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DIVISION I CALENDAR

Division Meeting ----- Sunday August 14th 2 PM

Deep Chemistry Concert for the benefit of Hibernian Charities at the Monroe Irish Center Friday August 12th 9PM

Division Picnic Craigsville Park Goshen, Saturday August 20th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first thing I would like to say in this month's message is a Thank You to the members who attended John Rudden's wake. Brother Bob Burns led us in the prayers. The families are always very appreciative when the Division honors their loved ones in our traditional way.

Secondly, thank you to the members who represented the Division and County at the New York State Convention. The State President is Michael J. McNabb of Auburn, NY. The full list of Officers can be found on the NY State AOH page at <http://www.nyaoh.com/>. The site of the next State Convention was decided at the election as well. It will be hosted in Saratoga. July 2013. It should be an excellent venue.

Also be aware that the August meeting will be held on Sunday August 14 at 2 pm. Per our by-laws we can have 2 meetings on Sunday per year

and the summer seems to be the best time of the year for that. The JDJ will be having a meeting that afternoon following the Division meeting. There are several improvements in the on-going effort to update and improve the Hall, please come up and show your support.

The Division Golf Outing has been moved to the Fall, Friday Oct. 7th. Contact Neil O'Riordan for reservations and/or information. All proceeds will go to Hibernian Charities.

The Division Picnic will be on Saturday August 20th at Craigville Park on Craigville Rd. in Goshen NY. The band for this year's festivities will be the Carl Richards Band. They play Country, Old Time Rock n Roll and some Irish tunes as well. We will also have a Line Dance Instructor to get everyone up and moving about. Get up and Get down at the O'Down. I'm embarrassed by that—and I wrote it.

Cost will be \$20.00 per adult. Family rate will be \$50.00 with a family unit being considered 2 Adults and 2 minor children. More than 2 children...talk to us we're flexible when it comes to the kids. Food, Beverages, Music and Line Dance Instruction all included.

The LAOH Division 5 will be running a Leprechaun Hunt on Saturday September 24th on the Day of the Grand Opening of St. Brendan Gaelic Football Field on the site of the old Gonzaga Park. It is shaping up to be a fun day. Stephen O'Shea is working on some surprises for the day, we will keep you posted.

Once again the next meeting will be on Sunday, August 14th at 2:00pm. Please remember to bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

John O'Grady, President

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PROPRIETOR



The AOH Division I Pipe Band was invited to Saratoga Springs Race Course Wednesday August 3rd to celebrate Irish Day.

This event was the brainchild of the NYRA. It was the 3rd Irish Day held at the track. The band got a lot of publicity. It was a great event that promoted the AOH and the band in a manner that upholds and expands our reputation.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Brother John F Rudden of Monroe NY , a retired veteran of the NYPD passed a way July 18th 2011 at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. John a veteran and member of the legion Post 488 , The Knights of Columbus in Monroe and our Division 1 was loved and respected by all. Our division attended his wake Friday July 22nd at Flynn Memorial Services in Monroe there was a large group who paid our respects as a division. 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 our financial secretary Mike Carroll at 347-235-1687 with any questions.

The Celtic Lounge is looking for a few good men to bartend at the hall. Wednesday evenings are open as Mike Carey has gone on to pursue his medical career. Anyone interested in filling in from time to time and give the other volunteers a break. Please contact Neil O'Riordan. No one gets paid it's volunteer work. The JDJ Corp will be holding a general membership meeting at the Monroe Irish Center Sunday August 14th at 4 PM.



NYS Board Elections

The New York State Convention was hosted by Rockland County AOH from July 13 through July 17th at the Pearl River Hilton. The festivities started with a golf outing on Wed. July 13th and culminated with an Installation Ball on Sat. July 16th. The Orange County Board attended as a group to vote on Saturday morning July 16th. Michael J McNabb of Auburn was elected NYS President, James Burke of Massapequa LI was elected Vice President. Timothy McSweeney was elected Secretary. There was a little drama. Victor Vogel who hails from Islip won a three way race for State Treasure beating out Thomas Bernie and John Hyland for the position. The other competitive race was for the site of the 2013 State Convention Site were Saratoga bested Nassau County for the location. The next convention will be held July 10th -July 13th 2013.

Orange County AOH also went down to Pearl River as group Friday July 15th to support a Lark in the Park which was free Irish music in the center of Pearl River. We stopped off in the Hibernian House in Pearl River where we were entertained by the Pearl River AOH and The Wild Rovers Band. Then we headed to the Hilton Hotel to meet our fellow Hibernians.



Division Picnic

Saturday August 20th 2011

Cost \$20 per person.

\$50.00 Family rate

(2 adults and 2 minor children)

2:00 PM Craigsville Park

Goshen:

Come on out and enjoy some good old fashioned country music , good food and fun. The Carl Richards Band will be performing some classic country songs mixed in with a little Jonny Cash and Irish songs. A line dance instructor is being brought in to get everyone up and dancing. Feel free to dress up in your country attire. Whether it be your Daisy Dukes, Overalls our what ever you feel comfortable in. Menu is still being determined, but I heard something about a pig or pulled pork. Don't worry I am sure they will have the usual burgers and dogs there for us as well.

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We will 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. See them before they make it big. The cost is only \$5. dollars to benefit Hibernian Charities. Monies raised goes to support our local food bank and Our Fathers Kitchen out of Sacred Heart Church.

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HISTORY

In memory of the Irish victims of Slavery

After the Battle of Kinsale at the beginning of the 17th century, the English were faced with a problem of some 30,000 military prisoners, which they solved by creating an official policy of banishment. Other Irish leaders had voluntarily exiled to the continent, in fact, the Battle of Kinsale marked the beginning of the so-called "Wild Geese", those Irish banished from their homeland. Banishment, however, did not solve the problem entirely, so James II encouraged selling the Irish as slaves to planters and settlers in the New World colonies. The first Irish slaves were sold to a settlement on the Amazon River in South America in 1612. It would probably be more accurate to say that the first "recorded" sale of Irish slaves was in 1612, because the English, who were noted for their meticulous record keeping, simply did not keep track of things Irish, whether it be goods or people, unless such was being shipped to England. The disappearance of a few hundred or a few thousand Irish was not a cause for alarm, but rather for rejoicing. Who cared what their names were anyway, they were gone.

Almost as soon as settlers landed in America, English privateers showed up with a good load of slaves to sell. The first load of African slaves brought to Virginia arrived at Jamestown in 1619. English shippers, with royal encouragement, partnered with the Dutch to try and corner the slave market to the exclusion of the Spanish and Portuguese. The demand was greatest in the Spanish occupied areas of Central and South America, but the settlement of North America moved steadily ahead, and the demand for slave labour grew.

The Proclamation of 1625 ordered that Irish political prisoners be transported overseas and sold as laborers to English planters, who were settling the islands of the West Indies, officially establishing a policy that was to continue for two centuries. In 1629 a large group of Irish men and women were sent to Guiana, and by 1632, Irish were the main slaves sold to Antigua and Montserrat in the West Indies. By 1637 a census showed that 69% of the total population of Montserrat were Irish slaves, which records show was a cause of concern to the English planters. But there were not enough political prisoners to supply the demand, so every petty infraction carried a sentence of transporting, and slaver gangs combed the country sides to kidnap enough people to fill out their quotas.

Although African Negroes were better suited to work in the semi-tropical climates of the Caribbean, they had to be purchased, while the Irish were free for the catching, so to speak. It is not surprising that Ireland became the biggest source of livestock for the English slave trade.

In the 12 year period during and following the Confederation revolt, from 1641 to 1652, over 550,000 Irish were killed by the English and 300,000 were sold as slaves, as the Irish population of Ireland fell from 1,466,000 to 616,000. Banished soldiers were not allowed to take their wives and children with them, and naturally, the same for those sold as slaves. The result was a growing population of homeless women and children, who being a public nuisance, were likewise rounded up and sold. But the worse was yet to come.

In 1649, Cromwell landed in Ireland and attacked Drogheda, slaughtering some 30,000 Irish living in the city. Cromwell reported: "I do not think 30 of their whole number escaped with their lives. Those that did are in safe custody in the Barbados." A few months later, in 1650, 25,000 Irish were sold to planters in St. Kitt. During the 1650s decade of Cromwell's Reign of Terror, over 100,000 Irish children, generally from 10 to 14 years old, were taken from Catholic parents and sold as slaves in the West Indies, Virginia and New England. In fact, more Irish were sold as slaves to the American colonies and plantations from 1651 to 1660 than the total existing "free" population of the Americas!



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