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Mass Rock AOH Fall Dinner Dance

On September 22nd our Division held it's annual fall dinner dance. This was the second year of honoring someone with the Tim O'Sullivan Award. Last years recipient Seamus Balfe presented Mike O'Connor with the award named after Tim who was one of our founding members and President for many years. The award goes to someone who has made significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication. The

**LAOH & AOH
MEMBERS
ATTENDING THE
FALL DINNER
DANCE 9/22/24**

honoree selected should serve as a role model for compassion, and service and be striving to make the world a better place. He/ she should have a passion for helping others in his/her community.

The St. Mary’s Raffle

At the beginning of 2024 we set out to raise money for a project that was being planned to repair the roof at the old community center. Originally built in the 1880’s, St. Mary’s Church in East Durham holds a special place in so many of the residents hearts. Our idea of a \$50 raffle ticket sounded good at the time. This was a very difficult sell to people and we weren’t able to raise enough money to have a drawing on Memorial Day Weekend. But we didn’t give up and chose our Fall Dinner Dance as the day to hold the raffle. We had raised the \$10,000 in prize money to award the winners, but wasn’t anywhere near what we set a goal on to donate to the roof project. Our goal to donate for the roof project was also \$10,000. A couple of months before the dinner it looked like we would be able to donate half of that amount. But we kept pushing forward.

We held our Dinner Dance at the Blackthorne Resort knowing we could fit more people and we ended up having 170 guests. The Blackthorne did an outstanding job and the McLean Avenue band was fantastic as usual. We had 2 dance schools. Farrell and An Clar. The Pipes and Drums of Greene also performed. We held a 50/50. We kept selling the roof raffle tickets and had a hugely successful journal. Thankful to all the businesses and people who took ads and attended the dinner we were able to reach our goal! Mass Rock AOH will be able to make a \$10,000 donation to the St. Mary’s Of The Mountains Church roof repair project. And that is after all bills associated with the dance are paid off. The Blackthorne, McLean Ave. Band and the journals total between \$8K-9K. So all said and done in 2024 we were able to raise approximately \$30,000 in our fundraising account.

Looking ahead to 2025

Officer nominations were made at the October 17th meeting. November 15th we will hold elections at our monthly meeting. Installation of officers will be held on Sunday January 19th 4pm at the Shamrock House. \$35 p.p. includes buffet. January’s monthly meeting scheduled for the 16th will be held on the 23rd instead.

Membership dues will be raised to \$35 in 2025.

Mass Rock Fall Dinner Dance Fundraiser 2024



National AOH President Sean Pender and Vice President Liam McNabb attended the dinner dance. Seamus Balfe presents the Tim O’Sullivan Award. NYS Assemblyman Chris Tague presents a Proclamation to Mike O’Connor.