



# Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

Pearl River, NY

April, 2019



## Brother Hibernians



I hope that you and your families enjoyed a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 28th at 8pm. Welcome aboard to new members Ray Neubauer, Bill Clark, Patrick Parnow, Jim Murphy, Aidan Murphy, Pat Casey, and Chris Higgins. Congratulations to our 2019 scholarship winners and many thanks to all the students who took part in the process. It is a very tough to judge such qualified applicants and I commend our committee for performing such a difficult task. I hope to see you all at our Communion Mass and Breakfast this Sunday. Please get your foursomes and sponsorship into Sean Walsh for our golf outing on May 10th.

Phil Sheridan reports the following Good and Welfare news...Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Clark's father Bill. Please pray for Pat McGovern as he continues to bravely struggle with cancer

Please remember to say an extra prayer or two for our troops serving around the world.

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

## HIBERNIAN HOUSE

Do dogs like chicken?. Ask Belfast Richie. Richie brought chicken home in a bag for dinner, he was very hungry. Rich forgot about the dog. Remember the Alamo hell no, remember the dog. Not only did he eat the chicken, he ate the bag. So Richie fixed him, he ate his dog food. Good to see Tom Slattery back on his meds. Turtle races coming up at the AOH on Kentucky Derby Day at the AOH. Warren Hennessy already in training to be a jockey. He says he has a collection of whips. Hmm. Thanks to John Gannon for helping out Martin with the work upstairs. Looked good with his Mattel construction belt. LBI bracing for the arrival of the Captain to open up the famous Uncle Louie G ice cream parlor. Stop in for a warm greeting and, if he does not like you, warm ice cream. Already have filled out our score for the golf outing. Looks like another win for the big guys. Come down to the club and sign up for the golf outing being held on May 10. Rumor has it Chris may do a guest appearance at the Pub on a Saturday night. There is a lot going on at the Pub so stop by and catch up.

*Pete Dunne*

## DIVISION III MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Friday, May 10, 2019 Blue Hill Golf Course

10:30 registration,

12:30 shotgun start

\$100 hole sponsors, more details to follow

Volunteers and help needed, contact

Sean Walsh 845-300-1718

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## CALENDAR

- 4/26 Division Meeting
- 4/28 Communion Breakfast
- 5/04 State Board Meeting
- 5/10 Golf Outing
- 5/27 Memorial Day Parade
- 6/02 O'Connell Fundraiser



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## LAOH

At our April 9th meeting we installed 5 members: Pat Artizone, Michele Donaghy, Rose Galvin, Kerry Looney, and Liz McGovern. Congratulations to Kian McGeever, on receiving an award for his essay in the LAOH Irish History Writing Contest. Plans are underway for the RCLAOH Birthright Shower, being held on 4/28/19 from 3PM to 6 PM in the AOH hall and also our annual Ascension Thursday Mass and dinner.

Please keep Ann Pettus in your prayers. She is being rehabilitated in Helen Hayes after having orthopedic surgery. Hope to see many of you at our May 14, 2019 meeting.

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

### DIVISION III COMMUNION BREAKFAST

April 28 at Hibernian House Immediately

Following 9am Mass at St. Margaret's

**GUEST SPEAKER CIARAN GREEN**

**PRESENTATION OF 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Kevin Rogers, Kerry Tyer, Katie O'Connor,  
Kerry Holt, Jillian Scanlon, Kieran Woods, Sarah Boyle, Kevin  
McGovern, Mat Guarneri, Megan Heffernan

\$15 Adults, \$5 Children Under 12

Contact praoh3@gmail.com or Chuck Parnow at 845-664-8183

### NOEL O'CONNELL FUNDRAISER JUNE 2ND

Noel O'Connell is a great GAA coach and man who has done so much for our children and our community. He is now struggling with ALS. Please support him and his family in their time of need. Email praoh3@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing raffles.

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## OLD HEAD GOLF LINKS RAFFLE

Sean Walsh is once again running a raffle for a free foursome courtesy of Matt and Laura Walsh to beautiful Old Head Golf Links in County Cork with a bar and restaurant certificate as well as \$1000.00 cash. Please pick up a raffle at the pub or email Sean at [smw573@gmail.com](mailto:smw573@gmail.com).

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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# History

## The “McSweeny Chalice”, Echoes of A Dark Time and a Warning for Today

At St. Joseph’s Seminary at Dunwoodie in Yonkers, NY there exists a beautiful relic where Irish history, art, and faith intersect. Known as the “McSweeny Chalice,” the beautiful chalice is intricately engraved with Celtic patterns framing a depiction of the crucifixion. On the base is a Latin inscription which translated reads “Pray for the soul of Daniel Swyne, (Sweeny) priest of the diocese of Lismore, who had me made in the year 1640”. For over 300 years this Chalice was passed down through continuous generations of priests in the McSweeny family, eventually crossing the Atlantic where it was donated to the seminary by Monsignor Patrick F. McSweeny.

However, behind the beauty of the Chalice and the touching story of family, there is a secret. In a piece of engineering rivaling the beauty of the artwork, the chalice was designed to be broken down into three parts: cup, stem, and base. The stem then fits into the base, which inverted fits into the cup.

The Chalice was designed this way so that it could be easily concealed, for to be a Catholic priest in 17th and 18th century Ireland was a crime punishable by transportation or even death. Since the reign of Henry the VIII, to be a Catholic in Ireland was to be doubly viewed as an enemy. The conquests of Cromwell reduced Ireland’s population by 50% and dispossessed those who remained so that Cromwell’s soldiers and British colonists could possess the most productive farmlands.

Even these depredations were not enough, and a new front was opened to attack Ireland’s soul. Catholicism was criminalized and for a priest to offer a Mass or for a Catholic to attend one was to court death or transportation to Barbados. Yet Masses continued to be said at “mass rocks”, makeshift altars constructed of boulders in remote areas. A testament to the

brutality of this period is that it produced 17 martyrs who were later beatified.

After a brief period of toleration during the Restoration, the brutal penal laws were introduced after the Battle of the Boyne to eliminate Catholicism from Ireland entirely. Writing in the

19th century, Professor William Lecky, himself a Protestant, described the object of these penal laws as “To deprive Catholics of all civil life, to reduce them to a condition of extreme, brutal ignorance, to disassociate them from the soil ... and to expatriate the race.” Catholic education was outlawed, yet hundreds of young men left Ireland to study in Europe and then risked prison and death to return to Ireland and keep the flickering light of faith alive. Catholic priests were offered the bribe of a comfortable lifetime income if they converted to become ministers in the Church of England; few took the offer. Finally, in 1709 the British Government required all priests to take the Oath of Abjuration, swearing that they renounced that the Holy Eucharist was the body and blood of Christ and the divinity of the Blessed Mother; in short to denounce their faith.



The majority of priests refused and returned to living clandestine lives perpetually on the run; saying secrets Masses and living in hiding in rough underground burrows. Not content with reducing the Catholic clergy to living like animals, the British government hunted them as such. In 1709 bounties of £20 for a priest and £50 for a Bishop at were placed on their heads as if they were wolves; this at a time when a skilled carpenter would earn £15 pounds for a year’s work. These priests and their congregations maintained the faith despite all the attempts of an autocratic empire to crush it.