

## ***Breaking News...*** **O'Rourke's Will Soon Announce New Hours**

O'Rourke's Diner will be announcing new hours of operation for the soon to be renovated Diner. The Diner will be open some evenings for dinner. While this is not a return to the 24-hour operation that the Diner once was, it does expand the hours from recent years. Brian O'Rourke is currently working on new and exciting offerings that will be added as part of the dinner opportunities.

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## **Donations still needed**

Donations are still needed to fully outfit the interior of the Diner. This includes all dishes, mugs, flatware, kitchen cookware, etc.

If you would like to make a donation, please send your contribution to :

### ***Committee to Rebuild the Diner***

c/o Jane McMillan  
Howard & McMillan  
386 Main Street  
Middletown, CT 06457



## ***Great News...*** **O'Rourke's Reconstruction Project to Begin**

The reconstruction of O'Rourke's Diner is scheduled to begin on or about September 1, 2007. This is virtually one year to the date of the fire that gutted the historic landmark.



A unique combination of public support and the acquiring of a construction mortgage in partnership with Webster Bank and a grant opportunity with the City of Middletown has made the start of reconstruction a reality.

The Committee for the Rebuilding of O'Rourke's Diner has selected Brian Kronenberger as the Construction Manager to complete the work. It is estimated that reconstruction will take 8 to 10 weeks with a possible completion date of around Thanksgiving. At a recent interview with Brian O'Rourke he stated "It looks like a reality—I can't wait to be back in the Diner. So many people have contributed to make this possible."





## Official 2007 O'Rourke's T-Shirts Available

Official 2007 O'Rourke's t-shirts are available with the new, official O'Rourke's Diner logo. These shirts are 100% cotton and carry the logo on the front and the words Middletown, Connecticut 2007 on the back. Shirts are available in adult small, medium, large and extra large. Choose either a white shirt or black shirt. The cost of the t-shirt is \$20 (postage paid). Send the coupon at the bottom of this page with your remittance. Checks should be made payable to **O'Rourke's**.

## Scones O'Rourke

*This is the first in a series of recipes from Brian.*

- 3 cups of flour
- 3/4 cup of sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg *(freshly grated if possible)*
- 2 sticks (1/2 lb) butter unsalted  
*(or Irish butter) if using salted butter omit salt above*
- 1/2 cup dried currants
- Buttermilk *(up to 2 cups)*



Mix dry ingredients with paddle attachment of electric mixer at very low speed, cut in butter until there are no large pieces of butter. Add buttermilk *until just incorporated—do not over mix and add only enough buttermilk so that mixture is wet but still firm.*

Free drop mixture on a greased cookie sheet to the size you desire. You may use an ice cream scoop to keep size uniform. Bake in a preheated 425 degree oven 7-8 minutes, then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for an additional 7-8 minutes until golden brown.

## O'Rourke's Diner T-Shirt Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "O'Rourke's"



Send completed order form and check to:

P.O. Box 714  
Northford, CT 06472

### Black

\$20 each

quantity

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

### White

\$20 each

quantity

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large