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# DIVISION NEWS

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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Brothers,

First I would like to apologize for the tardiness of this letter. As I, like everyone else, was tied up with Hurricane Sandy. I hope that everyone came through it alright. Please keep all those who suffered major losses and in some cases death as a result of the storm in your prayers.

I want to congratulate the Charity Dinner Dance Committee, Matt Fitzgerald, Gerry McVicker and Mike Quinn on a job well done. It was a tremendous evening and I think we all agree the band was terrific. The icing on the cake was having Maire McVicker join them and sing some of her favorite songs. I would like to send out to The Kevin Barry Club a special thank you for your continued support of our Charity Dinner Dance. I don't think we could be successful without you guys! Lastly, a big thank you to The Kevin Broessler School of Irish Step Dancing, the children were terrific. This was the first year that Mike Quinn ran the raffle and I would like to thank him and his helpers Noreen and Jim Sweeney and Mike Shephard on a job well done. As usual the Elks Club did a terrific job and we thank them. To our Brother Hibernians who took tickets, but were unable to be there we thank you for your generosity.

In addition to the dance, I would like to thank Jason Dugan for another fine job with the Jets raffle. It was a huge success and we will have the report at our next meeting. Thank you to Matt Fitzgerald for his tireless efforts in selling tickets for this charity.

On Friday, November 2, 2012 we had our annual Msgr. Joseph Sheahan Mass at our Lady of Rosary Chapel in Hyde Park. Thank you all for attending. It was truly a wonderful Mass and as always Father Garisto gave a wonderful homely and history of Msgr. Sheahan, which was truly inspiring. We are truly lucky to have Msgr. Sheahan as our namesake and it is always wonderful to hear of his many accomplishments.

November is the time of year we put up a slate of offices for election at our Christmas party meeting in December. The committee of Mike Kelly, John Kelly, Ken Brown and Michael Moran will hopefully have the new slate of offices for the upcoming year, so be at the meeting Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, please mark on your calendars for our December meeting that will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Dubliner. This is always a terrific evening.

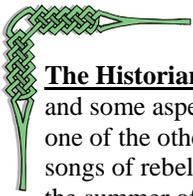
In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Please try to attend the meetings, we need you!  
God Bless.

In Brotherhood & Motto,  
Jack Fedigan

	<p>MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS TO LIVE, FOR SURE HE MUST BE KNOWING. THE EARTH HAS ANGELS ALL TOO FEW. AND HEAVEN IS OVERFLOWING</p>	
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**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**





**The Historian's Corner** Last month, among other things, we dealt with some of the leaders of the Society of United Irishmen and some aspects of prisons in 19<sup>th</sup> century Ireland, specifically Kilmainham Jail in Dublin. We now will turn our attention to one of the other historically notorious prisons in Dublin. All one has to do is recall the opening lines of one of the famous songs of rebellion - Kevin Barry - and you have it. "In Mountjoy Jail one Monday morning..." When I visited Mountjoy in the summer of 1990, it was still operating as a prison under the authority of the Irish Republic. Kevin Barry was a young college student [18 years of age] and a Volunteer in the Irish Republican Army, which was locked in combat with the forces of the Crown in Ireland's War of Independence. He was assigned to the then newly formed "H" Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in Dublin. He was captured on September 20, 1920, with his trial and order of sentencing being completed by October 31 of that same year. He was hanged the next day, November 1, 1920 – All Saints Day. Even after his death, Barry did not "leave" Mountjoy Jail for many years. He was executed in the morning after Mass and reception of the Eucharist on that Holy Day of Obligation. Barry's body was buried at 1.30 PM, in a plot near the women's prison. His comrade and fellow-student Frank Flood was buried alongside him four months later. A plain cross marked their graves and those of Patrick Moran, Thomas Whelan, Thomas Traynor, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Bryan, Bernard Ryan, Edmond Foley and Patrick Maher who were also hanged in the same prison for their part in the War of Independence before the Treaty of July 1921. They became known in republican circles as The Forgotten Ten. Eighty years after the signing of that treaty, Barry's remains and those of his comrades were removed from the prison yard. On 14 October 2001, the remains of Kevin Barry and these nine other volunteers were given a state funeral and moved from Mountjoy Prison to be re-interred at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin.

**The Forgotten Ten**

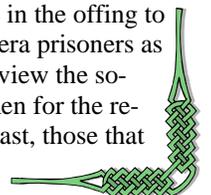


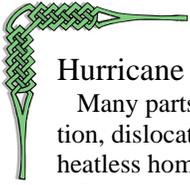
rick Bryan    Frank Barry    Patrick Doyle    Bernard Flood    Thomas Moran    Thomas Ryan    Patrick Whelan    Edmond Traynor    Maher    Foley

On that mid-October day, the Forgotten Ten were afforded full state honors, with a private service at Mountjoy Prison for the families of the dead, a requiem mass at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral and burial in Glasnevin Cemetery. The progress of the cortege through the centre of Dublin was witnessed by crowds estimated as being in the tens of thousands who broke into spontaneous applause as the coffins passed. On O'Connell Street a lone piper played a lament as the cortege paused outside the General Post Office, the focal point of the 1916 Easter Rising. In his graveside oration the Taoiseach Bertie Ahern echoed the following sentiments and also paid tribute to the Ten: "These 10 young men were executed during the War of Independence. The country was under tremendous pressure at the time. There was a united effort for true Independence; meanwhile, elected by the people, the Dáil Éireann was developing, in spite of a war going on. Democracy was being put to work. Independent civic institutions, including the Dáil courts, were beginning to function. Before their deaths, the ten had seen the light of freedom. They understood that Ireland would be free and independent. The state funeral, broadcast live on national television and radio, was only the thirteenth since independence. Patrick Maher would not be reburied with his comrades. In accordance with his wishes, and those of his family, he was reinterred in Ballylanders, County Limerick. [Mountjoy Prison is located on the North Circular Road in the Phibsboro section of Dublin.]

Earlier in 1990, I also visited Portlaoise Prison, which is on the Dublin Road in Portlaoise, County Laois. The location [southwesterly] on the Dublin Road is approximately one-third the distance between the city of Dublin and Tralee, County Kerry. The facility was built in the 1830s. The prison has a capacity for 399 prisoners, but because of the security sensitive nature of its inmates, it operates below this capacity. A large number of well armed Irish Defense Forces soldiers guard the prison 24 hours a day, making it one of the most secure prisons in Europe. As you may have surmised, it is one of Ireland's oldest prisons. Today the majority of the inmates are Ireland's most dangerous criminals, members of dangerous drug gangs, and criminals serving life sentences for serious crime. A number of Irish Republican prisoners are still in the old E Block. Anyone charged under the Offences Against the State Act must be sent to the prison because of its unique security measures. During my visit the Deputy Governor pointed out the reinforced front walls of the prison which were made necessary because of the attempted breakout in March of 1975. There was a sub-basement section that could best be described as dungeon-like. It contained three oversized cells with both steel doors and bars as security measures. One was occupied by the infamous Dessie O'Hare, The Border Fox, who was once the "most wanted man" in Ireland. [Ask me about him at our next meeting.]

The Governor showed me a storage room, which was damp and in complete disarray. The main contents of this room were the old ledger books and records of the prison. In response to my question, the Governor said that no plans were in the offing to preserve these ledger books. The shame of it all is the history that is contained in these tomes – **An Gorta Mór** era prisoners as well as those of the Rising period, to enumerate the obvious. In addition to the usual facility tour, I was able to view the so-called "IRA Wing" and have a sit-down with prisoner representatives; in essence, the go-betweens and spokesmen for the republican prisoners. As a final note, I won't be writing about all the prisons in Ireland, just those of note, or at least, those that have significance to our history. Next month I will include the Cork City Jail/Prison.





### Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund

Many parts of the Northeast have been devastated. Hurricane Sandy has left us with unimaginable misery in terms of destruction, dislocation, and despair. Areas with extremely high concentrations of Hibernians truly resemble war zones where dark and heatless homes faced this frigid morning with temperatures averaging 25 degrees.

I realize you have seen the tremendous loss on TV. A neighbor of mine told me that when a newscaster showed people burning their own furniture to stay warm, he had to stop looking at the evening news.

But we, as Hibernians, cherish an Irish Catholic legacy that compels us not to look away, but instead to consistently respond to the needs of those among us and around us. If we are to fulfill the enduring mission of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, then we know that it is our responsibility to reach out with assistance and the support of our prayers so that spirits broken by a sense of helplessness will not soon be crushed by an added burden of hopelessness.

In an emergency conference call last night, the AOH National Board unanimously voted to donate \$25,000 for AOH Storm Relief. In addition, a program has been authorized to both process donations and provide an opportunity for Hibernians impacted in various ways to request assistance from their Hibernian Brothers. We are counting on the generosity of our State Boards, County Boards, Divisions, and all Hibernians everywhere. If every Division, County Board, and State Board were to contribute at least \$200, we would total well in excess of \$100,000 without even counting the generous donations from each of our members!

#### **HOW TO MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION:**

All checks **MUST** be written: Pay To The Order of Hibernian Charity.

Memo portion of your check **MUST** read: AOH Storm Relief.

Send all donations to Edward Dougherty, Hibernian Charity Sec—7236 Brous Ave, Phila, PA 19149

AOH Storm Relief Request Forms available from: State Presidents OR aoh.com (website) OR from Seamus Boyle—3097 Willits Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114 (shay39@comcast.net)

Brothers, because the will of God is the need of the hour, I ask this entire Order to please respond generously and immediately.

Fraternally and gratefully,  
Brendan Moore  
AOH National President

### Requested Supplies For Relief

November 8, 2012 by New York State Board

Below is a list of requested supplies for the affected areas. To help donate these supplies contact NY State Secretary Tim McSweeney at [tmcsweeney@nyaoh.com](mailto:tmcsweeney@nyaoh.com) or NYS Past President Chip McLean at [cmclean@nyaoh.com](mailto:cmclean@nyaoh.com).

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| <b>Water</b>                                | <b>Blankets</b>                                | <b>Baby Items/Diapers</b>             |
| <b>Toiletries</b>                           | <b>Clothing</b>                                | <b>Baby Food</b>                      |
| <b>Flashlights/ Batteries</b>               | <b>Gloves (any kind including work gloves)</b> | <b>Food (Non-Perishable)</b>          |
| <b>Batteries (All sizes)</b>                | <b>Coffee/Tea</b>                              | <b>School Supplies</b>                |
| <b>Cleaning Supplies</b>                    | <b>Can Openers</b>                             | <b>Brooms, Mops, Shovels</b>          |
| <b>Paper Goods</b>                          | <b>Socks-Hats</b>                              | <b>Plastic Bags (Garbage/Storage)</b> |
| <b>Fruit</b>                                | <b>Boxes/Packing Tape</b>                      | <b>Candles/Matches</b>                |
| <b>Pet Food &amp; Supplies</b>              | <b>Plastic Cutlery</b>                         | <b>New Toys <u>Only</u></b>           |
| <b>Paper Plates, Bowls, Cups (Hot/Cold)</b> | <b>Disinfectant</b>                            | <b>Bleach</b>                         |

### Hurricane Sandy Housing Information

For displaced friends and families of the AOH from Hurricane Sandy, we will be listing available housing on this site. If you have housing available, please contact Joe McDonald at 516-522-0711 or by email at [jmcdonald@nyaoh.com](mailto:jmcdonald@nyaoh.com).

#### Available apartments

##### **Baldwin, NY**

21 Edna Court – 1,2 and 3 Bedrooms available  
516-797-8142

##### **Copiague, NY**

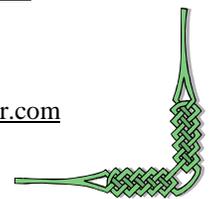
3 Bedroom Apartment  
Contact Pat Kearney 631-278-1904

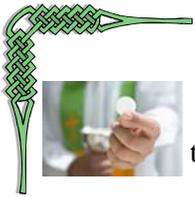
##### **Farmingdale, NY**

Single Family Home  
Contact Brendan Mahoney at 516-124-1945  
Owner listed more information on Craigs List

##### **Schnectady, NY**

1000 SF Apartment  
Contact Michael Glen @ [mglen2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mglen2@nycap.rr.com)





**AOH DIVISION 1 EVENTS**

**Msgr Sheahan Memorial Mass**



Our Annual Msgr. Sheahan Memorial Mass is scheduled for November 2nd at St. Peters Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel in Poughkeepsie. Meet at 6:30 PM, Mass is at 7:00PM.



Brothers,

We are scheduled for our obligation to the NYSDOT to keep our free sign on Route 9D advertising our order. Highway Clean-up of Route 9D to be held on November 3rd. We will meet at Lily Logan's at 8:30AM. Please contact Bill Leo if you are interested in lending a helping hand @ 845-226-1254.

***Nominations for Officers***



Our Division will entertain Nominations for Officers at our November 15th meeting with elections to be held at our December 20th meeting. Anyone interested in being an officer of our division should make it known to our current President or a member of the nomination committee at the October meeting.



***Christmas Party Meeting***



Our Annual Christmas Party Meeting will be held at the Dubliner Irish Pub on Main Street Poughkeepsie at 6:30PM. Dinner and drinks are available for purchase.



***Irish Community***

**Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade**



It's never too early to talk about a parade, the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee wishes to inform everyone.

This is our Eighteenth Parade, Saturday March 2nd, 2013 is the date.

For the past seventeen years the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee, Inc. has been hosting a yearly St. Patrick's Parade for Dutchess County on the first Saturday in March. Over the years the parade has grown to include over 3000 participants and delighted over 10,000 spectators as it winds its way through the Village of Wappingers Falls. The Committee is proud of the growth this event has shown over the years and is committed to continue to promote the expansion of the parade.



Each year the Committee selects an outstanding community person to lead the parade who is the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal is a person who takes pride in their Irish Heritage and promotes its unique culture. They are strong leaders in their community and are actively involved in improving the quality of life for all.

The St. Patrick's Parade Committee was formed in the fall of 1995 by several members of the community and the Kevin Barry Irish Club. They gathered together to discuss having a St. Patrick's Parade for Dutchess County residents. From this inspired group, a committee was formed and the fund raising began. Yes, it does cost money to run a Parade. To help the parade to continue to grow please take an ad in our journal.

The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee's Emerald Ball officially begins our parade season. It takes place the first Saturday in February. It is a semi-formal event with dinner, dancing, entertainment and raffles. At the Emerald Ball the parade Grand Marshal is introduced and receives his special sash. It is at The Ramada Conference Center (formerly The Holiday Inn), Route 9, Fishkill, NY 12524.

Cash Bar - 6:00 PM      Dinner - 7:00 PM      Entertainment by: The Winslow III      Tickets: \$40 per person

For information or tickets please call: Trish Costello 845-297-0800 or Kathy Beale 845-298-8822

Tickets go on sale January 1, 2013, advance sales only, no tickets at the door. Ticket Cut-Off Date is January 30th



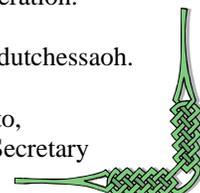
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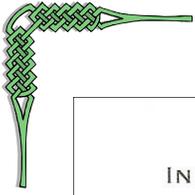
Brothers,

Dues notices will be sent out soon. Please make your payments as prompt as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss about your membership, please call me at 845-242-2530 or email [dannoonan@hvc.rr.com](mailto:dannoonan@hvc.rr.com). Please check-out our website at [www.dutchessaoh.com](http://www.dutchessaoh.com) or our join our facebook page at dutchessaoh.

In Brotherhood and Motto,  
Dan Noonan, Financial Secretary





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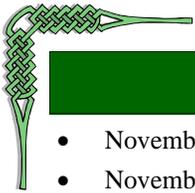
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## IMPORTANT DATES

- November 2nd: Msgr. Sheehan Memorial Mass
- November 15th: Regular Business Meeting - 7:30 PM
- November 15th: Nominations for Officers
- December 20th: Christmas Dinner Meeting @ Dubliner
- December 20th: Election of Officers

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Deacon Bob Horton	Kevin Moran
Noel Morris	Nathan Redmond
David Ryan, Sr.	Bill Schimpf

‡ IN MEMORIAM ‡

**On the Radio 91.3 FM: "A Little Bit of Ireland"**  
**Hosted by our own Brendan Daly and broadcast from Vassar College.**  
**Saturday's from 1 PM to 3:30 PM.**

### *Editor's Note:*

Gentlemen and other readers, please accept my apologies for the lateness of this issue, as was stated in our Presidents message I had received articles very late. Then as I was going to work on the newsletter I received news that we had a death in my family. Another week elapsed and here I am just getting it to you the week of Thanksgiving. I strive to have the newsletter to you by the first week of each month, but this month some really tough life happened. I pray that everyone came through super-storm sandy relatively unscathed and no-one was hurt. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

The next issue will hopefully be on time, thanks again for your patience and understanding.

*Gene*



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