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JOSEPH DUELK, JR. DIVISION NO. 1

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

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 13, 2018 8 PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

As our marching season comes to an end, the Board of AOH Joseph Duell Jr. Memorial Division 1 would like to thank everyone that marched in the numerous parades. Orange County AOH president Edmund Burke sent his thanks to all our members who marched and supported the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade in Goshen and the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our Division had the honor at both parades of holding the Orange County AOH banner as our Brother Keith Reynolds was Orange County Aide to the Grand Marshall in NYC this year. We would also like to thank our AOH Pipe and Drums for inviting us to march in the Pearl River Parade. We had some nice refreshments provided to us afterwards by AOH Pearl River it's was nice to meet our fellow Hibernians. Our Yonkers AOH brothers were also very gracious in getting our Division and the Junior Division into the McLean Avenue St. Patrick's Parade. The Westchester Emerald Society invited us to join them after for a private after-parade party.

Ireland's 32 tickets should be handed in as soon as possible as the drawing is on April 8th at 4 PM. We will be closed Easter week and reopen Easter Sunday to celebrate the Risen Christ.

Past President Tommy Flynn and Recording Secretary George Anderson are working on the Memorial Mass for Joseph D. Duell Jr. and Lt. Louis E Allen to be held Sunday, June 10th at St. Anastasia Church 9:30 AM and Wreath Layings at both Hero's gravesites immediately thereafter. Breakfast to follow at the Hall.

On Friday, April 6th the LAOH will be holding a Pocketbook Bingo event to bring awareness to the opioid addiction problem in Orange County. The money raised will go towards programs the help prevent the problem. If you don't play bingo, stop by and support them with a donation. The Celtic Lounge will have live music by Paul Cray immediately following the event.

Our next meeting will be Friday, April 13th at 8 PM. Doors open by 7 PM.

Happy Easter to all our Brothers and your families.

In our motto,

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Neil O'Riordan

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

Division 1 Calendar of Events

Friday, April 6

LAOH Pocketbook Bingo
AOH Hall \$40
Doors open at 6 PM

Friday, April 13

AOH Monthly Meeting
AOH Hall 8 PM

Sunday, April 22

West Point Bagpipe
Tattoo at Trophy Point
Arrive by 12:30 PM

Monday, May 7

AARP Driver's Ed
AOH Hall 9 AM

**Please sell and
buy your tickets!**

Ireland's 32 Raffle

Drawing April 8, 4 PM

Bethel Woods Raffle

Drawing May 11, 9 PM
Support our Division!



Division Events
2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade Season

NYC



John McCabe Mid-Hudson Aide 2018



Keith Reynolds NYC Aide 2018

Pearl River



Yonkers



Political Action—Message from NYS President TO ALL COUNTY AND DIVISION PRESIDENTS

Brothers,

I was just informed by his office that New York State Senator Phil Boyle will introduce the "Irish Freedom Vote of 1918" Resolution tomorrow, March 28, 2018. **Please ask the membership to contact their New York State Senator and ask him/her to support this Resolution by signing on with Senator Boyle.** In addition, it is my understanding at this time that Assemblyman Michael Cusick will be introducing the Resolution in the Assembly soon, possibly the first week of April. **Please ask your membership to contact their New York State Assemblyman/Assemblywoman and ask him/her to support the Resolution by signing on with Assemblyman Cusick.**

AARP Driver's Ed Course

To be held at the Hall, Monday, May 7, 9AM. Call Steve Gibbons, 845 726 0855 or Email at gibbons75@gmail.com. Cost is \$20.00 for AARP members, all others \$25.00. There is a \$12.00 cover for coffee and a lunch.

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A Moment in Irish History

The History of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Part Four)

International Reconciliation

In 1981, Jack Connolly, President of the AOH in America, stopped into an AOH hall in Ireland. His historic gesture, opened dialogue between the two branches of the Order, and resulted in the visit of a group of Belfast Hibernians to Boston and New York to March in their ST. Patrick's Day parades. Hospitality was provided to visiting Hibernian officials during the next few administrations but little of significance occurred until 1992 when Board of Erin Secretary Frank Kieran visited America. Hibernian hospitality was extended by the American Board and, in conversations held during that visit, it was proposed that the two branches consider a joint project. At the 1994 American National Convention in Louisville Kentucky, it was announced that the joint project would be a memorial to the victims of the Great Hunger to be erected in Ireland in 1995.

On August 20, 1995, the dream came true as the American and Irish National Boards gathered in Ennistymon, Co. Clare to dedicate that memorial. In unveiling the memorial, Dail Eireann's Minister of State, Donal Carey, noted that this was the first national monument in all of Ireland to the victims of the Great Hunger, and it took the AOH to do it. It was a proud moment for the AOH, and a visible indication of what unity can achieve. More significant, but less publicized was an event that took place days earlier on August 12, just after the American Board had arrived in Ireland. It was the first joint meeting in history between the AOH National Boards of America, Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales. That meeting opened a new chapter in Hibernian history, which was confirmed by the hospitality extended in Hibernian Halls in Counties Louth, Down, Antrim, and Derry where the American Board was hosted and celebrated. The American Order also marched in solidarity with Board of Erin AOH in Co Derry in commemoration of the Feast of the Assumption and later, Bloody Sunday. Because of those historic gatherings and marches, the prejudice of the past has been buried, and the AOH now stands, not only as the oldest Catholic Lay organization in America, but as the largest Irish Catholic society in the world with Divisions across the United States, and close ties with the AOH in Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The AOH in America Today

In America, the Division is the basic unit of the Order. Divisions are combined into County Boards, which are in turn governed by State Boards, and an overall National Board elected every two years. Annual dances, concerts, and parades sponsored at all levels of the Order raise millions for charity while providing a showcase for the positive contributions the Irish have made in every walk of American life. Divisions and Hibernian Halls across the country have traditionally provided a welcome for new immigrants. Here, the unique art, dance, music, and other interests of the Irish are fostered and preserved, making the AOH a home away from home for many. They are at the forefront of support for issues concerning the Irish such as Immigration Reform, MacBride Legislation, and the Right to Life. They serve their Church well, yet, they never forget their ancestral homeland, and can always be found lobbying, praying, and working for the total independence of a united 32-county Ireland — as their constitution avows: “by all means constitutional and lawful”.

The initials AOH may tell the story best. Those who say it means Add One Hour are describing the easygoing, no rush attitude of many of its members, while America's Only Hope has been used to define the loyalty of the Irish to the principles of their adopted land. In any case, its members are best described by the statement, to be Irish is a Blessing,

To be a Hibernian is an Honor.

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