**Ancient Order of Hibernians**

of Hampden Hampshire Counties

PO Box 6535

**Holyoke, MA 01041-0826**

**Next Meeting** –

Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.

LAOH – 6:00 p.m.

At The Wherehouse?

[www.AOH-Holyoke.com](http://www.AOH-Holyoke.com)

 and on Facebook

   **In ainm an Athar agus an Mhic agus an Spiorad Naoimh, Amen.**

   **Another Great Night, another great meal, another great band, and did you check out the raffle table? Oh well, just another AOH Danny Curran Irish Night at The Wherehouse?.** Thank you to AOH, LAOH members and friends, Joe O’Connor, Bob Cameron, Paul Hogan, Kevin Dorman, Ethan Dupont, Fran Hennessey, Charlie Popp, Sam Curran, Steve Supernant, Matt Cameron, Sean tiereny, Rose Pratt, Judy Pratt, Barb Twohig, Neil Hennessey, Patty Meon, Owen Donohue, Jay Driscoll, Mary Laura Hohol, Kevin O’Connor, Mary O’Connor, Paula Paoli, Peter Hogan, Elroy Barber, Kim and John Gaughan, Joanne Beliveau, Jeff  Meon, Noranne Duquette, Amanda Olmo, Mary Pat Murphy, Tom Griffin, Janet Dwyer, Skip Clayton, Ed Meon, Louise Bisson, Rachel Beliveau, Katie Beliveau, Nora McMahon, Kathleen Spaulding and David Popp; and the Blessed Sacrament Confirmation Class including Kelly Gauthier, DRE, Eileen Griffin, Erin Gauthier, Robert Dec, Eileen Griffin, Nathan Bednar, Ben Normandin, Seth Mitchell and Aiden Sullivan for all their help making Danny’s Irish Night a great success.

**AOH Hibernians who are veterans of the Armed Services, will be honored at our annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 11 at The Wherehouse?. For tickets contact Attorney John Driscoll @ 413-534-0445 by Friday, March 9. Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick’s Chapel of St Jerome’s Church @ 8:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow at the Wherehouse? Holyoke.** Tickets are $25.00 per person.

   **Veterans are to be honored with a special AOH pin include:** Patrick Bresnahan, III, Robert Cahillane, James A. Curran, Dr. William J. Dean, Kevin Dorman, Charles Haller, Thomas Keating, Owen Kelly Jr., Daniel Knapp, Jordan Lemieux, Edward McCarthy, Charles O’Connell, James Sheehan, Peter Tallman, John McGill, Charles Healy and Michael Ryan.

   **Guest speaker will be the Honorable Michael Ryan, retired justice of the Northampton District Court who will speak on the topic: “ Ireland’s Non-Violent Revolution – The General Election of 1918”. Sister Margaret Mc Cleary, founder of Providence Ministries for the Needy, will receive the 2018 Christian Charity Award at the breakfast.**

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**Volunteers are needed to help with the Holyoke Saint Patrick’s Road Race on Friday and Saturday, March 16 & 17. Contact Fran Hennessey at 883-0729 or** **fxh4721@gmail.com** **for more information**

**Now with Irish Night and Communion Breakfast information out of the way, President Hogan is looking for members to march in the Holyoke Saint Patrick’s   Parade on  Sunday, March 18.** We will be needing members march the Parade route holding signs, the large Irish flag and displaying our Irish pride! Contact Paul at 210-1416 for more information. It is a lot of fun.

  **It is with great sadness I have to report on the passing of long-time friend, member and Korean War Veteran, Roger P. Donoghue.** Roger was great supporter of the AOH and all of our causes.

       **When a club member passes, the AOH and LAOH pay our respects at wakes for the deceased with a Hibernian ritual.** If you would like more information or would welcome one, contact Paul Hogan at 210-1416 for the AOH and Paula Paoli at 210-6013 for the AOH.

**The next time the AOH/LAOH will prepare and serve at Kate’s Kitchen will be April 29th.  Please save the date! We would like new members to join us.** Please call President Paul Hogan if you would like to volunteer @413-210-1416. The last date for serving at Kate’s Kitchen before summer break is June 10th. Thanks to following who helped Feb 11: Paul Hogan, Fran Hennessey, Charlie Popp, Pete Hogan, Dan Leary, D. J. O'Connor, Jay Driscoll, Joanne Beliveau, Barb Gaughan, Noranne Duquette, Barbara Twohig, and Paul Mengel.

**A new treasurer is needed for the AOH.** If interested, please contact Paul at 533-0436.

**Thank you to Paul and Jay Whelihan for getting the club’s finances in order.** The two have been working on getting a new EIN number for our tax exempt status and filing documents to the national AOH.

**Several club committees are open for new members.** If you would like to work on a committee or chair one this year, please speak up.

**Please note the new PO Box for the AOH, PO Box 6535, Holyoke, MA 01041.**

    **Six members of the AOH who have not paid dues for 2017 and 2018 will be sent withdrawal letters in good standing in hope they continue membership.** If not, they will be terminated from the club rolls**.** If you have a financial hardship or some other reason please give Peter Hogan call at 413-330-6635 or Paul at 413-210-1416.

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**LAOH News**

**Welcome to the newest LAOH member, Michelle Murphy Vrona.** Michelle is the daughter of our Financial Secretary, Mary Pat Murphy.

     **The 2018 LAOH quilt is based on a design with St. Brigid’s cross**. It is another beautiful heirloom quilt. Tickets are available from LAOH members or by calling Paula at 210-6031. If you have a place to display the quilt, please contact Paula.

    **The riding float in the Parade is also dedicated to St. Brigid.** Riders and marchers are needed to walk and carry banners

**LAOH members please send your dues. If they have not been paid for 2017,** our division will be paying per capita fees for each member.

**Our monthly reminders:**

**As always Doc Dean provides us with a reminder that Kate’s Kitchen needs our assistance.** Donations will be gladly accepted at the March meeting. Our help is always appreciated.

**John T. Mahoney’s name was picked for the 50/50 raffle at the January meeting.** Sorry John, you weren’t at the meeting and didn’t win. This month’s jackpot has reached $232.00. You have to attend the meeting to win.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Kate’s Kitchen** – Sundays, April 29 and June 10,

**Communion Breakfast** – Sunday, March 11, 8 a.m. at St. Jerome Church with breakfast to follow at The Wherehouse?.

**Holyoke Saint Patrick’s Parade** – Sunday, March 18

**An Gorta Mor Mass** – Sunday, May 20, 8 a.m. at St. Jerome Church

**Hennessey Hoe-Down**- Saturday, June 23 at The Wherehouse?

**Irish Cultural Center Events**

      **“Outside Mullingar” will be performed on Saturday, March 3, 2 p.m. at The Majestic Theater i**n West Springfield. For tickets contact the theater or call 413-333-4951.

      **The YankCelt Band will perform on Friday, March 9 at 8:00 pm at the ICC’s Irish House Restaurant and Trinity Pub.** Tickets are $25 for ICC patrons, $28 general and $30 at the door. Please call the ICC at 413-333-4951 or 413-342-435, or visit in person to purchase tickets and make reservations.

    **The Chieftans will perform in concert on Sunday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. at Symphony Hall in Springfield**.  Call 413-788-7033 for tickets.

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