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Next Meeting Friday, February 10th 7:30 P.M.

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DIVISION I CALENDAR

Next Division Meeting March 2nd @ 8:00 PM

Irish Day @ Greenwood Lake 3/4/2011

Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday 3/11/2011

New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade 3/17/2011

West Point Tattoo 4/29/2012

Joseph Duelk, Jr. Memorial Mass 6/9/2012

President's Message

Brothers,

On Monday January 23rd Division Past President Brendan O'Dowd and myself went down to Washington DC for the March for Life. This was my first time at the March for Life, though Brendan has been going and representing the Division for a few years now. I was amazed and inspired at the tremendous turn out of College students from all over the country. After making our way around looking for other Hibernian organizations at the event, I discovered that the majority of the crowd were young adults. They were carrying and chanting one united message, "Protect Life" as we walked toward the steps of the Supreme Court. I suddenly found myself enveloped in a feeling of guilt as we walked, at 46 years old, "why was I not here before? How many more steps do we have to take before the rest of the world understands this simple message, Protect Life?"

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Keith Reynolds



Division President Keith Reynolds and Past President Brendan O'Dowd at the March for Life in Washington DC.

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Political Education by Charles Bohan

Brother Hibernians:

To continue with the saga of the "Belfast Project". On Tuesday Jan. 24th., Federal Judge William Young heard arguments by the Justice Dept. attorneys to dismiss a lawsuit filed by Anthony McIntyre and Ed. Moloney to block U.S. authorities from surrendering interviews with former IRA members and Loyalist Paramilitary members to the Police Services of Northern Ireland, PSNI, alias the RUC. This request was made under the "Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty" which was not intended to be used for fishing expeditions such as this. However our "affirmative action" Dept. of Justice would not know that. "fast and furious" Holder couldn't care about nine hundred years of occupation in N.I. much less the slaughter perpetrated on the Nationalist Community by crown forces in the recent century. The interviews in question were conducted at Boston College for the purpose of archiving them in the name of historic preservation and academic research, to be sealed until the death of all subjects interviewed. The PSNI or RUC as we know them, in an attempt to embarrass Gerry Adams and Martin

McGuinness by possibly implicating one or both of them in some form of terrorism and thereby take down the bipartisan Government. In NI seized the moment to access these interviews. The fact that revealing these disclosures at this early date could conceivably cost people their lives on both sides and re-ignite the fires of hatred that have burned for so many centuries is of no consequence. As of this rendering Sen. John Kerry, he of Viet Nam fame, who is Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Comm. has asked Sec. of State Hillary Clinton to intervene with her counterpart in the British Government to reconsider and revoke their request. John Kerry is a graduate of Boston College Law school so we will see how far this goes. 'til next time.



Congratulations to Brother Charles J. Bohan who was selected to be our Division Aide to the Grand Marshal of the 2012 Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Announcements:

March Division Meeting has been moved to the FIRST Friday, March 2nd 2012 at 8:00 PM

The Division extends condolences to the friends and family of Brother Brian Bennett who passed away on October 14th 2011. The Division was not immediately aware of his passing and the charter was draped at the January meeting.

Brothers, your dues for 2012 are due by March 15th. Please stop by the Division meeting, mail it in, or see Brother Michael Carol Friday nights at the division hall.

Saint Patrick's Day NYC buses are filling up. Please contact Tom Mc Carthy at (845) 800- 1561 to guarantee a seat.

Our Father's Kitchen expressed their gratitude to the Division for our assistance to the poor over the past few years. Since 2006 the Division has raised \$15,000 for the needy of the area. Thanks in large part to the efforts of Brother Marty Hogan.



HISTORY

History by Martin Hogan

John Sullivan

John Sullivan (2/17/1740-1/23/1795) was the third son of Irish immigrants, a United States General in the Revolutionary War, a delegate to the Continental Congress, a United States federal judge and a direct descendant of Donal O'Sullivan of the famed O'Sullivan's March.

Sullivan served as a major general in the Continental Army and as Governor of New Hampshire from 1786-1788 and again from 1789-1790. He commanded the Sullivan Expedition in 1779, a scorched earth campaign against the Iroquois towns that had taken up arms against the American revolutionaries. He was born in Somersworth, New Hampshire. He studied law and began his practice in 1764 in Durham, N.H. As the American Revolution grew near he sided more with the radicals. In 1774 he was sent as a delegate to the First Continental Congress. Sullivan was one of the leaders of the militia force who raided Fort William and Mary for its military provisions on December 14, 1774. In 1775 when he returned to the Second Continental Congress they appointed him Brigadier General. He left to join the army at the siege of Boston.

After the British evacuated Boston, Washington sent him north to replace fallen John Thomas as commander of Quebec where he led an unsuccessful counterattack against the British. Congress sought to blame him for the failed invasion of Canada but he was exonerated and promoted to major general in 1776. Sullivan rejoined Washington and was placed in command of the troops on Long Island to defend against British General Howe's forces. Although the battle of Long Island was a defeat for the Americans, Sullivan's personal bravery was unquestioned, as he engaged the Hessian attackers with a pistol in each hand. However he was captured. He was later released in a prisoner exchange in time to join Washington at the Battle of Trenton. His division secured the important bridge over the Assunpink Creek and prevented the escape and ensured the captured of a high number of Hessian prisoners. This route is the main road in Ewing Township and is called "Sullivan's Way".

After the War he returned home as a hero and was named the state's Attorney General in 1782 and served until 1786. During this time he was elected to the state assembly, and served as Speaker of the House. He led the drive in New Hampshire that led to ratification of the United States Constitution on June 21, 1788. When the new federal government was created, President George Washington nominated him on September 24, 1789 to be the first federal judge for the United States District for the District of New Hampshire. He held that post until he died on January 23, 1795 at the age of 54.

Counties in New York, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and Missouri were all named for him, as was Sullivan Street in Greenwich Village. The General Sullivan's Bridge spanning Little Bay near his home town of Durham, as well as Sullivan's Trail, a road through northeast Pennsylvania that in many areas follows the road made by Sullivan's army in 1779. Towns in Illinois, New Hampshire and New York are named after him.

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