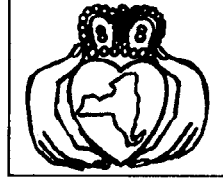




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President's Message  
Charles 'Chip' McLean

It is my pleasure to report that the Spring Board meeting weekend in East Durham was a tremendous success and was perhaps one of the best attended in a long while. As I announced at the Board Meeting; the entire weekend was dedicated to N.Y. State's celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the A.O.H. The Jim Hayes Memorial golf outing was a great success raising funds for our Austin V. Carew Scholarship Fund. It was necessary for a change from one golf course to another nearby course at the last minute as a result of a very rainy week in the Catskills. Our meeting was held on Saturday morning at the Shamrock House where much business of our Order was conducted in fine form with the pleasure of having a number of National Board officers present. Of course our own Brendan Moore, National Vice President and Tom McNabb National Secretary were present and gave very informative and inspiring reports. Also present was the National Director responsible for N.Y. State, Jere Cole who

gave us both an update on Catholic Action activities as well as an update on the 175th Anniversary Commemorative Coin.

At the beginning of the meeting we also conducted a memorial service in honor of the 30th Anniversary of the Hunger Strike. Led by our State Historian Mike McCormack we stood in quiet remembrance of the ten brave Irish Nationalist who painfully gave their lives 30 years ago while on hunger strike for truth, justice and to see all Ireland free. We then shared in prayers and heard each of the names of the ten souls. The State Board also produced a memorial prayer card commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Hunger Strike that has been distributed to all jurisdictions. The card was created by F.F.A.I Chairman Tim Miles and Mike McCormack. These cards were widely distributed throughout the State and are still available by contacting Tim Miles.

In light of both of these significant historical events I called on all jurisdictions to sponsor local 175th Anniver-

sary celebrations of some form as well as conducting a memorial service for the 30th Anniversary of the Hunger Strike. As a result I have been receiving many reports of these events and I encourage all jurisdictions that have not yet done so, please schedule and conduct both of these events soon.

Of course the National Boards celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Order was held in New York City on the weekend of May 20-22. There were a number of events held and I would like to congratulate two of our own who were tapped to organize the weekend. Ed Wallace who was the general chairman and was responsible for the entire event and Tom Beirne who was Ed's right hand man in tightening down all the loose nuts and bolts. Hibernian leaders and Hibernians from throughout the country came here to mark the Anniversary. I recognize and thank all of our New York Hibernians who traveled from far and near to be part of the event.

Now all that's left is for you to get your 175th Anniversary

Commemorative Coin which can be ordered with the form that can be downloaded from our N.Y. State website at [www.nyaoh.com](http://www.nyaoh.com) or can it be purchased on line through the website. The coin will also be offered for sale at our Convention in Pearl River, Rockland County this July.

Speaking of our N.Y. State Convention, which will be held from Wednesday, July 13th to Sunday, July 17th, planning is very advanced as it should be and the reservations are coming in for all of the events. We have worked hard to put together an outstanding package which ranges from a Wednesday night 'Icebreaker' with a full B-B-Q Dinner menu to two great dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings. I assure you that you will not be disappointed with this Convention's events. The Journal deadline has been extended to June 24th; I remind and ask all the jurisdictions to take a page in the journal to be part of the historical chronicle of the event as well as supporting the Convention. If you have any questions regarding the Convention kindly contact the Convention Chairman Warren Scullin (917-751-1661).

We are in the midst of the County Convention season and I encourage all Counties to consider carefully when electing your County leaders

who will be in office for the next two years. They will have much work to do. I have been very fortunate to have traveled to many Counties to date to participate in there Conventions and to conduct the installation of the newly elected officers. I congratulate those officers and I look forward to being with you for your County Convention. Please make sure that you notify me of the date and time and I will make every effort to be with you.

As always, all the best to you and your families with prayers and best wishes from my family. Stay cool and I look forward to seeing you in Pearl River, Rockland County, July 13th-17th to conduct the work of the Order in Convention and to share great Hibernian fraternalism with all of you.

District 6  
Vic Vogel

As my term as District Six Director comes to an end, I would like to thank Suffolk County President, Brian Clancy, and Nassau County President, Mike Byrne, for their help in making my tenure productive and rewarding. Because of their dedication and commitment to the Order, I was aware of the events and initiatives taking place in Nassau and Suffolk and, most of all, invited to participate.

Thank you and congratulations for all of your achievements.

## SUFFOLK COUNTY

Jim Dawes of Division Two reports that there will be a memorial celebration at the Babylon hall to honor Monsignor Kissane. Ronnie Allen of Division One in Bay Shore is pleased to report a significant increase in membership. Division Three of Kings Park will host the Jack Murtaugh Golf Outing on August 1st. Contact Brian Clancy for information. Jack Ryan reports that Division Four will be running a food drive to benefit church pantries in Huntington. Larry Hurley has announced that Division Five will celebrate a Mass in May commemorating An Gorta Mor. Mac McFadden reports that Division Seven will host its annual Horseshoe Tournament on June 18th and its annual Project Children Golf Outing at Wind Watch on June 28th. Tom McKenna reports that Divisions Eight and Nine have announced that the Suffolk County Feis will be held on August 7th at the SUNY Stony Brook Student Center. Division 11 is planning a fundraiser at the Boardy Barn this August to support the Hampton Bays St. Patrick's Parade.

## NASSAU COUNTY

Brian Sharkey of Division 17 in Long Beach has announced plans for the 22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Outing at Lido Beach Golf Course. Proceeds benefit Catholic schools. Joe Mc Donald of Division Eight, Glen Cove, reports that John Fitzgerald, author of "The Emerald Diamond", has been invited to speak on June 9th about "Baseball in Ireland". Jack O'Brien reports that Division 11 of Hicksville has delivered 700 lbs. of food to the St. Ignatius food pantry this month. Jim Henry reports that Division 14 is planning a trip to Ireland in 2012 to see Notre Dame football. Matt Hynes reports that Division Seven is planning a fishing trip this summer. Paul Doud announced that Division Three will hold their annual John Bownes Picnic at Grant Park in Hewlett on July 24th. Rick Atkinson reports that Division 19 will participate in the Port Washington Harborfest this June. Sean O'Rourke reported that the Annual Nassau County Feis will be held at Molloy College on September 18th.

The Nassau County Convention will be hosted by Division Eight on June 5th at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove following a Hibernian Mass at 11:45am. The Suffolk County Convention will be held at Division Eight hall in Selden on May 15th at 2:00pm. Con-

gratulations to all officers.

#### District 7

John O'Herron

As the Convention approaches and my term expires, the divisions in District 7 remain solid in upholding the goals of our Order as they continue to grow in membership. Most importantly, all divisions have made their Catholic identities known to their local communities, especially during their respective St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Many fine examples of each division's St. Patrick's Day activities are noted in my AOH NYS Board Report posted on the state web site.

One outstanding event took place in Elmira on April 30th at St. Peter and Paul's Parish Center. A benefit/spaghetti supper was put on by The Msgr. John J. Lee Division for the Webb family. Hibernian Brother Tom Webb's wife Karen, and their three young sons were involved in an automobile accident in January. All four had serious injuries and extended stays in multiple hospitals. Tom had to take off work for several months to tend to his family's needs. The benefit sold approximately 600 dinners and along with various raffles, raised over \$10,000 to help defray the Webb family's expenses. The brothers of the

Lawrence E. Giblin Division of Binghamton also showed their support. President Mark Kadlecik presented me with a \$100 check for the cause at the State Board Meeting. The happy ending is that the family has largely recovered with no serious disabilities.

I thank the AOH NYS Executive Board for all their support and for joining us in the many District 7 functions these past two years. I hope for a successful Convention and best wishes to all incoming State Officers

#### District 8

Kevin R. Cummings

It was good to see so many members in attendance at the semi-annual meeting in East Durham on April 30th. District 8 was well represented at this important meeting by division and county presidents including Rockland County AOH President, Vince Tyer who gave a report on the upcoming Biennial AOH/LAOH Convention in Pearl River. Everything seems to be in place to make this convention an enjoyable and productive gathering. The various committees would very much appreciate all members getting their reservations, event packages and journal ads in as soon as possible. I hope some of you were able to take advantage of the early-bird discount

packages and I look forward to seeing many of you at the different meetings, rituals and social events that are scheduled for the convention taking place July 13-17th.

A final reminder to all divisions and county boards across the district to submit their Charity and Missions reports to Arnie Nagelhout (a41nag@verizon.net) well in advance of the state convention. In these economic times and with increased government scrutiny, there has never been a more important a time to show that our Order is active in charitable causes. Also, all jurisdictions, holding their county conventions, should send in their Form 9 (Certificate of Elections) to the NYS AOH Secretary as soon as their conventions conclude. Orange County will be holding their convention on June 4th and Rockland County will be holding their convention on June 12th.

Summer is traditionally a slow time for division events but there are a few important dates to remember. They include the Rockland County Annual Feis to be held on July 17th and Ulster County's Hooley on the Hudson on September 4th – both are fun-filled family days and great days to be Irish. Additional information is available online.

This is my last article for the Empire State Hibernian Newsletter as District 8 Director. It is hard to believe that it has been almost two years since my tenure began in this honorable office. It has been a pleasure to serve with all of the members of the New York State Board and I wish to thank them all for their cooperation and assistance. I further wish them and all incoming officers success in their future endeavors. I want to express my sincere thanks to all the district county and division presidents for the warm welcomes they have extended to me over the past two years in my travels across this very large district. From Greene County to Rockland County to Dutchess and Ulster and Orange Counties - many treasured and lasting friendships have developed along the way. Thank you all and best wishes for a safe and fun-filled summer. God bless!!

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State Fund Raiser  
Calendar Chairman

John Hennessy

It was good to see you all at the State Board meeting. The weather could have been better, but we still were able to get the Golf Tournament in, a job well done by Bro. Tommy Thompson and his committee.

As I reported at the meeting the profit from the 2010 Cal-

endar Program was \$4312.50.

Based on the sales so far of the 2011 Calendars we will not make as much profit. I still have calendars available, we have 6 months left in 2011.

The Calendars for 2012 will be available at the State Board meeting following the State Convention.

Remember the 175th anniversary of the AOH commemoration coins are available see the National Digest or the National web site. Hope to see you at the State Convention in Pearl River.

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Veterans Affairs  
John M. Ryan

This report is a follow up to one I did late last year. It concerns the CAREGIVERS AND VETERANS OMNIBUS HEALTH SERVICES ACT OF 2010. Starting May 9, 2011 the VA's office of Care Management and Social Work will open up the application process for eligible post-9/11 veterans and service members to designate their Family Caregivers.

Additional services for primary Family Caregivers of eligible post-9/11 veterans and Service members include a stipend, mental health services, and access to health care insurance, if they are not already entitled to care and

services under a health care plan. Comprehensive Caregiver training and medical support are other key components of this program. The program builds on the foundation of Caregiver support now provided at VA and reflects what families and clinicians have long known; that Family Caregivers in a home environment can enhance the health and well-being of Veterans under VA care.

Starting May 9, 2011 veterans may download a copy of the Family Caregiver program application (VA CG 10-10) at [www.caregiver.va.gov](http://www.caregiver.va.gov). The document allows the veteran to designate a primary Family Caregiver and secondary Caregiver if necessary. The VA offers a wide range of Caregiver support services including training, counseling and respite care to ensure that Caregivers have the tools and support they need.

VA programs for Veterans and their Family Caregivers include: In-Home and community based care including skilled healthcare. Respite care designed to give the Family Caregiver a break from caring for the Veteran. Education and training programs for the Caregivers. Caregiver support groups including temporary lodging at Fisher House. The VA provides durable medical equipment for the home.

The Family Caregiver assistance center can be reached at [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov).

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F.F.A.I.  
Tim Myles

I commend our worthy President for opening the recent state board meeting with a reflection on the 10 men who died 30 years ago on Hunger Strike. Our historian, Mike McCormack made the presentation. I also want to thank Mike for designing the 30th anniversary memorial cards which were distributed at the meeting. All 2000 cards were taken with hope that they will be given out at division and county board meetings. I had more printed and will be available at our convention. Special thanks to Ken Granville and staff at Clover Graphics in getting the cards printed.

The cost of the cards will be offset by proceeds of the 2011 signed Bloody Sunday poster which we are raffling off at the state convention. Thanks to all the brothers who have already supported the raffle. A picture of the poster can be seen on the NYS AOH website. I will need help of division and county FFAI chairman in selling tickets at the convention. I can be contacted at [Timtam614@aol.com](mailto:Timtam614@aol.com) or 516-660-7456

The state board has made a donation to the cause of AOH Co. Tyrone President Gerry McGeough. Gerry is currently jailed in Magheberry prison for IRE related activities dating back more than two decades. For more information about Gerry and lend your support visit [www.freegerry.com](http://www.freegerry.com)

Prior to President Obama's visit to Ireland, our National president Seamus Boyle sent a letter to him asking him to focus on justice issues and our concerns about the six counties. It is great when we have this leadership to keep our concerns in focus on the national level. Also by the time you read this the Queen of England will have visited the Republic of Ireland. I was asked to make a statement in the Irish Voice about her visit. I think you may agree with what I said. "Some people will welcome the Queen; I'll welcome her when it is a 32 County Ireland"

I want to thank Brian Clancy and Rich Cremmins for their effort in organizing Suffolk County's annual Tom Clarke memorial event which I attended. To all the divisions who did something to remember the 30th anniversary of the Hunger Strikes, once again, thank you. We must not forget our history.

As I wrap up my two years as FFAI chairman, I thank President McLean for the appointment and all the brothers who have supported our cause. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

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Immigration Chairman  
Dan Dennehy

I would like to start by wishing all Hibernians a Happy 175th Anniversary! This amazing milestone is testament to the strength of our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. It is my pleasure to serve on the AOH 175th Committee, led by the excellent chairmanship of Past National and NYS President Ed Wallace and NY County President Tom Beirne. The entire event was made possible by committee members, pooling their contacts and resources to accomplish something we could share with our Brothers and Sisters and the entire community. The cooperation of the National Board, State Boards and our NY State and local Counties exemplifies our Order and proves that success in immigration reform can be made in a similar fashion.

Connecticut State President Bob O'Sullivan invited me to speak at the CT Communion Breakfast hosted by JFK Division 1. Speaking to an impressive audience of 400 AOH

members and their families before breakfast were many local legislators who stressed their affinity to the AOH and the Irish American Catholic community. Following the breakfast, Siobhan Dennehy, National JFK Medal winner and charter member of the new Westchester LAOH Division 18, Peekskill and I spoke at the Gaelic American Club on various immigration issues. I also spoke at the NJ State Convention in Belmar and am grateful for the invitation from Sean Pender, NJS President and National FFAI and Jere Cole, National Director and immediate past NJ State President. At both events, I expressed to the audience our Order's need for Immigration chairs.

The historic 250th NYS St. Patrick's parade and the surrounding celebrations of our Patron Saint offered numerous opportunities to speak to representatives of the Irish government on our desire for a lasting quota of visas for the future flow of Irish immigrants to the US. I spoke to new Foreign Affairs Minister, Eammon Gilmore and Department of Foreign Affairs Director General Niall Burgess. They expressed the need for the AOH to take a leadership role in shaping US policies on immigration and other Irish issues and pledged to cooperate with the AOH on these issues. On May 4, I met

Ambassador Michael Collins again along with Taoiseach Enda Kenny. We discussed President Obama's visit to Ireland which will, hopefully bring to the forefront the President's Immigration policy regarding Ireland as well as other issues.

We must continue to open dialog with legislators and law enforcement officials and express the Irish American perspective on immigration issues. With regards to our immigrants and policing issues I have met Ray Kelly, Commissioner of NYPD and representatives of the NY State Police. As a guest of Rockland AOH, I was invited to march in the Honor Division along with the Grand Marshal, his Aides and National Board's VP Brendan Moore and FFAI Chair Sean Pender, NYS Treasurer Tim McSweeney, NY Co. President Tom Beirne and Westchester Co. President Brian Kelly at the Pearl River parade and Communion Breakfast. I was introduced by Rockland's Vince Tyer, Dermot Moore, William Lee and Phil Sheridan to the legislators and law enforcement leaders in attendance and shared our positions on Irish immigration.

The level of cooperation that I speak of occurred recently when NYS Treasurer Tim McSweeney and NY FFAI Tim Myles made me aware of distressed Irish immigrants. In

both cases, the immigrants were able to avoid the likelihood of an unnecessary legal fees or costly deportation, thanks to the two Tim's quick action. In these and many others cases, I credit the assistance of several trusted immigration attorneys, Irish advice centers like the Emerald Isle Immigration Center and the Irish Consulates, particularly NY Vice Consul Alan Farrelly with providing the data, legal advice and consultation that these cases often demand.

I also thank the members of the AOH and LAOH, who are more and more, becoming an important factor in the future of Irish and American immigration relations and reform.

I am proud to tell you that the number of Immigration Chairmen across our nation is growing by the day! I would like to welcome, Brian McMahon, Greater Bridgeport JFK Division 1, who was present at the CT Communion Breakfast. Brother McMahon joins Steven Moran, Suffolk Div. 7 and John Walsh, Cattaraugus Div.2 as our Order's newest Immigration Chairs. The National network of Immigration chairs will help expedite information and assistance and improves our overall communication within the AOH and with our Irish immigrants as well as local, state and federal legislators, agencies and law enforcement. Please join the

network and consider volunteering to become your State, County or Division immigration chair today.

#### A few guidelines for Immigration Chairs

As an immigration chair you should remind yourself and your fellow members that the AOH Preamble states that the purpose of the AOH is "to encourage an equitable U.S. Immigration law for Ireland, and cooperate with all groups for a fair American Immigration Policy."

Remember, we are the best and often the only advocates for Catholic and Irish America and its people, past, present and future. Believe me, the other ethnic and cultural groups have their advocates and lobbyists. This is up to you! When favorable immigration legislation materializes, the AOH must be ready!

A brief report should be given to the membership on a monthly basis. I am available to provide information and encourage you to check in with me regularly. The Irish advice centers are always happy to supply info to our members. Immigration chairs should become familiar with information about Dual Citizenship, Irish Heritage Certificates, education, career and retirement opportunities in Ireland, and advice on the visas currently available and future

immigration legislation.

An immigration chair should not use the chair as a platform or "bully pulpit" to decry other ethnic groups use or abuse of US immigration policy. Rather the chair should become aware of current and proposed legislation with relation to future flow from Ireland and the undocumented Irish and become active on issues like the men in Thar Saile, who are in a legal limbo and need our support.

I would like to remind the membership that we do not condone or encourage illegal activity. The advice groups and attorneys we work with will not and should not do so either. We should also support and build awareness of the Irish immigration advice centers and the Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform. As with the Morrison Visa, when the visas finally arrive, the advice centers will be invaluable.

If you know of a person thinking of emigrating to the US, please encourage them to seek the advice of an attorney or immigration counselor before coming to the US. A useful website Cross Care/ Migrant Project:

[http://www.migrantproject.ie/emigrating\\_from\\_ireland\\_usa.htm](http://www.migrantproject.ie/emigrating_from_ireland_usa.htm)

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about im-

migration, citizenship or legislation at Dan Dennehy, 22 Andre Lane, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567, by email: dandennehy@hotmail.com or phone (914) 588-2710.

Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers [www.ciic-usa.org](http://www.ciic-usa.org)  
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Cross Care  
[www.migrantproject.ie/emigrating\\_from\\_ireland\\_usa.htm](http://www.migrantproject.ie/emigrating_from_ireland_usa.htm)  
Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform  
[www.irishlobbyusa.org](http://www.irishlobbyusa.org)  
[Thar Saile](http://Thar Saile) [www.tharsaile.org](http://www.tharsaile.org)

Charities and Missions  
Arnold Nagelhout

TIME GENTLEMEN, TIME. For Charities and Missions Reports before Convention. Up dates and reports covering July 2009 to June 2011 must be postmarked by June 29, 2011. Remember if your jurisdiction provided man hours for a project you should report it at a value of \$7.50 per hour.

At the State Board Meeting on April 30, 2011 I reported that of the 14 County Boards and 83 Divisions in New York State; No County Boards have submitted a report and only 20 Divisions have submitted their Charitable Contributions since our last convention in 2009. This means, at present, only 25% of New York Divisions will be receiving the

2009 - 2011 New York State Charities and Missions Award at Convention in July. Brothers, I know more than 25% of our divisions are making donations. Did you send a check for AOH Freedom for All Ireland or Project St. Patrick? Did you sponsor a Scholarship, make a donation to your local church, Catholic Charities, Food Pantry, Irish Dance School, Veterans Projects etc. then you should be submitting a report.

Since my last article in the March NY State Digest I have received reports from the following divisions and wish to congratulate and thank them for their work in the name of our Order.

Div. 2, NY Co. submitted a report of donations totaling \$2,730 that went to: Old Guard of NYC; AOH Hibernian Charity; Our Lady of Rosary/Seton Shrine; SOAR (Saving our aging religious); HOPE (Helping other people); Children's Home Bureau; United Irish Counties and Catholic Relief Services (Haiti and Saoirse Foundation).

Thomas W. Carroll Div.1, Erie Co. donated \$4,045 and 35 man hours (\$262.50) to the Buffalo Irish Center to assist with a fund raiser.

"Mass Rock" Div. 2 Greene Co. has submitted a 2010 report of donations amounting to

\$2,734.50. Those benefiting were Greene County Pipe Band; Sacred Heart RC Church; Durham Chamber of Commerce; Msgr. Coen; Fr. Shannon; Mc Dormott Fund; Sacred Heart Food Pantry and Fr. Nunan.

Div. 8, Nassau Co. submitted a report of \$4,000 and 20 man hours (\$150). St. Patrick's RC Church; All Saints School; St. Vincent de Paul and Glen Cove Creche were the beneficiaries.

Div. 14, Queens Co. submitted a report of \$450 and 550 man hours (\$4,125) those benefiting were Blessed Sacrament Church and Holy Child of Jesus Social Outreach and Food Pantry.

Commodore John Barry Div. 2, Onondaga Co. submitted a report for 2010 donations totaling \$7,913. Recipients of their donations were: Old News Boys; Bishops Academy at Holy Family; AOH Project St. Patrick; Irish Power Hour; St. Patrick's Irish Festival; School of Irish Dance; St. Baldrick's; Tip Hill Shamrock Race; CNY Fies; St. Margaret's Benefit; Syracuse Gaelic Football; Vietnam Veterans; Tom Dooley Choraliars and FFAI Christmas Appeal.

Rev. James J. Browne Div. 1, Niagara Co. reported 2011 donations of \$550 and 5 man

hours (\$37.50) benefiting were United Irish American Assoc.; McCarthy School of Irish Dance and Heart and Soul Food Pantry.

Div. 7 Suffolk Co. submitted a report for 2009 and 2010 totaling \$28,530 and 212 man hours (\$1,590). Donations went to Emerald Society Pipe Band; East Islip Soccer Club; AOH Freedom for All Ireland; Little Flower Children's Hospital; WFUV Radio; St. Anne's RC Church; Rev. Desmond Wilson (Belfast Ireland); Hope House; St. Mary's RC Church; Msgr. Joseph Quinn/Schindus Children's Hospital; Montford Missions; St. John of God RC Church; St. Peter the Apostle RC Church; Military Pack Outs (US Troops Abroad); Underprivileged Children's Christmas Party and Our Lady of Knock (Ireland).

Msgr. Lawrence E. Giblin Div.1, Broome Co submitted a report covering their donations since July 2009 to April 2011 totaling \$10,011.41. Beneficiaries were AOH Freedom for All Ireland; BHS Senior Nite, BHS After Prom Party; Catholic Charities; Children's House; Danielle House; Habitat for Humanity; Project St. Patrick; Irish Way; Loves & Fishes Pantry; NYS Right to Life Committee; PAL; St. John of God; St. Marys Soup Kitchen; Willow Point Nurs-

ing Home; SCC Post Prom Committee and MHJ Missions.

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Edward Rice  
Organizer

I first would like to wish everyone a belated Happy Easter. I hope it was a blessed and joyous occasion for all Hibernian families. Now that the Parade Season is over, and everyone has had their Communion Breakfasts, we can now concentrate on recruiting, keeping members in the fold, and looking for places where new divisions can be organized.

At this time of year, County Boards should be holding their biennial conventions, and preparing for the State Convention which is rapidly approaching. Before Hibernian divisions can participate in these assemblies and before their members can vote in elections, it is mandatory for FORM 9's and Financial Reports to be submitted to the State Secretary. Please use this opportunity to evaluate your roster of members, and make sure they are renewing their membership in our Order, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Remember to keep all members involved.

We live in a Hi-Tech world if you haven't noticed, and that includes myself who has to try

hard to keep up with it. Thankfully, our National Organizer, Danny O'Connell, has set the pace for a vigorous program of recruitment, retention, and organization of new divisions. New tri-fold organizing brochures can be obtained on-line from the National web-site. These new brochures will be customized to service the needs of each division president, financial secretary, and organizer. The division's contact person's information will now be downloaded, and can be printed on each organizing brochure. Also, pictures showing each division's activities can now be downloaded and later printed on the brochure as well. Posters can now be made available for a nominal cost.

Retention can be more facilitated by automated dialing services for a few pennies a call. These are accessed on-line at a web-site, such as callingpost.com, for example. Critical notifications to call for a local division's prayer service at a wake would be a specialized use of this telephone dialing system. Of course, this would be a supplement to a monthly newsletter. In addition, the Financial Secretary should strive to have an e-mail address for every member, so that a division monthly newsletter could be sent out via e-mail.

If any have seen the movie THE SOCIAL NETWORK, you will understand what a revolution the word Facebook has stirred up, and the AOH is part of it. We are the Irish Catholic Social Network. Used correctly and securely, we could use it to promote our Order and utilize it as an organizing tool. Prospective members could learn about us as Hibernians through Facebook. Go to National web-site, www.aoh.com, and look for Hibernian Digest. At the top of the Digital Digest site or in the side-bar, click the Facebook icon.

Every Hibernian should be involved in Organizing. I'm looking for a few good men with ideas to make our organi-

zation grow. Bring them to the Organizer committee at the upcoming State Convention in Pearl River in July.

Buy Irish  
Robert Flaherty

Now that we are through one of the worst winters in decades, I'm sure we are all looking forward to a great summer.

I still think it is a good idea to set up a "Buy Irish" web site, in order to accomplish this I need input from the brothers around the state.

Many have favorite Irish shops that they purchase merchandise from. If yours would like to be put on our New York State web site, and give

10% off to AOH members with paid dues cards, their information would be available to all members in good standing.

If you have information for the Buy Irish web site, please send it to me at:

Buy Irish Chairman  
Robert Flaherty  
518-399-4960  
E-Mail- gelic46@aol.com  
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## *The 96th Biennial 2011 AOH/57th Biennial LAOH New York State Convention*

The 96<sup>th</sup> Biennial 2011 AOH/57th Biennial LAOH New York State Convention will be held at the Hilton Pearl River, 500 Veterans Memorial Drive, Pearl River, N.Y. 10965, from Wednesday, July 13 through Sunday, July 17.

You can make a reservation with the Hilton Pearl River by calling (845) 735-9000. When making your reservation say "AOH Convention." The room rate is \$143 a night and is available two days before and two days after the convention. Reservations must be made no later than June 26, 2011.

Mail your registration form to the following address:

Mr. Timothy O'Neill and Ms. Carmel Reilly  
Convention Registration Committee Co-Chairs  
P.O. 182  
Pearl River, NY 10965

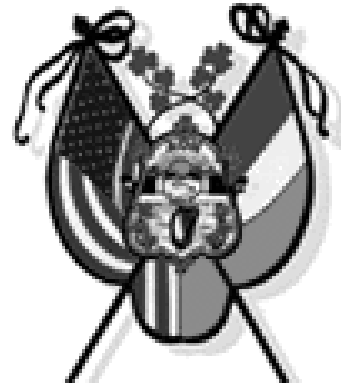
Please make your check or money order payable to **AOH NYS Convention**. A registration form postmarked on or before June 1, 2011 will be \$210. After June 1, 2011 the cost will be \$235.

Yours in our motto,

A. Warren Scullin  
2011 AOH/LAOH-NYS  
Convention Chairman

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Package Order Form**

*Option 'A' : Postmarked on or before June 1, 2011*

Full Package Registration and All Events

Listed Below COST \$210.00 PER PACKAGE x \_\_\_

Number of Packages = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Option 'C' : Registration & Individual Events*

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Number of Tickets</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Convention Registration</i>			<i>\$ 10.00</i>	
<i>Welcome Reception 6:30-9:30 PM</i>	<i>7/13/11</i>		<i>\$ 65.00</i>	
<i>Irish Night 6:00-10:00 PM</i>	<i>7/15/11</i>		<i>\$ 90.00</i>	
<i>Installation Ball 7:00-12:00AM</i>	<i>7/16/11</i>		<i>\$105.00</i>	

*Total Amount Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*\*\*Upon request, a Vegetarian Alternative Dinner is available on Friday and Saturday night.*

**Welcome Night includes:** Tossed Garden Salad, Macaroni Salad and Cole Slaw. From the Barbeque, you can choose from Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and BBQ Chicken. Various condiments will be available for your dinner. Sliced Watermelon, Chocolate Chip Cookies are for dessert. During the course of the evening, there will be an assortment of soda, ice tea, coffee or tea. Complimentary beer & wine 6:30-7:30 Cash bar 6:30-9:30.

**Irish Night includes:** Vegetable Crudite served with Assorted Dressings and a Cheese Display with various crackers and flatbreads. During dinner, there will be a Caesar Salad with homemade dressing, topped with shaved Asiago Cheese and dinner rolls will be available. Dinner will be a duet of Grilled Salmon, Scallion Buerre Blance and Marinated Grilled Chicken Forestiere, served with Wild Mushrooms and Port Wine Sauce. Dinner will be accompanied with Roasted New Potatoes and a Fresh Garden Vegetable Medley. Dessert will be New York Style Cheesecake, topped with Fresh Berries and Raspberry Sauce. Open bar 6:00-7:00 Cash bar 7:00-10:00.

**Installation Ball includes:** Cocktail Hour will consist of Cocktail Franks, Seared Scallops wrapped in Bacon, Cashew Coconut Crusted Chicken Satay, Vegetable Tempura and Tomato, Onion and Herb Bruschetta served on Tuscan Garlic Bread. There will be a Cold Antipasto Display as well as an Italian Station. For Dinner, House Red and White Wine will be available during dinner and dinner will be a duet of Sliced Chateaubriand and Marinated Grilled Chicken Francaise, served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and a Vegetable Medley. Dessert will consist of Chocolate Blackout Cake. Open bar 7:00-12:00.

**Tara Court Major Degree Team  
Suffolk County , New York**

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Major Degree Registration Form

New York State Convention

Pearl River Hilton

Saturday July 16, 2011

Candidates dress code: coat & tie  
Degree begins at 12:00 Noon  
Candidates to arrive 11:00 am  
Registration fee \$20.00

Candidates Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

State : \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

Tara Court Degree Team

Mail to:

John Hennessy  
301 Old Country Road  
Deer Park, NY 11729

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