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### Next Meeting Friday, November 11th • 7:30 PM

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## DIVISION I CALENDAR

*Division Meeting -----Friday November 11th 7:30 PM*

*Jameson's Revenge Sunday November 20th 3 –7 PM*

*Comedy Night Saturday November 19th 8 PM*

*Andy Cooney's Christmas Show December 16th*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We would like thank everyone who attended the 30th Annual Communion Mass for peace and Justice in Northern Ireland October 16th at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe. Breakfast followed at hall and was catered by Mr. Dennis Browne. This year's Guest Speaker was AOH National Historian Mike McCormack. Mike was a wonderful guest speaker and we thank him for coming all the way from Long Island. A great deal of effort is put in every year by Brothers Bob Burns and Keith Reynolds and Dennis Browne to make the Communion Breakfast a success. Your attendance is what makes an event such as this a success. Thank You!

We have two upcoming fundraisers that are very important. The first one is concert at the hall by Jameson's Revenge. This band is one of the best traditional Irish music bands in the area. On Sunday afternoon November 20th they will play from 3-5 PM and then open up a traditional Irish music to all interested musicians. This is a fundraiser to put hardwood flooring in the bar area. Please come out and support **our club**.

The Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Parade which is held in Goshen every year is experiencing financial hardship. Due to the recession the village of Goshen now requires them to pay all cost associated with parade. This includes overtime for DPW and police. The Mid Hudson Parade Committee will be having a fundraiser Friday December 16th, 8 PM at the Paramount Theatre in Middletown to raise money to cover these additional expense now associated with the parade. Andy Coney's a Traditional Irish Christmas show will be their fundraiser. Please mark the date on your calendar and make every effort to support this cause.

Lets **SAVE THE PARADE!!**

Mr. James Kelly will be at the November meeting with applications and information on the Tommy Fleming Memorial Scholarship Fund for those interested.

It is November and time for our Division elections. As with every year all positions are open. Anyone interested in stepping up to better the Division please let your intentions be

known. Contact a current Board Member and you will get advice on how best to proceed. Nominations have been accepted at the October Meeting and will be accepted at the November Meeting.

If you have not sent in a letter of intent for a position you must be present at the November meeting to accept a nomination for office. The election will take place at the November meeting. Installation of Officers will be during the December meeting.

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to the hall for the food bank at our next meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

John O'Grady, President

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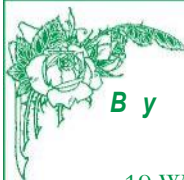
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## Historical Happenings by Mike McCormack Historian

We were honored to have the national historian Michael McCormack as our guest speaker for our 30th Annual Communion Breakfast Sunday October 16th at the hall.

Mass was at 9 AM at Sacred Heart Church followed by a good breakfast at the hall. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this event.

### GOOD AND WELFARE

Leo O'Grady is still in the hospital and his wife is also sick. Please keep them in your prayers

If you know of anyone who is sick or passes away please contact Bob Burns at 469-2026 . Bob will have a mass said and inform the membership so we can keep them in our prayers .Please keep our deceased members and their families in your prayers.

### 2011 Membership Dues

Membership cards have been mailed, if you have not received your membership card please call Mike Carroll at 347-235-1687 with any questions.

The Celtic Lounge is looking for a few good men to play darts Monday nights for our dart league.

You don't have to be good, we will be playing in the B division of the Southern Orange County Dart league. We have Tim Curtin bartending Monday night football and good friendship.

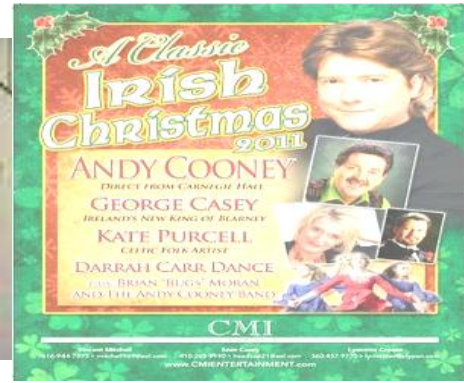
Wednesday night Pipe Band Practice has a new bartender Jimmy McLaughlin. If your free stop up and have pint. You don't have to be in the band but I am sure they would love some new members. Stop by see what it's all about.

Mike Carroll now bartends on Sunday's also and we welcome back the traditional Irish music session players 1st Sunday of the month.

Contact Neil O'Riordan at 845-313-3644 for more information. .

Ireland's 32 Tickets are now available contact your captain or Bill O'Donnell.

Get them in early as their will be an early bird drawing December 18th at the hall during our annual Children's Christmas Party



## Andy Cooney December 16th

**8PM** The magic and meaning of Christmas comes alive with Andy Cooney's "A Classic Irish Christmas". Andy Cooney, star of The Magic of Christmas at Carnegie Hall, with his outstanding voice and dynamic stage presence has always been a favorite among American and Irish audiences everywhere. His talent and versatility provide the ability to deliver a song directly to the hearts Join Andy and his guests to celebrate A Classic Irish Christmas. You will truly be entertained and your hearts will be filled with gladness and great joy that will be remembered the year round.

Sponsored by the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Tickets: \$25 General Admission  
Can be purchased online from the Paramount  
<http://www.middletonparamount.com/>

### SAVE THE PARADE

This fundraiser is necessary to cover the cost of the parade due to police and DPW overtime as the Village of Goshen and all municipalities struggle to control costs.

Comedy Night at the AOH  
Saturday November 19th  
Brother Paul Byrne has brought his comedy showcase to the AOH. The show was packed with comics and their friends. The show was amazing. Why not stop by his next show Saturday November 19th and show your support for him.  
Cost is FREE. FREE!!!!!!



## Jameson's Revenge

We are honored to have one of the best local traditional Irish music bands play at the AOH Sunday November 20th. They will play from 3-5 PM and then open it up to all musicians for an open music session. This is a great opportunity for our members and friends to play with this great band. Get the camera ready. Cost is \$20 per person all monies raised is going towards a new hardwood floor in the bar area. Come out and support this event, if goes well we will also tear out the carpet on the entrance stairway and replace it with stair treads and make OUR CLUB look beautiful.

### 2nd Annual Priest Dinner

Was held Saturday October 28th at St. Columba Church in Chester. Thank you to everyone who donated items and their time to assist with this event which was hosted by Tommy Flynn.

### Elections:

We will have elections for the 2012 AOH Division 1 board at our next meeting Friday November 11th 2011.

Stephen O'Shea the was appointed elections chairman and has received letters of intent from members for board positions at the last meeting. You can still run for office , but you must be present to accept a nomination and 2nd from the floor if you wish to run for office.

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# HISTORY

## Marty Hogan

James J. Braddock

James Walter “the Cinderella Man” Braddock (June 7, 1905-November 29, 1974) was an Irish American boxer who was the world heavyweight champion from 1935-1937.

Fighting under the name of James J. Braddock he was known for his powerful right hand, granite chin and his amazing comeback from a floundering career, which saw him lose several bouts before struggling to support his family by working on the docks during the Great Depression and earned him the nickname

“The Cinderella Man” from Damon Runyon. Braddock was managed by Joe Gould.

Braddock was born in Hell’s Kitchen in New York City on West 48<sup>th</sup> Street which was a few blocks from Madison Square Garden. Braddock pursued boxing turning pro at age 21 fighting as a light heavyweight. After three years his record was 44-2-2 with 21 knockouts. In 1929 he earned a chance to fight for the championship against Tommy Loughran. He lost narrowly in a 15 round decision. Braddock badly fractured his right hand in the bout and his career suffered as a result. His record for the next 33 fights fell to 11-20-2. With his family in poverty during the Great Depression, Braddock had to give up boxing for a little while and worked as a longshoreman. Due to the injuries to his right hand, Braddock compensated by using his left hand during his longshoreman work, and it gradually became stronger than his right hand. During this time he had to accept relief money from the government. After his boxing comeback Braddock returned the welfare money he had received and was inspired by the Catholic Worker Movement, a Christian social justice organization founded by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933 to help the homeless and hungry. He made frequent donations to various Catholic Worker Houses including feeding the hungry at his home with his family.

Braddock was hand-picked by Max Baer’s handlers because he was seen as an easy payday for the champion. On June 13, 1935 at Madison Square Garden Braddock won the Heavyweight Championship of the World as the 10-1 underdog in one of the most stunning upsets in boxing history. During the fight, Braddock took a few heavy hits from the powerful younger champion but Braddock kept coming, wearing down Baer. The judges gave Braddock the title in a unanimous decision.

On June 22, 1937 he lost to Joe Louis, Joe Louis was quoted as saying the Braddock was the bravest man he ever fought.

Braddock was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2001.

In 2005 a biographical film Cinderella Man tells the story of James J. Braddock.

Some of his other nicknames were Bulldog of Bergen, Pride of the Irish, Pride of New Jersey.

Braddock’s boxing record was 86 fights 51 wins 26 of which were by KO’s.

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