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DIVISION I CALENDAR

Division Meeting -----Friday October 14th 7:30 PM

Communion Mass and Breakfast Sunday 16th 9 AM

St. Brendan's Dinner Dance Saturday November 5th 8PM

Comedy Night Saturday October 22nd 8 PM

Andy Cooney's Christmas Show December 16th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are back in the swing of autumn. Since it is October that means our Annual Communion Breakfast is on the schedule. It will be on Sunday October 16th at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe. Mass will be at 9:00 AM followed by Breakfast at the Hall. This year's Guest Speaker will be AOH National Historian Mike McCormack. Mike has been at the Hall as a speaker previously and we expect another interesting talk. Please support the Communion Breakfast; it is one of the main events in our calendar each year. A great deal of effort is put in every year by Brothers Bob Burns and Keith Reynolds to make the Communion Breakfast a success. Your attendance is what makes an event such as this a success.

We once again hosted the Gaelic Football and Hurling Finals at the Hall in September. The Football Final was a thrilling encounter between Dublin and Kerry with Dublin winning by one point to capture the Sam McGuire Cup. Kilkenny beat Tipperary in the Hurling to recapture the Liam McCarthy

Cup after Tipperary beat them in 2010.

St. Brendan's Gaelic Football opened their Field on September 24th. Congratulations to them, the Field looks to be in great shape and we wish them years of continued success with it as their new home. The First Leprechaun Hunt was held that day as well. LAOH Division 5 did a great job. The proceeds from the Hunt went to Beautiful People and the money raised will be used to get suitable field for the children. St. Brendan's will be having a dinner dance Saturday November 5th at the American Legion Hall on Lakes Road in Monroe. The McLean Avenue Band will be your music entertainment and food catered by Birchwood Caters. Contact Gail Edmonds at 845-978-8483 for tickets and more information.

Since it is October it also means that it is time to start thinking about 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 Mem-

ber and you will get advice on how best to proceed. Nominations will be accepted at the October Meeting as well as the November Meeting. The election will take place at the November meeting. Installation of Officers will be during the December meeting.

As we are all aware Football season is under way. We have the Giants and Jet games in the Pub. We now have guest bartenders on Sundays. Stop up and be surprised by who will be behind the stick on that day.

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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Historical Happenings by Mike McCormack Historian

We are 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 is at 9 AM at Sacred Heart Church followed by a good breakfast at the hall. Please make an effort to attend both the church and breakfast. Cost \$8 adults and children \$4. Your Green jackets would be appreciated but they are not necessary. We really want your presence and support.

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 starting October 17th 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.

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

If your interested in playing cards The Monroe Woodbury Softball League is holding a fundraiser Saturday October 15th at 7 PM at the hall.

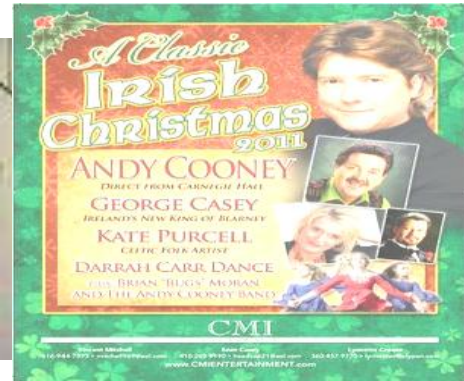
All monies raised from the card tournament will go to transportation and hotels for the girls softball team who are playing in the national finals.

Contact Felipe at 914-417-8076 for more details.

Children's Halloween Party

Sunday October 30th. 3 PM at the hall.

Dress the little one's up and bring them out to play. Candy and games provided.



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/>

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Comedy Nite at the AOH Saturday October 22nd.

Brother Paul Byrne has brought his comedy showcase to the AOH. The first show October 8th was packed with comics and their friends. The show was amazing. Why not stop by his next show Saturday October 22nd and show your support to him. Cost is FREE.



CATHOLIC ACTION

The annual Life Chain was held Saturday October 2nd along route 211 in Middletown.

Past President Brendan O'Dowd and his son Tommy, Past Recording Secretary Joseph McMahan, his brother Brian McMahan and Mary and Bob Wykoff of our resident band Celtic Blend, where their to represent the AOH.

2nd Annual Priest Dinner

Will be held Saturday October 28th, 8 PM at St. Columba Church in Chester. If you can donate your time to set up, clean up cook or donate food or liquid libations please contact Tommy Flynn

Giants Tailgate Party

Sunday November 10th at 1 PM. Chris DeBold and Mike Carroll will be hosting a tailgate party in the parking lot prior to the Giants 4PM game. Refreshments Burgers and hot dogs to be served. Prizes for the best homemade chili and best stew.

A special thank you to Chris DeBold who hosted a golf tournament Friday October 7th. for the wounded warrior project. Recipient is John Curtin, cousin of board member Tim Curtin.

John was deployed to Afghanistan in January 2011. Less than a month later, he sustained severe injuries, that included the amputation of both legs above the knee.

John faces a long road to recovery but his spirit and resolve are inspirational.

All proceeds will be utilized to help defray medical costs and assist in the modification of his home.

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HISTORY

Mary Harris Jones.

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Mary Harris “Mother” Jones August 1, 1837 – November 30, 1930, born in County Cork, Ireland, was a prominent American labor and community organizer, who helped coordinate major strikes and co-founded the Industrial Workers of the World.

She worked as a teacher and dressmaker but after her husband and four children all died of yellow fever and her workshop was destroyed in the Chicago fire in 1871 she began working as an organizer for the Knights of Labor and the United Mine Workers Union.

She was a very effective speaker, punctuating her speeches with stories, audience participation, humor and dramatic stunts. From 1897 (when she was 60) she was known as Mother Jones and in 1902 she was called “the most dangerous woman in America” by West Virginia District Attorney Reese Blizzard for her success in organizing mine workers and their families against the mine owners. In 1903, upset about the lax enforcement of the child labor laws in Pennsylvania mines and silk mills, she organized a Children’s March from Philadelphia to the home of then President Theodore Roosevelt in New York. She stood in with a banner stating “We want to go to school and not the mines”. Though the President refused to meet with the marchers, the incident brought the issue of Child Labor to the forefront of the public agenda. Mother Jones’s Children’s Crusade was described in detail in the 2003 non-fiction book, *Kids on Strike!*

Amidst the tragic, and sometimes fatal, violence directed at early trade unionists, Mother Jones uttered words still invoked by union supporters more than a century later “Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living” Already known as the “miners angel” when she was denounced on the floor of the United States Senate as the “grandmother of all agitators” she replied I hope to live long enough to the great-grandmother of all agitators.

Once when told she should not address the court as judge or sir but Your Honor, she replied she would not do so until she seen how honorable the judge was.

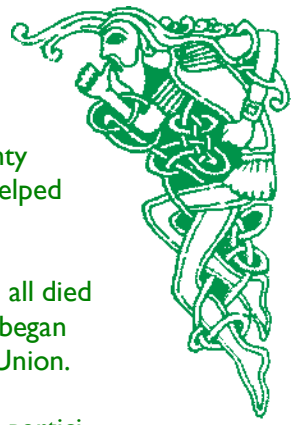
In the American Song bag, Carl Sandburg suggests the “she in “She’ll Be Coming Round the Mountain” was a reference to Mother Jones and her travels to Appalachian mountain coal mining camps promoting the unionization of the miners.

“The death of Mother Jones” a song whose authorship is unknown, was first recorded by Gene Autry in 1931, in what may have been his first recording session.

“The Spirit of Mother Jones” is a track on the 2010 Abocurragh album by the Irish singer/songwriter Andy Irvine.

“Union Maid” a song by Woody Guthrie, calls for women to emulate Mother Jones by fighting for both women’s rights and workers’ rights.

To coincide with International Women’s Day on March 8, 2010 a proposal was made by Councilor Ted Tynan for a plaque to be erected in Mary Harris Jones native city of Cork, Ireland. The proposal has been accepted by the Cork City Council.



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