



# Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

Pearl River, NY

October, 2017



**Brother Hibernians,** \_\_\_\_\_



Our next meeting will be held on Friday 10/27 at 8pm at which we will have nominations for Division officers. Welcome aboard to new member Brendan Mulcahy. Congratulations to Pete Dunne and John Gannon on their re-elections at the last meeting. Congratulations as well to Sean Walsh and Dan Mulligan on their well-earned election as our 2018 Aide and Battalion Commander respectively bfor the Rockland County Parade. Many thanks to all the members who attended and supported the Metro Conference, the Lourdes Kids Golf Outing, and the RGAA dance. The Division 3 representation was truly impressive. We will be hosting a Rambling House upstairs at the Hibernian House starting at 7 pm on Friday, November 3rd and the NYS AOH board meeting and lunch the following day. Anybody who can help out chief chef Brian Booth with some cooking would be greatly appreciated. Our first Pot O'Gold Raffle Drawing party on Nov. 12th is fast approaching so don't miss out, get your ticket now.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News...Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Barry and also Mike Gorham's sister-in-law Catherine who passed away at the young age of 46 leaving behind 3 young children. Please read on in this newsletter to find out how you can help out the family. Congratulations to Connie and Margaret Smith whose daughter Theresa and her husband randy presented them with their first grandchild Niamh which means bright and radiant in Gaelic. Please continue your good wishes for John Kennedy who is still hanging on through his trials and tribulations and for Jim Walsh up at the Raso assisted living residence.

As always, please remember to say an extra prayer or two for our wounded warriors and their families. And please don't forget to get out and vote on November 7th.

*Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,  
Dermot O'Connor Moore, President.*

## ELECTED OFFICERS DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

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**FRANK McDONAGH**

*Vice President*  
**PETER DUNNE**

*Treasurer*  
**PHIL SHERIDAN**

*Recording Secretary*  
**JOHN GANNON**

## CALENDAR \_\_\_\_\_

- 10-27** Division Meeting
- 11-3** Rambling House
- 11-4** NYS AOH Board Meeting
- 11-12** Pot O'Gold Drawing Party
- 11-17** Div. Meeting, fundraiser
- 11-18** Senior Luncheon



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## LAOH

At our October meeting, LAOH Division 3 elected Collen Fitzpatrick as Aide to Grand Marshal and nominated Teresa Morris as RCLAOH Battalion Commander for the 2018 Rockland Parade. Voting will take place at the county meeting later this month. The LAOH NYS fall board meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Orangeburg and I hope Division 3 will be well represented. Co-chairs Mary O'Sullivan and Tracey Dickey are getting plans underway for our Christmas party. Hope to see a big turnout at our 11/14 meeting.

*Yours in friendship, unity and Christian charity,  
Terry McGeever, President*

## SOFTBALL

Our Hibernian softball team has been dedicated to fielding a team in the Rockland Senior Softball League for many years of good sportsmanship. We play every Sunday morning from April through September and finished 2nd out of 12 this year with a record of 14-6. We may need to add a few reliable ringer for 2018 so please give me a call in the spring at 845-359-2918 if you are interested. Hopefully next year, brothers! Scott Wheatley

## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON AND HALL RENTALS

Our Senior Citizens Luncheon will be held on November 18th and volunteers are asked to arrive around 9:30am. Now is the time to make Hall reservations for your spring 2018 Communion and Confirmation parties. Call Jack O'Connor at 845-731-9697. Please remember it is 731, not 735.

## HIBERNIAN HOUSE

Congratulations to Ed "All Day" for another great Lourdes Kids golf outing. Just for Ed's information you had a great time also. An investigation is under way to determine who stole Al Mac's balls, golf balls that is. Full report to follow. No carts in the creek at the tournament this year but Bell Crash Ditchie was there in spirit. The new health food seltzer drink has become very popular at the pub. We

## GET YOUR POT O'GOLD TICKET NOW!

Our first drawing party is November 12th. You know what a great deal our raffle is- your \$100 ticket gets you and a guest admission to two drawing parties, we give out \$14,000.00 in cash prizes including our grand prize of \$10,000.00, and you'll be supporting our many charitable endeavors and scholarships! Don't miss out get your ticket from us now. Pick yours up at the pub or contact Bill Lee at 845-558-4148 or mr.williamplee@gmail.com.

## NOV. 17 FUNDRAISER FOR GORHAM RELATIVE

**Friday, November 17,  
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@ Nanuet Elks Lodge  
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Music by Dan Lopez  
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Auction-Raffles

Mile Gorham's sister-in-law,  
Catherine Moran Duplessis,  
succumbed to cancer at  
46 years old leaving behind 3  
young children.

If you cannot attend,  
please consider making a  
donation.

Contact Mike at 845-304-9189  
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## RAMBLING HOUSE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3rd

An evening of old fashioned Irish Craic  
at the Hibernian House, doors open at 7 pm

All Talent Welcome. Open Mic Night-Singers, dancers,  
poets, story tellers, etc....

Free Admission-Refreshments-Bar- Tea / Soda Bread.

Any questions, please call Mike O'Sullivan at 732-675-3942

are starting to see the results all ready. Oh boy, Oh boy, Oh boy. Stop by the Pub on Wednesday or Thursday and say hello to our guest bartender the Nutty Professor, Jim Whelan. No truth to the report a reality show may be in the making at the Pub. Maybe a little truth. November 3 at the AOH there is a Rambling night at 7 PM. Come on down and enjoy the entertainment. Fishing trip going on October 28, check at the Legion

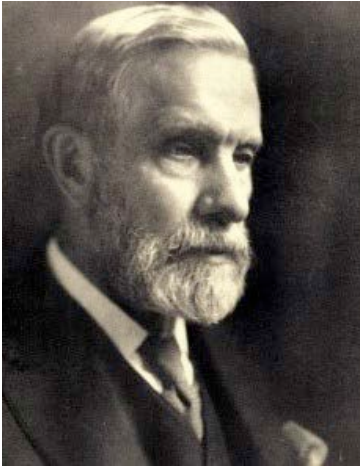
for information. Almost time for our annual adopt a family drive. More info next month. November 12 no football games will be shown at the Pub, the Legion or the Elks. The fact that the stations are not showing the National Anthem should be no reason for us not to show our displeasure with the players' actions.

*Pete Dunne*

# History

## John Devoy, A Life Given for Ireland

(The conclusion of last month History)



John Devoy did not bask long in the adulation he received in America as an exiled Irish Patriot. While he followed what had become a well-worn career path for expatriate Fenians by going into journalism, he did so with the focused goal of serving Ireland by espousing her cause amongst Irish America. Devoy worked as a reporter at the New York Herald for several years before founding his own newspaper, *The Gaelic American*, which was to become the voice of Irish Independence in America.

Devoy realized the great potential of Ireland's immigrant children in America. America afforded the Irish the freedom denied them by the British in their own country and economic prosperity undreamed of back home. Yet, Devoy was appalled at the divisions and splits within the community, often the product of the leadership pursuing self-serving ends. The cause of Fenianism was at a low ebb with the recent failures in Ireland and the abortive Fenian Raids into Canada. Devoy joined the Irish

American organization *Clan na Gael* (the family of the Irish). With the same zeal he had shown in organizing during the abortive Fenian rebellion, Devoy began the task of shaping *Clan na Gael* into the American voice for the cause of Irish independence and a financial support for the Irish Republican Brotherhood in Ireland.

An early success cemented Devoy's role as leader of *Clan na Gael*. In 1874, Devoy received a letter smuggled out of Australia from some of the Irish soldiers in the British Army he had recruited to the Fenian cause. While Devoy and others had been pardoned for their roles in the unsuccessful rebellion, there had been no clemency shown the military Fenians who were still held in harsh penal servitude as an example to the rest of the British army. Devoy felt a personal obligation to these men and organized the second jailbreak of his career and one of the most daring ever recorded. Through *Clan na Gael*, Devoy arranged the purchase of the whaler *Catalpa*. The *Catalpa* would visit Australia posing as a whaling vessel, while a Fenian agent in Australia freed the men and delivered them to the ship and freedom. The mission was a complete success and a major propaganda coup for *Clan na Gael*, reviving faltering interest in the Fenian cause in America.

Devoy was an ardent believer in the maxim that "England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity"; he continually sought to secure the backing of any power in conflict with

the United Kingdom. He sought assistance from the Russians when the Czarist government seemed on the road to conflict with Britain in the Balkans and Afghanistan. Devoy was rebuffed when he met with the Russian ambassador; the ambassador said he saw no evidence of discontent in Ireland and therefore was not going to recommend supporting a revolution. Devoy realized that this was a fundamental problem for secret organizations; by definition no one knew that dissatisfaction was real. Rejection of Britain's right to rule in Ireland needed a public face. Devoy formed an alliance with Charles Stewart Parnell's Irish Parliamentary Party and Michael Davitt's Land League Movement in what was called "The New Departure". Devoy orchestrated American tours for both Davitt and Parnell that met with tremendous success and gave the cause of Irish Independence a public face and new legitimacy. While the Land League achieved some tangible reforms, the hopes of "The New Departure" collapsed with the fall of Parnell.

For nearly two decades after the disintegration of "The New Departure", Devoy struggled to keep the flickering light of the cause of Irish independence alive among Irish Americans; preserving it as a new generation of Irish patriots matured in the atmosphere of the Gaelic revival. Fellow Fenian exile Tom Clarke worked for Devoy at the *Gaelic American* before returning to Ireland. Devoy raised money to

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support the causes of Jim Larkin, Arthur Griffith and a struggling school teacher intent on educating Irish students in Irish language and culture name Padraig Pearse. When WW I broke out, Devoy immediately saw another English adversity that offered opportunity for Ireland. He raised money to send Roger Casement to Germany to plead for support and Devoy himself was a key player in the failed voyage of the Aud which was to deliver German Arms to Ireland just prior to the rising. In all, Devoy later estimated that Irish America had sent over \$100,000 to Ireland just before the rising, a considerable sum at the turn of the century. When, the rising occurred in 1916, though nearly in his seventh decade and practically blind from late nights working in Ireland's cause, Devoy tried to return to Ireland to join the rebels. Devoy would later confess that his greatest regret was he had not been with Tom Clarke and Sean MacDiarmada when they were executed for Ireland's cause.

Devoy continued to keep the Irish cause before the American people during the Irish War of Independence. When in 1922 Ireland achieved partial Independence, the old Fenian returned home to Ireland to a hero's welcome. He had left a young man, he now returned nearly blind and deaf; worn out in Ireland's cause. It a poignant scene, he reunited with the young girl he had promised to marry decades earlier, now an elderly widow. It is rumored that Devoy offered to marry her then, but both realized that time had passed them by. He returned to America where having never put anything aside for himself he was supported by the kindness of friends who took care that the proud old Fenian never knew of their charity. He died nearly destitute in Atlantic City in 1928.

Devoy had been born during the Great Hunger, he had left Ireland an exile for his part in a failed rebellion and yet lived to see her take her first step to full independence. The school

boy who was beaten for failing to sing "God Save the Queen" had worked tirelessly that no other Irish child would be forced to sing hymns to foreign monarchs. Devoy was returned to Ireland to be buried among Ireland's patriot dead in Glasnevin Cemetery. Devoy's obituary in The Times which called him "the most bitter and persistent, as well as the most dangerous enemy of this country which Ireland has produced since Wolfe Tone."

While many patriots have died for Ireland, it can truly be said Devoy gave his life for Ireland. Other than his name and a simple prayer in Irish, the Celtic Cross over Devoy's Grave bears a simple one-word epitaph to describe a life of over eighty years, "Fenian". Nothing more needs be said.



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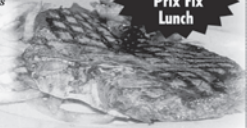
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