



October 2009

The Script Programme

There have been a few questions about the script program, we try to answer them below:

What is the Script?

The Scripts are coupons purchased by our members that may be used at the Hall to support AOH activities. In exchange for the member paying \$ 50.00, the member is given \$50.00 worth of coupons which they may use as described below. If the coupons are not used, they go in to the general fund. It is your money and you can spend it how you like. This is the same procedure adopted at Gaelic American Club and the Glenbrook Athletic Club among many others. It's your money, to spend as you like.

Why do we have the script?

The Hibernian Association is run primarily for the use and benefit of its members in association with the mission and purpose of the Men's and Ladies Divisions. It is not run for a profit. We own and operate a multi-million-dollar building in downtown Stamford. We have two sources of income that we use to pay our expenses. First is the income we generate from outside sources, such as catering events. Second, the men's and ladies division members contribute approximate \$25 in dues per year. We are in the process of renegotiating the best deal possible with the caterer with respect to the use of the Hall, but we will never be able to rely exclusively on catering fees to meet our expenses. We have utility bills just like you do at home, and the cost to provide heat and electricity to the Hall has increased dramatically in the past several years. We have an ageing building and we have spent thousands to repair the elevator and replace the hot water system in the past 4 months alone. The dues from the men's and ladies divisions combined cannot cover two months worth of utilities or even the cost of new hot water heater. We have operated at a loss since 2005. But we don't want to raise the dues, which would be taking money from you and not giving you anything back. We thought the script was a better option; it gives you something for your money.

The script was designed to serve two purposes. First, it is designed to stimulate the use of the Hall by its members to allow us to meet our operational expenses. Second, it was designed to entice the men's and ladies divisions, and their members, to make a greater use of the hall which should engender a stronger sense of community, which is why we have the Hall in the first place.

How can I spend the Script?

The script may be used to pay for any function or service provided by the Association, including drinks, food provided by the Association (such as the Friday Night Socials), the Association's raffle tickets, hole sponsorships for the golf tournament, or ads in any of our brochures. If we held pot luck dinners, or bake sales the Script can be used there as well. It is as much up to you, the member, as it is to the board and the house committee to create opportunities to spend the script.

You can even donate the script to go towards the AOH's donations for the windows at St. Johns, and we will send the money over to Monsignor DiGiovanni in your name.

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What happens if I don't pay, will I be kicked out of Hibernians?

No.

What happens if I cannot afford the script?

Any member who is unable to afford the script due to temporary or permanent financial concerns can simply ask to opt out. No request will be denied.

What happens if I don't pay? Why should I pay if no one else does? What happens if no one pays?

This is the easiest question to answer. We close the doors. If our membership won't agree to spend \$ 50.00 at the Hall per year at events at the hall, and to work to create events at the Hall, the inevitable result is that we will close our doors. The only question is when.

Have other members paid?

Some, but most have not. Only about 15% have paid. If you have not paid, and would like to, please send the check into the Hall as soon as possible. If you haven't paid, and refuse to pay, then don't get mad when we close.

Why did you do this in the middle of the year?

We hold our elections for boards of directors in April, and the new board generally takes over in May. We debated the script at our first meetings, and the board felt that if we waited until the fall, there would not be enough time for us to get the program up and running for 2009, and we did not want to wait another year.

While we are a not-for-profit organization, we do not receive any federal subsidies, which mean we must be self-supporting. There are currently list than 350 members of the men's and ladies divisions combined.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

The Board of the Hibernian Association.

**Kid's Karaoke and Pasta
Supper**

Sunday, October 11
4 p.m.– 7 p.m.
Adults \$15 - Children \$8 (Includes Soda)
Due to limited space, reservations must be made by
emailing Ann Rafter at annrafter@gmail.com or by calling
Ann at 203-918-8022

Remember Adult Karaoke the last Friday of every month
9:30 PM – 1:00 AM

Pub Quiz

Come on Down for a great evening!!!!

Pub Quiz:
Saturday, October 17th.
Time, 7:30 seating 8pm game time
Teams are limited to 5 people (\$5.00 each)

A fun night to test your knowledge of past and current
events.

AOH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8 AOH Pub Open	9 AOH Pub Open	10 AOH Pub Open
11 Pasta Supper & Kids Karaoke (4pm)	12	13 meeting dinner (6pm)AOH &LAOH Div. Meetings (7:30pm)	14	15 AOH Pub Open	16 AOH Pub Open	17 AOH Pub Open Pub Quiz Night (7:30pm till...)
18 AOH Major Degree (11:30am-3pm)	19	20	21	22 AOH Pub Open	23 AOH Pub Open	24 AOH Pub Open
25	26 Monthly Board Meeting (7:30pm)	27 AOH Senior Circle (10am)	28	29 AOH Pub Open	30 AOH Pub Open Halloween Karaoke (9pm)	31 AOH Pub Open
Nov 1 AOH Deceased Members Mass (4pm)	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5 AOH Pub Open	Nov 6 AOH Pub Open Friday Night Social (see Below)	Nov 7 AOH Pub Open Irish Folk Singer John McGrath in the Club Room

The Bar at the AOH

AOH is open for members and guests: come and use it.

The Bar at the AOH is open on Thursday, Friday & Saturdays- From 5pm till close!!

So come down to YOUR hall and support the AOH, friendly bartenders, the best priced drinks in Stamford and catch up with your friends.

Remember to sign-in your guests

Other Upcoming Events

- First Friday of November 6th Our Hibernian Social... "Sunday Dinner on Friday Night"... for reservations call Bridget Kopek 203-329-1814.
- Thursday, October 22 at 7PM Ann Rafter will be hosting a **Pampered Chef Party** in the Clubroom. 15% of sales will be donated to the Bennett Cancer Centre. RSVP's or questions to Ann Rafter 203-918-8022

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John McGrath Playing AOH

Save the date: Saturday November 7th

Irish folk singer John McGrath will be performing with an accompanying fiddler, in the Club Room on Saturday evening the 7th of November.

Check at the Hall and the website soon, for time and details.

State Board Meeting

On October 5 the State Board held its regular meeting hosted by the Hartford division in the Glastonbury club. A wide range of topics were discussed. The Stamford divisions were represented by Mike O'Connor, Joe Butler, Mary Kelly, Maura O'Connell, Lorraine Sheridan and Bill Flannery.

Most relevant to Stamford was a discussion about a Major Degree Ceremony proposed to be held in the Stamford AOH Hall on Sunday, October 18. A final decision and plan will be completed by October 8.

Plans have been developed for the 95th Biennial National Convention to be held in Cincinnati on July 7-10, 2010. Details can be found at www.hibernians2010.com.

AOH Major Degree

October 18th 11:30 am

The AOH Degree team will be conducting the Major Degree Ceremony at our Hall on Sunday Oct. 18th.

Cost is \$15 for Candidates; \$10 for Observers (with degree already)

Jacket and Tie required and all members must bring their 2009 AOH membership card.

Any questions or more information please contact AOH President Mike O'Connor 203-564-0566 or mikeoc@optonline.net

Please Plan on attending this important event

Deceased Members Mass

A mass of remembrance will be held at the Hibernian Hall on November 1st at 4pm.

Please keep all our members in your prayers.