



Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

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Brother Hibernians



I hope this month's newsletter finds you and your family well and everyone had a good St. Patrick's Day and parade here in Pearl River. Thanks to those who came out and marched with our Division. This gives us one more chance to recognize the Division 3 honorees – Neil Cosgrove as Grand Marshal, Sean Walsh as Aide to the NYC Grand Marshal, Frank McDonagh as Aide to the Grand Marshal and Dan Sullivan as Battalion Commander.

After the very busy couple of weeks, thanks, too, to all those helping out with the various events from the Emerald Ball through to the very busy day at the pub. We look forward to getting caught up at tonight's Division meeting – 8pm at the Hibernian House.

A special shout-out to Fergal Hayes and the Pearl River School of Irish Music for organizing the great night of Irish music on March 15th with the Ceoltoiri na Riochta (Musicians from the Kingdom) – the night included music from this large, talented group of musicians from County Kerry along with many local youth musicians.

We still have over a week of Irish American Heritage Month left, so look for content from the National AOH Board. There is some great content on the national website – please take some time to take a look, or better yet, share with your children:

<https://aoh.com/>

In the upcoming month, our scholarship process will continue with the Irish history exam. Applicants will be contacted with details. And I'm also looking forward to the next Comedy Night organized by Dennis Madigan for Friday April 12th! As soon as we have a definitive date for our Hibernian Mass and Communion Breakfast where we present the scholarships, we will let everyone know.

Good & Welfare –Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of our brother Walter Murray and for the wife of Larry Kaine, Karen Kaine – 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



- **Comedy Night at the Hibernian** – Friday, April 12th, 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Tickets are going fast and you can buy a table – see Dennis Madigan with any questions.
- **AOH State Meeting** – Saturday, May 4th, East Durham (Shamrock House)
- **Division 3 Golf Outing** - Friday, May 10th, at Blue Hill golf course. More details to follow. Posters are up and details to be discussed at meeting.
- **Hibernian Mass / Communion Breakfast** – To be announced!

Annual Golf Outing



Division 3 sponsors only two major fundraisers a year, and our spring event is our annual golf outing. The outing takes a tremendous amount of effort by a large group of people and that effort will continue every Thursday evening, with organizational meetings of the Golf Committee – meeting will be held upstairs at the Hibernian House, at 7pm.

This year's outing is in memory of our brother, Patrick Moore, whom we lost last summer. We want to make this a great event, both as a memorial and as a fundraiser. We'd like to thank Scott McMaster for jumping in as chair of the committee. They have gotten off to a great start – fliers were up before St. Patrick's Day and the volunteer and golfing sign-ups are going up this week! This is a great opportunity for you to get involved in a great event and to meet lots of your brothers!

Seniors' Luncheon



Congratulations to Larry DeGennaro and his team for another great St. Patrick's Day seniors' luncheon. We set two new records – we had an estimated 115-120 attendees, and the less auspicious record, our first senior showed up at 9:15am! (Read next sentence in Rod Sterling's voice): Imagine if you will, a bizarre relay race, where the baton is 120 pounds of corned beef, handed off from Bill Boera to Pat Holt and Mike Mulcahy. A special shout out to their hard work in the kitchen. Thanks to all the entertainers that day, those numerous members helping out throughout the day and to the many students (special shoutout to Chris Power and the huge Albertus Magnus contingent) who volunteered their time to make it a day to remember. And a special shoutout to Fergal Hayes for being the days "house band". Much gratitude to all!

Hibernian House



It was a busy week at the pub leading up to the day of the parade with an extremely busy weekend covering the County Kerry music night, day of the NYC parade, and the parade here in Pearl River. Thanks to all who came out and a special thanks to the Hibernian House officers and the entire team that had to pitch in to make it happen.

The Hibernian House February monthly drawing at our February meeting resulted in: 1st place (\$1,000): 30, 2nd place (\$250): 217, 3rd place (\$150): 110. Note, these are drawing numbers and aren't necessarily related to your AOH number. Next drawing is tonight at the Division meeting.

We've had great participation, but there's always room for more to join. If you want to join for the March drawing, it's \$100 dollars (\$10 per month you're in). Just see a bartender or drop us a note at praoh3@gmail.com.

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Beyond 'Hamilton': The True Story of Hercules Mulligan, American Patriot



Hercules Mulligan, an Irish immigrant, became an unsung hero of the American Revolution. Though the musical 'Hamilton', whose chief goal is to entertain, has introduced his name to a broader audience, Mulligan's real contributions as a spy and hero of American independence are far more compelling than the play suggests.

Mulligan was born in Coleraine, Co Derry, in 1740 and emigrated with his family to North America at the age of 6, settling in New York City. He attended King's College (now Columbia University). Mulligan opened an upscale tailor shop. While he had several tailors on staff, the charismatic Hercules made it a point to serve and fit every customer personally. The level of service soon made Mulligan's shop a favorite of New York's elite, particularly British officers who would have Mulligan tailor their uniforms.

While comfortably placed in Colonial British social circles, it did not reflect Mulligan's beliefs as an ardent proponent of American independence. Mulligan was a founding member of the New York Sons of Liberty, a clandestine group established to defend the colonists' freedoms from increasingly restrictive British regulation. He was a New York Committee of Correspondence member, which attempted to unify and coordinate opposition to British rule throughout the colonies.

It was about this time that Hercules' brother Hugh, who ran a shipping firm, introduced him to Alexander Hamilton, a young man who had recently arrived from the West Indies. Hercules took the young Alexander in as a border and soon developed a close friendship; Mulligan arranged for Hamilton to attend his alma matta Kings College/Columbia. Conversations at the Mulligan table persuaded Alexander Hamilton to make the rebel cause his own.

When Washington's army evacuated the city of New York, Mulligan was initially detained, though released, and found himself an American patriot in one of the strongest areas of loyalty to the Crown in the colonies. Mulligan returned to continue his business at his tailor shop until he received word that on the recommendation of Alexander Hamilton, now an officer on Washington's staff, Washington was asking him to take on the dangerous role of spy. Mulligan accepted at once.

Mulligan proved extremely successful as a spy. In his shop's relaxed, unoffensive atmosphere, British officers frequently let their guard down with the charming Irishman and reveal more than they should. When multiple officers came into his shop saying they needed delivery on the same date, Mulligan would communicate that troop movements were imminent. His brother Hugh, whose shipping company was now delivering supplies for the British, was also a valuable source of information. Mulligan would send these messages across enemy lines using his slave Cato as a courier, playing on the fact that as an enslaved person, the British would ignore him.

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On two separate occasions, information supplied by Mulligan is credited in saving Washington's life. In one incident, a British soldier came rushing into Mulligan's shop after hours to buy a new watch cloak. When Mulligan asked why the late hour and rush, the officer couldn't contain himself; he told him excitedly that he was part of a mission to kidnap Washington. Mulligan quickly sent word to Washington, and the kidnapping plan was thwarted. The second incident occurred in 1781 when his brother's import-export firm received a large rush order that revealed plans to capture Washington in Connecticut while traveling to Rhode Island to meet with the French. Again, Mulligan's intelligence warned Washington to change his route.

Mulligan's activities were not without risk. He had already been interrogated twice on suspicion of spying but had been able to charm his way out of it. However, he was directly betrayed by Benedict Arnold. However, Arnold's lack of hard evidence and the likely general disdain amongst the British Officers for the word of a traitor allowed Mulligan to escape prison, but his usefulness as a spy was over.

However, Mulligan's greatest threat was from his fellow New York Patriots, who thought he was a British collaborator and, ironically, a spy for the British. The fear of reprisals against himself and his family could not have been far from Mulligan's mind as the British evacuated and Washington's troops marched into the city. However, Washington did not forget Mulligan or his service; as soon as he accepted the British surrender of the city, Washington made a very public visit to Mulligan to have breakfast at his home, sending a clear message that Mulligan was a patriot.

Washington continued to repay Mulligan, placing several orders with him, allowing Mulligan to promote himself as "the official tailor to General Washington" and later "President Washington." Mulligan became one of the 19 founding members of the New York Manumission Society, an early American organization that promoted the abolition of slavery.

The real Hercules Mulligan deserves to be better known. Sadly, while the play "Hamilton" has made his name known, the man and his deed remain hidden. In perhaps an ultimate indignity, in response to the notoriety the play had given Mulligan, a story on an internet website showed a painting purporting to be Mulligan. This image of "Hercules Mulligan" has spread across the internet as other articles, even historical sites, have mindlessly parroted. The only problem: it is a painting of Charles Carroll, the signer of the Declaration of Independence.



NO, THIS IS NOT HERCULES MULLIGAN! DESPITE BEING SHOWN IN MULTIPLE ARTICLES ON THE WEB. IT IS A CASE OF A MISTAKE ON ONE WEBSITE BEING UNCRITICALLY COPIED. THIS IS CHARLES CARROLL OF CARROLLTON, ALSO AN IRISH AMERICAN AND SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE