

The Schenectady Hibernian

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GO NAVY BEAT ARMY



ARMY V NAVY 2010

Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall

1748 State St, Schenectady

December 11th 2010

Doors open at 11am

50/50 Raffle (Drawing at Halftime)

Raffles – Excitement - Rivalry

Please bring a dish to share

Signup sheet at the AOH Hall

Wear your teams fighting colors!

Be prepared to defend your position!!!!

GO ARMY BEAT NAVY



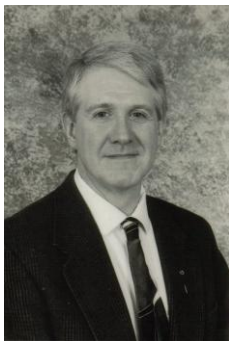
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AOH President's Message



Celtic Crossing President's Message



Club President's Message

[T]he conviction is growing of the need for a solidarity which will take up interdependence and transfer it to the moral plane. Today perhaps more than in the past, people are realizing that they are linked together by a common destiny, which is to be constructed together, if catastrophe for all is to be avoided. [T]he good to which we are all called and **the happiness to which we aspire cannot be obtained without an effort and commitment on the part of all, nobody excluded**, and the consequent renouncing of personal selfishness.

It is important to note therefore that a world which is divided into {factions}, sustained by rigid ideologies, and in which instead of interdependence and solidarity different forms of imperialism hold sway, can only be a world subject to structures of sin. The sum total of the negative factors working against a true awareness of the universal common good, and the need to further it, gives the impression of creating, in persons and institutions, an obstacle which is difficult to overcome.

It is above all a question of interdependence, sensed as a system determining relationships in the contemporary world, in its economic, cultural, political and religious elements, and accepted as a moral category. When interdependence becomes recognized in this way, the correlative response as a moral and social attitude, as a "virtue," is **solidarity**. This then is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is **a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good**; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.

This determination is based on the solid conviction that what is hindering full development is that desire for profit and that thirst for power already mentioned.

These attitudes are only conquered by a diametrically opposed attitude: **a commitment to the good of one's neighbor with the readiness, in the gospel sense, to "lose oneself" for the sake of the other** instead of exploiting him, and to "serve him" instead of oppressing him for one's own advantage

The exercise of solidarity within each society is valid when its members recognize one another as persons. **Those who are more influential**, because they have a greater share of goods and common services, **should feel responsible for the weaker and be ready to share with them all they possess**. Those who are weaker, for their part, in the same spirit of solidarity, should not adopt a purely passive attitude or one that is destructive of the social fabric, but, while claiming their legitimate rights, should do what they can for the good of all. **The intermediate groups, in their turn, should not selfishly insist on their particular interests, but respect the interests of others.**

In this way, the **solidarity** which we propose **is the path to peace** and at the same time to development. For peace is inconceivable unless leaders come to recognize that interdependence in itself demands the abandonment of the politics of {factions}, the sacrifice of all forms of economic imperialism, and the transformation of mutual distrust into collaboration. This is precisely the act proper to solidarity among individuals.

-Pope John Paul II, encyclical "Sollicitudo rei socialis", 12/30/1987

These words of the Holy Father need to be our guide as we move forward.

-Eoghain

As promised last month, we have good news; we have been negotiating with Irish 2000 to have them lease the downstairs of our building next to the Hall. We have work to do to prepare for this, much already done and more to follow. A new roof, repaired berm, upcoming paint job and carpet, among others. Volunteers are needed, especially for the painting (anyone install carpet?). Let me know if you can help. Next month I will do a formal thank you to all our volunteers, but for now, special thanks to John McAvoy of Watervliet AOH, Brian Garrity of Garrity Brothers Remodeling (highly recommended to all, see his ad in this addition), Joe Osborne and a cast of many others. We hope to have i2000 in at the year end and welcome them to Schenectady.

Sinne le meas
Michael

Congratulations to Patrick Cremmins, newly elected President of the Club Corporation. Since he's just getting started, we didn't expect an article so soon, but offer him best wishes. Also welcome to Kevin Flahive, new Board member.

A Bit of History – A Monthly Feature

At the December 3rd Meeting the Division was presented with an opportunity to march in the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12, 2011 as either a division of our own if our numbers are large enough, or to join the Watervliet or Albany County AOH. Signup sheets will be posted at the Hall for all to show their interest. The Watervliet AOH is offering to bus us from our Hall to theirs, then to our place in the parade in the staging area, bring us back to the Watervliet or Albany AOH Hall after the parade and then return us to Schenectady later in the day. The intention is to promote the Watervliet AOH's Irish Day, a new city wide event focusing on the AOH as the center of the day's events. As this develops more detail will become available, but it brings back memories of St. Patrick's Days past when we did have our own division in the parade and we sent several buses to the parade, one for the adults, one for the juniors and one for the Schenectady Pipe Band, part of our contingent. The day is always a lot of fun and all should consider being part of it once again. If we do become our own division we would eventually have a turn at selecting the Grand Marshall. Part of our mission is to preserve our past, and this is a part that would be worth preserving and maintaining. Sign up and show your support!

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MEMBER NOTES

Congratulations to Hibernian of the Year **Steve Mackey!**

Please remember in your prayers brother **Fr. Anthony Curran**, who has recently dealt with several health issues, but manages to still come through for us at meetings and events that need his services.

Prayers to the family of AOH member
Frank Mackin on his recent passing to Tír na nÓg.

Plan a visit to Glendale Nursing Facility to see LAOH member **Betty Horne** who joins husband and AOH member **Tom Horne** as a resident. They both love visits from their Hibernian family!

Congratulations to brother **Brian Scanlon** on his election to Financial Secretary of the Division.

Brother **Donald Keenan** has been ill of late and should be include in your prayers.



Pub News
by **Ryan Daley**

Winter Solstice football specials \$3 drafts and 1.75 domestic bottled beers on Sundays. Don't forget a dish for the Army/Navy game and also for the Christmas Party!

Bartender of the Year – Steve Mackey

Steve has been honored twice this year, as Hibernian of the Year and now also as Bartender of the Year. As the Mixologist of Renown he offers a friendly welcome to all who bring a thirst for refreshment of the throat as well as the spirit and can be found Friday afternoons as well as many fill in times.



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+ FRIDAY 11 am - 9 pm
+ SATURDAY 11 am - 6 pm
+ SUNDAY 10 am - 3 pm

Photo on right: Farren Mion in Key Hall (the former KeyBank building that is now part of Proctors). Farren restored the marble floor and put up some of the marble lining the wall in Schenectady



Schenectady Hibernian CHRISTMAS PARTY



Friday, December 17, 2010
7:30 pm - ? in the Pub
Covered Dish and Karaoke
Bring a dish for 5 to 6 people
(AOH meeting will only be for any new member induction)

AOH member Thomas O. Kelly during his tour of Vale Cemetery Civil War History



Guess who this is and win a prize. First non-related person to identify the mystery photo will be awarded.

AOH Capital District Council Holiday Cheer Raffle



- 1st prize: Basket of Cheer (12 bottles)
- 2nd prize: Jameson Lamp & Irish Goods
- Tickets on sale at all CDC Divisions
- \$2 each or 6 for \$5
- Contact John Juhren at 377-7999
- Or senior12308@netscape.net

Breakfast with Santa At the AOH Hall



Sunday, December 20th
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Adults: \$7.00 per person
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December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 AOH Meeting 7:00	4 Happy Hour 6-8
5 Sunday Special (Bring a dish)	6 Monday Night Football	7 Joe's steamers and pub specials	8 Degree Team Practice CANCELLED	9	10 LAOH Meeting 7:30	11 Happy Hour 6-8 Classic Irish Christmas @ Troy Savings Bank
12 Sunday Special (Bring a dish)	13 Monday Night Football	14 Joe's steamers and pub specials	15 Corporation Board Meeting 7:00pm	16	17 Hibernian Christmas Party in the Pub 7:30 Covered Dish	18 Happy Hour 6-8
19 Sunday Special (Bring a dish)	20 Monday Night Football	21 Joe's steamers and pub specials	22 Members open Meeting- 7:00pm	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Sunday Special (Bring a dish)	27 Monday Night Football	28 Joe's steamers and pub specials	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	

A Classic
Irish Christmas

Direct from Carnegie Hall
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The Back Page— Notes From Left Field

*Degree Practice is
cancelled for
December! Have a
Merry Christmas!*

*The Watervliet AOH is
having Irish Music in
their hall on 12/17 from 6
to 8 PM, open to all.*

**FEBRUARY 5, 2011
THE ALBANY AOH IS
HAVING A CONCERT
WITH GLENGARRY
BOYS AND EMISH (UP
AND COMING BAND).
PLAN NOW TO ATTEND,
WILL SELL OUT EARLY!**

TIM MCSWEENEY OF
THE ALBANY AOH WILL
AGAIN BE RUNNING A
BUS TRIP TO THE NYC
ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
ON MARCH 17TH.
CONTACT TIM AT
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OO.COM](mailto:NEWJACK12007@YAHOO.COM) OR CALL (518)
729-3954.

**WATERVLIT AOH
INSTALLATION WILL BE
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY
9TH AT 11:00 AM. MORE
DETAIL TO FOLLOW.**

*January 29th, 2011 there
will be a Ham Dinner at
the Hall, a benefit
function for the Degree
Team and Celtic Faire.
More details to follow
from Chef Steve Mackey
and the kitchen crew.*

*From the Editor and
all our volunteers
we wish you all:*

*Beannacht na
Nollaig*

ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

The Schenectady AOH is part of a national organization chartered in the United States in 1836 and a Division was organized in Schenectady County in 1880, which

continues today as a viable organization and the center of Irish Cultural Activities for the county. The Schenectady Hall "Celtic Crossing" is home to the Men's Division, a

Ladies Hibernian group, associate members, Celtic Friends and hosts the Schenectady Pipe Band as well as many Christian and charity events.

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