

**Ancient Order of Hibernians**  
of Hampden Hampshire Counties  
PO Box 826  
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**Next Meetings** – February 7 and March 7  
LAOH – 6:15 p.m.    AOH – 7:00 p.m.  
At The Wherehouse?  
[www.AOH-Holyoke.com](http://www.AOH-Holyoke.com)

**Blizzards, whiteouts and snow so deep it is hard to believe unless seen, but don't don't worry next month everything will be bedecked in green.**

**Congratulations to Melissa Meon, Elms College nursing student, LAOH member and daughter of Eddie and Patty Meon** on being selected the 2011 Miss Congeniality at the Holyoke Saint Patrick's Colleen Contest.

**With the Irish season and Danny Curran Irish Night fast approaching, several members braved an other snow storm on Wednesday, January 26 heading to The Wherehouse? to corn Danny's famous ribs.** Joining AOH President Paul Hogan and LAOH President Paoli were with sharp knives were Peter Hogan, Owen Donohue, Paula Lunney and Joe O'Connor. Over 200 lbs of ribs were sliced and are being brined in Jimmy Curran's secret seasonings. Placed in 50 gallon barrels, Jimmy rolls them day and night to make sure all the meat is moist and tender.

**More congratulations to the 2011 AOH Mr. Hibernian and LAOH Ms. Hibernian of the year, Attorney John Driscoll and Noranne Duquette.** Longtime Chairman of the Communion Breakfast Committee, Co-chair of the Curran reception, member of the Maurice A. Donahue Scholarship Committee and legal advisor, John Driscoll is the son of 1977 Mr. Hibernian, Dr. John Driscoll. They are the first father/son tandem to have been awarded this honor. Noranne is the Division Historian and has been instrumental in the LAOH Irish History Writing Contest in the Holyoke and area schools where several have been state winners. Her daughter, Brenna, is also a member of the LAOH.

**Members are asked to bring** unsold Dan Curran Irish Night raffle tickets to the February 7 AOH meeting. If anyone needs more raffle tickets, please contact President Hogan at 210-1416, 533-0436, or [fishaq@aol.com](mailto:fishaq@aol.com)

Irish Night

Communion Breakfast

Help with float

March in Parade

**AOH dues for 2011 are \$30. Payments can be made out to AOH and sent to Paul Hogan, 45 Gates Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.**

**Please say a prayer for Dr. John Sheehan, Vice President Jimmy Sheehan's brother, who passed away last month.**

Paul Hogan at 210-1416 or [fisha2@aol.com](mailto:fisha2@aol.com).

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## **LAOH News**

**LAOH dues, \$20 per year, can be made out to LAOH and sent to either Paula at 22 County Road, Holyoke, to Mary Pat Murphy, 9 Magnolia, Ave., Holyoke, MA 01040, or at any monthly meeting.**

**A hearty Irish welcome to the LAOH's newest member, Kathy Wilber.**

**The LAOH 2011 Quilt is being assembled and will be ready for its first appearance in just a couple of weeks.** If you would like to display this quilt and sell raffles at an event, please contact Paula Paoli at [Paula5412@comcast.net](mailto:Paula5412@comcast.net).

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Holyoke will host its 95<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Party on Saturday, March 12.** Bring your children along and have a great time! The McDermott School of Irish Dance will perform at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Burke Boys of Spencil Hill entertaining with their repertoire of Irish songs from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Hot corned beef and cabbage sandwiches will be catered by Dan Burns and Mike Manijak with the cost \$6.00 each. Irish coffee and refreshments will also be available. The cover charge is \$6.00 payable at the door with children 12 and under \$3. Protected parking is provided in the lot across the street. For more information, contact Sue Sullivan at 536-7418.

## **Irish Cultural Center Events**

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### **2011 Winter Film Series**

**Wednesday, February 2** – *The Fighting Prince of Donegal* is the story of a young lad in the army of Queen Elizabeth who leads his kinsmen in battle.

**Wednesday, February 9** – *Five Minutes of Heaven* tells the tale of an Irish-Protestant teen assassination of an Irish Catholic teen which was witnessed by the Catholic boy’s younger brother. Thirty years later after being released from prison, the Protestant and his victim’s brother are brought together for reconciliation.

**Wednesday, February 16** – *Ondine* stars **Colin Farrell** as an Irish fisherman who hauls in an unexpected catch when a mysterious girl gets entangled in his nets. Her mysterious presence affects the lives of everyone in town. All films are show at 7:00 p.m. in the Alumnae Library Theater.

### **Ceilli**

**The Irish Cultural Center will host a ceilli at the Sons of Erin, 22, William Street, Westfield on Sunday, March 6** at 2:00 p.m. There will be Irish tea and breads. Families with children are encouraged to attend

### **Holyoke Saint Patrick’s Parade Events**

### **2011 Coronation Ball**

**Congratulations to Meaghan A. Leahy, Kathy Sara – Michaline Glenn, Kelly A. Blaney, Sarah A. Ferguson and Colleen M. Bresnahan** on being selected to the colleen’s court for the Holyoke Saint Patrick’s Parade. The Grand Colleen will be selected at the Coronation Ball to be held on Saturday, February 19 at The Log Cabin. For more information and tickets please contact Kathy Krisak at 467-2452, [krisakk@comcast.net](mailto:krisakk@comcast.net) or Devin Sheehan at [dsheehan05@yahoo.com](mailto:dsheehan05@yahoo.com)

### **Ireland Raffle**

**Tickets, \$100.00 each, are still available for the Ireland Raffle drawing to be held on Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.** at JP’s Restaurant. To purchase your ticket or for more information, contact Dan Tierney at 533-0909 or [Rnfloat@comcast.net](mailto:Rnfloat@comcast.net)

### **And our monthly reminder:**

The shelves at Margaret’s Pantry are at low. Non-perishable food items are needed. Bring something to the next meeting. Volunteers are also needed. Consider your time and effort to this great cause.

**Good luck to LAOH Ms. Hibernian of the Year Noranne Duquette and her husband, Dick. The couple are the new managers at the Quiznos** at 1408 Memorial Drive in Chicopee. They offer a 10% discount to all Hibernians.

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