**Hibernians prep for traditional St. Patrick’s Day meal**

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HOLYOKE — If you’re looking for a traditional St. Patrick’s Day meal for March 17, The Ancient Order of Hibernians-James A. Curran Division One and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division Two of Hampden/Hampshire Counties have your corned beef.

Their 2022 Irish Night in Holyoke-A-Go-Go Part Two, a curbside pickup of a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with ribs prepared by the Log Cabin, will be available Saturday, March 5, with pick up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“One could freeze the meal until St. Patrick’s Day, but I couldn’t wait that long,” said Francis X. Hennessey, public relations chairperson for the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Hampden/Hampshire Counties. “I prefer to have a small gathering of family over on March 5 so we can all dig in and immediately enjoy the delicious food prepared by the Log Cabin. Remember, the month of March is a celebration of Irish culture — ‘The High Holy Days’ as it sometimes is called. You don’t have to wait until March 17 for your corned beef and cabbage.”

Executive Chef and Co-Owner of the Log Cabin Michael Corduff, originally from Ballyferriter, Ireland, has designed a special menu of corned beef and cabbage, ribs, hash, carrots, potatoes, brown bread and dessert — an Irish truffle with a hint of raspberry and luscious frosting.

The event was a sell-out last year with 450 dinners sold and nearly $8,000 raised to benefit the Maurice A. Donahue Memorial Scholarship.

“The meal was delicious, and the portions were generous,” Hennessey said. “The Log Cabin staff are true professionals, — ‘the proof is in the pudding,’ if you will.”

The event is a way to celebrate the Irish culture in a safe and responsible manner with small groups of family members and gives back to the community as it helps young people who seek a higher education.