

**We want to know your interests!**

**Please Check All That Apply**

- Irish History
- Freedom for All Ireland
- Mission/Charities
- Catholic Action
- Catholic Schools
- Political Education
- Irish Language Lessons
- Irish Step Dance Lessons
- Comhaltas Music Sessions
- Division Golf Tournaments
- Family Picnics
- Dinner/Dance
- Fundraising
- Marketing
- Service Projects
- Other .....Please explain:

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**Division Use Only  
Sponsor's Certificate**

I hereby certify on my honor as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, that I am acquainted with the applicant. I know him to be a practicing Roman Catholic, and worthy in every way to become a member of this Order.

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Report On Application**

This applicant was referred to the committee, and we would respectfully report that we have investigated the qualifications of said applicant for membership and recommend him.

Committee Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

**Division President's Certificate**

I hereby certify that this application has been read by me at a regular meeting and applicant has been elected by the membership of this division on the:

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Secretary Certificate**

I hereby certify that the initiation fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has been paid on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Financial Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**ANCIENT ORDER  
OF  
HIBERNIANS  
IN AMERICA**

Division Name

Contact / Return to:

**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION**



## What is the Ancient Order of Hibernians In America?

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is a Catholic, Irish American Fraternal Organization founded in New York City on May 4, 1836. The Order can trace its roots back to a parent organization, of the same name, which has existed in Ireland for over 300 years. However, while the organizations share a common thread, the North American A.O.H. is a separate and much larger organization.

The Order evolved from a need in the early sixteen hundreds to protect the lives of priests who risked immediate death to keep the Catholic Faith alive in occupied Ireland after the reign of England's King Henry VIII. When England implemented its dreaded Penal Laws in Ireland, various secret social societies were formed across the country. These groups worked to aid and comfort the people by whatever means available. Similarly, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was founded on May 4th, 1836 at New York's St. James Church, to protect the clergy, and church property from the "Know Nothings" and their followers. At the same time the vast influx of Irish Immigrants fleeing famine issues in Ireland in the late 1840's, prompted a growth of various social societies in the USA the largest of which was, and continues to be, the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Active across the United States, The Order seeks to aid the newly arrived Irish, both socially and politically. The many Divisions and club facilities located throughout the U.S. traditionally have been among the first to welcome new Irish Americans. Here, the Irish culture; art, dance, music, and sports are fostered and preserved. The newcomers can meet some of "their own" and are introduced to the social atmosphere of the Irish-American community. The AOH has been at the political forefront for issues concerning the Irish, such as Immigration Reform; Economic Incentives both here and in Ireland; the human rights issues addressed in the MacBride Legislation; Right-To-Life; and a peaceful and just solution to the issues that divide Ireland.

The Order has also provided a continuing bridge with Ireland for those who are generations removed from our country. The AOH sponsors many of the programs associated with promoting our Irish Heritage such as the IRISH WAY PROGRAM.

You may further seek admittance to the FINEST Irish Catholic Organization in the World--all we would ask is for you to live our motto of:

### "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"

**Dia's Muire dhuit!**



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for admission into the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. and continuance in said Order shall depend upon the truthfulness of my answers to the Questions which are attached, and my admission into the Order. You must be Irish by birth or descent and a practicing Roman Catholic to be a member.

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (H) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Roman Catholic?  Yes  No

Are You Irish?  Yes  No

Have you complied with your religious duties within the past twelve (12) months?  Yes  No

Do you belong to any society(ies) that the Catholic Church is opposed?  Yes  No

Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of the AOH?

Yes  No

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

I do solemnly pledge my sacred word and honor that the answers I have given to the above questions are true.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_