



Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

May 2023

Brother Hibernians _____



I hope everyone is enjoying Spring which finally seems to have arrived (once we got through several wet and cold weekends). Our next meeting is this, Friday, May 19th at 8pm.

We have a number of great events over the last month. Congratulations to Dennis Madigan for another sold out event – a Comedy Night held on April 28. Also, we had a beautiful day remembering our lost members and celebrating our scholars at our Hibernian Mass and Communion Breakfast – see the following article and pictures. One of our big events of the year, our Annual Golf outing, was another remarkable day and a huge success for our charities. Again, see the following article and pictures.

Congratulations to our brother Frank Farrelly, Jr. who was promoted to Colonel and will command a wing at Stewart AFB. This is a good reminder to all of us – we have many veteran (and some active duty) members. Once again, the Pearl River Memorial Day parade will be held – on Monday, May 29th – along with a dedication ceremony at the end of the parade. We should be able to bring a strong showing for marching in the parade. Please figure out how you can find that 60-90 minutes in your three-day weekend to recognize all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Good & Welfare – Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Kay Joyce, wife of John Joyce and mother of Jack Joyce; Brian Lenihan, brother of Patrick Lenihan; and former long-time member, Patrick Bellew who had moved to Naples, FL a while ago; Joe Brady, son of Jim Brady and Debra Ford, daughter of Billy Ford – may they rest in peace. Please keep the following in your prayers: Dennis Toal and Tommy Lynch who had recent health challenges and continue to keep Jack Pendergast and his wife in your prayers.

As always, we pray that you and your family are healthy and safe.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Chuck Parnow

Upcoming Events



- **Memorial Day Parade** – Monday, May 29th at 10am, meeting at the Key Bank. We have many veterans in our organization and enough of those are unaffiliated with other groups that we should be able to make a good showing. It is roughly 90 minutes out of your three-day weekend – plan to join us!
- **AOH County Convention** – Sunday, June 4th, time/location TBD. The current two-year term for the County Board is over and we will be electing a new Board. We will need representatives to attend as voting delegates. We'll organize in advance.

Hibernian Mass



On Sunday, May 7th, we had our annual Hibernian Mass and Communion Breakfast. The event both recognizes those Hibernians we've lost since last year's Mass, as well as recognize our high school scholarship winners. Following is the list of Hibernians Brothers and Associate Members whom we have lost in the prior year and memorialized at the Mass:

John "Jack" Cunningham

Gregory S. Dubrule

Ciaran Green

Eileen Emsworth

Michael J. Higgins

John Noel Jones

Patrick J. Kelly

Thomas Mooney, Sr.

Cornelius K. "Connie" Smith

Patrick Tully

May they rest in peace. Thank you so much to Father Raaser – Pastor of St. Margaret's as well as our Division Chaplain for a wonderful service.

We also got to recognize our high school scholars at the Mass, as well as present them with their recognition (and checks!) at the Communion Breakfast that followed. Thanks to Tom Diviny who was our guest speaker at the breakfast. Following are our high school scholars along with the Hibernian who was honored by their scholarship:

Recipient	High School	Honoree
Megan Clancy	Tappan Zee	Daniel Callanan
Elaine Dawson	Tappan Zee	Patrick Tully
Grace Diviny	Nanuet	Connie Smith
Brenna Duffy	Nanuet	George Leahy
Francis Farrelly	Clarkstown South	Laurence Kaine

Recipient	High School	Honoree
Colin Green	Pearl River	Jack Cunningham
Kyle Green	Pearl River	Phillip Sheridan
Meghan Holt	Pearl River	John Gannon
Jack Lynch	Bergen Catholic	Michael Higgins
Marc Ocasal	Pearl River	Jack O'Connor



Thanks to John Edwards for planning and organizing the day's events and to Chef Bill Boera for a great breakfast. And a huge thanks to our scholarship committee – as we have often said, you have the toughest job in the Division!

Annual Golf Outing

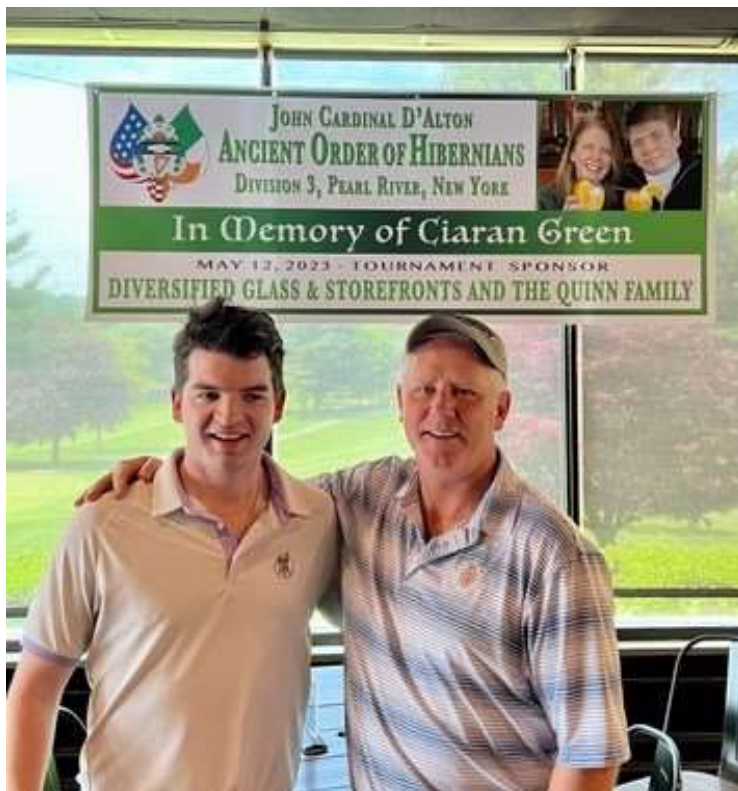


What a tremendous day and a great event! We had a fantastic turnout of golfers – over 160+ people took to the course on Friday, May 12th. Once you include the dinner guests and the many volunteers, we had well over 200 attend the day. Thanks to all who came – both to remember our brother, Ciaran Green, as well as provide tremendous financial support to our charity funds to support the many charitable efforts.

Special mention should be made of the many businesses and individuals who contributed as sponsors – we hope you noticed all of the hole sponsor signs, beverage sponsor and dinner sponsor signs. They have supported us, and we should make sure to support their businesses, too! Thanks, too, to AOH County President John McGowan who spoke on behalf of the Green family – his comments captured the spirit of Ciaran and were quite touching.

Finally, a huge thank you to the golf committee. This group worked diligently for two months - planning and organizing for the day, pursuing sponsorships and gift donations, and all the heavy lifting the day of the event. There were too many people involved for me to name them all (without missing many), but I do want to thank Tommy Lynch for stepping in and leading as the Chair of the overall committee.

Again – what a great day! Thank you all!





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Remembering the Irish Who Wear Green for America



Memorial Day is supposed to be when Americans from all walks of life commemorate the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the United States military. Among those who deserve recognition are the Irish Americans, whose contributions and sacrifices have left an indelible mark on our nation's history. From the battlefields of the Civil War to the conflicts of the present day, Irish Americans have displayed unwavering commitment and valor in defending American ideals.

Throughout our nation's history, Irish Americans have played a significant role in the U.S. military, serving with distinction and valor in various conflicts. The legendary Fighting 69th Regiment and the Irish Brigade, composed of Irish immigrants and Irish Americans, won acclaim and admiration from friend and foe alike for their courage. At

the battle of Antietam, eight men were shot down as one after another picked up the American flag as the previous color-bearer fell; this at a time when it was claimed that Irish Catholics could not be loyal Americans. The 69th has gone to in World War I, World War II, Korea, and the ongoing Global War on Terror. Today, the staff of the 69th's regimental colors are authorized to be one foot longer than regulation to accommodate all the campaign ribbons that the regiment has participated in.

Among the countless Irish Americans who have made profound sacrifices is Corporal Patrick Gallagher. Gallagher was a recently arrived immigrant from Mayo, Ireland when he was drafted for the Vietnam War. Despite his sister's pleas to simply return home to Ireland, Gallagher joined the United States Marines. On the night of 18 July 1966, while serving in a forward position at Cam Lo with three other Marines, their position came under grenade attack. A grenade fell between Gallagher and two of his comrades. Without hesitation, Gallagher threw himself on the grenade, expecting to personally absorb the full brunt of the explosion and save his comrades. However, Gallagher's decision to sacrifice himself for his comrades was so quick that he pinned the arming lever, 'the spoon,' preventing the grenade from going off. He lay on the grenade under enemy fire until all his fellow marines reached safety; he successfully rolled off and tossed it whereupon it exploded. For his "extraordinary heroism and inspiring valor," Gallagher was awarded the Navy Cross. Gallagher would later be killed in action just before he was scheduled to return home.

Gallagher's name is inscribed on the Viet Nam War Memorial, 'The Wall', along with 21 other Irish immigrants, including Army Lieutenant Pamela Donovan.

Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy, a Navy SEAL, exemplified the true meaning of sacrifice during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Despite sustaining severe injuries and knowing it would mean his death, Murphy courageously exposed himself to enemy fire to make a call for assistance, sacrificing his life to save his teammates. He posthumously received the Medal of Honor.

This Memorial Day, let us not forget the tremendous sacrifices made by Americans in service to our nation. As Irish Americans, let us specifically remember the thousands of Irish Americans who came here for a new life, but now, as the Columnist Walter Winchell observed, "where their green on their graves in service to America" and are buried on foreign shores, maybe before they had a chance to establish themselves here and are perhaps forgotten. Let us make it a duty to remember them.

Note: the service and sacrifice of both Lt. Michael P. Murphy, and Cpl. Gallagher has been recognized in the naming of two Navy Destroyers for them.