

Brothers,

The months fly by and we have only two meeting, May and June, prior to our summer recess. Please try your best to attend.

At our last meeting, I informed the membership regarding the An Gorta Mor (The Great Hunger) Commemoration that is happening on May 22, 23, in Irish Communities around the world. The Irish Government has dedicated May 22, and 23 as days to remember the victims of the Great Hunger. On May 23 Catholic Churches in Ireland and around the world will celebrate the Holy Eucharist and ring the church bells at 2:00pm, to remember the victims of that terrible event. In conjunction with the commemoration, our division has scheduled the 12:45 mass at Saint Mary's Mother of the Church, in Fishkill to pay our respects. In addition we have reached out to the Vicariate of Dutchess County to ask all our parishes to remember the victims of the Great Hunger during their masses, in the prayers of the faithful. We would like to have as many brothers and families to join us in this commemoration. Additional details will be available at our May meeting.

Let me take the time to thank brother's Bill O'Hare and Jack Fedigan who have graciously signed on as chairmen of the Veterans picnic and Charity Dinner Dance. Please give both of them your utmost support. I would also like to thank Jim Sweeney for inviting Minister Lauder Smith from House of Faith/ House of Hope to our last meeting to give us additional information on her ministry, to battered women. Her talk was most inspirational and truly a worthy cause. We continue to collect donations for this charity at our monthly meetings.

We have our adopt-a- highway cleanup on Saturday May 7, organized by Bill Leo. Hopefully we can report that it was a success. Our next meeting is on, May 20 at the KofC. Also, our June meeting is the scheduled meeting for all members seeking their Shamrock degree. I urge all brothers who have not yet met this requirement to make their wishes known and show up in force to receive this honor.

In Brotherhood & Motto,

Gearoid McVicker

President

