

**Ancient Order of Hibernians
of Hampden Hampshire Counties**

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Next meetings – **AOH**– Monday, October – 7 pm

At the Irish Cultural Center, West Springfield

LAOH – 6 pm

At The Wherehouse?

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Congratulations to the 2027 Holyoke Saint Patrick's Parade Citizenship Award recipients, our own, AOH and LAOH president, Joseph and Mary O'Connor. They will be recognized at the Coronation Ball on Saturday, February 20 at The Log Cabin.

Dear Brothers,

Reminder - The October 5 meeting will be held at the Irish Cultural Center, 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield starting at 7 p.m. Pizza will be served at the finish of business

Nominations for our elective offices, President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary are still open and will close at the end of the October meeting. Voting will be held at the November meeting.

Peter's Calendars will be available at the October meeting at the ICC. You can also call, Tim O'Shea at 413-246-8785 or email toshea1@comcast.net. They make great Christmas stocking stuffers for your favorite loved ones.

The club will be preparing PB&J sandwiches for Kate's Kitchen on Saturday, October 10 with delivery on October 11. Call Rosie Pratt at 413-517-5346 if you would like to participate.

Volunteers are needed for the Float Committee, JD Watson could use a few extra hands. As the 2027 Parade nears, we will provide more information.

Continuing our tradition of community service the club is coordinating with the Polish National Credit Union and Mater Dolorosa Catholic School with a goal to collect 1,000 non-perishable food items. The Polish National Credit Union will start us off with a truck load of food. Students and AOH members will continue to contribute to the food drive during the month of November.

John Gaughan is still in the hospital. If you would like to send him a get-well card the address is John Gaughan 12 Richard Eger Drive, Holyoke, Ma. 01040. Also keep in your prayers, Hibernian Life member Pat Bresnahan.

Additional prayers are requested for longtime member, Judy Pratt, Rosie's mother and AOH member Ronnie Collamore, Kit's uncle whose funerals were held this week.

Thank you.

Joe O'Connor, President
James A. Curran Division One

To Be Irish Is A Blessing, To Be a Hibernian an Honor

Beginning September 1 through December 1, the AOH is teaming up with the Rush Insurance Agency at the former Polish National Credit Union on Westfield Road to benefit Kate's Kitchen. Items can be dropped off during regular business hours.

LAOH News

Dear Sisters,

As September comes to an end and the cooler months begin, I'm reminded once again of just how warm your hearts are. We had a record-breaking 18 ladies come together for our most recent PB&J assembly, hosted by our wonderful Rosie Pratt at her home. What a beautiful example of the friendship, unity, and Christian charity that makes our Division so special.

It was also a pleasure and an honor to represent the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians at the recent Dingle Mingle at the Big E. I was equally honored to ride on the trolley during Holyoke Day at the Big E and proudly represent our wonderful city and our Irish heritage.

As we prepare for our next meeting, we have lots of planning ahead for our fall events. I look forward to working alongside each of you and checking those plans off our list, one by one!

I also ask that you please keep Rosie Pratt and her family in your prayers following the recent passing of her mother, Judy, who was also a Lady Hibernian. Services are tentatively planned for Tuesday evening, October 6, with the funeral on Wednesday, October 7. More details will follow as they become available.

Please also keep our sister Kim Gaughan and her husband, John, in your prayers. John, who is also a member of the AOH, is currently in Boston facing a very serious medical condition. Let's surround Kim and John with the strength, love, and prayers of our Hibernian family.

Also please remember LAOH member Kit Collamore for the recent passing of her final Collamore uncle William "Ronnie" Collamore also a member of the men's AOH Holyoke division.

Thank you, ladies, for always being there for one another. Through the happy times and the difficult ones, I know we will continue to lift each other up and get through it all together.

With love and appreciation,

Mary Kate O'Connor
President
LAOH Division 2, Holyoke

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kate's Kitchen- The LAOH will resume its Fall Schedule set for its next deliveries on October 11 and December 13. Anyone interested in participating in the sandwich program can contact Rosalie Pratt at 413-517-5346

LAOH Bowling Fun – The LAOH will host an afternoon fundraiser of bowling fun on Saturday, November 7. More details to follow.

Hibernian Food Drive – Beginning September 1 through December 1, the AOH is teaming up with the Rush Insurance Agencies, the former Polish National Credit Union on Westfield Road and Bresnahan Insurance on Whiting Farms Road to benefit Kate's Kitchen. Items can be dropped off during regular business hours.

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Adult Christmas Party- The annual adult Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 7, 6 pm at Hamel's.

Children's Christmas Party – date to be determined.

Irish Nite – Friday, February 27 at The Log Cabin with details to follow.

Communion Breakfast – Sunday, March 14 beginning with the 8 am Mass at St. Jerome Church with additional details to follow.

Holyoke Saint Patrick's Parade – Sunday, March 21.

IRISH CULTURAL CENTER NEWS

The Trinity Pub

The **Trinity Pub** is open Wednesday–Saturday with the pub open from 4 – 10 p.m. with dinner served from 5 – 9 p.m. The bar is now open on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. (drinks only). For reservations and gift certificates call 413-342-4358.

Remember the AOH in Your Will

Please consider the Order when writing or rewriting your will, and add a paragraph with the lines of “I leave to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America (X percent of my estate or a specific dollar amount) for its charitable works.”

The Healy's Irish Radio program is on the air every Saturday from 9 a.m – 11 a.m. on WARE Radio, 97.7 FM and 1250 AM. It is also streamed online at classichits977.com and available anytime at healysirishprogram.com.

In continued remembrance of Doc Dean, non-perishable food items can be brought to the September meeting. Items requested are meals in cans like Chef Boyardee, instant potatoes, peanut butter, stuffing, elbow macaroni, ziti, and soups. These will be delivered to the Providence Ministries. Our efforts help those in Holyoke with food insecurity. As President O'Connor loves to remark, "It is our Hibernian compassion turned into Christian action."

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