

Fr. Joseph P. Carrigan Division
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Colorado, United States of America



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Irish-American fraternal organization dedicated to promoting our Catholic faith through charity and honoring our Irish heritage within the Colorado Irish Community.

1. To promote and enhance our Irish heritage and Culture by becoming better informed of our cultural history.

- A. Through presentations of Irish culture and history.
- B. Sponsor Irish community activities such as the Colorado Irish New Year's Celebration and the Denver St. Patrick's Blessing of the Keg Event.
- C. Providing a communication network for the Irish community through the Hibernian newsletter.

2. To be active, visible members of our Catholic Church, and community.

- A. Promote an annual mass for St. Patrick - on St Patrick's Day to remind the community of the religious nature of the Feast Day of our patron Saint.
- B. To sponsor a St. Patrick Coloring Contest within the local Catholic Grade Schools to educate the youth of our community about our patron Saint.
- C. Attend mass monthly as a membership with sashes, and a family breakfast following the mass to promote unity within our membership.
- D. Encourage more clergy to become members of the organization.

3. To promote our Irish Catholic heritage with the youth of our community.

- A. Sponsor an annual St. Patrick Coloring Contest within the Catholic elementary school system in the archdiocese.
- B. Develop an AOH youth Division for a generational passing of our Irish Catholic heritage to the youth of our community.

4. To promote charity within our Colorado community.

- A. Develop a relationship with the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. Encourage and support our young seminarians and sponsor the Seminary with proceeds from AOH events.
- B. Promote charitable giving of resources and time to help organizations such as the Samaritan House by holding a Hibernian meal service on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Clothing, Blanket, and Coat drives for the Samaritan house at major Hibernian events.

5. To support our Irish brothers and sisters within the Colorado Irish community.

- A. Attend events promoted by other Irish organizations within the community such as the LAOH, Pipe Band, Emerald Society, Irish Network and the Denver Gaels.
- B. Taking a lead role of uniting the Colorado Irish Community through the publication of the Hibernian Newsletter.

6. To promote brotherhood among our members through the following:

- A. To support all Hibernians in good standing by upholding the National AOH Constitution and promoting Friendship, Unity & Catholic Charity.
- B. Visiting and aiding sick and injured members and their families.
- C. Providing any other aid to a brother and or family in need.
- D. Supporting businesses and professions of our brothers or to help brothers in securing employment and maintaining a directory of our members.
- E. Supporting a mentoring program for new and potential AOH members.

7. To provide family social activities in order to develop a community within the organization.

- A. Organize events such as annual family picnics, Christmas Parties, New Year's Celebrations, and St Patrick's Day Events.
- B. Organize events that allow for members and their families to strengthen their faith such as Sash Masses and Catholic Faith Studies.

8. To educate members of the importance of complete independence and unification of all Ireland.