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# DIVISION NEWS

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Brothers,

I know many of you are aware of the passing of our Sister Hibernian, Ethyl Brogan. I will not try to put into words Ethyl's role in the Irish community, here in Dutchess County, in the tri state area or in the country at large. All I can say is that we have lost one of the most influential Irish Women that I have ever known. We offer our deepest condolences to her husband Bill, her children Patrick, Brigid and Brendan and her extended family.

I want to congratulate the Charity Dinner Dance Committee, Jack Fedigan, Matt Fitzgerald, and Bill O'Hare on, what was truly, a magical night. I have never received so much positive feedback, on how much everyone enjoyed the evening. The music by Billy Keenan and The Prime Time Show band was top class and the dance floor was filled all night. I want to thank my sister, Maire McVicker, who entertained the crowd with some of her favorite songs. The Kevin Broessler Senior dancers were spectacular. Some of the dancers had just finished a tour with "The Lord of the Rings," so we had the best. Bill O'Hare and family did, as usual, a fantastic job with the raffle. Thanks you to the Elks Club and especially the staff for a job well done. A special thanks to KBIC, IHF, LAOH, The Parade Committee, all the members who attended, and brought their friends and families. Your attendance is the life blood which makes the event successful. Very sincere thanks to those brothers who could not attend but donated their tickets. All told, it was an overwhelming success with 135 dinners served. Finally, before I forget, thanks to Msgr. Bellew for his beautiful invocation.

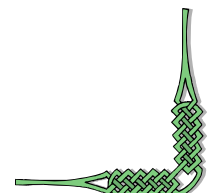
In addition to the dance, our JETS Raffle was a huge success. My appreciation, on behalf of the Brotherhood, goes to Vice President Jack Fedigan for donating the tickets. Jason Duggan did a fabulous job organizing and accounting the ticket sales and Matt Fitzgerald was over the top with his ticket sales. I want to thank all who took the time to sell tickets; I know it is not easy. Congratulations to the winner, Joe Kennedy, who is one of our own Brothers. We will have a full accounting of both of our fund raisers at the November meeting, so come out and hear the results.

On Wednesday November 2nd, we held our annual Msgr. Joseph Sheahan Memorial Mass at "Our Lady of The Rosary Chapel," in Poughkeepsie. Although attendance was down from last year, which was disappointing, those that did attend were not disappointed. Father Garisto gave a history of Msgr. Sheahan and a history of Saint Peters that was truly inspiring. I am proud that we have Msgr. Sheahan as our namesake and it is always overwhelming to hear of his accomplishments. He was instrumental in the realization of the Mid Hudson Bridge, started the Catholic school system, in Dutchess County, brought in the Marist Brothers, brought in The Sisters of St Francis of Hastings to staff Saint Francis Hospital. It goes on and on. Congratulations to Matty Fitzgerald for organizing.

November is the time of year when we put up a slate of officers for election at our Christmas party meeting. Past President Mike Kelly, Bill O'Hare, and Jack Fedigan will be canvassing members to run for offices. It is important for the vitality of the division to have new faces in office, each year or so. So please take the time to consider the call. The Holidays will be approaching fast so keep December 15th open on your calendar for the Christmas Party Meeting. In closing, I want to wish all my Brothers and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. Please try to attend the meetings. We need you.

God Bless,  
In Brotherhood & Motto,  
Gearoid McVicker, President

MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE WORK FOR YOUR HANDS TO DO.  
MAY YOUR POCKETS HOLD ALWAYS A COIN OR TWO.  
MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE SUN SHINE ON YOUR WINDOW PANE.  
MAY YOUR RAINBOWS BE CERTAIN TO FOLLOW EACH RAIN.  
MAY THE HAND OF A FRIEND ALWAYS BE NEAR YOU.  
AND MAY GOD FILL YOUR HEART WITH GLADNESS TO CHEER YOU.



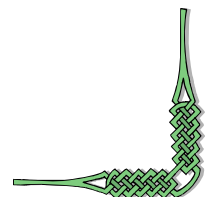


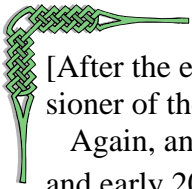
## History of Policing in Ireland

The formal study of the criminal justice system and its procedures has become a routine topic in most community colleges and undergraduate and graduate school programs in the United States. Naturally, law has always been a part of pre-law and legal studies programs in our law schools and other institutions of learning. But, the expanded interest in careers in law enforcement, corrections, and the courts has resulted in the formal study of initial criminal justice proceedings and police history.. In most countries in the past, personal wrongs had been handled by the individual, his family, his tribe or clan. With societies becoming more organized, decisions were made so that it was the responsibility of the state, or the society in general, to protect the individual and his property. Initially this law enforcement function was carried out by the military or similar type units of government. As societies attempted to change from this military model, they began to develop loosely organized “agencies” of enforcement, making use of private business organs. Beginning in the 16<sup>th</sup> and through the very early 19<sup>th</sup> century England, we see the use of the justice of the peace to assist the sheriff, as well as bellman, watchmen, and the hue and cry system; and the formation of the Thames River Police and the Bow Street Runners to name a few. For the past 40 or so years, students in the U.S. are taught that modern policing, as we know it today, dates back to September 29, 1829 in London. The London Metropolitan Police were authorized under legislation prompted by the then Home Secretary [later Prime Minister], Sir Robert Peel. After a somewhat rocky start, the “New Police” became the state of the art in England to the point that these new constables were dubbed with the endearing appellation “Bobbies” because of their crime control successes and acceptance by the populace. Peel was hailed as a innovator for this experiment, not only because of its crime control functions, but also for its new organizational model.

Well, not to be a “begrudger”, the establishment of the London Metropolitan Police by Peel, was not his first experience with civilian-type police forces. Sir Robert Peel had already established the Royal Irish Constabulary in Ireland where it had proved to be a great success. The first organized police forces in Ireland came about through the Peace Preservation Act of 1814 for which Sir Robert Peel was largely responsible (the colloquial, and somewhat derisive, name "Peeler" among the Irish derives from his surname), and the later Irish Constabulary Act in 1822 formed the provincial constabularies. The 1822 Act established a force in each province with chief constables and inspectors general under the control of the British civil administration for Ireland at Dublin Castle. By 1841 this force numbered over 8,600 men. The original force was reorganized under The Act of 1836, which now included all the local and county units, with the first constabulary code of regulations published in 1837. The discipline was tough and the pay was poor. The police faced continual civil unrest among the Irish rural poor, and was involved in many bloody confrontations. Other deployments were against organizations like the Ribbonmen, which attacked landlords and their property and stock. The new “country wide” Constabulary first demonstrated its efficiency against civil agitation and Irish separatism during the Young Ireland campaign. Initially the duty of the Constabulary was keeping the peace which included the suppression of armed rebellion, sectarian riots and agrarian disturbances.

Overall, the Royal Irish Constabulary was responsible for the peace of Ireland with the exception of Dublin, which, by virtue of the 1936 Act, organized its own police force, the Dublin Metropolitan Police. The DMP was modeled closely on the London Metropolitan Police. Not only were the uniforms of the two forces almost indistinguishable, but the two forces also had a similar organizational structure; rather than a Chief Constable, they were commanded by a Commissioner, who was not a police officer, but a magistrate holding a Commission of the Peace. Unlike the RIC, but in common with police forces on the island of Great Britain, the DMP was an unarmed force.





[After the establishment of the Irish Free State, this factor provided the inspiration for the first Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, who declared that the new force should also be unarmed.]

Again, and not to repeat the history of rebellion and uprisings in Ireland during the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and, since it's not the purpose of this article to present a detailed history of those times, suffice it to say that the RIC and the DMP continued their duties effectively as indicated above. One of the major "programs" of the DMP was its intelligence gathering network. In fact, Michael Collins was so impressed [and fearful] of the functioning of the intelligence units that he modeled his own intelligence gathering network on it. After the creation of the Irish Free State the DMP became known as "Políní Átha Cliath" (English: *Police of Dublin*) from 1922–1925, after which the force ceased to exist as a separate entity, and was absorbed into the Garda Síochána (English: *Guardians of the Peace*). Ned Broy, the Dublin Castle Informant, who passed lots of information to Collins [and contrary to the film "Michael Collins" portraying his arrest, torture and death-what did Mark Twain say?], became of the Commissioners of the Garda Síochána in the 1930s.

A final note needs to be said about a well-known, but despicable, force imposed by the British to keep the peace in Ireland during one of the periods dubbed "The Troubles", particularly during 1920-1921. Contrary to popular belief, the so-called "Black and Tans" were not a military unit per se, but an auxiliary division of the Royal Irish Constabulary. They were employed as part of the Royal Irish Constabulary to suppress revolution in Ireland. Known as temporary constables, the recruits were made up mainly of British Army veterans. If the truth were known, there were some who should have been in English jails instead of being utilized as law enforcers.

In 1922, policing in the gerrymandered north of Ireland was carried out by The Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC). In 2001, the RUC became assimilated into the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI).

## Irish Community

### 2012 Emerald Ball

The 2012 Emerald Ball will be held February 4, 2012 at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill NY. This years Grand Marshal is Jane Kelly (Posthumously). Tickets will be made available soon. This is the kick-off event for the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee. For more information or reservations please see anyone from the parade committee. The Gala is open to everyone.



### 2012 Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade

The 2012 parade will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. Line-up is at 12 noon and the parade kicks off at 1:00PM through the Village of Wappingers Falls. The parade features numerous floats, bands and marchers from many organizations throughout Dutchess County and beyond. A parade journal will be printed commemorating the parade, ads can be bought from any parade committee member. Supporters of the parade can gather before and after the parade at several locations throughout the Village including the Knights of Columbus Hall and the VFW Hall. Bring your family out for a great show and loads of fun.





## NATIONAL NEWS

### 2012 National Convention

The 2012 Convention Committee comprised of the AOH and LAOH Divisions in Albany and Syracuse is working diligently as we plan for an enjoyable convention at Turning Stone Resort & Casino in scenic upstate New York.

The days of the week for the 2012 convention do not follow the traditional convention schedule we're accustomed. Our convention schedule is as follows:

- Monday, July 9th- Opening Mass followed by the "Taste of New York" Icebreaker.
- Tuesday, July 10th- Free Night, enjoy one of three events organized by local committee.
- Wednesday, July 11th- "Irish Night".
- Thursday, July 12th- Closing Mass followed by Installation Banquet.

Rooms can be reserved now by calling 1-800-771-7711 and mentioning "Hibernians" for our convention rate of \$115 a night.

Hotel accommodations for our event can only be made by telephone. Please note that hotel rooms are available for our event in many areas of Turning Stone Resort. Specifically, we have secured rooms at "The Hotel," "The Tower" and "The Inn" (near main resort site). Descriptions and location of each of these areas is available online at [www.turningstone.com](http://www.turningstone.com) Free Wi-Fi is available throughout Turning Stone.

In addition to Turning Stone, we have reserved rooms at nearby hotels that include the Fairfield Inn, The Microtel and LaQuinta Inns & Suites. These hotels are across the street or near the entrance to Turning Stone Resort. Shuttle services will be available from each of the hotels to Turning Stone on a regular basis.

The "Hibernian" room rate of \$115 is also available on Sunday night for anyone arriving early. Hospitality Suites for your state/region can be reserved by contacting me directly.

The Local Committee is organizing a golf tournament scheduled for Monday, July 9th at the Shenendoah Golf Course as well as "Free Night" events that include a tour of Irish pubs in downtown Syracuse, dinner boat cruise on Skaneateles Lake and Irish music at Turning Stone. More information regarding the golf tournament and "Free Night" events will be sent out with registration information.

Families are welcome to attend the National Convention as Turning Stone has indoor/outdoor tennis courts, three golf courses (one PGA certified), racquetball courts, pools and spa/treatment services. Nearby attractions include many beaches, parks, the Fort Rickey Game Farm, Children's Museum (Utica), Fort Stanwix and the Boxing Hall of Fame. The National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown is 60 miles away and the Hall has offered Hibernians a discount to the Museum.

Please contact me with any questions at (518) 489-1752 or via e-mail at [liamcnabb@hotmail.com](mailto:liammcnabb@hotmail.com)

## NEW YORK NEWS

### Upcoming New York Meetings 2012

The New York State Board Will Be Meeting on May 5, 2012 in East Durham, NY. This will be in conjunction with the Our Lady of Knock Services on May 6, 2012.

The Board will meet in the Fall of 2012 on November 3, 2012 in Auburn, NY with a joint AOH and LAOH President's Testimonial Dinner that evening.

The National Convention will take place from July 9-12, 2012 in Turning Stone, NY.

# Thank a Veteran today and everyday!



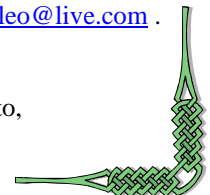
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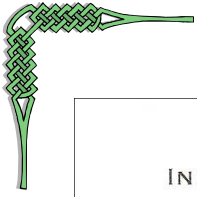
Brothers,

As we approach 2012 and a renewed dues year, please note that annual dues will be raised from \$25.00 to \$30.00. This increase is due to increases imposed on our division from the state and national level. Hopefully this \$5.00 increase is not a hardship and your commitment to our community will make your membership a worthwhile investment to our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss about your membership, please call me at 845-226-1254 or email [bill.leo@live.com](mailto:bill.leo@live.com). Please check-out our website at [www.dutchessaoh.com](http://www.dutchessaoh.com) or our join our facebook page at [dutchessaoh](http://dutchessaoh.com).

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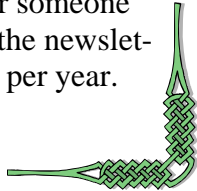
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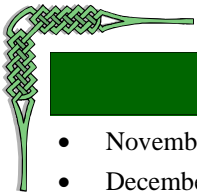
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- November 17 - Regular Business Meeting
- December 15 - Christmas Party Meeting
- January 19 - Regular Business Meeting

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