



# SCHENECTADY HIBERNIAN

The newsletter of the Schenectady Ancient Order of Hibernians JFK Division 1



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## St Patrick's Day Celebration

*Hibernian Pub & Celtic Crossing Banquet Room*  
1746 State St, Schenectady phone: 374-9003  
Website: [aohjfk.org](http://aohjfk.org)



### THE BIG DAY !!!

### Thursday, MARCH 17, 2011

11 AM - Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Church

Lunch Menu  
Noon Until 7:00 PM

Corned Beef &  
Cabbage Sandwiches,  
Colcannon, Lamb  
Stew, Beef Stew,  
Irish Red Potatoes,  
Irish Breads.

**Entertainment**

Sean & Tom Quinn - Noon - 5:00 PM  
Who's Your Paddy? - 6:00 to 10:00  
\*\*\*  
Bake sale, Raffles, & Food Served  
All Day - Noon - 7:00 PM

Dinner Menu  
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Corned Beef and  
Cabbage, Potatoes,  
Soda Bread, Plus the  
Lunch Menu !!!!

**Special guests:**

Farrell's School of Irish Dance - 6:00 PM  
The Schenectady Pipe Band

There is an admission donation  
Noon - 8 PM - \$3.00 for Adults, Under 13 Free  
No admission fee with paid up 2010 dues card



## AOH President's Message



*1884: Bob Flaherty, father of documentary film is born on February 16<sup>th</sup>, Happy Birthday Bob!*

So, the woodchuck says spring's right around the corner (groundhogs are "spiny", European rodents). We'll see. We've had a few sort of pleasant days on St. Patrick's Day and we've had a few that were somewhat more winter-like. But, we've ALWAYS had a great time. It's wonderful re-connecting with everyone from "years ago" and spending time with all our "new" brothers and sisters. No wonder the day is always a blow-out, the biggest family reunion in town. The only drawback is that it's only for 24 little hours.

Please send a letter to your Congressman and Senators asking for their

support of HR 3, the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act". This vital bill will make permanent the Hyde amendment. I don't know about you, but I don't see how abortion can possibly be described as a "women's health" issue. My experience has been that women are usually healthiest when they're lucky enough to be pregnant. Moreover, they need great care and support to ensure they remain as healthy as possible during this time.

There are a lot of things coming up: The State Board meeting, the Memorial Mass & Breakfast, the Communion Breakfast and a possible Bus Trip to Cooperstown. And

that's just in MAY. Plus there are numerous other events that the hall is planning. You will find more on these elsewhere in this issue.

I'd like to thank everyone for all their effort so far this year. It seems like yesterday that the new Corporate Board was constituted and here we are already nearly a year later. The Division will have three vacancies to fill, and there will also be 1 "at-large" seat to fill. The LAOH will also fill their one seat that vacates this year. All this happens at the May "Open" meeting. I can't encourage you enough to attend these vital meetings.

## Club President's Message

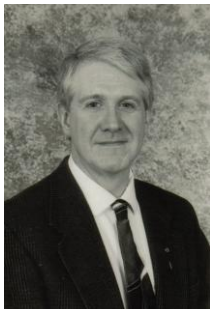


The most important thing I can say to you all is "Happy St. Patrick's Day" and hope that I'll be saying it in person, which means we'll both be down at the Hall enjoying each other's company! The one thing we need most is for all to come down, relax

and enjoy what we have worked so hard to build and maintain. The best way to keep it is to make the most use of it we can, which means attending a meeting, volunteering for an event or activity, and spending some time with your Brother and Sister

Hibernians. What better way to show our support for the 131 years of effort than to get together and revel in that spirit. Let me just say **"Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Pádraig"**.

## Celtic Crossing President's Message



By the time many of you will be reading this we will have signed the lease with Irish 2000 for the house next door. I thank all who contributed their time, effort and money to this coming about.

Celtic Crossing at its last meeting elected the following nominees to the board for a term of 2 years, Michael Glenn, Robert Flaherty, Peggy Osborne, and for a term of 1 year Robert Harrison.

The board also elected officers as follows:

President: Michael Glenn

VP: Robert Harrison

Treas.: William Frank

Sec.: Peggy Osborne

# Pub News by Ryan Daley

This month's **Bartender of the Month** is **Todd Langley**. He works the pub libation fulfillment department on Thursdays and also fills in as needed. Currently Todd is taking a hiatus due to his commitment to the festivities on St. Patrick's Day, a huge undertaking!

**Karaoke** is on the **Last Friday** of the Month. No charge for admission.

Don't forget the **Tuesday Vittles and Fiddles**, they have been well attended and we hope for

continued support.

The **Lenten fish dinners** begin the Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> after Shrove Tuesday through April 15, as we had done last year. For those who don't care for seafood entrées, there will be alternates available.

Sign up at the bar for the new board game/video game club and show your game skills!



## A Bit of History – A Monthly Feature

The 1981 Irish hunger strike was the culmination of a five-year protest during The Troubles by Irish republican prisoners in Northern Ireland. The protest began as the blanket protest in 1976, when the British government withdrew Special Category Status for convicted paramilitary prisoners. In 1978, after a number of attacks on prisoners leaving their cells to "slop out", the dispute escalated into the dirty protest, where prisoners refused to wash and covered the walls of their cells with excrement. In 1980, seven

prisoners participated in the first hunger strike, which ended after 53 days. The second hunger strike took place in 1981 and was a showdown between the prisoners and the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. One hunger striker, Bobby Sands, was elected as a Member of Parliament during the strike, prompting media interest from around the world. The strike was called off after ten prisoners had starved themselves to death—including Sands, whose funeral was attended by 100,000 people. The

strike radicalized nationalist politics, and was the driving force that enabled Sinn Féin to become a mainstream political party. There had been hunger strikes by Irish republican prisoners since 1917, and twelve men had previously died on hunger strikes including Thomas Ashe, Terence MacSwiney, Seán McCaughey, Michael Gaughan and Frank Stagg. After the introduction of internment in 1971, Long Kesh—later known as HM Prison Maze—was run like a prisoner of war camp.

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### MEMBER NOTES

- ♣ Condolences to the family of Past NYSAOH President **Tim Comerford** his passing in Oswego.
- ♣ Condolences to the family of member **Jeffrey Carey** on his passing
- ♣ Remember in your prayers Brother **Joe McGuire** who has been ill and in hospital.
- ♣ Welcome to newly sworn members **Brian Toll** and **Robert Bracken**.
- ♣ The tentative date for the NYS AOH & LAOH Board Meetings is 10/22, to be held in Schenectady in conjunction with a mixed doubles bowling tournament, keep the date
- ♣ Pray for the soul of member **Honorable Judge Robert E Lynch** who has passed.

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Michael started as a Junior Boy member and has been a member all his adult life. As a new feature each month an advertiser will be honored for their contributions. Mike has selflessly donated hundreds of hours to the AOH and deserves a big thank you from us all!

Thanks Mike!

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+ MONDAY - THURSDAY 11 am - 6 pm

+ FRIDAY 11 am - 9 pm

+ SATURDAY 11 am - 6 pm

+ SUNDAY 10 am - 3 pm

Last Month's "Guess who this is and win a prize" winner was a tie between Bob Wright and Ed Rafferty, with honorable mention for furthest guess to Jim Hanaway (in Antarctica), guessing Tom Quinn.; they won personal organizers (that can be picked up at the Hall). For this month, the person below is the subject and must be identified by a non-relative (marriage or by birth)



### Bus Trip to Cooperstown, May 21, 2011

Sponsored by the Schenectady AOH

Bus leaves the Hall at 9:30 AM sharp

#### Itinerary:

- + Otesaga Hotel for lunch
- + Option Activity of (one):
  - National Baseball Museum and Hall of Fame
  - Fennimore Art Museum
  - New York State Farmers' Museum
- + Ommegang Belgian Ale Brewery tour & ale tasting

Return to the Hall approximately 8:30 PM

#### Cost:

- ❖ Adults \$85.00 per person
- ❖ Children under 14 years of age \$75.00 per person

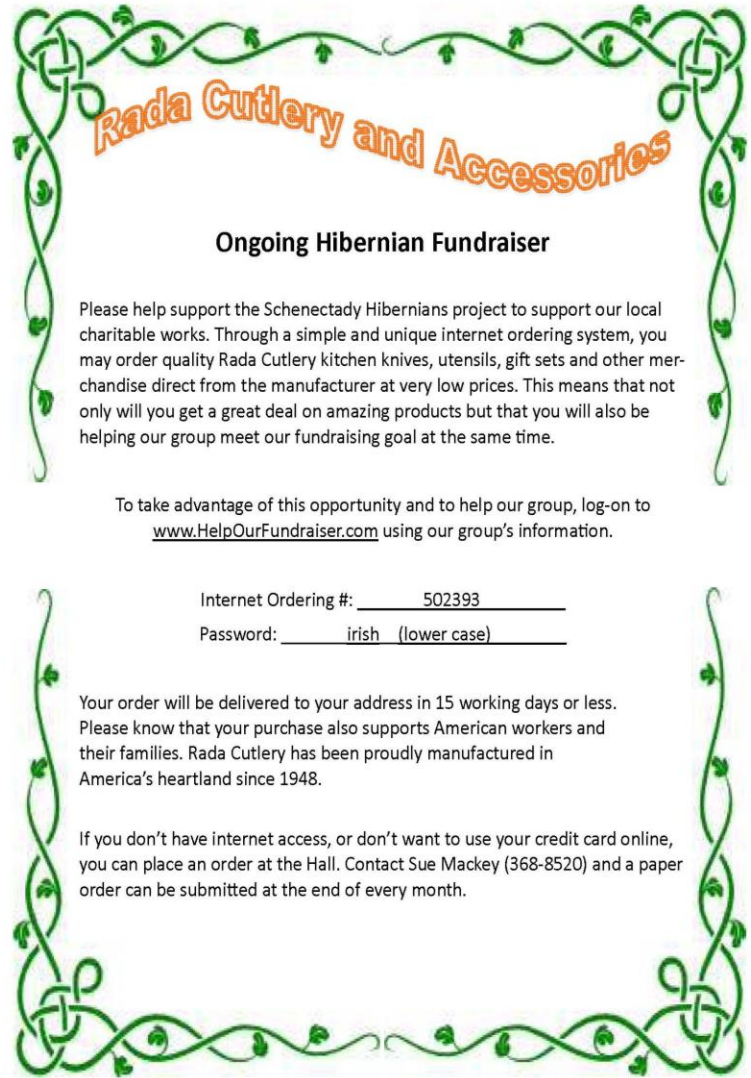
Payment must be made by April 1, 2011 to reserve your seat  
Make checks payable to AOH of Schenectady

#### Questions? Contact:

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If you don't have internet access, or don't want to use your credit card online, you can place an order at the Hall. Contact Sue Mackey (368-8520) and a paper order can be submitted at the end of every month.

 A cartoon character with a large head and wide eyes is holding a sign that reads:
 

**FISH DINNER**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Baked or Fried Haddock, starch,  
 vegetable, salad,  
 dessert, coffee, tea

A non-fish offering will be available

Adults                      \$10.00

Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall  
 1746 State Street  
 Schenectady, NY 12304  
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**Celtic Faire Raffle Basket will be drawn this night!**





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March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1 Fiddles &amp; Vittles 5 PM</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 AOH meeting 7 PM</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Fiddles &amp; Vittles 5 PM</b> <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	<b>9</b> <i>ASH Wednesday</i>	<b>10 Celtic Faire 7 pm</b>	<b>11 LAOH meeting 7:30 PM</b> <i>FISH DINNER</i>	<b>12 Albany Parade bus @ noon back @ 6 pm (Wvliet)</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14 Celtic Day in Park 7 PM</b>	<b>15 Fiddles &amp; Vittles 5 PM</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Feast of St. Patrick</i>	<b>18 AOH meeting 7 PM</b> <i>FISH DINNER</i>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Fiddles &amp; Vittles 5 PM</b>	<b>23 Club Board Mtg 7 PM</b>	<b>24 Celtic Faire 7 pm</b>	<b>25 Karaoke 7:30 – 11:30</b> <i>FISH DINNER Annunciation</i>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Fiddles &amp; Vittles 5 PM</b>	<b>30 Club Open Mtg 7 PM</b>	<b>31</b>		

# Raffle

Grand Prize – \$2000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – \$500

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – \$250

Ticket Seller Prize - \$100

Donation \$10.00

Drawing July 29, 2011 – 9 pm

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## The Back Page– Notes From Left Field

**CELTIC DAY IN THE  
PARK COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS WILL BE  
THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY  
OF THE MONTH AT 7  
PM AT THE HALL.  
THE EVENT WILL BE  
9/24. NEXT  
MEETING WILL BE  
MARCH 3/14.**

**Celtic Faire will be  
meeting every  
other week  
starting March 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm. The  
Faire is scheduled  
for 7/16 with a  
taste on 7/15 on  
Jay Street.**

**Hold the Date:  
Mother's Day  
Buffet/Carving  
Board on May 8th.  
There will be 4  
seatings for the  
day. More details  
to follow.**

**Irish 2000 for 2011  
will be held on  
September 15.**

## 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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