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Next Meeting Sunday October 15th 2 PM

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DIVISION I CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October Monthly Meeting ————— Sunday, 15th 2017 2 PM

November 10 Monthly meeting & Elections 8PM

Sunday November 12 Communion Mass St. Anastasia Church 09:30 AM

Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall installation December 3rd 2-5 PM

Sunday December 17th Christmas party and awards day.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother's I would like to personally thank all those members that attended the 1/2 to St. Patrick's Day Family Picnic held at Division 2 in Cornwall, New York along with the Metro Conference also held at Division 2.

Our membership is driven by you and your participation in the meetings and events is what creates the JDJ AOH brotherhood. I am hoping to see an increase in the monthly attendance and once again would like to remind our membership if you are not able to come to a meeting or event, please email me in advance and the Board will assist in finding transportation to and from a meeting or event.

We need to increase our presence in the Community and Community events so that the Orange County Community is aware of the Charitable Work we as an organize complete on a yearly basis.

The Semi-Annual New York State Board Meeting mandated by Article II, Section 3 of the AOH NYS By-Laws will convene on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at 10:00 AM at the Hibernian House located at 28 Railroad Avenue, Pearl River, NY 10965. We will be required to submit reports of Officers, Committee's, Special Committee and the Good of the Order. I will be seeking a date prior to November 4, 2017, by which we as a Division can hold an open Board Meeting to complete and present the same. The date and time will be established at our Sunday, October 15, 2017, meeting. All members are invited to either meeting.

I would like to discuss at our meeting the Christmas Party for our membership and children along with the bus ride of the Jr. Division to New York City during the Christmas Recess. Brother Anderson is seeking some assistance on a working weekend for the gathering food for the Food Bank with the upcoming Thanksgiving season. Further details to be discussed at our meeting Sunday

Brother Anderson will be addressing the meeting regarding the Health and options that need to be discussed regarding the Financial Health of Building and projects that are in the works or being planned, which depends on membership participation and income levels.

We will be discussing and selecting the Aid for our Division (County) to the 2018 New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade

We will begin the nominations Positions on the Executive Board for the coming Year and members that would like to have a position on the Board are requested to be at the meeting or notify the Board in writing by the November 2017 meeting. November 12, 2017 – Communion Breakfast at St. Anastasia Church 9:30 AM Mass confirmed by Fr. Michael Keane, In our Motto – Tommy Flynn

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Members of the **Orange County AOH and LAOH Hibernian** family, along with their families and friends, came together at the **Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Family Day Picnic** on Saturday, September 16, 2017. The event took place on the sprawling grounds of the Father Donald J. Whelan Division 2 Hall grounds in Cornwall, NY. Music and comic entertainment was provided by Kevin McElroy who played throughout the afternoon's event. Additional entertainment was provided by the AOH Division 1 Pipes and Drums. Under the direction of Orange County AOH President, Ed Burke, members from Divisions 1 in Monroe, Division 2 in Cornwall and Division 4 in Middletown pitched in to make the day an enjoyable event for all.

In the photo are pictured (l-r): Division 1 Vice President Neil

O'Riordan, Division 4 President Kevin Dooner, 2017 NY Rose of Tralee Sinead Kirnan, NYAOH Organizer and Co-Webmaster Kevin Cummings, District 8 Director Kevin Moore, Division 2 President Bill Kirnan and (front row) Orange County Board President Ed Burke

AOH DIVISION 1 ELECTIONS:

Our annual elections will be held Friday November 10th at 7:30 PM.

To run for office either be present to accept a nomination or send a letter of intent to Past President George Anderson for the position you wish to hold. Send your letter to AOH Division 1, 10 North Main Street Monroe NY 10950

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 17th of December at our hall.

We will honor our Hibernian of the Year with the Jack Quinn Memorial Award and honor our Hibernian Family of the year. Santa told us he will stop by to visit so if you have a child buy an in expensive gift, wrap it and write your child's name very large on it.

Yearly membership dues :

It is that time again, Please mail your \$40 dues check to the hall our stop by and drop it in the lock box by the front door.

Irelands 32 tickets will be available at the November meeting.

Father Peter Whelan “The Angel of Andersonville”

Even though not technically a soldier, he served well as a Chaplain for the Confederacy. But besides ministering to Confederate soldiers he was a saint for the Union soldiers at Andersonville. Peter Whelan was born in Loughnageer, County Wexford, Ireland in 1802. He came to America and was ordained in Charleston, S.C. on November 30, 1830. He served for 19 years as pastor of the Church of the Purification of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in Locust Grove, Georgia.

When war broke out, he left his post as rector of an orphanage and became a military chaplain for the Confederacy. He first became a Chaplain for the Montgomery Guard, an Irish Company, established in Savannah for the First Georgia Volunteer Regiment. He would minister to the Confederate troops during the capture of Fort Pulaski and later he volunteered to remain with them when they were imprisoned in New York at the prison camp on Governor’s Island. While there the officers arranged to have a new suit made for him. When the officers asked him why he still had his old suit on he said he gave it to a new prisoner who came in almost naked. They asked why he didn’t give him his old suit, Whelan replied “*When I give for Christ’s sake, I give the best.*”

Later during the war he would serve captured Union soldiers at Andersonville prison. He spent each day, from sun up to sundown, hearing confessions, baptizing, giving the Last Rites, and seeing that the dead were given a Christian burial. Father Whelan never left the men of Andersonville and he served them there until the armistice. One time he did leave the prison to get bread for the men. He needed money for this. He Borrowed \$16,000.00 from Henry Horne, a devout Catholic in Macon. This was the equivalent of \$400.00 in gold. With this money he purchased ten thousand pounds of wheat flour that he had baked into bread and distributed at the prison hospital of Andersonville. The prisoner’s referred to it “Whelan Bread”. This bread was enough to provide the men with rations for several months.

After the war he returned to Savannah. He was quite ill as he had contracted a lung ailment at Andersonville. Even though ill, in 1866 he wrote Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton, asking that the government repay his loan to Henry Horne for the bread. Stanton refused asking for sworn vouchers and bills of purchase. The priest informed Stanton that he could keep his money because he had, “*neither the health nor the strength to run over Georgia to hunt up vouchers and bill of purchase*” the “good God” had provided this bread and that he would find another way to pay this debt. During this time his lung condition got worse and the doctors wanted him to go to New York to escape the humid air. His friends raised the money, but instead of going he used the money to repay Mr. Horne. Father Whelan died on Feb. 6, 1871. His funeral procession in Savannah was the longest ever seen in the city. Eighty-six carriages and buggies escorted the body to the cemetery. People for all over the city turned out. There were former soldiers as well as impressive members from the old garrison.

This priest was truly a saint and served God and his fellow man for his entire life. He was a priest of heroic proportions.

A Sergeant, John Vaughter wrote in his memoirs. “Of all the ministers in Georgia accessible to Andersonville, only one could hear the sentence, “I was sick and in prison and you visited me” and that one was Catholic. Another soldier wrote “without a doubt he was the means of saving hundreds of lives” Another wrote “all creeds, color and nationalities were alike to him... He was indeed the Good Samaritan

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