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## 2nd Annual



### “ Celtic Day In the Park”

*Saturday, September 25, 2010  
Noon until 7:00pm  
In Schenectady's Central Park  
(Pavilion and surrounding areas)*

### *Free Family Event*

*Local Celtic Music featuring “Who's your Paddy”  
Seanchai (Storyteller)  
Celtic Step Dancers and Pipers  
Service Agencies, Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue  
Food and beverage vendors  
Celtic and not-so Celtic wares*

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## AOH President's Message

The month of September brings the end of summer vacations and the return to the business of daily life. Among these business tasks are several AOH related items that need to be brought up.

- **Nominations of Officers** for the coming year will be held at the Division Meeting on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Elections of Officers** for the coming year will be held at the Division Meeting on **November 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- You did read that right; at the last meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> we shifted meetings back to **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evenings at 7:30 pm, starting in October**. We tried the experiment and attendance did not change much, plus a number of officers ended up with conflicts.
- **Installation will be November 13<sup>th</sup>**, changed so that it does not conflict with the NYS AOH Board Meeting and President's Testimonial on 11/20. More details are elsewhere in the newsletter.
- At the **LAOH Annual Covered Dish** to be held on **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, they are inviting the AOH to join them as a joint venture. Same rules apply, each person is asked to bring a covered dish item, and if a couple wants, they can bring a double helping of the same item, and an item for Birthright is also part of the admission, a worthy cause to be sure. So bring your dish, your baby item and your appetite.
- **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** is our "**Past President's Appreciation Dinner**" from 3pm to 7pm with a roast beef dinner for \$10.00 per person. Come down and celebrate our Past Presidents with us.

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### *Installation November 13, 2010*

- *Mass 5:00 pm*
- *Dinner 6:00 pm (approximately)*
- *Farrell School of Step Dancers*
- *Installations 7:15 pm*
- *Who's Your Paddy in the Pub*



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## A Bit of History – A Monthly Feature

The Saint Patrick's Battalion (Spanish: Batallón de San Patricio) was a unit of 175 to several hundred immigrants (accounts vary) and expatriates of European descent who fought as part of the Mexican Army against the United States in the Mexican-American War of 1846 to 1848. Most of the battalion's members had deserted or defected from the U.S. Army. Made up primarily of ethnic Irish and German Catholic immigrants, the battalion included Canadians, English, French, Italians, Poles, Scots, Spaniards, Swiss, and native Mexicans, most of whom were Roman Catholics. Disenfranchised Americans were in the ranks, including escaped slaves from the American South. The Mexican government offered incentives to foreigners who would enlist in its army: granting them citizenship,

paying higher wages than the U.S. Army and the offer of generous land grants. Only a few members of the Saint Patrick's Battalion were actual U.S. citizens. For Americans of the generation who fought the Mexican-American War, the San Patricios were considered traitors. For Mexicans of that generation, and generations to come, the San Patricios were heroes who came to the aid of fellow Catholics in need. The great majority of these men were recent immigrants who had arrived at northeastern U.S. ports, part of the diasporas' escaping the Irish Potato Famine and extremely poor economic conditions in Ireland, then part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The U.S. Army often recruited Irishmen and other immigrants into military service on arrival.

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CELTIC DAY IN THE PARK  
SIGN UP AT THE PUB  
OR CONTACT JOHN JUHREN***

## Member Notes

Condolences and prayers are offered to the family of member **William "Bill" Patterson** on his recent passing.

Prayers go to the Restifo family on the loss of **Lorenzo Joseph Restifo**, taken to the Lord too soon.

Condolences go out to the Kingston AOH on the loss of Brother **Jim Howard** a longtime friend of many of us.

***A roof fund for the house we own next door has been started since the roof is in bad condition on the east side. Labor is being donated by several members (a few more hands at ground level would be good) but cash donations are needed to meet the \$1,200.00 material cost, all that can give a little, please do.***

## Pub News by Tim & Joe

We are trying to fill the void left on Tuesday nights due to the departure of the Pipe Band. We have been having and will continue to have drink specials such as \$3 draft beers, \$1.75 bottles of domestic beer, \$2.50 imported bottles and \$2.50 for all call liquor. We also are featuring steamed clams for \$7 per dozen. We have sold out the last several weeks and hope that trend continues. If support for this continues we could expand the menu.

There will be a sign up sheet for the football club and for the Monday night rollover pool. There is no limit to the number of people in the football club but the rollover pool is limited to 25 people. Stop by the pub for further details. During football season the drink specials mentioned above for Tuesday will be repeated on days and nights during all NFL games.

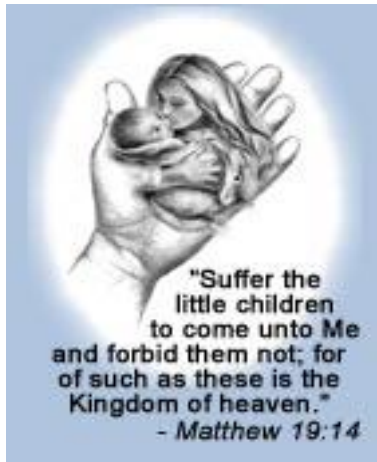


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# LAOH/AOH SEPTEMBER CATHOLIC ACTION PROJECT

PLEASE BRING TO THE SEPTEMBER LOAH MEETING/COVERED DISH DONATIONS TO FULFILL THE BIRTHRIGHT WISH LIST. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE MEETING, YOUR DONATION CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE HALL ANY TIME IN SEPTEMBER. CASH AND CHECKS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED IN ADDITION TO THE NEEDED ITEMS: CRIB SHEETS OR BLANKETS, DIAPERS AND DIAPER BAGS, BOTTLES AND PACIFIERS, CLOTHES SUCH AS SLEEPERS AND ONESIES (LARGER SIZES, NO NEWBORN), SOCKS AND BOOTIES.

THANK YOU!  
**THERESA STEINBORN & STEVE MACKEY**  
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September 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 AOH Meeting 7:30	3	4 Scottish Games
5 Scottish Games	6 Labor Day	7 Joe's steamers and pub specials  Celtic Day in the Park Meeting at 6:30pm	8 Degree Team Practice	9	10 LAOH Covered Dish jointly held with AOH (Birthright donations can be dropped off)	11
12 AOH/LAOH Past President Appreciation Dinner 3 pm - 7 pm	13	14 Joe's steamers and pub specials  Celtic Day in the Park Meeting at 6:30pm	15 Corporation meeting 7:00pm	16 AOH Meeting 7:30	17 Irish 2000 5 pm - Midnight	18 Irish 2000 10 am - 11 pm
19	20	21 Joe's steamers and pub specials  Celtic Day in the Park Meeting at 6:30pm	22 Members open Meeting- 7:00pm	23	24	25 Celtic Day in the Park Noon to 7 pm
26	27	28 Joe's steamers and pub specials	29	30		



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## The Back Page– Notes From Left Field

Capital District Council of the AOH will be meeting in Schenectady on 9/11 @ 10:00 am.

**Sean Quinn and band mates of Washington County Line received a wonderful full page spread in the Spotlight Newspaper. If you didn't see it a copy is hanging at the Pub for all to admire.**



**Lennon's Irish Shop is running a trip to Ireland October 13-24, 2011. Cost is \$1,595.00 per person. A full set of details is available at the Pub and deposits are due by December 1, 2010. See Tom Lawrence.**

**The Degree Team has set a date for a Fall Degree in Oswego. It will be Saturday, October**

**23rd. Any member due to have their Degrees are encouraged to join the Team on the bus to take their Degree. Contact Mike Glenn at 505-3558 or [mglen2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mglen2@nycap.rr.com).**

**Journal space is still available for the Celtic Day in the Park, see John Juhren or anyone on the Committee.**

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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.