

Bit O' Blarney



Ancient Order of
HIBERNIANS
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APRIL 2025



MARK HEFFERNAN DIVISION
PRESIDENT - ED MORRISON

MARGARET JUDGE DIVISION
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CLUB ROOM HOURS:

Monday - Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Hall Rentals - Call for details
ATM available
Credit Cards Accepted

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REMINDER SIGN THE BOOKS!

APRIL 2025 Reflection

by Deacon Adair

Chaplain Deacon Robin Adair's April 2025 Reflection

A big Irish "shout-out thank you" to the Ladies Division for organizing a beautiful St. Patrick's Day liturgy with Fr. Tom McCann. The attendance was a full room of over 120 members and friends receiving Communion with the beautiful liturgical music of Patrick and Nikki Custy.

And a loud shout out to our Parade Committee! Our St. Patrick's Day Parade was grand with our well-deserved Parade Grand Marshal, Jeff Schaffer.

These last 3 weeks of Lent is a time for announcing the Good News, spreading the faith, and living our faith like we mean it. The days are getting longer and slightly warmer, and Easter sunrise soon awaits us.

We are moving closer to the Light. Saint Paul says, "live as children of the Light" and carry it into the darkness of our world.

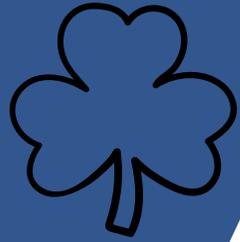
That light has shown in our hearts since the day of our baptism. And Jesus continues to fuel it in the Eucharistic meal He invites us to share.

So, as we approach the holiest of days in our Christian faith in the next few weeks, let us move towards the Light who gave his life for us, and rose from the dead, so that we too might share in everlasting life.

During Holy Week and Easter, we Catholics are called back again to revisit and relive the "greatest story ever told"! Why? Because it's familiar, it's our faith, our history; and it's good; Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday; its tradition; it's the sacred tradition of celebrating the Resurrection, and the most sacred week for Catholics culmination in highest feast day of the Church, Easter.

We Hibernians know the meaning of these things; because we too value the traditions, the familiar, the things that are good; and the Resurrected Life that Easter promises, and because it is at the heart of our Hibernian virtues of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Happy Easter, and as always, "To be Irish is a blessing, to be Hibernian is an honor!"



2025-2027 Mark Heffernan Division

April 1st. - AOH Meeting 7:00 p.m.

President's Message

Greetings fellow Hibernians,

Wow, what a great green season we just had. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers and the committee members. A good time was had by all.

Next, we have the reverse raffle and tickets are available at the bar. Please try to attend and who knows you just might leave a little richer.

Also, this year's state convention is here in Akron. This is a perfect opportunity to meet fellow Hibernians from all around our state.

It's also a perfect opportunity to obtain your degrees right in your own backyard.

Yours in fellowship,

Ed

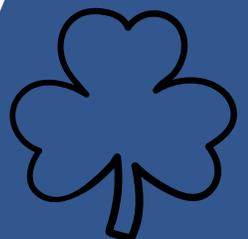
AOH/LAOH 2025 Ohio State Convention Sheraton Suites Hotel - Cuyahoga Falls

Sign Up at: www.aohlaohohio2025.org

Akron AOH

Ancient Order of Hibernian

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2025-2027 Margaret Judge Division

DUES NOTICE

2025 LAOH Dues are due by April 1st.

Dues are:

\$20.00 - 79 years and under

- 80 years or older, exempt

\$25 if paid after April 1st.

Please send your dues card,
a check made out to LAOH for \$20.00
& a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Meghan Callahan

2091 Carlile Dr.

Uniontown, Ohio 44685.

You may also drop off your dues card
and

payment at the club in an
envelope marked LAOH.

Your signed dues card will be
placed

behind the bar.

Any questions, send to:

mcally20@gmail.com

April 6th - 11:00 a.m.
LAOH hosted
Quarter Auction (see flyer
below)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Greetings Everyone:

It is so hard to believe that another Green Season has come and gone! All the work and preparation that went into getting ready for the season was well worth it as everything went great! From the beginning with the Songs of Ireland event to the end with St. Patrick's Day festivities, everyone had a great time. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make each event so successful. I would also like to thank the many musicians who played throughout the season. We are truly blessed and fortunate to have such great musicians in our own backyard! We really have a great Irish contingency in Akron and its surrounding communities. We would not be as successful as we are without their support and patronage!

Throughout Green Season, we received many comments about the newly remodeled hall. Thanks to all who made it happen! It looks fantastic!!

Please be sure to read through this newsletter about our upcoming events. The Quarter Auction is on Sunday, April 6, the Reverse Raffle is on Saturday, April 26 and the Akron Feis will take place on Saturday, May 24. Please help support our club by attending these events.

Lastly, please keep Tom Harvey, Andy Rohn and Leo Stalter in your thoughts and prayers as they battle illnesses. Please also keep the family of Darlene Allen, who recently passed away, in your thoughts and prayers.

Easter is right around the corner! Let's pray for warmer weather and sunshine!



HAPPY EASTER!!

*April 8th. - LAOH Meeting 7:00
p.m.*

**AOH/LAOH 2025 Ohio State
Convention Sheraton Suites
Hotel - Cuyahoga Falls 11:00 a.m.**

**Sign Up and Register at:
www.aohlaohohio2025.org**

**DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED AT
THE STATE CONVENTION-
SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME**

LAOH Members - Interested in becoming an
officer on the Ohio State Board?

Find out more at our meeting April 8th to see if
you are eligible!

Margaret Judge Division Facebook

Ohio LAOH Facebook

Ohio State LAOH

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians





“The Junior Motto is Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity”

Juniors

Junior membership is open to Catholic girls, ages 5 to 18 years, with Irish ancestry by birth or descent. The patroness of the Juniors is St. Brigid of Ireland, and also honored are St. Patrick and Our Blessed Mother, the Golden Rose Queen of Ireland. Meeting topics vary each year as Juniors promote their American patriotism and have opportunities to research and learn Irish history, study customs, play the Tin whistle, investigate ancestry, plan several service-charity projects including a Relay For Life team, bake Irish recipes, plan a May crowning and much more. The dues are \$3 a year and 50 cents is collected at meetings for the missions. The enduring benefits include cultural enrichment, bonds of friendship, and strengthening leadership skills. If you have anything Junior-related that you would like to share on the website, please e-mail National Vice-President.

LAOH Vice-President Eileen Charles is responsible for the Junior Division of the Margaret Judge LAOH.

For questions regarding membership, please contact Eileen at 234-565-8945 or eileenpcharles@gmail.com

APRIL 2025

April 1st- 7:00 AOH Meeting

April 6th - LAOH Quarter Auction fundraiser - See flyer for more details

April 5th- Trivia - 7:00 p.m.

April 8th - 7:00 LAOH Meeting

April 12th - Karaoke 7 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

April 13th - Palm Sunday

April 13th - 20th - Holy Week

April 15th- Shamrock Cultural Charities Meeting -
All men's and ladies members in good standing welcome!

April 17th - Holy Thursday

April 18th - Good Friday - Club closed

April 19th - Holy Saturday - Club Closed

April 20th - Easter - Club Closed

Happy Easter!

April 26th - Reverse Raffle 5:00 p.m. - close - See flyer for more details

April 30th - Ceili Band session 7:00 p.m.



A.O.H.
FISH FRY

DATES:

April 4th

April 11th

5:00 – 7:00

BAKED COD	1 PC	\$12.00
	2 PC	\$15.00
FRIED COD	1 PC	\$12.00
	2 PC	\$15.00
ADDITIONAL COD		\$5.00
COD – 1 PC/SHRIMP - 4PC		\$14.00
SHRIMP	8 PC	\$14.00
CHILD’S CHICKEN TENDERS		\$4.00

SIDE DISHES – CHOICE OF TWO

BAKED POTATO

FRENCH FRIES

HOMEMADE MACARONI & CHEESE

HOMEMADE HOT RICE

HOMEMADE COLE SLAW

APPLESAUCE

COTTAGE CHEESE

EXTRA SIDES \$3.00



QUARTER AUCTION

LAOH FUNDRAISER

APRIL 6, 2025 11:00 A.M. HIBERNIAN HALL

(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM APRIL 5TH TO 6TH)



HOW IT WORKS

1. Participants purchase paddles for a donation.
2. Each paddle has a corresponding numbered chip that goes into a drawing basket.
3. Vendors display items for auction.
4. The announcer calls out the number of quarters needed to bid on an item.
5. Participants put the correct number of quarters into a bucket for each paddle they want to use.
6. The announcer draws a number from the basket.
7. If the drawn number matches a paddle that's being held up, that participant wins the item.

OTHER DETAILS:

- Participants can purchase additional paddles for a donation.
- Some quarter auctions also include raffles, food, drinks, and door prizes.
- Participants can bid on items with one or two quarters, depending on the item's bid price.



AOH REVERSE Raffle

CHANCE TO WIN OR SHARE

\$1500

Want a chance to win great prizes?

Buy your ticket now at the bar!

Only 125 tickets sold!

\$40/ea.

OPEN BAR
(Beer/Guinness/wine &
Jameson)

Side Boards/bingo/lucky
#7/door prizes

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

BUFFET DINNER

includes: Kielbasa n kraut, beef tips & noodles,
cheesy potato casserole, green beans, salad, bread & butter



Doors open at 5:30 - Buffet Dinner at 6:30
with raffle immediately following dinner.

A look ahead...MAY 2025

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo

May 6th - 7:00 AOH Meeting

May 11th - Mother's Day Brunch 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 13th - LAOH Meeting

May 24th - AOH Feis

May 26th - Memorial Day

MOTHER'S DAY

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia.

President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation declaring Mother's Day an official holiday on May 9, 1914.

★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, originated after the Civil War to honor those who died in service, evolved into a national holiday in 1971, and now commemorates all American veterans who have died.





PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS...

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Akron Feis (Irish dance competition) is one of our organization's most successful and well-attended annual events. Your business can be a part of this! Knowing you are supporting an organization rich in heritage, culture and family is something of which to be proud.

This is a tax-deductible charitable donation - Shamrock Cultural Charities.

Grow Your Business/Company:

For just \$50, post an ad image on our Website and Facebook page for your business
For just \$75, post an ad image shown on a video screen in the competition room

Support Your Favorite Competitor:

For just \$30, buy a set of medals
For just \$75, buy a set of trophies

All sponsorships and ads will be posted on 2 giant video screens at the John S. Knight Center in the competition room.

Deadline for payment/artwork for Stage Sponsorships is **Monday, May 12, 2025**. Mail tax-deductible payment to:

Shamrock Cultural Charities
Kathie Linton
1262 Pear Wood Way
Uniontown, Ohio 44685

This event will take place on **Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** Your business will receive constant views on the video screen at the John S. Knight Center. Thank you for considering advertising with us. This support will help to alleviate the cost of the A.O.H. Akron Feis, and it is a fantastic way to show your support for our talented youth.

To advertise or with questions, please contact
Kathielin10@gmail.com or 330-714-4826



Advertising & Awards Sponsorships for the A.O.H. Akron Feis

Please complete the following Awards Sponsorship Form and e-mail the information to kathielin10@gmail.com. You can also print out this form and mail with Tax-deductible payment to:

Shamrock Cultural Charities
c/o Kathie Linton
1262 Pear Wood Way
Uniontown, Ohio 44685

DEADLINES:

Tax-deductible Check payment, made out to Shamrock Cultural Charities, is due **Monday, May 12, 2025** for artwork/website advertising and Awards Sponsorships.

Tax-deductible Check payment for artwork Stage Sponsorships is due **Monday, May 12, 2025**. **Note:** Information will not be posted if payment is not received.

SPONSOR NAME: _____

AWARDS SPONSORSHIP FORM:

_____ I would like to purchase a set of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place MEDALS for a competition.

Set of medals \$30.00 Donated by: _____

If a memorial, for whom: _____

_____ I would like to purchase a set of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place TROPHIES for a competition.

Set of trophies \$75.00 Donated by: _____

If a memorial, for whom: _____

BUSINESS/COMPANY ADVERTISEMENTS:

_____ I would like to purchase an online Facebook ad for \$50.00

_____ I would like to purchase an ad shown on a video screen in the competition room for \$75.00

_____ I would like to purchase a Stage Sign for \$200.00

Business/organization name or logo printed on a large sign hung at one of our stages throughout the entire Feis day.

Ad Artwork/Image Submission Specifications:

1. Ad Image Size is 2/5" x 2" (similar to a standard business card size).
2. Ad can be full-color or black & white.
3. Ad electronic format must be JPG, EPS, TIFF, or PEF.

Please e-mail electronic artwork or questions to: kathielin10@gmail.com

other tid bits...



MARCH

WEEKLY DRAWING WINNERS

Karolyn Guenther
Stephanie Blocker
Tom Kriska
Dale Brown

MONTHLY NON-WINNERS

William Evans
John Stevens
Dennis Kelly

Every Thursday is drawing
night at 7:30 p.m.
Get a \$3.00 meal starting
at 7:00 p.m.

NON-WINNERS

(your number was called but you
DIDN'T SIGN THE BOOKS!)

Craig Barrett
Richard mcGuckin
Dan Ferguson
Jeanette Sweeney
Daysha Cury
Rae South
Jim Vallance
Mary Roten George Palmer
Stephen Zenner
Roger McElroy

200 CLUB WINNERS

Jeff Herrick
Paul Romano
Bill Sudduth
Mike Bahil

HAPPY HOUR
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

FOR DRINK SPECIALS: SEE
BOARD BEHIND BAR

TRIVIA: What hero of the Irish struggle of independence was the subject of a 1996 biopic starring Liam Neeson?

FIND ANSWER ON PAGE 15



ARE YOU A MEMBER WITH A LOCAL BUSINESS?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE
BIT O' BLARNEY AND REACH OVER 500 MEMBERS MONTHLY?

Please send your company logo and contact information to
akronblarneynews@gmail.com.

For payment, please call office to set up.

The cost is \$25.00

MONTHLY DRAWING WINNERS

None

HIBERNIAN NEWS, CLUBROOM NEWS, AND ANY PHOTOS NEEDED FOR BIT O' BLARNEY

PLEASE SUBMIT TO: AKRONBLARNEYNEWS@GMAIL.COM

(PLEASE LIST NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PHOTOS)

This is YOUR newsletter...what you send is what you see!
Please, send your news, announcements, events, photos, anything really, to
akronblarneynews@gmail.com

CORPORATE COMMUNION MARCH 16, 2025 - ST. VINCENT PARISH



Ed Morrison, President, Mark Heffernan Division with Father Norman
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Top Row- from left - Pat Williams, Bill McGurk, Marty Duffy, Ed Moriarty, Deacon Adair, Ed Morrison, Denny Parks,
Dale Norris, Kevin O'Connor, Nick Jacobs
Front row: Candi Morrison, Faye Moriarty, Vicki Stephenson, Sue Ott, Nicky Parks-Norris,
Mike McKenzie, Damon Ferguson

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS
MARCH 17, 2025



GOOD AND WELFARE

Tom Harvey
Andy Rohn
Leo Statler



*in
loving
memory*

Darlene Allen

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

LET US WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY OR
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

SEND IN YOUR DATES TO AKRONBLARNEYNEWS@GMAIL.COM TO BE ADDED!

**HAPPY
Anniversary!**