

DIVISION NEWSLETTER

DUTCHESS COUNTY MSGR. SHEAHAN DIVISION # 1

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

As fall turns into winter, we look back on the month that is past and look forward to the future. On October 19th we had a very successful fall dinner dance at the Elks club in Wappingers, with good food, good music, and good friends. We concluded our Giants raffle and our own Matt Fitzgerald's son Corey had the winning the ticket. The division sold over 500 tickets and contributed almost \$2400 to our account, which will allow us to continue our charitable endeavors, and our ongoing commitments. I just want to single out Ken Brown and Matt Fitzgerald for their exemplary sales.

I want to thank the chairmen of the dinner dance committees, Jack Fedigan, Gerry McVicker, Michael O'Sullivan and Mike Shephard for all their hard work and dedication to make the dance another success raising over \$750 for our charities. As I said when I became your chieftain, many hands make light work, and these brothers show this through their actions.

Coming up this November meeting, we will be discussing the AOH Christmas Appeal and finalizing plans for our division's annual Christmas party to be held on December 19th at the Dubliner Pub in Poughkeepsie. I will also be reporting on the New York State Board meeting and until then may God Bless you and your family.

In Brotherhood and Motto,
Michael P. Quinn

NOVEMBER
2013

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*Happy Thanksgiving,
And may God bless you and yours.*



MAY THE EMBERS FROM THE OPEN HEARTH WARM YOUR HANDS,
MAY THE SUN'S RAYS FROM THE IRISH SKY WARM YOUR FACE,
MAY THE CHILDREN'S BRIGHT SMILES WARM YOUR HEART,
MAY THE EVERLASTING LOVE I GIVE YOU WARM YOUR SOUL.



Historian's Corner

The inside of my head is swirling [some might say my brains are addled], it's that much stuff that is vying for attention. Because I am that distressed and distracted, I am going to alter the schedule again and will put off dealing with the "Women of Ninety-eight" and other unsung women champions of the cause of Irish freedom and unity until the New Year and the January newsletter. As I write this piece I realized that we are right smack in the midst of Samhain. You will remember that the ancient Celts believed that on Samhain the veil between the living and the dead was dropped for one day, and the spirits of the living could intermingle with the spirits of the dead. It has also been speculated, that this feast was a celebration of the dead they had lost since the last Samhain. This would include warriors lost in battle, children lost at birth, the old, and the sick. All of the year's dead would be celebrated. In hopes of guiding the spirits of their loved ones to their resting place, large bonfires would be lit to draw the spirits and provide them a path to the "other side". This was the general public festival and celebration of the Samhain and Halloween period. But, then there is **The Day After Samhain - All Soul's Day**.

In all likelihood you will receive this edition of the newsletter within the octave after Samhain, however I thought I would include it since we will be celebrating our fourth annual memorial Mass for our patron, Msgr. Joseph Sheahan on All Souls Day. Once upon a time in Ireland, it was once widely believed that the souls of the faithful departed would return to their family home on All Soul's Night. Great care was taken to make them feel welcome. Rituals included sweeping the floor clean, lighting a good fire, and placing the poker and tongs in the shape of a cross on the hearth. A bowl of spring water was put on the table, along with a place setting for each deceased relative. In some areas, children would go "soul-caking" - they'd visit neighbors and beg for cakes in exchange for prayers to be said for the dead. Families would usually retire early, but before they did, many of them went to the cemetery where their loved ones were buried. They would say prayers for each departed family member, make sure the gravesites were neat and tidy, and then they would leave a candle burning on each grave. During evening prayers, the family would again light a candle for each of their departed relatives. Often, a candle would be placed in the window of a room where a relative had died. Or, it might be placed in a window that faced in the direction of the cemetery. Then, when evening prayers were over, the candles would either be extinguished or left to burn out. The door was always left unlatched.

Historically, the Celtic nations have always had this great respect for their ancestors and they believed that at certain times of year, the boundaries between mortals and the souls of the dead cease to exist. This is especially true of the "Three Nights of the End of Summer" - Halloween, Samhain and All Soul's Day. The ancients also believed that the dead were the repositories of wisdom and lore and that one of the reasons they return is to speak to their descendants. It's from these visits by a beloved ancestor that the more fortunate among us are given two very special gifts: the ability to remember old days and old ways, and a deeper understanding of how we are forever linked by blood to the past - and to the future.

On a more timely topic, you might have recently read there is speculation that His Holiness, Pope Francis, may appoint a woman to the College of Cardinals. If that is true and does happen, I guess we would then have Princes and Princesses of the Church. [The plural form is used for obvious future reasons.] At any rate, according to the National Catholic Reporter (NCR) one of the top names on the short list is Linda Hogan a professor of ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin (TCD). [She should not to be confused with Crocodile Dundee's ex-wife, Linda Kozlowski Hogan. By the way, Dr. Hogan's ex-husband's name is Paul, as well.] Dr. Hogan was appointed to her TCD position in September 2011 and has overall responsibility for education and research at the university. She coordinates strategic planning, research, undergraduate and postgraduate education, quality and the student experience. The TCD Professor reportedly teaches a range of modules including Ethics in International Affairs; Human Rights in Theory and Practice; Gender, War and Peace and Ecumenical Social Ethics.

Professor Hogan was born in 1947, in Denver, Colorado and grew up in Oklahoma. She obtained an M.A. degree from University of Colorado at Boulder in 1978. Dr. Hogan has played a prominent role in the development of contemporary Native American poetry, particularly in its relationship to environmental and anti-nuclear issues. She often incorporates a feminist perspective in her verse through description of women's lives and feelings. She is a poet, short story writer, novelist, playwright, and essayist. She taught at the University of Minnesota, and has been an associate professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder since 1989. Arising out of her Chickasaw lineage, Dr. Hogan was recently named to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame. I did not make much of an attempt to trace any Irish roots, since her father, Charles Henderson, was a full-blooded Chickasaw Indian and her mother was Cleona Bower Henderson, a descendant of Nebraska pioneers.

In closing, I am not that familiar with many aspects of Canon Law, but I remember my grammar school principal, Brother Burton of the Sacred Heart Order, saying that one did not have to be a priest to be appointed a cardinal. More recently His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan, said that ever since the publication of Ordinatio Sacerdotalis, he has maintained that one implication of the document is that women can be created cardinals of the Church since the office of cardinal does not require holy orders and it is only the sacerdotal office to which the Church lacks the authority to ordain women.

Final note.....in the event that you are up on your Native American history, it was the Choctaws, not the Chickasaws, who donated money to relieve some of the hardship caused by *An Gorta Mór*, The Great Hunger.

Hibernians Welcome Irish Ambassador Anderson

At a formal dinner held at the prestigious National Press Club located near the White House, the Washington DC State Board closed out their biennial convention with a special welcome to Ireland's new Ambassador to the United States, Anne Anderson. Newly re-elected presidents Ralph Day of the DC AOH and Gail Gorman Dapolito of the DC LAOH were honored to be joined at the head table by Ambassador Anderson and her guest, Dr. Lowe, DC Chaplain Father John Hurley, our National Presidents Brendan Moore and Maureen Shelton, as well as the president of the National Press Club, Angela Greiling Keane, as the AOH was the first to publically welcome Her Excellency to her new post.

The pre-dinner reception was graciously entertained by Brother George Rogers (past President, DC State Board) as he played the Uilleann pipes and penny whistle and the Irish Dairy Board supplied a wonderful array of Irish cheeses for the jovial crowd. The evening's guest included Hibernians from more than six states and included National Board members Patrick Sturdy and Sean Pender as well as Maryland State president Tim Harvey, each of whom had addressed the DC Convention earlier that day. Also joining the AOH at the dinner were numerous DC Irish organizations and former Congressman Bruce Morrison and his wife as well as Norman Houston, director of the Northern Ireland Bureau.

The evening's master of ceremonies was past-National Director Keith Carney who kept the busy program running, but also took the solemn time to read the names of the 32 AOH Brothers and Sisters who perished on 9/11 trying to save others. The O'Neill-James School of Irish Dance began the entertainment at the banquet, including getting the audience off their feet to learn an Irish Shamrock dance and signing Happy Birthday to Mr. John Cosgrove who celebrates his 95th birthday. Mr. Cosgrove, the quintessential DC Irishman, is the Past President of the National Press Club. He addressed the dinner guests from the podium in grand fashion telling the story of his welcoming President John F. Kennedy (the only U.S. President that was a member of the AOH) to be a member of the National Press Club in 1963.

DC President Ralph Day initiated the welcome to Ambassador Anderson, followed in turn by DC Ladies President Gail Dapolito. National AOH President Brendon Moore, who provided Ambassador Anderson with an AOH commemorative 175th Anniversary coin, and National LAOH President Maureen Shelton both welcomed her warmly.

Ambassador Anderson was introduced to the dinner by National Press Club President Keane who expressed her honor as a female president of the Club to welcome the first female Ambassador from Ireland to the U.S. Ms. Keane serves as the 106th president of the Press Club.

Ambassador Anderson spoke eloquently to her guests. She expressed deep thanks to the United States for their leadership and support for the Good Friday Accord, as well as our immigration reform efforts underway. The Ambassador welcomed Irish Americans to The Gathering and continued support of Irish business, friendship and culture that foster our bond. She expressed her desires to increase the association the Embassy has with the Irish community, especially the AOH/LAOH. She looks forward to the opportunities ahead to continue and promote our heritage. Ambassador Anderson is the 17th Ambassador of the Irish Republic to the United States of America. She had served in the Embassy in Washington the 1980s and reflected on how much has happened in the intervening years. She has served in the Irish Foreign Service for over 40 years and brings vast experience to the post including Ambassador to France and most recently to the United Nations.

The evening concluded with entertainment by Mr. Brian Gaffney, a celebrated DC Irish troubadour, as numerous guests lined up to pose for photographs with Her Excellency. The dinner was a huge success and showed an enormous AOH/LAOH welcome to the Ambassador



AOH and LAOH National and District of Columbia State Board Presidents welcome Ambassador Anne Anderson to Washington, DC, from left, Brendan Moore, Ambassador Anderson, Maureen Shelton, Gail Depalito (DC LAOH State Board President), and Ralph D. Day (DC

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S

Gentlemen,

Brothers, we are very close to being 100% paid for dues this year and expect to reach that milestone when the last check is turned in at the November meeting. Thank you! Please remember to pay your dues for next year if at all possible at the December meeting. This really helps our division save the postage expense. Remember to let me know as soon as possible of any changes to your address or email information so that our records can be kept current.

On another note, I had the good fortune to attend the semi-annual New York State AOH meeting on Saturday, Nov. 2nd in Monroe, NY with Brother Michael Quinn, our Division President. One topic in particular caught my attention and I would like to share some information with you on it: Irish Immigration.

The discussions on Immigration Reform in the U.S. are not just limited to Hispanic, Asian, Indian or other nations with large populations who seek to immigrate to our country. This also affects the Irish and as the NYS speaker stated: "This could affect your cousin, friend, or future pastor.....".

There is a pitifully low number of yearly slots made available under the current process for people to migrate from Ireland, so this is a topic very worthy of our interest, given the estimated 50,000 undocumented people in the U.S. from Ireland, many of whom want to have a path to citizenship. The NYS speaker commented that through the efforts of AOH lobbying, 3 GOP congressman have turned around their stance on Immigration Reform and now support efforts that will enable deeper discussion and hopefully resolution to this matter. Remember, it also affects the Irish.

Stephen Ren, Financial Secretary

Memorial Mass:

The Division's Msgr. Sheahan Memorial Mass will be held November 2nd at 7:00PM in St. Peter's Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel, Poughkeepsie, NY. Please arrive by 6:30PM, thank you.

Nominations:

The nominations for 2014 Officers for our Division will be held at the regular meeting, November 21st.

December 19th:

The Annual Christmas Party & Election of Officers will be held at The Dubliner Irish Pub, 796 Main Street, Poughkeepsie.



Monsignor Joseph Sheahan
Pastor of St. Peter's Parish
1906 - 1934

Memorial Mass on the 77th Anniversary of his death this All Souls Day, Saturday, November 2nd at 7PM, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Msgr. Sheahan Division 1 of Dutchess County, NY. This will be the fourth Mass sponsored by the AOH. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass remembering Monsignor Sheahan and all the faithful departed.

IRISH COMMUNITY

Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee Fund Raiser

Buffet, Drinks & Entertainment at:

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Price includes:

Two drink tickets for any beer or wine and a buffet dinner inclusive of Sheppard's pie, penne ala vodka, bread, butter, salad & entertainment.

There will be a 50/50 Raffle & a Basket of Cheer Raffle

Saturday, November 16, 2013 5:00 - 9:00PM

Proceeds to benefit the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade

Donation: \$20.00 per person

For more information or tickets: Enda Ryan - (845) 724-1256



St. Patrick's Parade



The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee has begun the process to plan the 2014 parade. They had a couple of meeting's to plan the 19th Annual Parade, they meet on the first Monday of each month at the VFW Hall. As in the past there will be marching bands, floats, and organizations participating. This parade is held on the first Saturday in March each year, there is a Grand Marshal chosen and honored at the Emerald Ball, held on the first Saturday in February. The committee also sponsors a home and business decorating contest, judging is held on the Friday before the parade. The committee also provides two one thousand dollar scholarships awarded to local students attending college. Details on all of these items will be published in future newsletters as they become available. If you are looking for something to do or are interested in volunteering to help at the parade you can contact any member of the committee, several of which are members of our own AOH Division.

The committee does all this without asking for any governmental assistance or financing, it is privately funded through several avenues. An annual journal in which ads are solicited, corporate sponsors, boosters, and the profits from the Emerald Ball, raffles, and sticker sales, and of course private donations. The marching bands, liability insurance, flags, banners, advertising and facilities along the parade route are all paid for by these efforts. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for October 7th at 7:15PM at the VFW in Wappingers Falls. Ideas are always welcome.



CONGRATULATIONS

Speaking of the St. Patrick's Parade, the committee nominated and elected AOH Past President Glen Kelly as the 2014 Grand Marshal. Glen is the 7th Dutchess County AOH member to be Grand Marshal in its 19 year history. Glen is also a PGK & PFN of the Wappingers Council & Assembly of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to several Irish organizations in Dutchess County. He works for Greystone Programs, Inc. of Poughkeepsie. Congratulations Glen, an honor well deserved.

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 2nd: Msgr. Sheahan Memorial Mass
November 21st: Regular Business Meeting
November 21st: Nominations for Officers
December 19th: Christmas Party Meeting
December 19th: Election of Officers

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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.



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