

**MASS ROCK
NEWS**
ANCIENT ORDER
OF HIBERNIANS
GREENE COUNTY



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Mass Rock AOH Installation Dinner

On Sunday January 19th, 4pm, at the Shamrock House in East Durham we held our Installation of Officers along with the Greene County Ladies Div. 32. With a snowstorm predicted for the evening we considered canceling the event. A decision to go through with it was made as it appeared the snowstorm wouldn't hit us until after 6pm. We did decide to cancel the step dancers, Irish Don Kelly and the Pipes and Drums of Greene. Along with Tim McSweeney and Kevin O'Reilly newly elected Albany President Joe Kennedy came. From the ladies Sissy and Kathy Durkin also attended.

**AOH & LAOH
MEMBERS AT THE
2024
INSTALLATION
DINNER**

Deacon Mike McDonald blessed each of the officers medals as Kevin O'Reilly placed them on the officers. John Monahan received the award for our 2024 Mass Rock Hibernian of the year. John gave a little speech and his wife and parents were in attendance. President Mike O'Connor and Ladies President Melanie Wesslock also spoke. It was an abbreviated event with the snow arriving and the main objective was to get the installation done and get home safe.

Looking ahead to 2025

We have NEW shirts and hats for 2025. They were available for the first time at the installation. Our Division is going to be selling raffle tickets from now until the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. Many members have tickets already but you can get your tickets at a meeting. We did this 2 years ago and it was a huge success. \$5.00 tickets to win a giant 4.5 liter bottle of Jamesons and 2nd and 3rd place prizes too. With these tickets, we will be raising money firstly for a Irish Arts Week music scholarship in Tim McSweeney's name.

As you may know, we have over 60 members on our roster. If you attended the meeting in December you already know we have accepted applications from over 25 more men who want to be a part of the Greene County AOH Mass Rock DIV. 2. After the applications are processed we will be 85+ strong! Amazing jump in our membership, but what is equally amazing is what our Greene County LAOH has done. In 2023 they tripled in size. Hibernianism is alive and well in the Irish Alps.

The Major Degrees of the Order will be exemplified on February 1, 2025 by the Schenectady Major Degree Team. This will bring candidates into the Inner Chamber of Hibernianism. It will be held at the AOH Hall in Albany. Contact Mike O'Connor or Seamus Balfe to register. Presentable attire is recommended. \$35 for candidates. \$25 for observers.

March will be here before you know it. The Albany Parade is on March 15. East Durham is on March 16. Greenville is March 29. OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY JANUARY 23RD 7PM.

Membership dues for 2025 are due now. They are \$35. If you have not sent in your due's please do so. Send checks to AOH - PO Box 437 Cairo, NY 12413 or pay by cash at the installation dinner or next monthly meeting.

Photos from Installation Dinner 2024

