



Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

May 2024

Brother Hibernians



I hope everyone is having a great May – the month seems to get busier every year. Congratulations to all who are celebrating First Communions, Confirmations and Graduations. Our next meeting is this, Friday, May 17th at 8pm.

We had a number of great events over the last month. 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 picture. One of our biggest 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.

It's interesting to see these events come together in the same month, as it reminds us that one feeds the other. The fund raising of our Golf Event and our Pot of Gold Event raise the monies that allow us to award \$10,100 of scholarships each year, and to fund various other civic and Irish-American charities in our area every month. The work and the contribution of the core groups running the events, as well as all of you who come out and support us each and every time, make these efforts successful which enables so much of what we do, and for that, I am grateful.

Good & Welfare – Please pray for the repose of the soul of our brother Phil Lane, may he rest in peace. Please keep Jim Whelan, recovering from surgery, 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 27th 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 National Convention** – August 7th to the 11th, Orlando, FL: Rockland County has the opportunity to supple a meaningful number of delegates to this year's convention. If interested in attending, please let Chuck Parnow or Dermot Moore know by May 31st.

Hibernian Mass



On Sunday, May 5th, 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 whom we have lost in the prior year and memorialized at the Mass:

Michael Cassidy, Sr.

Patrick Moore

Edward Coffey

Walter Murray

Thomas Gerondel

Jack Pendergast

Thomas Markham

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.

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 Kevin McNulty and our Scholarship Committee – as we have often said, you have the toughest job in the Division!

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 Dan Sullivan 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
Madison Boera	Nanuet	Daniel Callanan
Grace Drain	Albertus Magnus	Patrick Tully

Recipient	High School	Honoree
Ciaran Holt	Pearl River	Connie Smith
Erin Hooker	Pearl River	George Leahy
Makaela Larkin	Nanuet	Jack O'Connor
Brendan McGrath	Albertus Magnus	Jack Pendergast
Kailey O'Connor	Pearl River	Phillip Sheridan
Megan O'Connor	Nanuet	John Gannon
Timothy O'Sullivan	St. Joseph Regional	Walter Murray
Brenna Redmond	Clarkstown South	Laurence Kaine



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 10th. 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, Patrick Moore, as well as provide tremendous financial support for our 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! A special shout out to the Tom Lynch and the Lynch Golf Group who provided the Florida Condo raffle prize. Thanks, too, to the family of Patrick Moore who came out in large numbers and appreciated the recognition of their dad, brother, uncle and friend whom we lost too soon.

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 Scott McMaster for stepping in and leading as the Chair of the overall committee. Scott has been a member for less than two years, but he's shown the power and value of getting directly involved.

Some pictures to come in the next newsletter – or see our website and FB account for them. Again – what a great day! Thank you all!

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From the Great Hunger in Ireland to Starvation in America: The Sacrifice of Owen Moloney

It is perhaps understandable that we tend to remember with pride the many Irish immigrants who came to America with nothing and, by spirit and determination, achieved greatness. Yet, we must not forget the many more Irish men and women who came to America and often experienced hardship and tragic ends despite their best efforts; their stories should also be remembered even if they fill us with equal measures of pride and sadness. One of these stories is that of Owen Moloney.



MODERN REENACTMENT OF AN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOLDIER OF THE UNION ARMY. OWEN MALONEY WOULD HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY DRESSED,

Owen Moloney was born in 1833 in Tromora, West Clare, Ireland. His parents, Catharine McCann and Myles Moloney married in 1831 and had six children. When Owen was about 12, the potato blight struck Ireland, plunging the country into a severe food crisis. The British administration's inadequate and stuttering response turned a crop failure into a catastrophe that left many, including the Moloney family, struggling to survive.

In a cynical response to the crisis, the British government public works projects called "relief schemes." These programs were more concerned with minimizing costs and discouraging dependency on relief than feeding the hungry. Only those who were physically fit enough to work were eligible for aid, leaving many of those who needed help most, the young, the old, the infirm, and those too weak from starvation, out of the picture.

As part of these "relief schemes," people of all ages spent their days breaking apart stones and laying roads, often leading nowhere, throughout the countryside. In late 1846, Myles Moloney joined a local scheme known as the Seafield Line. The grueling work, combined with their already weakened health, took a toll on many laborers, including Myles, who was removed from the relief due to ill health on April 3, 1847, and died shortly after.

Young Owen, then about 14 years old, stepped into the role as the primary breadwinner for his family. Despite his youth, he took his father's place on the Seafield Line to support his widowed mother and five younger siblings.

As the Great Hunger abated in the 1850s, the Moloney family's situation gradually improved. Despite their still hard life, Owen managed to save enough from working as an agricultural laborer to emigrate to the United States around 1860. Like many Irish immigrants, he hoped to establish himself in America and eventually bring his family over.

Owen appeared to have gained employment based on surviving letters in which he sent money back home to support his mother. However, the outbreak of the American Civil War in 1861 changed everything. Seeing an opportunity and likely encouraged by a recruiting bonus, Owen enlisted in Company C of the 6th New Jersey Infantry on November 7, 1861. He sent another sum of money back to Ireland shortly after his enlistment.

Owen's military service was marked by his participation in several of the war's most significant and vicious battles, including Williamsburg, Second Bull Run, and Gettysburg. Yet, Owen survived these maelstroms only to be captured in a relatively minor skirmish on October 15, 1863, at McLean's Ford, Virginia.

Initially imprisoned in Richmond, in March 1864, Owen was transferred to the infamous Andersonville Prison (officially known as Camp Sumter). Designed to hold 10,000 prisoners, Andersonville became notorious for its overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, housing over 32,000 men at its peak. The prisoners, many of whom were wounded, suffered from starvation, rampant disease, contaminated water, and minimal shelter.

From March until August 1864, over 7,700 Union soldiers died in captivity at Andersonville. The most common causes of death were diarrhea, dysentery, and scurvy, all of which were spread fast among starving prisoners living in unhygienic living conditions. By comparison, approximately 5,900 Confederate POWs died from diarrhea or dysentery during the duration of the war. Owen Moloney succumbed to these harsh conditions on July 14, 1864.

There is a very Irish tragic irony that Owen Moloney survived the Great Famine in Ireland, only to die of the same causes—disease and malnutrition—in an American prison camp while serving his adopted country. He is a reminder that far too many Irish immigrants found graves rather than streets paved with gold in America as they fought for and forged their new home. Many died before they established themselves, leaving no one to mourn them in America and their fates a mystery to those they left behind. We owe it to them to remember their stories and ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten.