

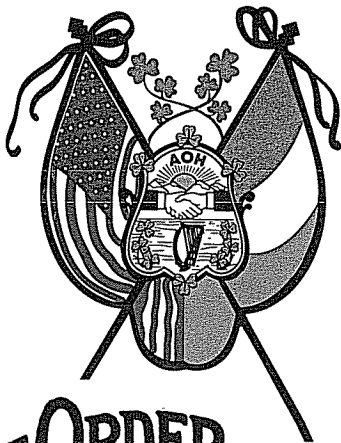
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**ANCIENT ORDER
OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA**
INCORPORATED

Organized in New York City, May 4, 1836

Whereas the Ancient Order of Hibernians Preamble requires that, we as members will always:
Promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Foster and sustain loyalty to country and community,
Aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence, promoting peace (with justice) and unity for all Ireland,
Foster the ideals and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people,
Promote Irish culture, encourage civic participation
Accept and support, without prejudice, the concept of free expression of religious Practices for the people of the world.

Whereas Brother Gerry McGeough, a member of Kings County Division 35 AOH, has always exemplified these, and all other tenets of our Noble Order on every level and his American, Irish and Roman Catholic morals, ethics and values have guided all of his actions. As a husband and father of four, as a key campaigner during the hunger strikes of 1980-81, as the organizer of a New York convention on Irish Unity, as a Trinity College graduate, as an elected official for Sinn Fein, as a staunch defender of the rights of the unborn, and as publisher of novels and the monthly political and religious magazine, **THE HIBERNIAN**, named so out of his respect for AOH principles, Brother McGeough has always been unafraid to stand up and defend the rights of all Irish people to live in a free, just and moral society.

Whereas, in a controversial decision, a vengeful British crown has denied him a jury trial and leveled quarter-century old charges that imply Brother McGeough as a youthful member of the IRA was wounded in a gun battle with a member of the British Army's now defunct Ulster Defense Regiment in 1981. If pronounced guilty by the crown, McGeough faces a lengthy sentence and could upon release on parole or license after 2 years under the Good Friday, be re-jailed on any pretext by the crown.

Whereas Brother McGeough has requested all Hibernians to contact WWW. FREEGERRY.COM web site and monitor this unjust case. He also requests that we demand justice from our public officials and the crown for this Hibernian and his family.

Be it hereby resolved that the New York State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and delegates to the 2009 New York State Convention fully support Brother McGeough and his family in efforts to clear his name.

Respectfully submitted for approval at the 2009 AOH State Convention in Albany, NY

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2009


Matt Nelligan
New York State President