



Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

June 2023

Brother Hibernians



I hope our newsletter finds everyone well and you've enjoyed what is typically a busy May and June. Our next meeting is this, Friday, June 16th at 8pm. We'll wrap up business before the summer break, tee up activities for the Fall and discuss reinvigorating the AOH Meals on Wheels team.

Thanks to our members who made the time to come to the AOH County Convention to represent us as voting delegates – it is much appreciated. And congratulations to Division 3 members who will represent us on the County Board, including Dermot Moore (President), Vince Tyer (Vice President), Neil Cosgrove (Recording Secretary), Bill Lee (Treasurer), Eddie O'Dea (Sentinel) and John B.F. Kelly (Marshal). It is extremely important for us to be actively represented at the County level. Special congratulations and a huge thanks to John McGowan – wrapping up six years as County President, and Bill Young, for his time as Vice President.

Next up is the State Convention. It will take place in Binghamton the weekend of July 15th, and as with the County Convention, we need to make sure we are amply represented. See the following article for details.

Over the summer, make sure to stop by the pub regularly to catch up with member IRL, or for the various events that will pop up throughout the summer. It's a great place for you to beat the heat and catch a game.

Good & Welfare – Please pray for the repose of the souls of our brother Jack Pendergast, our brother Ed Coffey, our brother Mike Cassidy, Sr. (his son, Mike, Jr. is also a member), Rose Callanan (wife of member Dan Callanan and mother of members Dan and Tim, as well as sister of member Pat Finnegan), Bill Ford's daughter Debra Ford and Tom Healy's wife Tara Healy – may they rest in peace.

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

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Chuck Parnow

Upcoming Events



- **Boulders Irish Heritage Night** – Saturday, June 17th at 6:30pm, Irish Heritage Night at the Boulders game. AOH members from around the county will be there – plan to join us!
- **Venture Foundation Golf Tournament** – Thursday, June 29th: Plan a foursome of AOH members/friends or sign-up yourself for a great day at the New York Country Club. See following for details: <https://venturefoundation.org/event/venture-memorial-golf-tournament/>
- **AOH State Convention** – Fri/Sat, July 14-15th, Binghamton, NY. See article below.

State Convention



The full AOH State Convention will be convened in Binghamton from Wednesday July 12th through Sunday, July 16th. The key dates for the convention are Friday, July 14th and Saturday, July 15th with voting occurring on Saturday morning. Rockland County AOH has a substantial number of votes and as the majority of members in the County, we need to supply the majority of those voting delegates. There is consideration of arranging a bus for just the day on Saturday. Alternatively, a number of us have talked about going up on Friday, as the Friday night event is a minor league ballgame in Binghamton (Binghamton is a Mets farm team).

All you need to be a valid voting delegate is to be a paid up member (Major Degree not required). If you are interested or can attend for some portion, please drop us an email at praoh3@gmail.com in the next week so we can plan. Note, we have to submit the full Rockland delegate list by June 30th, so we need commitment in advance. Full information about the convention can be found on the AOH NYS website here: <https://www.nyaoh.com/calendar/2023-new-york-ancient-order-of-hibernians-state-convention>

Hibernian House



The pub should be your destination this summer. Aside from our new audio and sound system upgrades (less than a year old), we've invested considerable money in updating our air conditioning. So, stop by throughout the summer – you never know what pop up events might be planned. For instance, we've got some Wednesday daytime special guest bartenders who will be stopping by and there's a miniature golf trip planned to/from the Hibernian later in June. So, come down and find out what's going on!

Don't forget our Advertisers and make sure to read through to the end for our Irish history article

support our advertisers ; they support our organization



REALTOR



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
LENDER

MEMBER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

MLS

Mary Fitzgerald

NYS Licensed Real Estate Associate Broker

Better Homes & Gardens Rand Realty

19 E. Central Ave., Pearl River, NY

c. 845.536.9418

marymfitz@aol.com

Our greatest compliments are your referrals. Thank you!



ROCKLAND MATTRESS

Family owned for over 40 years

DAN MILLER

160 East Route 59
Nanuet, NY 10954
RocklandMattress.com

Phone: 845-623-3030
Fax: 845-623-3160
rmattress@optimum.net

RAYMOND SHERIDAN

**INSURANCE &
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

19 E. WASHINGTON Ave., PEARL RIVER, NY 10965

PHONE (845) 735-8080

WWW.RSHERIDAN.COM

PERSONAL AUTO • HOMEOWNERS • LIFE • COMMERCIAL
RESTAURANTS • CONTRACTORS • STRIP MALLS • RETAIL
BUSINESS





HIBERNIAN HOUSE RENTALS CALL 845-731-9697



Pearl River Florist

45 EAST CENTRAL AVE. • PEARL RIVER, N. Y. 10965
(845) 735-3366 • FAX (845) 735-8725
www.pearlriverflorist.com

Maryann Walker
Stephanie Walker



"Committed to Service Excellence"
Affordable Funerals & Cremations
Independently Owned & Operated

Assumma-Shankey Funeral Home

Our Family Serving Yours

34 North Summit Street Pearl River, NY 10965 845-735-4849
Fax 845-735-1377
Assummashankey@gmail.com



Volumetric Fund

Pearl River, New York

Your Neighborly Mutual Fund

- ❖ IRA Accounts
- ❖ Saving Accounts
- ❖ Monthly Investing Plans
- ❖ Business Accounts



(845) 623-7637

Web: volumetric.com ~ Email: info@volumetric.com



AMERICAN LEGION

JOHN H. SECOR POST 329

30 Railroad Avenue, P.O. Box 205
Pearl River, New York 10965

Phones: "Dug Out": (845) 735-7868
(includes Hall rentals)



Daniel L. Hooker, CRPC, LUTCF, FICF, MDRT

Field Agent

Phone: 845-548-8350
daniel.hooker@kofc.org
License #LA-786102



Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance
Protecting Catholic families since 1882.



ShopRite of Pearl River

Middletown Road, Pearl River, NY

Joanne Winous, Manager

(845) 735-4871

John Ovchinnikoff

Licensed and Insured
HIL #: H-20-007854-28-00



J & A MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

Specializing In All Types of Masonry

Block Foundations
Brick Fireplaces
Stone Concrete

26 Vermont Ave.
Congers, NY 10920
Ph: 845-268-0553
Fax: 845-268-0112



Open 7 Days • Kitchen Open to 1:00am • Full Bar • Lunch & Dinner
ALL sporting events via satellite on large screen TV's & 8 monitors
(201) 391-9356

Kinderkamack Rd. & Grand Ave. • Montvale, New Jersey
www.daveyspub.com

MURTY'S PUBLIC HOUSE

Restaurant & Pub

(845) 620-7502

29 W. Central Avenue, Pearl River, NY 10965



DAVID FISHER
CHRISTOPHER FISHER
Directors

Wyman Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.

100 HANKLIN AVENUE PEARL RIVER, NY 10965 TEL (845) 735-2161
www.wymanfisher.com FAX (845) 735-9123



Neil T. O'Sullivan, CPA/PLLC

38 South Main Street
Pearl River, NY 10965
T 845-735-9500

E neil@neilosullivancpa.com

QUINTA STEAKHOUSE

BEST STEAKHOUSE IN ROCKLAND!

- Wide Selection of Prime Steak & Chops
- Fresh Seafood
- Daily Specials
- Homemade Desserts
- Specialty Coffees & Espresso
- Sidewalk Dining Now Available
- Extensive Wine Bar

\$10.00
Prix Fix
Lunch

Open 7 Days

24 East Central Ave, Pearl River, NY • 845-735-5565



FOR
HIBERNIAN
HOUSE
RENTALS
CALL 845-731-9697



MORTGAGE MASTER INC.
THE LENDING EXPERTS

MATTHEW REID
Senior Loan Consultant

520 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591

direct 914.586.1116

cell 201.953.1571

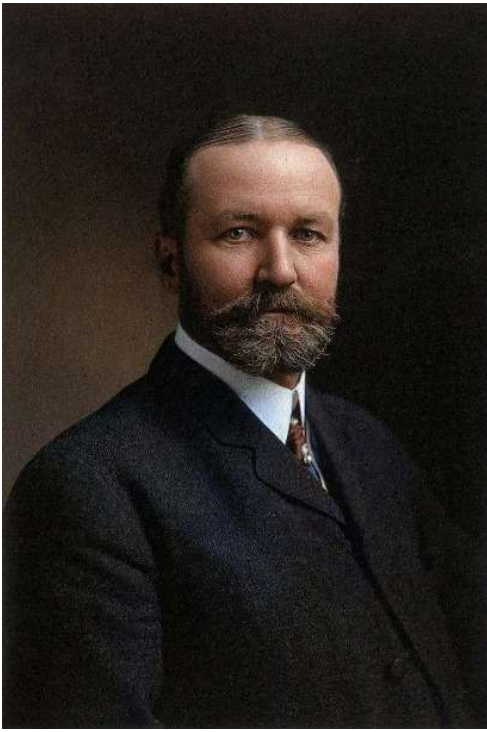
fax 914.509.5415

email mreid@mortgagemasterinc.com

NMLS # 9726/NY LIC # 9726 /NY Mortgage Banker B500773

support our advertisers ; they support our organization

Dr. John B. Murphy, a Son of Irish Immigrants and Surgical Genius



Dr. John B. Murphy (known throughout his life as "J.B.") was a renowned American surgeon and medical pioneer who made significant contributions to the field of medicine during his lifetime. He was born in a log cabin in Appleton, Wisconsin, on December 21, 1857. Murphy was the son of improvised Irish immigrants Michael Murphy and Ann (née Grimes) Murphy, who had emigrated from Ireland during the Great Hunger. Murphy grew up in a large family with six siblings. His parents strongly emphasized education and encouraged their children to pursue academic and professional success. Later in life, Murphy quoted his mother, *"If you are educated, there is no man's achievements which you cannot equal or excel provided you have industry and integrity and are temperate."* Murphy's parents also instilled into their son a strong Catholic faith which he would carry throughout his life.

Murphy was first introduced to the idea of a medical career while working as an assistant to the local druggist, sweeping out the store, running errands, and filling prescriptions for the local physician Dr. H.

W. Reilly. One day, Dr. Reilly needed J.B.'s help to resuscitate a man bleeding from an extensive injury to his leg. The young Murphy helped, fascinated and unperturbed by the sight of the horrific injury, and decided to become a doctor. J.B. saved money to become the doctor's trainee and assistant. He slept in the office, kept it clean, accompanied the doctor on calls, and studied in his spare time while paying the doctor a \$200 honorarium.

After a year, Dr. Reilly told Murphy he had nothing more to teach him and that he should attend medical school. He was twenty years old when he was admitted to Chicago's Rush Medical College. Murphy graduated in 1879 and, unusual for the time, pursued an 18-month Internship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, placing first in their placement examination. Upon graduation and briefly practicing medicine, Murphy began a tour of Europe, where he studied under some of the prominent surgeons of the time.

Murphy returned to Chicago and the United States. Unafraid of controversy, he drew the ire of the established medical establishment when he pushed for the early removal of the appendix in case of appendicitis (accepted practice at the time was to wait till the appendix ruptured), developing a new and less invasive process to perform the operation. He gained national attention as one of the doctors to attend to the injured from Chicago's Haymarket riots and later for being the attending physician to former President Theodore Roosevelt after an unsuccessful assassination attempt.

Dr. J. B. Murphy is recognized as a medical pioneer. Among his innovations:

- Murphy's sign: A medical test used to detect gallbladder disease.

- The Murphy Button: a device used to close openings in the intestine following surgery. The button allowed for a quicker recovery time and a breakthrough improvement over the traditional method of using sutures.
- The Murphy-Davis Splint: Dr. J. B. Murphy and Dr. Frank Davis developed the Murphy-Davis splint, a device used to immobilize the hip following surgery. The splint was a significant improvement over existing devices and was widely adopted by surgeons.
- The Murphy Technique: Dr. Murphy performed the first successful removal of the gall bladder using an innovative surgical technique that is still in use today.
- The Murphy Drip for hydration and replenishment of electrolytes
- The first use of rubber gloves in surgery: Murphy recognized the importance of sterile technique and began wearing rubber gloves to reduce the risk of infection during surgery.
- The first use of an X-ray machine in surgery: In 1896, Dr. Murphy became the first surgeon to use an X-ray machine during surgery, using it to quickly locate a bullet in a patient's abdomen, allowing Dr. Murphy to perform surgery without damaging any vital organs.
- J. B. Murphy was the first surgeon to resect a major artery in a human,

Murphy was recognized not only as an innovative surgeon but also as a great teacher who quickly passed his techniques on to his colleagues. He founded several Medical publications that are still printed to this day. J. B. Murphy ran teaching clinics four days a week at Mercy Hospital in Chicago. At these clinics, he demonstrated to 150 visitors daily the various approaches to multiple surgical problems.

Yet his brilliance as a doctor never eclipsed the Catholic values that Murphy's parents had instilled in him as a child. Murphy established several hospitals and clinics throughout his career. He believed that all people, regardless of their economic status and ability to pay, should have access to quality medical care. He worked tirelessly to establish new institutions that provided affordable care to Chicago's poor and underserved populations. In 1892, with the help of the Alexian Brothers religious order, Murphy established the Alexian Brothers Hospital, which soon established a reputation as a modern and well-equipped medical facility that would provide high-quality care to patients from all walks of life. Murphy was a strong advocate for the importance of accessible healthcare, and he worked tirelessly to ensure that the hospital remained true to its mission of serving the community's needs.

After accomplishments that could fill several lifetimes, Murphy fell ill in 1916. A doctor till the end, two days before his death, J.B. Murphy told the attending physician, "*I think the [autopsy] will show plaques in my aorta.*" After his death, an autopsy proved Murphy's final diagnosis was correct.

No less a person than Dr. William J. Mayo, one of the founders of the Mayo Clinic, described Murphy as "*the surgical genius of our generation.*"