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AOH President's Message

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Officer News: Please join me in welcoming our new **Chairman of Catholic Action** to your Division Board. Eric Ziarnowski has stepped forward to lead us on our Catholic path. He'll be our front man for all masses that the Division is involved with. I'm still looking for capable brothers to fill a few other offices. If you're interested, please send me an e-mail or a note on Facebook.

Division News: The Division's part of the re-org is now complete. We resurrected an older corporation that was incorporated back on May 8, 1954. I am in possession of the "Corporate Charter". This corporation is the subordinate body of the National Board - and was so incorporated. Also, the paperwork for correcting the ownership of the investment account has been submitted. Because the National board has increased our annual assessment by \$4.00, we've been forced to raise the dues. You'll see the new amounts reflected in this year's notices. We expect the State to raise their assessment in 2011 as well and may need to re-adjust the amount for the 2012 bills. But, it's been many, many years since a dues increase and this is a modest increase. Lastly, the entire Division Board is now also serving as the Phone Committee. We'll be reaching out to you either by e-mail or by phone in the coming months so we can correct our records. We need several pieces of information to properly run your Division and your Hall. Please be patient and Charitable with us.

Plans for the New Year: As opposed to all the "Club" plans, I'll be drawing your attention to specifically "Division" events. Coming this month is the annual **Ham Dinner**. This year the beneficiaries of the event are our FFAI fund and the Major Degree Team. Please support this event as there are precious few opportunities for the Major Degree Team to raise funds for new uniforms, travel expenses, and expenses of the Major Degrees per se. In February, make sure you support the **LAOH, St. Brigid's Communion Breakfast**. The Ladies always put on a wonderful event - usually a great start for "Super Bowl Sunday". I'm not entire certain of the date, but tradition would place it on 2/6. Check out the Ladies' newsletter for complete details. Also in February, and, also to benefit the Major Degree Team, the Division is once again hosting the **"Great AOH Indoor Golf Tournament"**. See elsewhere in this issue for more details. In March, we've been invited to

participate in the **Albany St. Patrick's Parade** on March 12. Our brothers and sisters have graciously offered to send a bus around to our hall and transport us to the Parade. Then begins the **Great AOH Pub Crawl**. Plans are still somewhat in the works, but, I believe they entail transporting us from the Parade to the Watervliet Hall to enjoy their fellowship and festivities, make a similar stop at the Albany Hall (assuming there's room for us to fit in sideways), then bring us back to our Hall. They'll pick us up in Schenectady at 11:00 AM -ish, and return us there by 5:00 PM -ish. Those NOT planning on Marching will have plenty of entertainment at the "Club". There'll be plenty of entertainment, fellowship, activities, and Hibernianism. We're discussing a potential "Vegas Nite". Again, this will be on March 12 - the Saturday preceding St. Patrick's Day. **"Official St. Patrick's Day"** is one of the 3 major "Club" fund raising days, but the division still has plenty of involvement. Even prior to the Main-Event the Division will be submitting the usual resolutions to the City Council and the County Legislature. These bodies have been absolutely wonderful to us over these many years. We are proud to represent, in our small way, the "Green" in the diverse **Patchwork Quilt** of Schenectady City and County. Following upon the heels of the mayhem that is St. Patrick's Day, is our **"Annual Communion Breakfast"**. This year, we've decided to combine this event with our **"Annual Memorial Mass"**. Plans are for an event sometime later in May. In October, we've been asked by the State Board to host the semi-annual **State Board Meeting**. Concurrent with this event are the annual **Pro-Life Mass**, and the **Mixed Bowling Tournament**. This will be our "Magnum Opus" for 2011.

Call For Help: As you probably know, the "Club" is in extremely tight financial condition. Your help - any help - is needed. When the Irish are in trouble, there's an old call to arms they used. The Irish word for "Arise" was "Abu". You probably remember the song "O'Donnell Abu". This was a call for the O'Donnell Clan to arise to the threat of the Saxon on "Saimier's Green Vale". Historically, this word was also used by the AOH to assemble the brothers in an emergency. So, with that -

"Brothers Abu".

-Eoghain

A Bit of History – A Monthly Feature

Last month an appeal went out via email for the Northeast Parent & Child Society, and it brought back a long forgotten memory. In the 60's the AOH held a Children's Christmas Party, and it was a fun event. Movies were shown (with a projector) and all received ice cream and snacks, but the zenith of the event was each of us got to see Santa and receive a gift. I remember in later years when my parents were running the event (and I knew who Santa was) I found that more than enough gifts were bought and the remaining packages were taken to the Schenectady Children's Home. I didn't realize until just last month when I was composing the email I sent that the Children's Home was the precursor to the Northeast Parent & Child Society. While perusing the web site of the latter to find some appropriate information to use I came across the history of the organization. It brought a seasonal bit of warmth to know that after nearly 50 years, we at the AOH still hold close to our mission of Christian Charity. If you didn't get the email because you are a postal notification type person (snail mailer to the technological), you can still contribute to the cause by getting in contact with Karen Mackey of the LAOH, who brought to my attention that there would be children who might not be getting a Christmas.

MEMBER NOTES

Welcome to newly sworn in members **Brian Mahoney** and **Joe Williams**!

Brother **Fr. Anthony Curran**, who has recently dealt with several health issues, has been doing well and thanks all for the prayers.

Thank you to Brother **Glenn Walker** for plowing the property, making it safer for us all!

Congratulations to **Eric Ziarnowski** on accepting his appointment to Chairman of Catholic Action. He can use some volunteers for St. Patrick's Day Mass.



Pub News

by **Ryan Daley**

Bartender of the Month – Sean Scanlon

Sean has the Sunday shift but also fills in as needed, a true utilitarian worker. Join Sean to enjoy a football game or just some Hibernian fellowship.

Ryan and the entire libation committee want to thank everyone for a strong end to a tough year. Remember the Football Party is January 16th and don't forget everyone to sign up for the Super Bowl party. The sign up sheet is in the pub.

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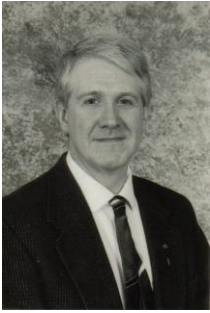


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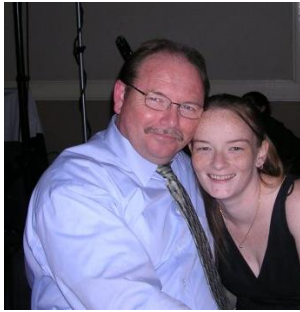
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Celtic Crossing President's Message

It would be impossible to thank all the volunteers who have given of themselves lately to help get things done at the downstairs (and repairs upstairs) at the house we own next to the Hall, but I am greatly indebted to them all!

Le deá-mhéin, Michael



Club President's Message

Here we are starting a new year. Much work is to be done and we all have to give our best, but since we're all brothers and sisters, it should be a pleasant journey for us all. Support your local Hibernians!

Guess who this is and win a prize. First non-related person to identify the mystery photo will be awarded. Last month's winner was Gerry Kirsch, guessing Tom McGuire; He won an embroidered Irish Linen sample. For this month, the person on the left is the subject of the month



Tropicana Winter Getaways

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Memo: "Tropicana Getaway"

I can be reached at: 399-1269 or orncole@verizon.net

ALL Monies are DUE NO LATER THAN 1/19/11.

Albany Divison 5 Ancient Order of Hibernians Winter Concert Series Presents: Emish Glengarry Bhoys



Albany Irish-American Center
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Saturday February 5th

8pm

\$20 per person

Proceeds to AOH NYS Convention Fund

For reservations please email aohconcerts@gmail.com or contact Tim Weklar at

518- 487-8636.

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Vittles & Tunes	5	6	7 AOH meeting 7 PM	8
9	10	11 Vittles & Tunes	12 St. Patrick Day Meeting 7 PM	13	14 LAOH meeting 7:30 PM	15
16 Football Club Party	17	18 Vittles & Tunes	19 Corp. Board Mtg. 7 PM	20	21 AOH meeting 7 PM	22
23	24	25 Vittles & Tunes	26 Corp. Board Open Mtg. 7 PM	27	28	29
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*Degree Practice is
cancelled for January!
Team Members are
encouraged to attend
the St. Patrick's Day
Committee!*

**TODD LANGLEY, ST.
PATRICK'S DAY CHAIR
WILL BE HOLDING AN
ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING FOR EVENT
LOGISTICS ON
WEDNESDAY, 1/12 AT
7:00 PM, VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED FOR MANY
TASKS!.**

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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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