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### Next Meeting Friday, September 9th • 2 PM

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## DIVISION I CALENDAR

*Division Meeting -----Friday September 9th 7:30 PM*

*Fishing Excursion—Rambler's Rest Saturday 10th 08:30 AM*

*All Ireland Football Breakfast—Sunday 18th 10:30 AM*

*St. Brendan's Field Opening and Leprechaun Hunt Saturday 24th*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Summer up to now but it is coming to an end sooner than we would all like. The end of Summer also means the end of hurricane season which I am sure we all happy about.

We recently had our Annual Picnic at Craigville Park. We had great weather that day and everyone who came enjoyed good music, food and camaraderie. Unfortunately the turnout was down this year. Suggestions on what would bring more people out are welcome.

While the Summer may be winding down the good news is that Football season is just around the corner. This year as in the past few years we have both kinds of Football, American and Gaelic. The All-Ireland Final will be on Sunday September 18th. We will be showing the game again this year on our 3 HDTV's. A traditional Irish breakfast will be served along with the game. This year Dublin and Kerry

will be battling for the Sam McGuire Cup. It should be a great game.

The Rugby World Cup will start on September 9th. Ireland will be playing the United States on Sunday September 11th. Anyone interested in watching any of these matches, they will be available at the Hall as well. We now have access to streaming live broadcasts from all over the world and all Irish programming in real time in particular. If you are a fan of Rugby, Soccer etc., we have it—LIVE, 24 X 7.

Since we are talking Gaelic Football don't forget Opening Day at Gonzaga Park of St. Brendan's Football Club's new field on Saturday September 24th. LAOH Division 5 and Division 1 will be running a Leprechaun Hunt that day as well. It will be at the Park and Hunting Licenses are available at the Hall as well as at the Park that day. All proceeds will support Beautiful People, which is a group that pro-

vides sports programs for special needs children. They are looking to build a venue that can adequately meet the needs of these young people. So come down and support St. Brendan's, LAOH division 5 and our own Division while hunting down some pesky Leprechauns, it should be a fun day.

Due to conflicting dates this year's Division Golf Outing will be postponed until next year. We are supporting the 34pct golf outing being held at Hickory Hills in Warwick October 7th for the Wounded Warrior Project. Recipient LCPL John G Curtin USMC.

Cousin of Tim Curtin. I hope to see you at the next meeting on September 9th at 7:30 pm. Please remember to support the Food Bank with a non-perishable item.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

John O'Grady, President

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Come celebrate the All Ireland Football Championship at the AOH Sunday September 18th 2011 at 10:30 AM. We will be serving a full Irish Breakfast and streaming the game over the video. Wear your colors and show your support. Cost \$20 per person or \$50 for a family of 4, consisting of 2 adults and 2 children. This is a great family event where you are supporting your Irish Heritage, teaching your children about the GAA and meeting fellow, like minded individuals. Stephen O'Shea from St. Brendan's Gaelic Football Club will be here talking about the NEW Gaelic Football field which will have its grand opening Saturday September 24th at 379 Seven Springs Road Monroe NY 10950.

The Division in cooperation with LAOH Division 5 is holding it's first ever Leprechaun Hunt at the field that opening day. Cost \$5 dollars for a license to hunt per person, open to all ages.

100 Prizes to be given away. Proceeds to benefit Beautiful People an organization in Orange County who is building a baseball field for children with special needs and Hibernian Charities.

Dance Instructor and Treasurer, Ed Dennehy informs us

The next Dumont Ceili will be a Benefit Ceili. It will be held at The Bergen Irish Cultural Center 41 Omaha Street Dumont NJ, on Sunday September the 4th. 2011.

There will be a lesson from 3 to 4 pm. ceili from 4 to 8 pm

All the proceeds from this ceili will go to America Special Childrens Pilgrimage Group. ( ASCPG )

This Group takes Children and Young Adults with special needs to Lourdes for one week each year.

All donated checks can be made out to ( ASCPG ) and they are tax deductible. For more information please call 201 385 9277. This ceili is sponsored by The Traditional Irish Musicians.

For the previous 8 years, the 34th Pct. has run an outing for the P.O. Bryan Devlin Memorial Scholarship. The family has since moved down south and asked that last year's event be the final one. Over the past few months people have asked that we run another outing. I suggested that we run it for Wounded Warriors and then the very next day I saw the clips of Timmy's cousin, John G Curtin and the idea was born. Anyway, the 34th Pct. Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 7 at Hickory Hill Golf Course in Warwick. 0800. Shotgun start-continental breakfast, lunch at turn and buffet awards dinner. Price is \$150-I know it sounds steep but ask some of the people who have attended and they will attest to it being worth it. All monies raised will go to the family of Lance Corporal John G. Curtin USMC, who was severely wounded in Afghanistan earlier this year for medical costs and expenses. Any donations i.e. raffle items, hole sponsorships (\$100 per hole), even some time on the morning of the tourney to help out etc. are greatly appreciated. Event will be rain or shine. We ask that payment be made by Oct. 1.

Chris DeBold.

## Division Picnic

### Craigsville Park Goshen:

Our annual picnic an old fashioned country music, good food and fun awes held Saturday August 20th. The Carl Richards Band performed some classic country songs mixed in with a little Johnny Cash and Irish songs. A line dance instructor brought in got everyone up and dancing a special thanks to the picnic committee who worked so hard in organizing this event Last year they had a luau theme and it was a great success this year it was much quieter.

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We had have live music at the hall Friday August 12th at 9PM. We were lucky to get one of the best upcoming bands in our area. Money raised went to support our local food bank and Our Fathers Kitchen out of Sacred Heart Church.

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### Ramblers Rest Fishing Excursion

Saturday September 10th

Departure by bus at 08:30 AM

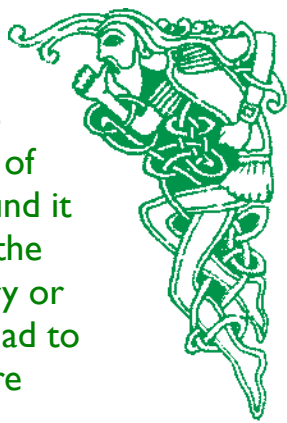

Return by 4:30 PM

Cost \$100 dollars.



Includes bus, fishing reel and tackle, unlimited beer, sandwiches, snacks, and a buffet dinner after at Ramblers Rest.

## HISTORY

# The American Wake



A unique event took place daily all over Ireland. It was called the American Wake. It started in Ireland around the 1800's. Because of economic and political circumstances many men and women found it necessary to leave Ireland. The custom at the time was to leave the family farm to the eldest son leaving a daughter's option to marry or emigrating and the sons to find work in other countries. Some had to flee Ireland because of political strife. Many left for England where they could conceivably return to Ireland.



The sons and daughters who left for America, Canada and Australia had little or no chance of ever returning to the land of their birth. For many parents and relatives it would be not only the last time they would see each other, in many cases it would be the last time they would hear from them. That gave birth to the American Wake

The American Wake began at night time, in the house of the emigrant, and continued through the night until the early hours. They often were not occasions for merriment, but somber gatherings with serious conversation and advice for the young emigrant. In areas of acute poverty no refreshments were offered, but on rare occasions, a few neighbors brought a small quantity of poteen, but generally the dancing was absent. Women would wail or lament acquainting listeners with the virtues of the emigrant and the suffering brought upon the parents by the departure. This eulogy was given in a high pitched wail, resulting in a room full of keening women and weeping men.

In less poverty stricken areas, the Wake proved itself a more festive occasion. Baking, cooking and cleaning were all part of the preparations. Neighbors frequently contributed food and porter or stout for the men. The kitchen furniture was moved and seating was provided around the walls for neighbors and friends. Song and dance followed, only to be interrupted by offers of tea, and stronger beverages.

The next morning, the emigrant was accompanied by friends and family to the train station or the dockside for his embarkation (Kelley et al, Blennerville, the Gateway to Tralee's past pp 147-50)



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