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## Division Newsletter



### Presidents Message:

Brothers,

As it rapidly comes to a close, let me say that I truly hope that all of our Brothers and their families, have had a very wonderful Summer.

As Fall welcomes its arrival, we as an organization, are particularly reminded of our involvement in two of our wonderful charitable causes, namely, our Annual Baby Shower, and our Annual Charity Dinner Dance. I encourage your involvement in, and support of both of these important events.

Please remember, too, that our next regularly scheduled business meeting is on Thursday, September 18th, 7:30PM, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wappingers Falls. I urge you to attend this meeting, and bring some good positive thoughts and ideas with you, on growing our fine organization. I welcome all of our new members, and among our Brothers, want to thank Jerry Clarke, Jim Whalen, Mike Kelly, for encouraging you to join the AOH.

Let me thank my Brothers, for getting involved by helping our Kingston Brothers, with their very successful Hooley On The Hudson, and the Barking Frog 1st Annual Charity Golf Event, both very worthy charitable causes. Keep up the good work.

Let me close, by wishing all of you and your loved ones, God's Blessing now, and always. See ya soon.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

William J. "Bill" Schimpf  
President  
AOH Div 1, Dutchess County



Please keep in your prayers the families of the 9/11 tragedy and also the victims of Hurricane Ike. And always keep our Servicemen and Veterans in your daily prayers

### Financial Secretary's Corner

Brothers,

I hope all of you have had a safe and enjoyable Summer. Now that September is upon us, before you know it we'll be having our annual dinner dance. Please get in touch with Jim Whelan if you have sold your tickets and if you require more or have any unsold tickets.

I want to thank all our members who purchased Hooley on the Hudson Raffle tickets from me this year. In a desire to help the Kingston AOH, I asked them for some tickets to sell. For my request, I was handed two hundred. Thanks to brother Brendan Daly, the Dubliner Irish Pub and Shannon Fatum from the Hyde Park Brewery, and many other AOH brothers, I was able to sell one hundred and fifty of them. With the luck of the Irish!, our own brother Tommy Sheridan purchased the winning Hooley Raffle ticket, a trip for two to Ireland. In keeping with his reputation for being a fine and generous brother, he purchased the ticket for his sister and brother-in-law and he was ever so happy to receive the news that one of his tickets won. Kudos to Tommy. For anyone who hasn't attended the Hooley on the Hudson, I ask you to please do so next year. I hope to see as many members as possible at our next meeting.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Slainte,

Jerry Clarke,  
Financial Secretary,

## A Wee Bit of Irish History

### **Ardamullivan Castle, County Galway**

Standing on the brow of a secluded valley and surrounded by trees, this is a well-preserved early 16th-century tower house of the O'Shaughnessy's. The castle is first mentioned in 1567 on the death of Sir Roger O'Shaughnessy. He was succeeded by his brother Dermot, "the Swarthy", known as "the Queen's O'Shaughnessy" for his support of the Crown. He became very unpopular in the district and indeed among his own family after he betrayed Dr Creagh, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, who had sought refuge in the woods on O'Shaughnessy territory. In 1579 his nephew John, popular heir to the family estates and title, fought with Dermot outside the south gate of the castle and both claimants were killed. In the last century the ruin was renovated.

Located 8 km (5 miles) S of Gort due W of the main Ennis Road. NGR: R 443950.

### **Athenry Castle, County Galway**

The great fortress and walled town of Athenry played a vital role in the Anglo-Norman control of East Connaught. Construction of the castle can be dated to between 1235-41 and was undertaken by Meiler de Bermingham after being granted a charter by William de Burgo, the Anglo-Norman conqueror of much of Connaught. It comprises a particularly well-preserved first-floor hall standing isolated within a walled enclosure, which forms part of the town's mural defences. The bailey has been much restored, and there is a round tower at the south-east corner and fragments of another on the north-east. Excavations in 1989 did not resolve the problematic question of the exact location and nature of the entrance, which presumably lay in the south-west corner. The town's walls were begun in 1312 and considerable lengths can still be seen. Not long after the completion of their walls one of the bloodiest battles of medieval Ireland was fought outside the town between Phelim O'Connor, King of Connaught, and the Anglo-Normans. The defeat of the Irish was so decisive that the constant struggle with the O'Connors came to an end - a process that seems to have resulted in a decline in the importance and strength of the town. It fell an easy prey to Red Hugh O'Donnell in 1596 and never recovered from the damage he inflicted.

### **EDITORS NOTE**

Dear Brothers,

The next issue of this newsletter will be in October. Could anyone who would like to see something published in that issue please have it to me by September 21st. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

*Gene*

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## AOH Division 1 Events

### Good Council Home Baby Shower

Please keep Sunday October 5th from 2 - 4 PM open. We will be having our annual Baby Shower to benefit the Good Council Home in Poughkeepsie. It will be held at the Wappingers Council Knights of Columbus in Wappingers Falls. We encourage all members to contribute some items for the shower. Items needed are: diapers, lotion, baby powder, wipes, onezees, etc.. Also, please don't forget the moms they could use cosmetics, lotions, etc.. The home is upgrading their kitchen and could use a countertop microwave. All members who have helped make this event a heartwarming success are encouraged to aid us once more, our new brothers and the rest of the membership your help is also needed, it is an experience that you will always remember. Please encourage your parish to print the Baby Shower notice that has been sent to them. For more information contact Brother Gerry McVicker at (845) 227-2326.

### Charity Dinner Dance

Saturday October 18th is the date for our annual Charity Dinner Dance to be held at the Elks Lodge in Wappingers Falls. A Complete Roast Beef Dinner with Dessert & Coffee will be served and there will be Irish Step Dancers, Raffles and Prizes. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. For more information or tickets please call: Jim (845) 849-1047 or Matt (845) 454-5308

## 2008 DIVISION OFFICERS

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### Important Dates

- ◆ September 18th - Regular meeting at K of C
- ◆ October 5th - Baby Shower at K of C
- ◆ October 16th - Regular meeting at K of C
- ◆ October 18th - Charity Dinner / Dance at the Elks

### Prayers for the Sick

Mike Connelly  
Bill Schimpf  
Noel Morris

### On the Radio 91.3 FM:

*"A Little Bit of Ireland"*

Hosted by our own Cornelius and  
broadcast from Vassar College.  
Tuesday's from 10 AM to 11 AM.

### \* In Memoriam \*

### Irish Community

#### Upcoming Event Dates:

- ◆ St. Brendan The Navigator AOH Division 17, Long Beach NY is having their 19th Annual Long Beach Irish Heritage Day Parade and Festival, Saturday October 4th, 10 AM. Parade starts at 12 PM sharp.



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