



# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA

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**JOSEPH DUELK, JR. DIVISION NO. 1**

P. O. Box 337, Monroe (Orange County), New York 10950

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 9, 2018 8 PM**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

Our next meeting is Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. On Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> the LAOH will be setting up the hall for the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade after party honoring Grand Marshal Maureen Morse and members of our AOH divisions. Our Aides to her are Division 1 John McCabe and LAOH 5 Eileen Walsh and Maeve Degan from LAOH 5 Junior division.

On Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> we shall participate in the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade festivities.

**9:00 AM - Mass** at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel 70 Carmelite Drive Middletown, NY. We will have our AOH Division 1 Junior Division 1, the Lt. Louis E Allen Memorial Division, assist with bringing up the gifts along with the LAOH Juniors.

**10:30 AM – Grand Marshal's Brunch** Kuhl's Highland House 512 Highland Avenue, Middletown, N.Y. Tickets **\$25.00** Person. AOH table contact Tom McCarthy and the JDJ table contact George Anderson.

Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Goshen. **Lineup will begin at 1:00 PM at the Government Center parking lot in Goshen. Step-off is at 2:00 PM.** Live music to follow at the Monroe Irish Center, \$10 admission.

5-7 PM in the Hall with the **Claddagh Rose band** is a Jersey Shore based complete Celtic experience featuring a full Irish band, bag pipes, and step dancers and we end the evening 7-9 PM in the Celtic Lounge with Paul Cray.

We shall escort our Pipe Band at the Pearl River Parade Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> we shall meet at the hall at 12 PM and car pool for those who are interested in joining us.

The bus has been booked for the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> 11:20 AM step off. Bus will leave the hall at 8:30 AM cost is \$35 per person. Proper attire is mandatory, black trousers, green jacket, white shirt and a tie and balmorals and white gloves. NO 180 BUTTONS are allowed or any pins on your jackets.

If you have a friend who is Irish Catholic by birth or decent and might be interested in joining please bring them up. We are having a membership drive; if you sponsor 5 new members your dues for the following year are free. The member with most sponsorship's wins an AOH three season jacket worth \$75.

In our motto,

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Neil O'Riordan

**Get your Ireland's 32, Bethel Woods and Mid-Hudson 50/50 Tickets at the Hall!**

## Division 1

### Calendar of Events

**Friday, March 9**  
AOH Monthly Meeting  
AOH Hall 8 PM

**Sunday, March 11**  
Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's  
Parade

**Saturday, March 17**  
NYC St. Patrick's Day  
Parade

**Sunday, March 18**  
Pearl River St. Patrick's  
Day Parade

**Mid-Hudson Parade—  
Line Up 12 Noon Step  
Off 2 PM Goshen**

**NYC Parade—Bus leaves  
Hall 8:30 AM, Step Off  
11:45 AM 44 and  
Madison**

**Pearl River Parade Step  
Off 1:30 PM, Carpool  
from the Hall at 11 AM**



## Division Events

### Kick-Off to St. Pat's at Kelly Jeans—February 18th



2018 Mid -  
Hudson Aide  
John McCabe

and Grand  
Marshal  
Maureen  
Morse



### Jameson's Revenge—February 18th



### NYC St. Patrick's Grand Marshal and Aide Reception—February 25th



2018  
NYC Aide  
Keith  
Reynolds



#### By-Laws Committee

Dear Brothers, our Worthy President has determined it is time to review our By-Laws for any needed changes. A By-Laws Committee has been established. If you are interested in serving, please see Committee Chair George Anderson to add your name.

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# A Moment in Irish History

## AOH History (Part three)

*The Early AOH- the early AOH in America remained a defensive, yet secret, society, and while little is known of its specific activities, it is known that it assisted Irish immigrants in obtaining jobs and social services. Membership was well-guarded and restricted to Irish-born. Even minutes books used member numbers instead of names to protect identities. The first national conventions of the Order were held in New York, but as the Order grew, other jurisdictions began seeking the honor, with Boston becoming the site of the first non-NY gathering. Other controversial issues of the early Order included opening membership to Irish-Americans so that American-born sons of immigrants could join and the right of the AOH in Ireland to speak for the Order when they were still dominated by the Crown. At the same time, the militant Fenian Brotherhood began to infiltrate the AOH and run their people for top AOH offices. Amid these issues the AOH split! The Irish AOH endorsed Home Rule and Alexander Sullivan, a former member of AOH Div. 8, Chicago, who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, aspired to Presidency of the new American branch of the Land League. Sullivan conspired with Henry Sheridan of Div. 8, to have the Division financial secretary give him credentials as the Division representative to the convention instead of an officer named O'Malley, who had been elected by the membership. Sullivan was nominated for President of the American Land League, and Andy Brown, County delegate from St Louis, seconded the nomination guaranteeing a subscription of \$60,000. if Sullivan were elected. Sullivan was elected. When asked where the money would come from, Brown replied, "from the AOH." Sullivan went to AOH National Delegate (President) Jeremiah Crowley, asking that an assessment be levied on every member to honor the pledge he made at the Convention. The assessment was so ordered with no regard for the feelings of the members – many of whom vehemently objected to the Irish AOH position.*

*Division of the Order- Meanwhile, many of the rank and file of the American AOH refused to communicate further with Crowley, and appointed Francis Kiernan as National Delegate until the next National Convention in Cleveland on May 16, 1884. At that convention, Crowley appeared and, after a bitter credentials battle, was seated. At the end of a stormy convention, Henry Sheridan of Chicago, Sullivan's co-conspirator, was elected National Delegate by a slim majority, and Crowley was made Chairman of National Directory. Three months later, a notice in the New York Times announced that another National Convention of the Order had been held on August 13 in New York City during which the members of the National Board, who were elected in Cleveland, were tried and expelled on charges of conspiring to introduce Irish National Politics into the American Order and merge it with the fragmented Fenian Brotherhood. John Nolan (formerly of the Irish AOH) was elected National Delegate. On August 26, the 'expelled' Board sent a circular to all Divisions reporting, "a conspiracy has been unearthed in New York which has been in secret operation for 18 months, headed by Hugh Murray of New York County and aided by one Mr. Nolan, ex-member of the Irish AOH." They accused the 'conspirators' of holding a mock convention, electing officers, and seceding from the organization. They also revealed that they had come to New York to determine the state of affairs and learned that before the Cleveland Convention had even met, the New Yorkers had raised \$800. and sent Mr. Nolan to Ireland with a message to the Irish AOH that he would be elected National Delegate for America if the Irish AOH would support them as the legal AOH. The circular reported that the Irish order agreed, and, by that agreement, had conspired with the 'New York traitors' and thereby demonstrated that they were "unfit to preside at the head of an organization of the magnitude of ours." The Cleveland Board therefore announced that they had severed all links with the group that they had once "looked to as a faithful friend and father" adding, for good measure, that they were a drain on the Order in America, intellectually a disgrace, and had sacrificed the whole organization for a few New York favorites. It was signed by the Cleveland National Board including Henry Sheridan, National Delegate and Jeremiah Crowley, Chairman.*

*Part four of the history of the AOH will be in next month newsletter.*

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