



# Division Newsletter

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## Presidents Message

Brothers and Friends of the AOH,

We have two monthly meetings left before our summer break. Don't get too comfortable though, we have much to accomplish in the next few weeks. On the weekend of May 19th and May 20th, the division will be partnering with Birthright at St. Mary's in Fishkill. Two volunteers are needed for each session. Jack Fedigan and Ken Brown will be handling AOH responsibilities for the 5:30PM Mass on Saturday. Volunteers are expected to be at the church about 20 minutes before Mass begins. The Masses on Sunday are as follows: 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15AM and 12:45PM. We will have a sign up sheet at our next scheduled AOH meeting on Thursday May 17th. If you are unable to attend but would like to volunteer please contact me so I can add you on the list.

On June 3rd, the AOH will be making a donation to the St. Mary's of Wappingers Falls food pantry in remembrance of an Gorta Mor, also known as the Great Hunger. This will satisfy our Hibernian Hunger Project for the year. Father Daniel D'Alliessi has agreed to let our division participate in the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday June 3rd. This could be a great networking opportunity for us. Please try and attend. A letter has been sent to each brother by Gerry McVicker to request donations for this wonderful cause. Please do your best to donate. Any and all donations are acceptable. Looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours in friendship,  
Michael Shepherd  
AOH President

*Mothers  
hold their  
children's hands  
for a while,  
but their hearts  
forever.*



*Don't forget Mother's Day!*



**GRANT ME A SENSE OF HUMOR, LORD,  
THE SAVING GRACE TO SEE A JOKE,  
TO WIN SOME HAPPINESS FROM LIFE,  
AND PASS IT ON TO OTHER FOLK.**





## Historian's Corner

Brothers, this has been a bad month for me. As you know, I missed our April meeting for personal reasons and some of those reasons still remain. Since we did not get a chance to discuss these previously submitted trivia questions, I am posting the answers. At our May meeting I hope to have some more trivia questions for discussion purposes. For the last newsletter of the program year I will return somewhat to the topic schedule I posted earlier, along with other items I have generally included for your interest and entertainment.

### **1] According to new research, when and where was the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in America?**

\*St. Augustine, FL. [1601] -- St. Patrick's Day in 1600 ... Documents uncovered in December of 2017 reveal that spring festivities which included a feast day of San Patricio (St. Patrick] \* Boston was 1737

\* New York was 1762 \* Savannah, GA was 1824

### **2] When was the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ireland?**

\*Waterford in 1903. [A very recent article in the IrishCentral.com claims that St. Patrick's Day was "invented" in or around the 17<sup>th</sup> Century by a Fr. Luke Wadding, a Franciscan.]

### **3] Where is the Celtic Sea?**

\* The Celtic Sea is the area of the Atlantic Ocean off the south coast of Ireland bounded to the east by Saint George's Channel; other limits include the Bristol Channel, the English Channel, and the Bay of Biscay, as well as adjacent portions of Wales, Cornwall, Devon, and Brittany. The southern and western boundaries are delimited by the continental shelf, which drops away sharply. The Isles of Scilly are an archipelago of small islands in the sea.

### **4] According to legend, the devil spat out what (out of his mouth)?**

\*According to legend, the Rock of Cashel appeared when the devil took a bite from the mountain known as the "Devil's Bit" and spat it back out. It landed in the middle of the Tipperary country side and became the Rock of Cashel. This occurred when St. Patrick banished Satan from a cave located there in the mountain.

### **5] Charles Stewart Parnell's downfall resulted from a romantic entanglement with what woman?**

\*Katharine O'Shea --- Katie to friends; Kitty to her enemies.

### **6] Which city in the Province of Ulster was the subject of a siege from December 1688 July 1689?**

\*Derry [time frame is questionable --- was only 105 days]

### **7] Who was known as the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland?**

\*Oliver Cromwell

### **8] Who was known as the Liberator?**

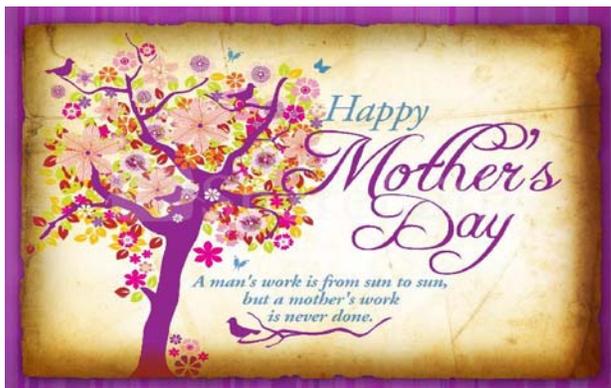
\*Daniel O'Connell

### **9] Recent research purports that the "first" Irishman [Celt] had what skin tone, eye color, and hair color and texture?**

\*Very dark skin, blue eyes, and dark curly hair. This new research bears out settlement times of Celtic groups in Hungary, Luxembourg, and Spain.

### **10] When was the Irish Tri-Color first flown publicly?**

\*The Irish flag --- also known as the Irish tricolor --- was flown publicly for the first time during the Young Irelander Rebellion of 1848, on March 7, in Waterford City, at the Wolfe Tone Confederate Club. In the U.S. it was flown by Thomas Francis Meagher, then a leader of the Young Irelander movement, who would go down in history as Brigadier General Thomas Francis Meagher of the Union Army during the American Civil War.



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## *Dutchess County AOH Msgr. Sheahan, Div 1*

Brothers,

The month of May, this year, is dedicated as “Hibernian Hunger Project” month. As you all know, there was NO famine in Ireland, however there was “An Gorta Mor” – The Great Hunger. During the years of 1845–1852 Ireland suffered its worst potato blight, which rotted the potatoes and afforded the Irish people nothing to eat. The English government decidedly did nothing, choosing not to disrupt the political-economic model of the time. Between 1845-50 approximately 1.5 million Irish men, women & children died from malnutrition, dysentery and other related diseases. By 1857 over 2 million fled their homeland to avoid a similar fate. Each one of us, Irish born or Irish-American born, can trace our roots to that infamous period in all of Ireland’s suffering. Each one of us had a relative who suffered the pain of hunger.

As a division, we are asking, for all our brothers to do two things in memory of the Great Hunger. First, if you can afford to, donate \$20 or the equivalent value in food items, to help our neighbors’ who have found themselves at the food pantries. Second attend Mass, in remembrance of all those who suffered hunger and death during An Gorta Mor. The Mass this year will be on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30AM at St. Mary, Our lady of the Falls, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Last year, we had a tremendous turn out for the Mass and made a donation of \$1,000 to The Church of the Holy Trinity Food Pantry. We are looking for similar support this year. I know I can count on you. The recipient of our efforts this year will be St. Mary’s Food Pantry, located in the former Convent which is the building in front of St. Mary’s School in Wappingers Falls. We would like as many brothers as possible to attend this Mass, to promote our brotherhood.

Immediately after Mass, as a group, we will present a check to Father Daniel D’Alliessi of St. Mary’s Food Pantry.

If you can help us, we have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank You & God Bless,  
In Brotherhood & Motto

Gearoid McVicker,  
Hibernian Hunger Project Coordinator

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## Financial Secretary Corner

Brothers,

Most of our members have their 2018 dues paid and we thank you for that. For those who are stilling outstanding, please send in the \$30.00 as soon as possible.

As always, if you know anyone who you feel will make a good candidate, have them fill out the new membership application and then we will follow up.

Please take the time out of your busy schedules to come to a meeting. As our motto states, help us make Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity our top priority.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our meetings and making our division as strong as it can be.

In Brotherhood & Motto,  
Jack Fedigan  
256 Osborne Hill Road  
Fishkill, NY 12524



*It's always time for membership, ask your friends, neighbors, even members of your church!  
The only requirements are that you need to be a male, at least 16 years old, Irish and Catholic.  
Help make our Division grow. Bring someone to a meeting!*

## Important Dates

- May 13th, Mother's Day
- May 17th, Regular business meeting
- May 19th, Evening Mass for BirthRight
- May 20th, BirthRight Masses
- June 3rd, Hibernian Hunger Project Mass
- June 21st, Regular business meeting

## Prayers for the Sick

Paul Becker	Deacon Bob & Judy Horton
Noel Morris	Nathan Redmond
Bill Schimpf	Jim Sweeney

\* In Memoriam \*



"THE HISTORY OF IRELAND IN TWO WORDS: *Ah WELL.*

THE INVASION BY THE VIKINGS: *Ah WELL.*

THE INVASION BY THE NORMANS. THE FLIGHT OF THE EARLS, MR OLIVER CROMWELL. DANIEL O'CONNELL, ROBERT EMMETT, THE FAMINE, CHARLES STEWART PARNELL, EASTER RISING, MICHAEL COLLINS, ÉAMON DE VALERA, ÉAMON DE VALERA AGAIN (DEAR GERMANY, SO SORRY TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF YOUR MR HITLER), ÉAMON DE VALERA AGAIN, THE TROUBLES, THE TRIBUNALS, THE FIANNA Fáil PARTY, THE CHURCH, THE BANKS, THE EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS OF RAIN: *Ah WELL.*

IN THE AENEID VIRGIL TELLS IT AS *SUNT LACRIMAE RERUM*, WHICH IN ROBERT FITZGERALD'S TRANSLATION MEANS 'THEY WEEP FOR HOW THE WORLD GOES', WHICH IS MORE ELOQUENT THAN *Ah WELL* BUT MEANS THE SAME THING."

~~ Niall Williams, History of the Rain ~~



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