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**JOSEPH DUELK, JR. DIVISION NO. 1**

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

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 8, 2018 8 PM**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

I would like to thank our members who marched with our division and accompanied by our great pipe band in the Memorial Day Parade in the Village of Monroe on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> this year. How wonderful it was to march in our home village in such an important parade as our Division and Jr. Division are named in remembrance of our fallen military personnel.

On Memorial Day, on our Division members accompanied our fellow brothers from all of Orange County AOH Divisions in an early morning sunrise tour of the grave sites in Orange County where we honored and remembered our fallen military personal.

The Executive Board would like to thank our Brothers Anderson, DeBold, Edmonds, Walsh and Gertzki who helped the LAOH setting up, cooking and cleaning up at our LAOH Jr.'s Mother's Day brunch. The kitchen was used for the first time since its renovation and it passed with great complements. A certificate has been hung in the kitchen thanking all that worked on the renovation.

Membership cards for this year and years prior have been mailed out thanks to Recording Secretary Anderson and Financial Secretary Keahon.

The Bethel Woods raffle winner was chosen by a drawing at our last meeting and the winner was the raffle chairman George Anderson, a big thank you to all who sold or bought tickets. \$4,000.00 was raised, and roughly \$1,300.00 will go each to our charity account, our general fund and to St. Anastasia Church. The check will be presented to Father Mike Keane at our Memorial Mass for Joseph Duellk and Lt. Louis Allen on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 AM Mass. All members are asked to attend this mass in proper uniform if you have it. Green Jacket, black shoes socks and trousers and a white shirt and black tie. If you don't have a jacket, please join us with your family anyway. After the mass we will lay wreaths on Lt. Louis Allen's grave at the veterans' cemetery in Goshen and Joseph Duellk's grave in Washingtonville. Light refreshments and food will be served at the Hall afterwards. An AOH Orange County board meeting will be held at 2PM the same day Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> at the hall, so please stick around for the meeting. The county president Edmund Burke has asked that if you wish anything to be placed on the agenda for discussion you must notify him prior to the meeting.

On Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> The Fleming Scholarship Committee will hold its annual golf outing fundraiser and awards day at Falkirk golf course. 9: AM sign up. Cost to golf \$150.00. Cost for Awards Dinner after golf 2PM \$50.00.

(See continuation at right...)

## Division 1

### Calendar of Events

#### Friday, June 8

Fleming Golf Outing  
Falkirk CC 9 AM

#### Friday, June 8

Monthly Meeting  
8 PM

#### Sunday, June 10

**Duellk and Allen Mass**  
**St. Anastasia RC Church**  
**9:30 AM**

#### Saturday, June 16

Palatia Celtic Festival  
2 PM to 6 PM

## President's Message (Continued)

On Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2PM, AOH Division 1 will assist at the gate for the annual Palatia Winery Celtic Festival in Central Valley. Volunteers are needed to work the gate and sell 50/50 tickets for our organization. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet new members and raise money for our division and the LAOH. Contact me at 845-313-3644 if you can help out that day.

In our motto,  
Friendship, Unity and  
Christian Charity.  
Neil O'Riordan

## Division Events



### Memorial Day Parade Monroe AOH Pipes and Drums and Division 1



### Memorial Day Sunrise Commemoration Goshen NY AOH Divisions led by Division 4 President Kevin Dooner and County President Ed Burke

#### West Point Raffle Tickets

Brothers, our AOH County Board is holding its annual fundraising raffle for 2 season tickets to West Point Army Football! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the bar. If you think you can sell some tickets, lots of 5 tickets can be obtained by contacting me at 914.263.2508.



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## **A Moment in Irish History**

# **Myles Keogh 1840-1876**

Myles Keogh was born in Orchard House, Leighlinbridge, County Carlow, Ireland. In 1860 he volunteered to fight with the Papal Army for Pope Pius IX. He was appointed second lieutenant of his unit in the Battalion of St. Patrick. The Papal Army was defeated at the Battle of Castelfidardo, where he was imprisoned, he was released shortly and went to Rome became part of the Vatican Guard. Because the fighting was over, he saw little purpose to stay in Rome.

The Civil War started in America and Secretary of State William Seward was seeking experienced European officers to serve the Union Army, Bishop John Hughes traveled to Italy to recruit veterans of the Papal Wars. Through Secretary Seward's intervention Keogh was given the rank of Captain. Keogh fought bravely at the Battle of Port Republic, at General McClellan's request he was transferred to his personal staff. After McClellan was removed from command he was reassigned to General John Buford's staff.

On June 30<sup>th</sup> Buford, with Keogh by his side, rode into the small town of Gettysburg. Buford realized that he had run into a large rebel force and set up a defense against the rebels. He was aware of the importance of holding the high ground. That was the beginning of the most horrific battle of the Civil War. Buford was able to hold the high ground until the 1st Corps under General John F. Reynolds arrived on the scene. The importance of Buford's leadership and tactical foresight on July 1<sup>st</sup>. cannot be overstated in its contribution to the Union victory. Myles Keogh received his first brevet for "gallant and meritorious service" during the battle and promoted to the rank of major.

Major Keogh was appointed aide de camp to General George Stoneman. In July 1864, Stoneman raided to the south, destroying railroad and industrial works. They also were able to free prisoners from Macon, Georgia and the prison at Andersonville. On July 31<sup>st</sup>. Keogh and Stoneman were captured during the Battle of Sunshine Church. Keogh was held captive for two months before being released through the efforts of William Tecumseh Sherman, After the war he accepted a commission as captain in the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, and on July 28, 1866, he was assigned to Ft. Riley Kansas to become the captain of Company I under the command of George Armstrong Custer.

Keogh once said, "My great weakness is the love I have for the fair sex, and pretty much all my trouble comes from or can be traced to that charming source." In 1874, he returned to Ireland and while there he deeded his inherited Clifden estate to his sister Margaret, feeling the necessity to support his sisters after the death of both parents.

In October, Keogh returned to Fort Abraham Lincoln for his old duty with Custer, and it would be his last days. Keogh died in a last stand of his own, surrounded by the men of Company I. Keogh body was found three days later in the center of a group of troopers. The slain officer was stripped but not mutilated like others. Perhaps because of a Medal of the Lamb of God was around his neck and the Indians considered it "bad medicine" to do so. His horse Comanche was the only U.S. military survivor of the battle. Comanche was nursed back to health and was made the mascot of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

Keogh was buried at Little Big Horn but was later disinterred and reburied at the Fort Hill Cemetery.

Research for this article was taken from Myles Keogh Life and Legend. [www.littlebighorn.info](http://www.littlebighorn.info)

*Prepared by Historian Martin Hogan*