

# Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc.

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## The Croppy Boy

March 2010



The monthly newsletter of the Father John Murphy Division, Plymouth, Mass.

## Saint Patrick's Season 2010

### Scituate Parade

The Scituate St. Patrick's Day parade will take place on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in Scituate. Our Division will once again be a part of this great South Shore celebration of Patrick!

The start-time for the parade is 1:00 p.m. and will be followed by a traditional Irish seison at the Mill Wharf Restaurant.

Directions to the parade will be available at the March 4<sup>th</sup> Division meeting. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade, please contact Richie Gibbons at 508-517-5991 prior to Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Meeting Thursday

The March meeting of the Division will be this Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 PM at our offices on Main Street in Plymouth.

50/50 raffle drawing jackpot has reached \$1,200! You could win \$600 if you draw the 'Queen of Hearts' at the conclusion of the March Division meeting. We hope to see you there!

### Turn In Your Raffle Tickets

At this Thursday's meeting, be sure to turn in any raffle stubs and proceeds from ticket sales. Equally important... turn in any unsold tickets. The unsold tickets will be offered for sale at the party on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### AOH at the

### *East Bay on March 17*

Our Division will be taking part in the Saint Patrick's Day events at the *East Bay Grille* on Water Street in Plymouth. There's a full day of entertainment and fun at the restaurant on the big day... Wednesday, March 17.

The day will be full of music and dancing featuring The O'Reilly's, Colum Cille Pipes & Drums, Dunleavy Shaffer School of Irish Dance and Maureen Haley School of Dance

The lunch and dinner menus will be complemented by specials such as Corned Beef & Cabbage, Guinness Beef Stew, and so on.

AND we'll be having the drawing for the winners of our big raffle at the East Bay that day. Details follow...

### St. Pat's Raffle Underway

A total of 500 tickets will be sold at \$10.00 each. Three prizes will be awarded. First prize is \$1,000 cash! Second prize is \$500. Third is \$100.

This is one of our key fundraisers of the year. Get your raffle tickets at Thursday's meeting... or at the big party on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

We hope all Hibernians can support the Division's raffle by buying some raffle tickets and selling some to family, friends, or co-workers.

## **Boston Police Pipers in Plymouth**

The acclaimed Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums will be performing at their annual Plymouth fundraiser on March 4.

The Column will again be at the *Cabby Shack* on Plymouth's Town Wharf. The Fenian Sons will be entertaining the crowd between performances of the Column.

We guarantee that you'll have fun watching these great performers... and you'll be helping the Column with your ticket purchase. Several members of the Gaelic Column are members of our Division. Show your support... be there!

When : Thursday March 4th, 2010

Time : 7:00 PM

Tickets : \$10 per person

A raffle will be held for two round trip tickets to Ireland

For Tickets, call 508-962-1914

## **Charity Event**

Charity fundraiser to benefit the Happy Wednesday Foundation will be held on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Beal House in Kingston from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. All proceeds support the R&R Day Retreats for under-served women (victims of domestic violence, cancer survivors, and homeless women)

Tickets are \$13.00 in advance and \$15.00 the night of the event. There will be a tradition Irish seisun held along with entertainment from Dale and the Duds. Step-dancers from the Haley School of Irish Dance. To learn more please contact Joanie at 508-947-2750 or go to [www.RRDayRetreats.com](http://www.RRDayRetreats.com)

## **Help Needed on the 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Father John Murphy Division will be setting-up our merchandise and information table at the East Bay Grille on St. Patrick's Day. We are looking for volunteers to help man the table during the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

We will be selling any remaining raffle tickets along with green beads and U.S./Ireland flag pins. The sign-up sheet for volunteers will be passed out at the March 4<sup>th</sup> Division meeting.

## **2010 Cape Cod**

### **St. Patrick's Parade**

Get an early start on the parade season. The Cape Cod Saint Patrick's parade is this Saturday, March 6. The parade starts at 11:00 AM. This year's theme is "*Heroes and Heroines of Ireland*"

The parade route is about 2 miles long. It starts at School Street and Route 28 in West Dennis. Continue west on Route 28, over the Bass River Bridge, ending at Route 28 and Forest Road, by the Dunkin Donuts and the Catholic Church.

The Grand Marshall for this Saturday's parade is Ray Flynn, former mayor of Boston and former ambassador to the Vatican.

The Cape Cod Hibernians will be in the parade.



## Incredibly, Denny's pokes fun at Irish Famine victims

by Niall O'Dowd

Posted on Sunday, February 28, 2010

IrishCentral.com

Any Irish American with a trace of pride in their heritage will support a boycott of the Denny's restaurant chain after their disgraceful Irish famine ad currently running on television.

They had announced that in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Irish famine Denny's is offering unlimited pancakes for customers. Yes, you read that right.

It is disgraceful. One million people starved to death in the Great Famine, one million more fled Ireland, most to America. To make fun of the greatest human tragedy of the 19th century in Europe is unpardonable. Whoever created the ad, whoever approved it, whoever decided it should go on television should be fired forthwith.

Will Denny's also feature an ad joking that they are also offering pancakes in celebration of the end of the Holocaust and the deaths of six million Jews? Perhaps they can celebrate Armenian genocide day with some free pancakes as well.

Remember this is the company that lost a massive suit because of the way they treated African American customers and staff. What would you expect from a pig but a grunt?

I am delighted to see that the Ancient Order of Hibernians have rushed out a statement condemning this incredibly insensitive and hostile ad which has been shown all over America in the past few days.

Equally as important, there are already Facebook sites cropping up calling for a Denny's boycott. I wholeheartedly endorse that. On the eve of St. Patrick's Day to offer such a degrading and insensitive portrayal of Ireland and Irish America's version of the Holocaust is frankly disgusting.

What were they thinking? More importantly will they get away with it ?

## Men's Retreat

The annual **South Shore Men's Retreat at Miramar** will again take place on palm Sunday weekend... that'll be March 26 to 28.

The cost is approximately \$150. This is great weekend for some spiritualism and reflection with God and a relaxing weekend away from the everyday stress of life. There'll be great camaraderie and great food, ending with a moving liturgy on Palm Sunday.

Our own Tom McTigue is a regular at these retreats and highly recommends it to Hibernians.

If you are interested or have questions, talk to Tom at Thursday's meeting or contact him in the next few weeks.

## A Couple of Jokes

During a recent **PASSWORD AUDIT** at the Bank of Ireland, it was found that Paddy O'Toole was using the following password: MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGo ofyDublin

When Paddy was asked why he had such a long password, he replied, "Bejzus! are ye feckin' stupid? I was told me password had to be at least 8 characters long and include one capital."

*Thanks to John Travers*

A Mormon was seated next to an Irishman on a flight from London. After the plane was airborne, drink orders were taken. The Irishman asked for a whiskey, which was promptly brought and placed before him. The flight attendant then asked the Mormon if he would like a drink. He replied in disgust, "I'd rather be savagely raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips."

The Irishman then handed his drink back to the attendant.

"Me too, I didn't know we had a choice."

*Thanks to Peter McLaughlin*

## 2010 Dues

Annual dues are \$60.00. If you are finding yourself in financial difficulty and are unable to pay your dues all at once, please contact the Financial Secretary Peter Murphy at 508-833-5237. Peter can help you set-up a payment plan so you can remain on our active roster of members. The Division needs your payments to satisfy obligations to the state and national AOH offices.



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4th May 2010

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