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JOSEPH DUELK, JR. DIVISION NO. 1

P. O. Box 337, Monroe (Orange County), New York 10950

NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 11, 2018 8 PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

Our next monthly meeting will be on Friday, May 11th starting at 8PM due to the JDJ Corp is holding its quarterly general meeting at 7PM the same night. This is done by the JDJ Corp to get more people involved in the organization. There are two, one-year terms available on the JDJ board. Please see the attached flyer of election notification.

Our Immediate Past President Thomas Flynn and Past President George Anderson will continue to organize and run our Memorial Mass at St. Anastasia RC Church in Harriman with our Chaplain, Fr. Michael Keane in commemoration of Joseph D. Duelk, whose KIA Day is June 14th, 1968, and after whom our AOH Division is named in memory of. We will also honor and pray for 1st Lt. Louis E Allen whose KIA Day is June 8th, 2005 and after whom our AOH Jr. Division is named in memory of. We will be working with our Jr. Division, the LAOH, and LAOH Juniors to assist at the mass. The mass will be on Sunday, June 10th at 9:30 AM.

The Bethel Woods raffle drawing will be held at our meeting, this Friday the 11th of May, please hand in all your tickets for the drawing.

The AOH Division 1 golf tournament will be held Friday June 8th at the Falkirk Golf Course.

9 AM registration. 10 AM Shotgun start, scramble format. 2:30 BBQ lunch and open bar on the patio with live music by Paul Cray. \$150 per golfer.

Don't golf or you're unable to attend, sponsor the event Platinum \$250, Gold \$100 and Silver \$50.

If you have a friend who is Irish Catholic by birth or descent, and might be interested in joining, please bring them up. We are having a membership drive; if you sponsor 5 new members your dues for the following year are free. The member with most sponsorships wins an AOH three season jacket worth \$75

In our motto,

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Neil O'Riordan

Sunday, June 10
PFC Joe Duelk and Lt. Lou Allen
Memorial Mass
9:30 AM St. Anastasia

Division 1 Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 10
NYC St. Pats Parade
Affiliated Organization
Meeting
Cathedral HS 7 PM

Friday, May 11
AOH Monthly Meeting
Bethel Woods Raffle
AOH Hall 8 PM

Friday, June 8
Fleming Golf Outing
Falkirk CC 9 AM

Sunday, June 10
Duelk and Allen Mass
St. Anastasia RC Church
9:30 AM

Please turn in your
Bethel Tickets!
Bethel Woods Raffle
Drawing May 11, 9 PM
Support our Division!



Division Events

Division 1 presents Senator Bill Larkin with Veteran's Pin



AOH Division 1 Sponsors NY Rose Candidate Tara Goodwin and Rosebud Madeline Keahon



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A Moment in Irish History

Hercules Mulligan

Hercules Mulligan was born in County Antrim, Ireland in 1740, Mulligan moved to New York City with his family when he was six. He attended Kings College after college he decided to become a tailor. This career choice would place him in a position to become an important player in the struggle for freedom. Mulligan took up the patriot cause at least a decade before the start of the Revolutionary War. In 1765 he joined the Sons of Liberty, an underground group that engaged in anti-British agitation. During the war his customers included wealthy British businessmen and high-ranking military officers. Mulligan would coax information from them. The information would then be sent to Washington, who relied heavily upon such intelligence. The British never suspected him to be a spy he and his wife strong but secret patriots. (NYC was a haven for the enemies of patriots). In 1779, he picked up a piece of information that literally saved the commander in chief's life. Late one evening, a British officer called at Mulligan's shop to purchase a watch coat. Curious about the late hour, Mulligan asked why the officer needed the coat so quickly. The man explained that he was leaving immediately on a mission, boasting the "before another day, we'll have the rebel general in our hands. As soon as the officer left, Mulligan dispatched his servant to advise General Washington. Washington changed his plans thanks to Mulligan. In 1781, the British placed a rush order for provisions to be loaded onto a transport ship, Hercules brother Hugh casually asked the British Commissary officer what the supplies were for. The officer revealed that 300 cavalymen were being dispatched to New London, Connecticut to intercept General Washington. Hugh passed the information to his brother, who relayed it to Washington's camp. Washington altered his route to Rhode Island and arranged a surprise welcome for the British forces.

When the war finally ended in 1783, anyone who'd supported the British was in potential danger. Many Loyalist homes and business were destroyed. Only Washington and his staff knew of the valiant efforts of his spies. Worried about his confidential correspondents, Washington made a point of personally visiting each of them and very publicly thanking them for their contributions. Washington called on Mulligan and shared breakfast with him. After breakfast Washington ordered a complete civilian wardrobe from the Irish tailor. Mulligan promptly installed a new sign outside his shop. "Clothier to General Washington. Hercules Mulligan passed at 85 years old, he is buried in New York's Trinity Church at Wall and Broadway. He is buried next to his best friend Alexander Hamilton. Probably no other individual had such a dramatic impact on the lives of the leaders who charted the course for our country.

Hercules Mulligan was too young to engage the British before he left Ireland in 1742. However, it would not be unreasonable to assume that he was influenced in his decision to become a Son of Liberty here in America by the horrors recounted by his parents who witnessed firsthand British atrocities in Ireland. His deeds and his love of liberty were an inspiration to succeeding generations of his countrymen and women who fought to preserve America's liberty and Ireland's freedom. He helped create a land of refuge and liberty for his fellow countrymen and women and for countless millions of others from around the world who fled the yoke of tyranny. He was a true patriot, deserving of a special place in our hearts and in the Fenian Graves Archives.

Research- www.cia.gov and the Fenian Graves web site

Prepared by Historian Martin Hogan