventh Annual JAMES F. HAYES GOLF CLASSIC. The outing will be on Friday April 30, 2010 in conjunction with the N.Y.S Board meeting. There will be a Continental Breakfast at sign-in at 8:30AM followed by a Shot Gun start. Format will be a four player scramble, and we are looking forward to more participants and sponsors. Early registration is recommended. See you on the links.

Make checks payable to the Austin V. Carew Scholarship

Yours in our Motto,  
Tommy Thompson, N.Y.S. Sports Chairman

**PLACE: SUNNY HILL RESORT & GOLF COURSE (518) 634-7642**

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**PRICE: \$75.00 PER PERSON / \$300.00 PER FOURSOME**

**Includes: Continental Breakfast, Green Fees w/cart, BarB-Q at the turn at Sunny Hill, followed by Awards Presentation and Dinner (3 hours), with soda, tap beer, prizes and raffles. For information call Tommy at H(631) 588-3008 or Cell(631) 786-3128 or e-mail: seaspray114@yahoo.com.**

**RETURN APPLICATIONS TO: Tommy Thompson, 264 Port Ave, RONKONKOMA NY 11779**

<u>Golfers Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

**ROOM RESERVATIONS: GAVINS Irish Country Inn      Black Thorne Resort      SHAMROCK HOUSE**  
518-634-2582      518-634-2541      888-634-2897 518-634-2897

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**HOLE SPONSOR---\$100.00**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MESSAGE TO APPEAR ON SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AUSTIN V. CAREW SCHOLARSHIP, AND RETURN APPLICATIONS TO: Tommy Thompson, 264 Port Ave., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.**

Again, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: (631) 588-3008 or Cell (631)786-3128

## 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 2010 high school graduates who will be matriculating freshmen in college in September 2010.

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 must maintain membership in their respective divisions 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 and high school transcript.
- 3 AOH Scholarship test results. This is a test of the applicant's knowledge of Irish History, Literature, Pop Culture, Politics and Irish in America. The test will consist of a short answer part and an essay whose emphasis is one of the following. The Good Friday Agreement, Bloody Sunday or 'Turlough O'Carolan. The test will be given on Saturday June 5, 2010.

THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 15 2010.  
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ENCLOSED:

The completed application

A **copy** of the high school transcript including the highest SAT Math and 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.

Postmarked no later than May 15, 2010 to the State Scholarship Committee: Mr. Stephen Curran

151 Jefferson St.

Apt 43G

Saratoga Springs, New York

12866

For more information E-mail [saratogairish@gmail.com](mailto:saratogairish@gmail.com)

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

This application must be submitted by May 15, 2010. In addition to this completed application, please enclose the following;

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

Send to Chairman of the AOH NY Scholarship Committee; Mr. Stephen Curran  
151 Jefferson St. apt 43G  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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 : \_\_\_\_\_  
Division President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of the Division: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division or President's phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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