



# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA

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

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

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 9, 2018 8 PM**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

Our busy months approach, we start with our monthly meeting Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> please be present by 7:30 PM. If you know someone who is Catholic and of Irish birth or descent, please bring them to join.

The Bethel Woods Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at our meeting.

On Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 PM at Kelly Jean's restaurant in Goshen, The Mid-Hudson Parade Committee will hold their Kick-off to St. Patrick's Parade event. \$20 at the door gets you two drink tickets and a light buffet with music by Roddy and Amy who played at our Christmas party who were great. Go and support the Grand Marshal Maureen Morse and her aides, including our very own John McCabe.

Also following this event please join us at AOH Monroe at 4 PM for the return of Jameson's Revenge voted the best traditional Irish music band on the East coast. Cost is only \$10 and supports our organization.

On Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> 3 PM at Antun's Catering Hall in Queen Village, The NYC Parade will hold its Kick of lunch cost \$100 honoring the Grand Marshal Loretta Brennan Gluksman and her aides including our Past President Keith Reynolds. We will be joining the Orange County AOH Board table please contact me to join 845-313-3644.

On Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> Recording Secretary George Anderson and I shall attended the NYC St. Patrick's Parade board meeting in NYC to find out if we won the Seamus Comiskey Memorial Trophy for Best AOH Marching Unit. Seamus was a member here and worked the line of march for the NYC Parade for years standing in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He would give us marching instruction at the hall so nobody would be out of line. We have won this award most years and it lets us step off at 10:30 AM in the honor guard instead of 2PM.

We would like to hire a bus to bring us to and from the parade cost is \$1,000.00 dollars at \$35 per person light breakfast served before leaving, If you are going to march in the NYC Parade please email the Recording Secretary with yes I'm marching and yes or no I will take the bus.

In our motto,

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Neil O'Riordan

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## Division 1

### Calendar of Events

**Friday, February 9**  
AOH Monthly Meeting  
AOH Hall 8 PM

### Mid-Hudson St. Patricks Parade Committee

**Sunday, February 18**  
Mid-Hudson St.  
Patrick's Day Parade  
Kick-off  
Kelley Jeans, Goshen  
12 Noon-2 PM  
(See Flyer)

**2018 AOH Dues are due!  
\$40 Annual Dues**

**\$100 JDJ Building Fund  
(JDJ Corp will pay you  
annual dues)**

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Fund Contribution and  
Fleming Scholarship  
Contribution**



## Division Events

### Fleming Scholarship Championship Sunday

On Sunday, January 21st, the Thomas J. Fleming Scholarship Committee hosted a Chili Cook-Off to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

**Committee Chairman Chris DeBold, ably assisted by Committee Members Don Higgins and Chris Canonico, put together a great afternoon.**

Kudos to the winners of the cook-off, Briega DeBold, winning the Best Chili as chosen by the secret judge (who to this day remains nameless (but it wasn't Chris), and Fan Favorite Chili, chosen by popular vote, Danny O'Connell! There were numerous bottles of a variety of high end libations raffled off (thanks to all who donated raffle prizes) as well as a door prize-- congratulations to all who won.

The event raised over \$1,100 for the Scholarship Fund, so thanks to all who participated! Remember, applications for the Fleming Scholarship can be obtained at the Hall, so if you have a child in school, see the eligibility rules on the application and have your child follow the application process. They will learn a little about their heritage, and you'll receive a cash award to help defray the cost of their education. A real Win-Win!

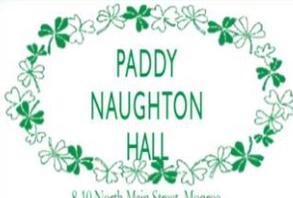
**Don't miss our next Fleming Scholarship fundraiser, which is a Golf Outing Friday June 8th at Falkirk Country Club. Please see Chairman Chris DeBold for hole sponsorship opportunities!**

### JDJ Corner

Dear Brothers, I would like to inform you two new five-year leases have been signed, for a new tenant, the Discovery Baptist Church in the old Best Mechanical space, and for a new tenant to take over Europa Deli, giving the corporation stability. I would like to thank Brother Michael Carroll for his timely assistance and professionalism in obtaining the tenant for our vacant storefront. The JDJ can always use assistance with various projects including completing the Kitchen Renovation and help with the staircase lights. Big thanks to Ed Deegan, John McCabe and Tom Wash for the work done so far! A new furnace is being installed this month, the previous one had a 914 area code for Orange County on the label, that's how old it was. The Board of the JDJ will continue to work to ensure we have a safe and comfortable Hall, ensuring our tenants, members and visitors can enjoy their time here. All that takes work, so contact me at [andersongeow@aol.com](mailto:andersongeow@aol.com) if you want to volunteer on any of our projects. In Our Motto,

George Anderson, JDJ Chair



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12-2pm**

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# **A Moment in Irish History**

## **AOH History (Part Two)**

**The Early Irish in America-As the Irish population grew anti-Catholic forces celebrated Pope Day and carried straw effigies of St. Patrick on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Which were desecrated to taunt the Irish. The new Irish were quick to defend their honor; their reaction was swift, and violence was a normal result. The influence of the growing Irish population finally forced the city to ban such effigies in 1802. Then, in 1806, Francis Cooper became the first Catholic elected to the New York Assembly; he was told he would have to take the Test Oath. A petition signed by the parishioners of St. Peter's – the city's only Catholic parish- complained that the oath denied Catholic the opportunity of discharging their civic duties, and again the large number of signatures prompted State Senator and city Mayor De Witt Clinton to sponsor a bill that abolished the Test Oath. But some forces were not happy, and few months later, an anti-Catholic mob attacked St. Peter's Church. They were held off by members of Irish community who formed a guard around the building, but the confrontation sparked two days of rioting.**

**Anti-Catholic bigotry, cloaked in the guise of American patriotism, emerged in a nativist prejudice against Immigrants—especially the Irish, who began arriving in large numbers. A period of extreme intolerance was launched in the early 1800's that began with social segregation, resulted in discrimination in hiring, and reached its climax in the formation of nativist gangs such as the Order of the Star-Spangled Banner, The True Blue Americans and others bent of violence against the Irish Catholic immigrant population. These gangs would coalesce in 1854 into the American party or "Know Nothings". Reminiscent of the penal laws, they sought legislation against the immigrant population who, it was stated, diluted American principles. The growing number of Irish, fleeing conditions in their native land, had become a focus of that prejudice. They were given to the most difficult and demanding forms of labor where even minimal safety and welfare standards were ignored. In Ireland, the bias of their colonial masters made it necessary to guard their activities from public scrutiny; in America the prejudice from nativist and abusive employers made similar secrecy necessary. Gradually, they came together in the same type of secret societies that protected them in Ireland.**

**Nativist prejudice grew from intolerance to violence. St. Mary's Church in New York was burned to the ground in 1831; in 1832, 57 Irish railroad workers suffering from Cholera near Malvern, Pennsylvania were refused medical attention, died and were dumped in a unmarked grave; in 1834, the Ursuline Convent in Massachusetts was burned down, while in 1835 and 1835, nativist gangs attacked the Irish neighborhood of Five Points in New York resulting in several major street brawls the lasted for days.**

***To be continued next month; this article was reprinted from the AOH web site.***