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DIVISION CALENDAR

Division Meeting -----Friday January 14th 7:30 PM
March for Life Washington DC----- January 22nd
Super Bowl Party _____Sunday February 5th
NYC Grand Marshall Installation — Sunday February 26th
Jameson's Revenge — Sunday February 26th at the AOH 3PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a Joyous and Merry Christmas. As we enter the New Year we look forward to a healthy and prosperous 2012. The entire Board would like to thank the membership for their support, and we look forward to serving our Division with distinction. We are in the process of setting up the agenda for the upcoming year. A calendar of events will be posted on the Division website. I would like to make membership expansion in 2012 one of our goals. Our membership has been declining and the Board's goal is to change that. I encourage every member to reach out to a friend of Irish Catholic descent and invite him to join our proud Division.

The Board is pleased to announce the selection of Charles J. Bohan as the Division 1 Aide to the Grand Marshal in the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade 2012. Besides being a Past President of our Division, Charlie has served as the Chair of the

Political Education Committee for many years, and will continue to do so this year, as he has accepted my request to remain as chairman. Look for his column in future newsletters. Congratulations, Charlie.

The Mid-Hudson Parade Committee sponsored the Andy Cooney Christmas Show at the Paramount Theatre on December 16th. This was a major fundraiser for the Committee. All of us who attended had a great time. Also, on December 11th the Committee had the "Grand Marshal's Installation" at the hall. They announced Bill Boss of Greenwood Lake as the Grand Marshal for the 2012 parade. Congratulations, Bill.

On December 18th we had the "Kids' Christmas Party" at the hall. The children had a great time and the event was well attended. The children were surprised to get a visit from Santa himself who took time out of his busy schedule to stop by and deliver a few gifts. This past year has

been rough on St. Nick as he seems to have lost some weight and gotten a little shorter, though he performed exceptionally. We look forward to many more visits from Santa in the future. Thank you to Dennis Browne for providing the cuisine for the afternoon.

I would like to take a moment to thank the outgoing President John O'Grady, for all the time and work he dedicated to the division over the past two years. Thanks also goes out to Recording Secretary Neil O'Riordan, and Treasurer Ed Dennehy, for their service to the Division.

Looking back at 2011 let us remember and say a prayer for our brother Hibernians who we have lost : John P Walsh DOD 1/8/11, John F Ruden DOD 7/18/11, Brian J Bennett DOD 10/14/11, Leo M O'Grady DOD 11/17/11 and Francis J Sullivan DOD 11/30/11. May they all rest in peace, God bless.

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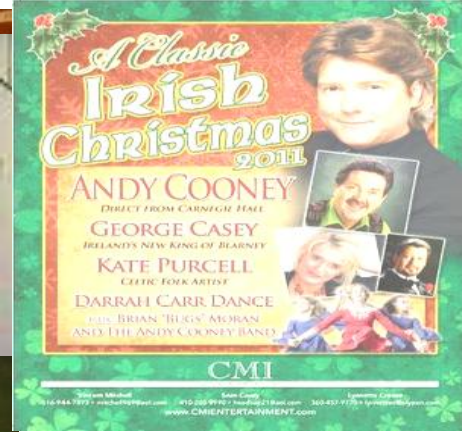
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• **Children's Christmas Party Was held December 18th , Thanks for everyone who showed up to support the event.**

Stop by the Celtic Lounge We have Tim Curtin bartending Mondays, football, darts 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.

Thursday Bill O'Donnell and Irish Step Dancing. Fridays Mike Carroll and Sundays Christy Kelly. Traditional Irish music session 1st Sunday of the month.

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

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

There was an early bird drawing December 18th at the hall during our annual Children's Christmas Party and we would like to congratulate the winners. The 4 Ennis. Leo Caldero, the Curtin children, Mark Stevenson, and Eileen Dillon.

There will be a Super Bowl Party at the hall Sunday February 5th if you have not purchased a box yet stop up to the hall see Bill O'Donnell and hopefully be a winner.

Andy Cooney

The Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee held a fundraiser at the Paramount theatre in Middletown December 16th to assist with the cost of the parade.

"A Classic Irish Christmas". By Andy Cooney, star of The Magic of Christmas at Carnegie Hall, was outstanding his voice and dynamic stage presence has always been a favorite among American and Irish audiences everywhere.

We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to bring this great show to Orange County that was sponsored by the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. **SAVE THE PARADE**

This fundraiser was 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.

The next fundraiser for the Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade committee will be March 4th at the American Legion in Greenwood Lake , so please mark your calendar and support the event.

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- **Jameson's Revenge are back by popular demand.** They were voted the top Irish music makers by the Irish Voice. They will be playing Sunday February 26th at 3PM at the hall followed by an open traditional Irish Music Seisiun. So please show and support this event. Bring an instrument, singing voice ,dancing shoes or a friend.
- The Adult AOH Christmas Party was held Saturday January 7th. The new board put on a great show. Celtic Blend played an outstanding show mixing up traditional Irish music with a little blue grass, Puges and Van Morrison, they were amazing. The food for the night was catered by Dennis Brown who changed it up a little for his normal fair giving us outstanding finger food. The LAOH assisted at the door and with selling 50/50 tickets. Bill O'Donnell was behind the stick and did an amazing job as usual. Past President John O'Grady gave out awards to The Hibernian Family of the year Gail and Jon Cain for all their work for the AOH through out the year.
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HISTORY

Marty Hogan

History by Martin Hogan

Michael J. Quill (1905-1966)

Quill was born in Gortloughera, near Kilgarvan, County Kerry. He was a dispatch rider for the Irish Republican Army from 1919-1921 while still a teenager; then a member of the IRA itself in the Irish Civil War that followed. One unsubstantiated story has him robbing a bank to raise funds for the IRA. Quill worked as a carpenter's apprentice, then a woodcutter after the end of the Civil War. He was brought to the United States in 1926 by his uncle Patrick Quill who was a conductor in the subway and got him his first job. Quill's IRA record of service was confirmed by his commanding officer John Joe Rice, Kerry 2nd Brigade years later to Quill's widow Shirley.

Mike Quill was one of the founders of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU) a union founded by the subway workers in New York City that expanded to represent employees in other forms of transit. He was the President of the TWU for the first thirty years of its existence. He was associated with the Communist Party for the first twelve years of his leadership of the union. He broke with them in 1948 because of their efforts to control the union rather than help the members. Quill educated himself on labor history in particular the works of James Connolly, The name that Quill and others chose for their new union was, in fact a tribute to the Irish Transport and General Workers Union led by Jim Larkin and Connolly twenty years earlier.

The union grew out of the tradition of Irish insurrectionary history of Connolly and the IRA. The IRT was, in fact filled with veterans of the recent troubles in Ireland, to the point that some jokingly referred to it as the "Irish Republican Transit". All of the founding members of the TWU belonged to the Clan na Gael, an Irish Organization, and the first discussions of forming a union took place across the street from the Clan na Gael's meeting place.

Quill had varying relations with the mayors of New York City. He was a personal friend of Robert Wagner. At the end of contracts Quill would always threaten to strike at the stroke of midnight on January 1, but always managed to settle the strike on each occasion. Quill could find no common ground with Wagner's successor, John Lindsay, or as Quill called him "Linsley", a liberal Protestant Republican who had rebuked Quill shortly before taking office in 1966. Lindsay decided to take on the TWU provoking a twelve-day transit strike in 1966. The City obtained an injunction prohibiting the strike and succeeded in imprisoning Quill. Quill did not waver, responding at a crowded press conference "The judge can drop dead in his black robes". However, he won significant wage increases for his members. He died of a heart attack three days after the end of the strike. He is interred at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, New York. Because of the success of the TWU in collective bargaining other city unions followed suit demanding similar raises.

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