

Albany Hibernian News

Happy New Year!!! I hope all have had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to a Happy New Year. So far this installation season I have attended the installations of Albany, Rochester, Schenectady and Troy with Saratoga and Watervliet later this month. Our own installation dinner was very well attended and we thank those of you that could attend. The Installation Dinner Committee of Jason VonGuiness, John McCarthy Jr and Tim Wekler did a great job. The kitchen was again under the direction of Keith Smith with Cliff Nolan, Tim Grady and Andrew Martin and others assisting and all doing a fantastic job. Thank You to the four of you, the full Committee, the volunteers and our sisters in the LAOH for another enjoyable and successful event for our membership. The night began with Mass by new member Fr. Toole and the installation of officers by State Treasurer Tim McSweeney. Dignitaries in attendance included Division 5 National Life Members Moss Savage, Norm Shea and John Weir, National Secretary Tom McNabb and the Division Presidents or representatives from the Capital District Divisions. Congratulations' to all of my fellow Division Presidents and Thank You to all for making the trip. Next we went into the Presidents program where I made the presentation for the 2009 Presidents Award to Bernie Harney. As I contemplated my choice for the award and reflected back on the year, and I think we again had a really good year, Bernie was always there with good ideas, great work ethic, continuous advocacy for the membership and great AOH brotherhood. Thank You Bernie! Next was the highlight of the evening: The 2009 Hibernian of the Year Award. The award was presented to Tim Duffey by last year's recipient Tim McSweeney. In Brother Duffey's acceptance speech it was clear he was moved by the award. Congratulations Tim and to the whole Duffey Family! Tim has been added to the Hibernian of the Year Plaque and the plaque is up-to-date and hanging in the Pub. Be sure to check it out and see other past winners of this prestigious award. Last but not least I would like to thank the Son's and Daughter's of Erin Pipe Band for donating their talent and service for the dinner. It is great to have a Pipe Band back in our Hall and I want all to know that they are available for events, are looking for new members and also offer instructions. Thank You All and Have a Great Year!!!!

Reception for Fr. Capistran J. Hanlon: The Men and Ladies Albany Ancient Order of Hibernians: I invite you to join them in recognizing Fr. Capistran J. Hanlon, OFM for his many years of service as Chaplain of AOH Division 5. Saturday, January 23, 2010 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$25 each with proceeds going to the scholarship at Siena. Includes Hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine. All members should plan to attend or make a donation to honor Fr. Cap's service. Donation checks can be made payable Siena College or AOH Division 5 with a note in the memo field for the scholarship. Either way the donation will get to the college in full. Send them in to the Division and indicate Fr. Cap Reception.

GREAT NEWS: The AOH Sword has been returned home!!!!!! Is the Book of Kells next?? In response to last month appeal in this newsletter I have received a few communications about historical items. One of which concerned returning the AOH sword, confidentiality was requested and that is being honored. We had it back in time to be able to show it at our Installation Dinner. Albany County had many divisions over the years and artifacts from any would be welcome. We reached out to the Irish American Historical Museum for some guidance in our search for the new display case(s) and care of the sword. They are doing some information gathering and we will meet with them to discuss their suggestions.

Major Degree is being held here at Albany AOH on Feb 28th. Any and all members needing their Major Degree, it is an obligation as a member of the Order, should plan to attend this event. Major Degree status shows up on our membership lists, and like Santa we check our lists twice!!

AOH calendars are here and cost \$25 with winnings tied into the evening NYS Lottery results.

The Division 5 FFAI \$10 Club: Everyone should have paid their pledge by the time you are reading this. If you have not drop off your check at the Hall today!!

"Charter Day" Jan 13th is the 115th Year of our Charter. It is a Wednesday this year so stop in the Hall and take a read of the Charter and toast our Brothers that made today possible.

Join me in welcoming our newest members from December: Fr. Arthur Toole; Fr. James Mackey; William P. Sage; George Doody; Nicholas W. Gingeresky; Michael W. Hogan; John Kenific; and Stephen Kervin..

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Irish 2000 Music & Arts Festival

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Tues 7-10pm,
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LADIES AOH:

Dear Friends: Our recent installation and dinner was a huge success and I wish to personally congratulate our newly installed officers of the LAOH and AOH. The Ladies installed Ceil Leonard as President, Pat McSweeney, Vice President; Ginny Daley, Secretary; Kay Mahoney, Treasurer; Kim Clancy, Financial Secretary; Rosemary O'Brien, Irish Historian; Barbara Dolan, Catholic Action; Judy Dean, Missions and Charity; Joan Muir, Mistress-at-Arms and Billey Connery as Sentinel. Special thanks to Keith Smith, Tom Grady, and Cliff Nolan and the installation committee not only for their hard work but for their culinary talents – it was a superb meal. Also congratulations to Bernie Harney, recipient of the AOH President's Award and Tim Duffey, AOH Hibernian of the Year. Both gentlemen devote a great amount of time and effort to the Hibernians and the awards were well deserved. Special thanks to Liam McNabb who served as M.C.

As you know, the LAOH Christmas party was cancelled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for January 13th – a brief meeting will begin at 6:30 followed by the party. If you had planned on bringing a dish please do so. If you were not able to attend in December but will be able to join us in January, please let Ceil Leonard know.

The next LAOH county meeting will be held at 7:00 on January 5th in Albany. All members are encouraged to attend -- Division and County officers are expected to attend. The Saratoga installation will be held January 8th. Watervliet installation will be held on January 9th at 11:00 am followed by a brunch. If you would like to attend, let Ceil know.

Thanks to Pat McSweeney, Ellen Brown and Maura Tearno for their hard work on a successful Children's Christmas party – everyone had a great time, there was a big crowd and "Santa Tim" was superb. Thanks to all who supported these events. The St. Brigid's lunch will be held February 7th at Wolfert's Roose at 11:30. Reservations are required. Please notify Maggie Gilroy at 458-7993 or Ceil Leonard if you would like to attend.

As always, volunteers are needed for the Dick Conners History luncheons held on the First Thursday of the month. We set up on the Wednesday night before and can always use assistance. It's a great fundraiser for the Ladies. If you have some time to spare, please contact Ceil Leonard.

The Trinity degree team is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining contact Pat McSweeney or Ceil Leonard. The team recently served at the Albany and Troy installations and did an outstanding job. A lot coming up in the hall – we hope you are able to support some of our events. With best wishes to you and your family for a joyous New Year,

Ceil Leonard, President

EVENTS

- Thursday, December 31st –New Year's Eve music from 8:30 pm to 1 a.m. Pub is open with no cover charge. Music with Bernie Branch.
- Brother Conor Mehling, Eagle Scout Ceremony, January 16th, at 6 p.m.
- Coming in January: Saturday night, 6 to 8 pm, Jan 23rd. Fund raiser for the scholarship at Siena and to commemorate his retirement, Fr. Capistran O'Hanlon, OFM, Chaplain Emeritus of AOH Div. #5, will speak and tell of the recent changes to the Tansey scholarship.
- Trivia Night, February 13th
- Murder Mystery Dinner. February 20, 2010, \$25 ea. Contract Rosemary O'Brien at 489-1971

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