

# Officer Jack Duffy Division “Laochra Na Maobrh” Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 6– Montgomery County

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## President’s Message

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Dear Brothers,

On behalf of the Officers of Division 6, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family!

As we approach the six month anniversary of our newly formed Division, things appear to be going well. As of this writing, we have over 50 members and continue to add a few new brothers each meeting. Our Officer and General Meetings have been well attended and conducted efficiently allowing ample time to socialize after all Division business has been addressed.

We’ve made charitable donations to multiple charities including St. Vincent DePaul at both St. Eleanor and St. Mary, St. Mary CYO, the Burek Family and Philadelphia Police Charities totaling \$2,645. We’ve also found time to have some fun hosting our 1st Bowling Event at the Limerick Bowl in November and working with LAOH Division 3 to hold the 2nd Annual Children’s Christmas Party.

On a serious note, Harry Ench stepped down as Financial Secretary due to health issues. Harry has a long history with, and love for, the AOH serving in a variety of capacities including President of the Oliver Plunkett Division in New Jersey. Harry was also instrumental in helping us form our new Division. Thank you Harry! We hope to still see you at future meetings!

As we enter 2010, a few things come to mind. First and foremost, please “re-up” for another tour of duty with us. It’s the best value you will find for \$25! Second, we are beginning preparations for the 2010 St. Patrick’s Day Parades as well as our St. Patrick’s Day Social at St. Mary Parish. Please look to participate in some way in these parades and this event as they are, for a variety reasons, what being a Hibernian is all about.

Thank you for your support and effort in 2009 in getting our new Division off to a fantastic start!

Fraternally,

Patrick Bethel  
President

## Last Chance to Join the Officer Jack Duffy Founders Club

To assist in defraying the initial costs associated with starting a new division of the AOH, we are offering members the opportunity become part of our Founders Club. The Founders Club is made up of members who typically have donated \$100 to support us financially and enable us to purchase items such as a Division banner, parade flags, a Post Office Box to receive our mail etc.

Since we recognize that making such a financial outlay in 1 lump sum might be a challenge given the economic situation, we are allowing members who'd like to be part of this group up until 12/31/09 to make this donation.

Contact Mike Brown to make a donation or get additional information. The club has contributed \$1,400 to date.

### Current Founders

Patrick Bethel  
 Steve Brady  
 Mike Brown  
 Mike Connolly  
 Kevin Curry  
 Steve Everly  
 Joe Garvey  
 Frank Healy  
 Joe McCahon  
 Jim McGibbon  
 Paul McPeake - \$200  
 Fr. Robert Mulligan  
 Jim Roberts



## 1st Annual Bowling Event

AOH Division 6 held its 1st Annual Bowling Event on Saturday, November 21st at The Limerick Bowl. Over 40 bowlers participated and had a great time including AOH Montgomery County President Tom Coughlin and his wife Kathy who were kind enough to join us. Besides the great time, the vent netted the Division over \$400! If you missed this year, make sure we see you in 2010.

## 2nd Annual Children's Christmas Party

LAOH Maire Drumm Division 3 held it's 2nd Annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12th. This has been hosted the last 2 years by the ladies with a little help from the AOH. This year was well attended once again with close to 60 people there to greet Santa and Mrs. Claus. We were also treated to a great performance by current and former dancers from the Caitrin Academy of Irish Dance.

## Major Degrees of The Order

The next Major Degrees will be held on Sunday, March 28th at AOH Notre Dame Division 1 in Swedesburg. Please check their website for registration information at aohnd1.com Remember that you are not considered a full member of the AOH or hold an "Officer" position until you complete your Major Degrees.

Congratulations to Bob Gray who completed his Major Degrees on November 15th!

# January 2010

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10	11	12 Officers	13	14	15	16
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## Schedule of Events

- 1/12/10 Officers Meeting @ 7:30 PM at Limerick Golf Club
- 1/26/10 General Meeting @ 7:30 PM at Limerick Golf Club
- 3/6/10 St. Patrick's Social @ St. Mary Parish 7 to 11 PM
- 3/13/10 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Conshohocken
- 3/14/10 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Philadelphia
- 3/20/10 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Girardville

## Are You Feeling Kilty?

Your Officer Jack Duffy Division has begun preparing for our participation in the 2010 St. Patrick's Day Parades in Conshohocken, Philadelphia and Girardville. Part of our presentation will involve the debut of our new Honor Guard. To be in the Honor Guard, you must be man enough to wear a kilt. At present, the following brothers are participating - Bethel, Brown, Brady, Curry, Roberts, McGettigan, Creech, Megini, McCahon and Shelton. We anticipate the total cost to be approximately \$600 per man to get fully outfitted. If you want to be part of the group, don't let the cost dissuade you. Contact Patrick Bethel and arrangements will be made to see that you can "man up" and get in a kilt. Note that any such arrangements will be kept confidential. To get your kilt in time, please get over to USA Kilts in Phoenixville ASAP and get measured. Ask for Rocky and mention you are with Division 6.

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## 2010 Annual Dues

It's that time of year again. Your \$25 Annual Dues is now due for 2010. Note that any member who joined in November or December of 2009 will be exempted from paying their 2010 dues. Our goal is to retain 100% of all our members. If you are not getting what you expected when you joined our group, let us know and we'll work to get better and, hopefully, meet your expectations in 2010 and beyond. For \$25, we offer you the opportunity to meet new people and develop lifelong friendships while also gaining a greater understanding of your culture and making a difference in our local community.

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## St. Patrick's Day Social at St. Mary Parish

We will hold our 1st Annual St. Patrick Day Social at St. Mary Parish on Saturday, March 6th from 7 to 11 PM. The Irish Band Paddys Well will be performing and all food will be cooked on premises by our own Brother Paul McPeake. Please consider volunteering to help make this a fun and financially successful night for both the Division and St. Mary Parish. Stay tuned for more details.

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## Division Merchandise

Division T-Shirts are now available for sale for \$15 to Division members. The new shirts are white with the AOH National Logo on the front left and our Division Logo on the back with our name and motto on the top and bottom of the logo, respectively. Be sure to bring an extra \$15 to our next meeting so that you can get your own shirt.

Our new Division Jackets are in and they look spectacular. Great job by Steve Brady in running point and putting up with all of us. If you haven't paid yet, get your money to Steve as soon as possible. If interested in purchasing a jacket, also contact Steve. The cost is \$100. If you order now, you will have it in time for the parades!