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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Brothers,

It seems that the cold, rainy period is over and we are starting to enjoy some very nice weather. This is the last newsletter prior to our summer break. So with that said we have lots to cover at the June 16 meeting.

We will start the meeting early 7:00 PM, as we will hold a Shamrock Degree Ceremony for all those newly minted brothers or those who have not yet been able to participate. Refreshments and sandwich will be served.

In addition, a Major Degree Ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 16, at the NYS AOH Convention in the Pearl River Hilton. Details will follow in this newsletter. Vice President Jack Fedigan will personally be contacting all members who have not received their degrees, to determine the number of candidates for both ceremonies. I urge all my brothers to take this opportunity to fulfill their Hibernian Degree requirements.

The monthly meeting will also cover our two major fund raisers for the year. The Jet's Raffle and the Hibernian Charity Dinner Dance. Tickets for both events will be available for distribution at the meeting. I want to thank this year's Jet's raffle chairman Jason Dugan for stepping up to manage the distribution and collection of all raffles. Also, this year's Chairmen for the Dinner Dance are Jack Fedigan, Matt Fitzgerald, Bill O'Hare, and I. The Dinner Dance is Saturday, October 22 and tickets are \$40/person.

The Dinner Dance requires us to sell at least 100 tickets to make the event viable. Years past a few members were able to sell tables of ten to help reach our minimum numbers. This year we are asking the brotherhood to commit to buying Two Tickets to help make the event a success. If you are not able to attend, you can compliment two guests or donate the ticket cost to the fund raiser. For those members who are unable to attend meetings or other events, this is a great way to help our charitable missions. We need your support.

We will have a membership drive at Saint Peters/ Our Lady Of The Rosary, in Hyde Park, on Saturday June 11 at the 4:00 pm mass (St. Peters School) and on Sunday June 12 (Our Lady Of The Rosary) at day masses (9:00, 10:30AM, & 12:00 noon). Please do your best to attend one of the masses and help spread the word about our division. We will have the Irish Cottage there and will be handing out brand new applications and history flyers, compliments of Vice President Jack Fedigan.

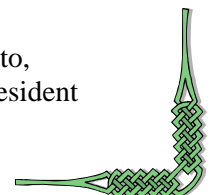
On Saturday June 18, please join Chairman Dave Costello, for our Annual Castle Point VA Summer Picnic at the hospital pavilion. We will meet at 9:30 with coffee and bagels provided, for volunteers, by past chairman Mike Kelly. This is always a great time to do charitable work and to socialize with each other and our families. Please invite your families and friends to support this event.

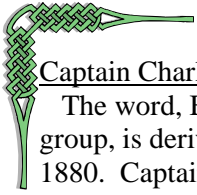
Thanks to our Organizer Bill Leo, Dave Costello, Jason Dugan and his wife for working the DOT Route 9D "adopt a highway clean up" Saturday May 21.

My appreciation goes out to Keith Swingle for accepting the vacant office of Recording Secretary and also for accepting the position of chairman for FFAI (Freedom For All Ireland.) Also, thanks to David Ryan for filling the vacant office of Sentinel. Dave do not forget the cake.

MAY YOUR THOUGHTS BE AS GLAD AS THE SHAMROCKS.
MAY YOUR HEART BE AS LIGHT AS A SONG.
MAY EACH DAY BRING YOU BRIGHT HAPPY HOURS,
THAT STAY WITH YOU ALL YEAR LONG.
FOR EACH PETAL ON THE SHAMROCK
THIS BRINGS A WISH YOUR WAY
GOOD HEALTH, GOOD LUCK, AND HAPPINESS
FOR TODAY AND EVERY DAY.

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





Captain Charles Cunningham Boycott

The word, Boycott, meaning to join with others in refusing to have any dealings with some other individual or group, is derived from an incident that occurred at Lough Mask House near Ballinrobe, County Mayo, Ireland in 1880. Captain Charles Cunningham Boycott was an unpopular English landlord who moved to the Ballinrobe area in 1873 after an inheritance allowed him to take a thirty-one year lease on three hundred acres near Lough Mask. He also became an agent on the nearly one thousand five hundred acres estate of Lord Erne. There were 38 small tenant farmers on Lord Erne's estates near Lough Mask and Castlebar. Captain Boycott was reportedly very strict with his tenants. Locally he was considered a petty tyrant who curtailed privileges that had previously been enjoyed, like collecting wood and taking short cuts across the farm. He showed no leniency when rents were in arrears.

Times were hard in 1879 and 1880 and there was again famine. Boycott, with instructions from Lord Erne, was prepared to allow a 10% reduction in the rents. Most of the tenants insisted on a 25% reduction. Boycott obtained eviction notices against eleven tenants for failure to pay their rent. On September 22, 1880 the local process server, David Sears*, accompanied by an escort of "constabulary" succeeded in serving several notices. Then some local women started to harass Sears and his escort by throwing mud and manure at them while yelling and shouting at them. The ladies managed to intimidate them to the point that they took shelter in the Boycott house and were unable to serve the rest of the notices. The next day Sears was preparing to make another attempt to serve the notices but a large group of people gathered and marched towards Lough Mask House. Egged on by Father John O'Malley, the parish priest at the Neale, they arrived on the Boycott farm and "advised" all of Boycott's servants and farm workers to leave and not return. By the evening of September 23 Boycott and his family were alone on the farm. (Father O'Malley was the only priest in the area who was active in the Land League.) Once the process started it did not stop. The letterboy refused to deliver the mail. The shopkeepers of Ballinrobe refused to wait on the Boycott family. All of the local Catholic population refused to provide any services. Whenever any member of the Boycott household tried to leave the property they were booed and hissed. Boycott applied and was granted police protection. This, in and of itself, was not uncommon in parts of Ireland where there was unrest. The issue at this point remained a local one.

The tenants appealed to Lord Erne to dismiss Boycott and replace him with another agent. Lord Erne, who was elderly and perhaps senile, refused. The locals kept up their isolation of Boycott. A letter from Captain Boycott to the "Times" drew attention to his dilemma. In part he said: ".....people collect in crowds upon my farm and order off all my workmen. The shopkeepers have been warned to stop all supplies to my house. My farm is public property, I can get no workmen to do anything, and my ruin is openly avowed as the object of the Land League unless I throw up everything and leave the country".

The situation became an item in the English Press and in response a group of about 50 Ulster Loyalists volunteered to come to Boycott's aid and bring in his crops. The Ulster volunteers took the train as far as Claremorris where they had expected to be met by carts that would take them to Ballinrobe. The local cart drivers refused to provide their services and the volunteers, escorted by military troops, were forced to march the fourteen miles from Claremorris to Ballinrobe. They did not set off until late in the afternoon and darkness fell early at that time of the year. Hindered by driving rain and various delays it was only after five hours of marching that they reached Ballinrobe where they were greeted by crowds of cat calling, jeering, and booing locals and where there was basically no shelter or food for them. The little town of Ballinrobe was completely overrun with outsiders including at least a 1,000 soldiers, newsmen from around the world and the Ulster volunteers. On the morning of November 12, the troops, with swords raised, escorted the volunteers out of town as all the locals again turned out to jeer. The crowds thinned as they left town and they continued on through the drizzling rain the three miles to Lough Mask House.

Over the next two weeks, tortured by continuous cold and torrential rains, the volunteers brought in the harvest of turnips, mangolds¹, potatoes and corn². On Saturday, November 27 they were escorted back to Ballinrobe where they again spent the night. The next day they were escorted to Claremorris to take the train back to Ulster. Boycott himself quietly decided to go to England. Captain Boycott, his wife and niece were forced to ride in an Army ambulance as no local drivers could be found to take them to the train in Claremorris.

The name boycott was given to this form of social and economic isolation by the American journalist, James Redpath, who covered the story for the American press. He credited Father O'Malley with having come with the idea of using the word. The cost of this singular expedition was about ten thousand pounds, while the value of the harvest gathered did not, it is said, exceed five hundred pounds. Captain BOYCOTT and his family have since left Ireland. The people of the country were very much incensed by his success in getting his crops gathered, and, although his family was treated with respect, he was hooted and cursed wherever he appeared.

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AOH DIVISION 1 EVENTS

JETS TICKET RAFFLE

Our annual fund raiser tickets will be made available at our June meeting, Chairman, Jason Dugan will have tickets with him for the membership to sell. The game this year will be the NY Jets vs NY Giants, December 24, 2011, 1:00PM. The winner will receive 4 game tickets and 1 parking pass for the Meadowlands. Each raffle will be \$5.00 and the drawing will be held at our Charity Dinner / Dance, October 22, 2011. If you cannot make the June 16th meeting, but are interested in getting some tickets or would like more information you can contact Jason at 845-831-0970 or e-mail him at duggie57@msn.com



Charity Dinner / Dance

The Dutchess County AOH will be holding their annual Charity Dinner / Dance October 22, 2011, 7:00PM at the Wappingers Elks Club, Route 376, Wappingers Falls. A complete Roast Beef Dinner with Dessert and Coffee will be served. Music will be provided by Billy Keenan & Prime Time Show Band. There will be Irish Step Dancers, Raffles and Prizes also. All this is just \$40.00 per person. For tickets or more information please contact: Jack Fedigan, Matt Fitzgerald, Bill O'Hare, or Gerry McVicker.



IRISH COMMUNITY

Kevin Barry Irish Club Summer Picnic

August 21, 2011 is the day set for this year's picnic, which will be held at the Town of Washington Park and Pool from Noon to 8:00PM. Music will be provided by The Glenfolk. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the club. Please bring a dish to share. Although the park allows alcoholic beverages to be brought in, the Club only supplies sodas, tea, coffee, and other non-alcoholic beverages. The Town of Washington Park is on Rt. 44 in Mabbettville just east of the Village of Millbrook --- 5.7 miles east of the New York State Police Headquarters. Bring a chair for your comfort since we expect a banner crowd. For more specific directions contact Matt Fitzgerald at 845-454-5308 or e-mail to irishrm@juno.com.



Continuing Education

Dutchess Community College will offering a non-credit Irish History course (course LES 156, CRN #5081) on Tuesdays, 7 - 9PM, September 27th - November 1st. This six week course will explore major milestones through the establishment of the Irish Free State, this will be of interest to those who want to learn more about the people, places, and practices that shaped Irish history. Matt Fitzgerald will be your instructor and the cost is just \$96.



For registration or more information, contact:

Dutchess Community College Office of Community Services 53 Pendell Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(845) 431-8910



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

We have been informed that a Major Degree is offered on Saturday July 16 2011, at the Pearl River Hilton. This is an excellent opportunity for those brothers seeking "The Lessons of The Order". We can arrange a car pool once we have a candidate count. See additional information below for time, dress code, etc.

Major Degree Information:

Date: Saturday, July 16, 2011

Time: Candidates to arrive 11:00 am. Degree begins at 12:00 Noon.

Cost: \$20.00 per candidate (degree observers are n/c)

Coordinator: Walter Butler, 631-736-2171

Location: NYS AOH Convention, Pearl River Hilton

Team: Tara Court MDT

Dress Code: Jacket and Tie

Contact: Jack Fedigan, 914-474-8706

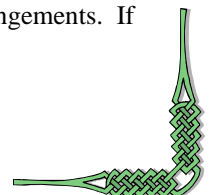
Brothers,

Thank you to all members who have paid their dues. We still have a few stragglers left to pay their dues however, all have interest to remain members.

If you have not paid your dues it's not too late, call me at 845-226-1254 or email bill.leo@live.com to make arrangements. If you have not paid you are no longer in good standing with the order.

Please check-out our website at www.dutchessaoh.com or our join our facebook page at dutchessaoh.

In Brotherhood and Motto,
Bill Leo
Financial Secretary



Catholic University of America

In 1896, 8 years after Catholic University of America (CUA) was founded in Washington, DC, the AOH provided a gift in the amount of \$50,000 to endow a Chair in **Gaelic Languages and Literature**. That endowed fund still exists at Catholic University today, under the title **AOH Chair of Gaelic Language and Literature**. The AOH endowment was looked at with great suspicion by some at CUA when it was originally provided. It was a unique and extremely generous gift at the time and it was only the second endowment the University had ever received, the first being in 1893 (in the amount of \$30,000) by U.S. Catholic Bishops. The only other Celtic department in the United States at that time was at Harvard. Many at the University were suspicious of the AOH at the time actually frowned upon the gift for a Chair calling the organization a “secret society”. One historic reference in a University correspondence of 1892 expressed the view that “this University Chair ought to be labeled the ‘Murderers’ Chair.”

In 1983, Catholic University established **The Center for Irish Studies** which organized lectures and other co-curricular events relating to Irish history, literature, and culture. Subsequently, a Master’s Degree in Irish Studies program started in 1991. The degree program required study of modern Irish language but enrollment in courses for that language included students who were not in the Irish Studies Master’s Degree program. In 2009 the AOH discovered that Catholic University had shut down (if only temporarily) their Irish Studies program because of a shake up and abrupt departure of the acting chair of the department and other associated staff.

Vice President Brendan Moore (a Catholic University alum) and National Director Keith Carney recently met with representatives of Catholic University in Washington, DC to discuss the status of the AOH endowment at the University. The meeting included the Dean Larry Poos of the English Department, Bob Sullivan – the head of Development for Catholic and Dr. Coilin Owens a professor currently teaching an undergraduate Gaelic Language class at CUA. Many options are on the table on how to deal with the AOH endowment and CUA is determined to maintain the fund for use as close to its original intent as possible. Director Carney had requested a status of the endowment provided by the AOH and was provided with a status of the account in October of 2010 – that account currently holds (according to the University’s document) over \$215,000.

While the amount of money currently in the endowment is significant, it is not enough to pay to hire a full time dean to run a Gaelic Studies program. The University could not comment on the accounting of the fund over the years but readily admitted that they had not invested “any” endowments well over the years (until recently). Catholic University has several other endowments that support Irish studies, including the Rose Saul Zalles Chair in Celtic Studies, the John F. Kane Fund, and the Mary Moran Chair in Celtic Language. The two former funds were the chief sources of funding for The Center for Irish Studies activities. While no conclusions were drawn at the meeting, the combining of the other endowments (similar in purpose) to better pool resources in order to fulfill the original intent for the funds was proposed.

The Washington, DC AOH recently organized a Division at Catholic University, named the Sons of Saint Aiden Division and have over 40 members (all college students) that is serving as a model for other College students looking to start divisions.



Pictured (L- R) meeting at Catholic University are Bob Sullivan and Dean Poos of CUA, Vice President Brendan Moore and Director Keith Carney.



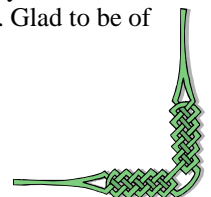
**To all Fathers & Grandfathers
Happy Fathers Day!**

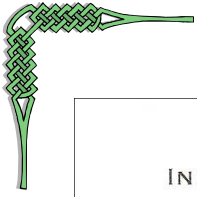


Brothers:

As we approach Summer, I just to take a moment to wish all my Brothers and their loved ones, a very safe, healthy and most of all, Happy Summer. Remember our Veteran’s Picnic, which is one of our last duties, until we meet again in September. Glad to be of service in any possible way that I can. Thank you all for your Mass and good wishes.

William J. "Bill" Schimpf
Past President
Chairman, Standing Committee





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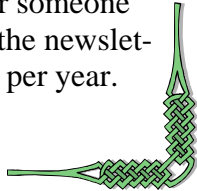
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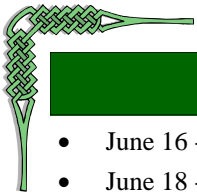
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IMPORTANT DATES

- June 16 - Regular Business Meeting
- June 18 - Castle Point Picnic
- July 16 - Major Degree

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