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**Colorado Irish First to Salute the New Year**

**Denver, Colorado** - The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) and the Celtic Tavern are sponsoring an Irish New Year's Celebration from 3-7 p.m. MST Saturday, Dec. 31 at the Celtic Tavern, 1801 Blake St. Following the clocks in Dublin, Ireland, the 2012 New Year will be welcomed at 5 p.m. MST with a special toast and bagpipe salute. The evening will feature Irish music and menu specials to help raise funds for the Catholic Charities of Denver Samaritan House and St. John Vianney Theological Seminary.

The family celebration is open to the public, with a \$3 cover charge for favors. Features of the evening include the following:

- Irish Session Players LIVE with a medley of Irish music to set the mood
- \$25.00 Buffett of a Special Irish Menu, all proceeds go to the Denver Samaritan House
- A Special Irish Menu prepared specially for the event
- Countdown to New Year's leading to a Guinness and Clontarf Irish Whiskey toast at 5 p.m.
- Bagpipe New Year's salute and Auld Lang Syne

The AOH is an Irish-Catholic fraternal organization that has helped support numerous charities in Denver. It currently has more than 85 members in the Denver area -- not all necessarily ancient -- ranging in age from their early twenties to mid-80s and from all walks of life. It is the oldest and largest Irish cultural organization in the U.S., with roots back 300 years to groups of the same name in Ireland.

The Order also has 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.

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