

Hibernians honor two members

HOLYOKE - The Ancient Order of Hibernians and The Ladies Ancient order of Hibernians have recently met and selected two outstanding members respectively, Joseph O'Connor and Barbara Twohig to be honored at the Annual Daniel P. Curran Irish Night on Feb. 25. The two were selected because they truly live their lives by our motto of "Friendship, Unity, and True Christian Charity." The proceeds from this night benefits the Maurice A. Donahue Memorial Scholarship.

Joe O'Connor resides in Holyoke with his wife Mary Kate Cadigan O'Connor. The couple has two children, Patrick attending Catholic University of America, and Kevin attending Holyoke Community College. O'Connor is the Assistant superintendent of the Alarm Division of the Holyoke Fire Department. Joe has served as a chairperson for the AOH Annual Communion Breakfast, a member of the Scholarship Committee, and worked Irish Night and the Hibernian Picnic. Mr. O'Connor whose Grandparents came from Ireland was honored for

being named Mr. Hibernian 2012: "Any time you are recognized by a group of your peers it is an honor especially when I think of the previous recipients, I am grateful and honored to be this year's recipient."

Barbara Twohig resides in Holyoke. She has 2 daughters Becky Hoyt who is a sophomore at Massachusetts College for the Liberal Arts in North Adams, and Kimberly who is a junior at Holyoke High. Barbara is the Accounts Receivable Clerk at McKesson Corporation in Ludlow, Mass. Barbara serves as the Recording Secretary for the LAOH. She has been involved with the Annual Quilt Sale for the LAOH and assists with the Irish Night. Her Grandparents came from Ireland and was elated to receive the honor from the LAOH: "The Award represents all the hard work by everyone in the organization, and it is an honor to be chosen by my peers to receive it. I am proud of my Irish Ancestry and will always do my best to honor our motto of Friendship, Unity, and True Christian Charity."

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