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**March
 2019**

Presidents Message 

Brothers and Friends of the AOH,

As Parade Day approaches I wanted to encourage all members to invite their spouses, children, grandchildren & other family members to march with us to show support for our organization and for the community we live in. Please remember to wear you “official” AOH Hanna Hat (if you haven’t already gotten yours, please contact me and I will have it waiting for you at Lineup! - \$50 for members)

A reminder that Mass will be held at St. Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls at 9AM on Parade Day (Saturday, March 2nd) as well.

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As mentioned before, we have a new order of “Official” AOH Vintage Tweed Caps just delivered from Hanna Hats in Donegal, Ireland. \$50 for members, \$65 for supporters of the AOH.

We had a new member sworn in at the last meeting, Paddy O’Mara, along with the new slate of officers officially inducted. Thanks to Kevin Moore & Kevin Cummings for being there to assist us.

Our next business meeting will be held on the 3rd TUESDAY of March, that being the 19th. I look forward to seeing you all there.



Until we meet again, May the Road Rise to Meet You
 CJ Tomaskovic
 AOH President
 Dutchess Co. Msgr. Sheahan Division 1

St. Patrick was a gentleman
 Who through strategy and stealth
 Drove all the snakes from Ireland.
 Here’s toasting to his health.
 But not too many toasting
 Lest you lose yourself and then
 Forget the good St. Patrick
 And see all those snakes again



**MAY THE LEPRECHAUNS BE NEAR YOU,
 TO SPREAD LUCK ALONG YOUR WAY.
 AND MAY ALL THE IRISH ANGELS,
 SMILE UPON YOU ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**



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Historian-Seanchai's Corner:

Believe it or not I am starting this month's article on the Monday before the Emerald Ball when our good friend and supporter, Doreen Shephard, will be installed as this year's Grand Marshal of the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade in Wappinger Falls. "All Praise To St. Patrick" for a grand choice.

I don't think it was noticeable, but I failed to send along my full article for February. Bad cess to him who infected my computer with pioses. In perusing Tim Pat Coogan's book about the Irish Diaspora, "Wherever Green Is Worn", I discovered a poem by Arthur O'Shaughnessy entitled "The Music-Makers". It contains three stanzas, but the first one is of great significance for us in our quest to celebrate who we are and the impact we have made on the world with the spreading of our culture and our Holy Catholic Faith.

*We are the music-makers, And we are the dreamers of dreams,
Wandering by lone sea-breakers, And sitting by desolate streams:
World-losers and world-forsakers, On whom the pale moon gleams:
Yet we are the movers and the shakers of the world for ever, it seems.*

In lieu of a formal piece on history and/or culture I am presenting a "couple of three" questions for your entertainment and the learning on a limited basis. They might also be useful for discussion purposes at our March meeting.

- ◆ By which other name is Dublin's Ha'penny Bridge also known?
- ◆ Which city is also named 'the city of the tribes'?
- ◆ What was the Gaelic name for the Fairy Folk's eternal home? .
- ◆ By which other names were the Fairy Folk also called?
- ◆ What are the Twelve Bens?
- ◆ Before lamb was used, what meat did an Irish stew traditionally contain? .
- ◆ Kissing the Blarney Stone is believed to confer what on a person? And what else?
- ◆ According to the old folksong, what was Molly Malone selling in Dublin?
- ◆ Name the influential Irish novelist and poet whose works include "The Dubliners", "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," and "Ulysses." Dublin's Rotunda Hospital pioneered the training of which kind of medical professional?
- ◆ Which popular comical TV series was filmed in the Irish village of Avoka?
- ◆ Fathers Ted and Dougal were the two Catholic "priests" in the popular TV series set on what fictional island?
- ◆ What gives the Purple Mountains in Kerry their color?
- ◆ Which Irish sport is featured in the mythical tales of Cú Chulainn [Cúchulainn]?

GUEST CONTRIBUTOR Last month I referred to "The Fields of Athenry" asking certain questions that you might wish to explore. I was happy to get an email from Brother Patrick Turbitt about that. It was great to hear from him and how he is doing; more importantly, his taking the time to respond to the newsletter article was greatly appreciated. Rather than insert any of my own "blathering" comments, with his permission, I am including his email in its entirety. "Hello Matt - greetings from a sunny but cool (42 degrees) Myrtle Beach. I read your article this month and wanted to provide some information/answer to your questions regarding the song "The Fields of Athenry". I am not sure if you are asking for information or challenging our brothers to do some research, but this is what I know about it. It [The Fields of Athenry] was written by Pete St. John in the 70's. St. John, a Dublin man, has written a bunch of similar songs such as "The Ferryman" recorded by the Dublin City Ramblers, "In the Rare Old Times" recorded by many including Ronnie Drew and "Ringsend Rose" which was recorded by Brendan Grace. The song tells the story of a fictional Michael who is being transported to Australia, a common punishment at the time. Australia was a young British colony in need of free labor and using transportation as a punishment was a good way of getting it. Michael's crime was stealing corn to feed his starving family. The line "he stole Trevelyan's corn" refers to Lord Charles Trevelyan who was put in charge of famine relief. As he believed the famine was a punishment from God for the Godlessness and laziness of the Irish, he may not have been the best man for the job! He continued to export tons of good quality grain from Ireland and importing cheap maize from India which the Irish did not know how to cook or use and was of little help. I don't know if Michael was transported for stealing the good grain bound for export or the imported maize. In the song Michael reminisces of the good time he and his wife had and his wish that she raises their child (the song does not tell us if it is a boy or girl) with dignity. The song's connection to sports goes back to the 1990 World Cup when Irish supporters adopted it as their anthem and sang it in the stands, it later became the anthem of Glasgow Celtic soccer team, a team historically supported by the Catholic population of Glasgow. It has now become a common anthem at many GAA, Rugby and Soccer sporting events in Ireland along with Irish supporters of British soccer clubs like Manchester United and Liverpool. It is also Galway's unofficial anthem sung in the stands at GAA games when Galway is playing.

In regard to visiting Kilmainham Gaol I was there in 2017 and it is indeed an interesting place. I would advise anyone thinking of visiting to book their tour on line as they do not accept walk ins. We went there in 2016 without a reservation and were told we would have to make a reservation on line and come back.

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Unfortunately, the next available date was two days later, the day we were returning to the US. Hope you are doing well. God Bless Patrick Turbitt [Kudos and many thanks to Brother Pat.]

NOTE: Now that Pat has broken the ice, I hope that ye will feel comfortable doing the same.

From AN CISTIN [the kitchen]... In a previous article I mentioned the tremendous success of the Kerrygold company's butter in America; at the time I reported on this, Kerrygold butter had succeeded in becoming number 2 in butter sales in this country. So, when I saw this recipe with the suggested use of Kerrygold butter, I felt it was a natural to include at this time of the year...the Holy Season of St. Patrick. Usually around this time we present recipes involving corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew [with lamb or beef], salmon [not the salmon of knowledge, of course], Irish soda bread, and a dessert made with some form of adult beverage...Guinness or Irish whiskey. This month I am sticking to the last item on the list...a dessert.

Celtic apple crumble with Irish whiskey cream sauce. As you know, apples play a significant role in the American diet and the health process. We all remember the age-old adage of "An apple a day...". Nor can we overlook the great resurgence of the use and health benefits of Apple Cider Vinegar. Some of you, at least those who had reached the Age of Reason before the end of World War II, may remember a Disney movie, "Melody Time", which presents an animated version about the Legend of Johnny Applesseed [John Chapman]. That legend has it that he roamed the U.S. in the early 19th Century "broadcasting" his apple seeds. It is a certainty **that when the Irish immigrated here, notwithstanding an ongoing "Hunger" situation in Ireland, they were very familiar with this food.** Apples have been grown in Ireland for **at least 3000 years.** St. Patrick is said to have planted a number of apple trees in Ireland, including one at Ceangoba, a settlement close to where [Armagh](#) is now situated. [Armagh is known as The Orchard County.] Needless to say, apple cider has also become a popular drink. Apples have always played an important part in Irish folklore, tradition and diet, so it's no surprise to find apple desserts in great supply and variety. This apple crumble dessert, sometimes called 'apple crunch'; when the apples are first cooked to soften them, is flavored with a respectable dose of Irish whiskey and topped with a buttery oatmeal crumble. Serve it with vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, or Irish Whiskey Cream Sauce" says Margaret Johnson, Irish food expert and cookbook author.

INGREDIENTS:

Filling:

- 1/3 cup water
- 2 tablespoons Irish whiskey
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4-5 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and sliced
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

Crumble:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup (packed) light brown sugar
 - 6 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish Salted Butter
 - 1 cup quick-cooking (not instant) Irish oatmeal, such as McCann's brand
- Irish Whiskey Cream Sauce:**
- 1 cup heavy (whipping) cream
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 2 tablespoons Irish whiskey

DIRECTIONS:

Filling:

To make the filling, in a small saucepan over medium heat, bring the water and whiskey to a boil. Stir in the raisins and vanilla. Remove from the heat, cover, and let stand for 1 hour, or until the raisins have absorbed most of the liquid. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Butter an 8- or 9-inch square glass baking dish. In a large bowl, toss the apples with the sugar, cinnamon and ginger. Stir in the raisins and cooking liquid and arrange in the prepared pan.

Crumble:

To make the crumble, combine the flour, brown sugar and butter in a food processor. Pulse 4-5 times to form coarse crumbs. Stir in the oats. Sprinkle the mixture over the fruit and bake for about 40 minutes, or until the topping is golden and the apples are tender. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Irish Whiskey Cream Sauce:

In a deep bowl, beat the cream with an electric mixer on high until soft peaks form. Dissolve the honey in the whiskey. Fold the honey mixture into the whipped cream and spoon over the crumble.

FROM THE JOKEBOOK...Cockpit Announcement

Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached its cruising altitude, the captain announced: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain. Welcome to Flight 317, non-stop from London-Heathrow to New York. The weather ahead is good, so we should have an uneventful flight. So, sit back, relax, and... OH...MY GOD!" Silence followed.....

Some moments later, the captain came back on the intercom. "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a flight attendant accidentally spilled coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants." From the back of the plane, an Irish passenger yelled: "For the luv a' Jaysus you should see the back o' mine!"

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Brothers,

Membership Card are now available, please send in your dues to receive yours! Mail your payment to the address below.



In Brotherhood & Motto,
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*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!*

Ramblings From the Deacon's Bench

ALERT...ALERT...ALERT

We are within a couple weeks of closing out the Church's Ordinary Time and the beginning of Lent.

On Wednesday March 6th, we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, a most fitting time for reflection, fasting and penance. Ash Wednesday is a universal day of **fast** and **abstinence** (as is Good Friday) in the Church and all Fridays only days of abstinence from meat.

On this day, ashes are blessed and distributed to all after a brief homily. These ashes are of branches of olive trees, or, according to custom, of the palm branches of the previous year. Apart from mass, a Liturgy of the Word precedes the rite of blessing, concluding with General Intercessions, The Lord's Prayer and a hymn.

As we receive the ashes on our foreheads the minister, or extraordinary minister where needed, will say:

Repent and believe in the Gospel or Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

The Lenten season is a most appropriate time to reflect where we are with our spiritual lives and what we need to do (as we always do) to achieve a closer relationship with God - our Creator and Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

We reflect (maybe, 15 minutes each day, reading scriptures or lives of a saints we imitate), increase prayer, maybe weekday mass and we are more in tune with our need for penitence. Certainly, good works are also very appropriate during Lent as offerings to God. This time we spend should focus on the future as well as the past. God had been present in all that our Ancient Order of Hibernians have accomplished this year, in our brotherhood and in our families, and will be with us in our future endeavors.

While Lent calls us to repentance and Holy Week on the passion of Christ, we cannot help but recognize that great joy awaiting all of us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and opening the gates of heaven for us.

May our Lord bless us and our families and encourage us through this Lenten Season,

Deacon Bob



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Division Activities

The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade, will be held on March 2nd, line-up at 12noon and step off at 1:00PM. We will be marching. Members should invite their spouses, children, grandchildren & other family members to march with us to show support for our organization and for the community we live in. A reminder that Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls at 9AM on Parade Day as well.

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- ◆ **March 13th - Lunch Box dinner**
- ◆ **March 15th - Event at Mahoney's**
- ◆ **March 19th - Regular Business Meeting**
- ◆ **April 16th - Regular Business Meeting**
- ◆ **May 21st - Regular Business Meeting**

*Just some of the activities your
 Dutchess County,
 Division 1, AOH is involved in.
 Be a good member and join in, be ACTIVE!*

Important Dates

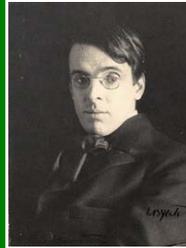
- ◆ February 9th; Emerald Ball
- ◆ February 19th; Regular Business Meeting
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Prayers for the Sick

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* In Memoriam *



“ The Celt, and his cromlechs, and his pillar-stones, these will not change much – indeed, it is doubtful if anybody at all changes at any time. In spite of hosts of deniers, and asserters, and wise-men, and professors, the majority still are adverse to sitting down to dine thirteen at a table, or being helped to salt, or walking under a ladder, or seeing a single magpie flirting his chequered tale. There are, of course, children of light who have set their faces against all this, although even a newspaperman, if you entice him into a cemetery at midnight, will believe in phantoms, for everyone is a visionary, if you scratch him deep enough. But the Celt, unlike any other, is a visionary without scratching.”

~~William Butler Yeats~~



“ St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate our green heritage. The ancestry of Ireland. It is a day to celebrate what it means to be Irish and of Irish descent.”

~~Anthony T. Hincks~~

It's okay to be green. And.. It's okay to be Irish.”

~~Anthony T. Hincks~~



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