



# Why Join the AOH?

If you are an Irish-Catholic male, you probably feel a pull. You feel it when you wake up, and you feel it when your head hits the pillow. The pull carries a message.

It says: *Shouldn't you be doing more?*

With the AOH, you will do more. This is how:

- 1) Help others in the community
- 2) Socialize, with purpose
- 3) Honor your religious and ethnic roots

Irish-Catholic values and American patriotism inform all that we do, from charitable work to socializing and networking. *The AOH way is different.*

## Charitable work

- 1) Green Tin Clothing Drive
- 2) Green Tin Donations to St. Theresa's Social Concerns (food pantry)



- a. These are our main charitable focus; they fulfill two of the seven mercies of the Catholic faith. The 'Green Tin' is where we pool our cash resources that fund our charitable efforts. If you join, you can help us develop a wider and deeper charitable network.
- b. We also team up with the Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Ireland, at the Celtic Fest, and with other local Irish and Catholic groups. With them, we attend events, engage in charitable efforts, and socialize. Our yearly calendar is full of AOH-led events, as well as others that we participate in, volunteer at, or make money through. See our 'Calendar' page for more event details.

To engage in charity on this level *and* to do so within the context of your Irish American-Catholic identity gives a sense of *ownership and meaning* to your charitable efforts.

## Social

Hibernians help each other. They know people, and they lend a hand, give you a discount, and bring you into the fold. You're taken care of, other men in the area, with a similar background, feel like you're one of them. You have people to call and to lean on.

Enjoy free drinks, music, storytelling, sharing of histories, head-turning AOH gear, an AOH-sponsored tailgate before the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade, access to several other Irish events each year where you'll be seen as a member and as someone who belongs there, and marching in two parades each year. Join us to get all of this and more, for \$50 a year!