

# Ancient Onder of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

Pearl River, NY

December, 2016



#### Brother Hibernians, \_\_\_\_\_



We wish you and your families a Merry and Blessed Christmas as well as a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Welcome aboard to new members Keith Schofield, Tom Dunn, Tim Reilly, Kieran Lee, Tim Diviny, and Tom Corr. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, December 16th. We will hold elections for Division officers. We held nominations at our November meeting, nominations can be made from the floor at this meeting but the nominee must be present. Thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Party for very special people such a success. Don't miss out on a great time and a chance to win 12 grand in cash prizes at our final Pot O'Gold Drawing party on December 18th. Please join us on St. Stephen's night, December 26th for a traditional Wren Night. It should be a blast. Ed O' Dea is running a bus trip to the new AOH Hall in Roxbury on January 21st.

Sign up early for our ski trip to Belleayre Mountain on February 4th.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News...Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of "Belfast Richie" Stewart's grandson Liam and Tom Hyland's wife Vickie. Ray Gallagher spent about a week in Englewood Hospital recovering from an asthma attack, Jack Cunningham's bride Margaret is recovering at home after a bout with the "C", John Gannon underwent cataract surgery on one eye and is due back in a week or so to have the same done on the other eye. Another prayer is in order for Ray Gallagher's son Brian who is scheduled for serious heart surgery at the Mayo clinic next month. Thank you goes out for all the help during our Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon, especially to the local high schoolers who earned their Community Service stripes.

As always, please remember to say an extra prayer or two for our wounded warriors and their families.

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

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

Dec. 16 Division Meeting

Dec. 18 POG Final Drawing

Party

Dec. 26 Wren Night

Jan. 21 Bus trip to AOH

Roxbury

Feb. 4 Ski Trip



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# POT O'GOLD FINAL DRAWING PARTY

Sunday, December 18, 2pm

We awarded \$2000 cash at our last party and will give out \$12,000 more at this one Don't miss out on a chance to win our grand prize of \$10,000 cash just before Christmas

Plus each ticket holder and a guest are entitled to admission to great party

Get your ticket at the pub or call

Bill Lee at 845-558-4148



## **WREN NIGHT**

"Oh the wren, oh the wren is the king of all birds
On St. Stephen's Day he got caught in the firs ..."

Escape the house and any Christmas letdown for a family-oriented social event

Join your friends Monday, December 26th 7pm at the Hibernian House

for a grand Irish Family celebration of traditional song, dance and spoken word

More details to follow

#### **HIBERNIAN HOUSE**

Christmas season is upon us. In the spirit of giving John Tully took an Uber car last week. The bill came to \$9.88. John insisted the driver keep the change. From the Captain's corner; DT is sending out Hillary Christmas cards this year. Surprised ?. John Boland's hockey trip was a great success. Yes, Scott Hanson, they did peel the celery in the restaurant. Bad news for Kevin McAndrews, they may start to deliver the paper to his house. No more getting it one page at a time. John Gannon gets the trooper of the month award. After having eye surgery he dragged himself into the pub to work his shift, hard to believe. Freeze your arse off golf tourney was a great day for all who attended. Thanks to all who played and to Joe Wrafter, the boss at the course. Once again we made some cash for the family fund. Would Pete Engel please return some of our elevator keys? We are training members to work the elevator. Warren Hennessy failed the test twice. He could not remember the route. Bob Winkleman is feeling better after a little problem visiting the Cardinal at St. Aidan's, guess the spirit moved him or was it? George Leahy is still celebrating the results of the election, he could not be happier. Good to see John Crilly Toeing the line. Hope everyone has a healthy and happy Christmas. Ho, Ho, don't yell that on Eighth Avenue.

Pete Dunne

## DIVISION SKI TRIP TO BELLEAYRE MOUNTAIN

Dan Peterson and Chuck Parnow are once again coordinating the annual ski trip to Belleayre Mountain on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Last year's trip was a blast and includes the bus trip with breakfast, lunch and refreshments on the trip home. The cost is \$90 for adults and \$80 for junior skiers (19 and under). We'll need to know the level of interest (as far as number of people signed up) by January 18, as that is when we must commit to the bus company. The signup sheet will be posted in the pub. First paid, first seated. Contact Chuck (Charles.Parnow@towerswatson.com) or Dan (sgtp3401@yahoo.com) for further info.

Our Brothers of AOH DIV 21 recently opened Hibernian House 21 in Roxbury/Breezy Pt, Queens. They have come a long way since the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. We are planning a luncheon trip to Hibernian 21 on January, leaving at 12:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet at the Pub. I know this is a busy time, but we need to know what our numbers are. If you do not have time to sign up at the Pub, kindly call Eddie O'Dea at 917-974-9659.



## The Hibernian 21 (AOH Division 21)

4 Roxbury Boulevard Roxbury, NY

**January 21, 2017** 

Bus Leaves from the AOH Div. 3 at 12:00 PM Sharp!

\$15.00 Buffet

(Finest Food in Roxbury)

Irish Greens, Soda Bread, Beef Stew, Sheppard's Pie, Guinness and Honey Pork, Corn Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes and Vegetables

#### Cash Bar!

\$30 per person for transportation (tip included).
Price is based on a 56 passenger Coach Bus.
Price is subject to change depending on ridership.

Beer and Snacks will be provided for the ride.
We will make one stop for cocktails on return trip. (Place TBD)
Payment is due ASAP. A security deposit is required from the bus company.

Eddie O'Dea 917-974-9659

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# Annie Moore, First Through the Golden Door



One of the great icons of American History will observe its 125th anniversary on January 1, 2017; Ellis Island. During its period of operation from 1892 till 1954, over 12 million immigrants entered through the immigration station that was to become synonymous with the "Golden Door" and the "American Dream". It is estimated that today over forty percent of the United States population can trace their ancestry to an immigrant that entered Ellis Island.

On New Year's Day Morning on the deck of the steamship Nevada stood three adolescents, Annie Moore and her brothers Phillip and Anthony. They were perhaps staring at a recent immigrant from France, the Statue of Liberty. The children had made the twelve day voyage from Cork in the claustrophobic conditions of steerage to be reunited with their parents and older siblings who had traveled on ahead to make a new life in America two years earlier. In addition to the natural apprehension of starting a new life in a strange land the children had no doubt heard that they would be subject to a series of examinations at the immigration station; they would be checked to ensure they were healthy and then interrogated to ensure they were neither a threat or likely to become "a public charge". A slight malady or a wrong answer could result in them being returned to the Nevada and a trip back to Ireland alone. It therefore must have been with some anxiety that Annie realized that she would be the first to go down the gangplank.

It must have been quite a shock when Annie now found herself caught

up in what we would call a PR event surrounding the opening of the new immigration station. The New York Times was there and described Annie as "a little rosy-cheeked Irish girl... fifteen years of age." (Actually, Annie was closer to seventeen years of age. The children's ages were all misstated on the manifest, perhaps an attempt by their parents to save money on their passage.) Instead of an anonymous immigration agent, Annie was officially registered by the former private secretary to the secretary of the treasury. The Time continued "When the little voyager had been registered Col. Weber presented her with a ten-dollar gold piece and made a short address of congratulation and welcome. It was the first United States coin she had ever seen and the largest sum of money she ever possessed. She says she will never part with it." This moment was later commemorated in the song "Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears" popularized by the Irish tenor Ronan Tynan.

Sadly, there would be no fairy tale ending to the life of Annie Moore, her brief moment of notoriety would be a shining moment in a hard and trying life. The statement that Annie would never part with the ten dollar gold piece was likely an invention of a romantic reporter; the coin probably never lasted the day when Annie was reunited with her family who was eking out an existence on her father's longshoreman salary. She would spend the rest of her life living in a series of tenements near the Fulton Street Fish Market. She would marry the son of a German immigrant who was employed as a bakery clerk. They would have 11 children, but would bury five of them. Annie herself would die at the early age of 47 in 1924; burned out by a life of poverty and struggle.

Annie Moore was initially buried in an unmarked grave in Calvary Cemetery, Queens until it was rediscovered in 2006. Through the efforts of the Irish American community the grave was marked by a Celtic Cross of Irish Blue Limestone. Some cynics questioned the elaborateness of the memorial given the grim reality of Annie's life. However, in honoring Annie Moore we honor all the other anonymous Irish men and women who came to this country and sacrificed their present for future generations' tomorrow while at the same time building America. It is reported that many of the current descendants of Annie's surviving children are successful and respected members of the community. It is right and proper that we remember the many great Irish American men and women who gained well deserved notoriety in government, the military, the arts and science. However in remembering Annie Moore we remember the countless other anonymous Irish Americans who loaded our ships as Annie's father did, built our railroads, fought our fires, patrolled our streets and taught in our schools.

Annie Moore is a reminder that the success of Irish America comes from sweat, sacrifice and tears and not "the luck of the Irish". It is time we reclaimed the struggle and successes of Irish America in from the unmarked graved where it currently lies buried in our schools curricula. She is also a reminder that the "Golden Door" that she once walked through is now unjustly closed to Irish immigrants as it freely swings open to others; a challenge to complete her memorial by seeking a fair and just immigration policy for today's Annie Moore's.

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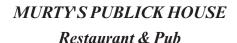
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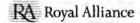
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