



Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

June 2026

Brother Hibernians _____



It seems we're having another year of a very short spring launching right into summer. Thanks to those members who took the time out to march with us at the Pearl River Memorial Day Parade. We look forward to seeing you **Friday, June 12th at 8pm** at our monthly meeting. This will be the last meeting of the school year, as we take off the remainder of the summer.

Congratulations to the Golf Committee, headed by Scott MacMaster, on a very successful golf outing. It seemed we had three seasons on the course during the day, and we had a great celebration of Phil Lane with his family afterwards. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the event, and a special 'thank you' with much appreciation to the volunteers who took time out that day to make it happen.

Also, Congratulations to the recipients of our ten scholarships. We had another good turnout, and our scholarship committee once again stepped up to make the decision on the 10 recipients. Please see the following article on the scholarships were that were given out after our Hibernian Mass – another beautiful annual event – please see the article.

Note, we postponed our first 'New Member Appreciation Night' until the Fall. We're looking forward to having it and inviting recent new members as a way to give them an in-depth understanding of the workings of our organization and all we do.

Good & Welfare – Please pray for the repose of the souls of Brothers Kevin Haugh and Rich Reidy, and Joan Corrigan, wife of Jimmy Corrigan, and Eileen Burke, mother of Red Burke and grandmother of Red & Sean Burke – may they all rest in peace. Please continue to keep John Crilley in your prayers, as he deals with health issues.

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

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Chuck Parnow

Upcoming Events



Event	Timing	Details
Orangetown Fourth of July Parade	Sat., July 4 th	Details online at Town website
AOH National Convention	July 15 th – 19 th	Omaha, NE – talk to Officers if you have questions / interest

Annual Golf Outing



We had 120-something golfers playing in very “Irish-like” weather, and even more attending the post-golf dinner. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this event. Again, a huge thanks to the golf committee who spent so much time in the lead up to the event, and thank you also to all the volunteers who were there that day, without whom we could never pull this event off. You all were instrumental in making this event the success it was.

The outing was also a great financial success, in no small part due to the many local businesses and individuals who supported us through various sponsorships. We couldn't have done it without them, and these businesses can't succeed without our support. Please remember and patronize our sponsors!



A golfing foursome fights off the cool with a shot (doesn't count on the scorecard!) at the par 3.

Hibernian Mass



On Sunday, May 3rd, we had our annual Hibernian Mass. 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 had lost in the prior year and memorialized at the Mass:

James Coen, Sr.

Donald Lyver

Pete Connolly

Daniel McKenna

Francis Duffy

Seamus Mullen

Michael Halpin

Patrick Joseph Murphy

John Keahon

Patrick Nolan

Robert Kreider

Denis Troy

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, Mike Mulcahy and Chris Power for planning and organizing the day's events (both the Mass and the Communion Breakfast that followed) and to Chefs Bill Boera and Joan Moore for a great breakfast.

Scholarships



We also got to recognize our high school scholars at the Mass, as well as present them with their awards at the Communion Breakfast that followed. Division 3 takes great pride in our scholarship program as both a way to support our young scholars and to pass on our traditions, history, and heritage. Each year, we award 10 scholarships totaling over \$10,000. Many organizations give only one award, and often their top scholarship is less than our tenth. This is something every Division member should take pride in—it doesn't happen without your support.

Thank you to Chris Power, Principal & Assistant Head of School at Albertus Magnus High School, who was our guest speaker at the breakfast. And a huge thanks to Kevin McNulty and our Scholarship Committee – as we have often said, you have the toughest job in the Division. Following are our high school scholars along with the Hibernian who was honored by their scholarship:

Recipient	High School	Honoree
Sean Dawson	Tappan Zee	Phil Lane
Hugh Drain	Nanuet	Daniel McKenna
Michael Farrelly	Clarkstown South	Francis Duffy
Kyle Lynch	Pearl River	John Gannon
Kerry Martin	Tappan Zee	Pete Connolly
Lauren McKiernan	Tappan Zee	James Coen, Sr.
Hugh O'Brien	Pearl River	Patrick Tully
Riley Tarsnane	Pearl River	John Keahon
Kaitlyn Troy	Pearl River	Denis Troy
Colleen Woods	Immaculate Heart	Seamus Mullen

A special congratulations to Colleen who also won an award in the state AOH scholarship program. *Well done all!*



Hibernian House



We held Bingo and Karaoke night which had a small but enthusiastic crowd. Thanks to all that came to support and donated to our food drive. We were able to drop off several boxes to St. Aedan's food pantry along with \$500 in Shoprite Gift Cards (bought with the money we got via the AOH National Board Grant for our Hunger Efforts) to help support the great work they do. We would like to continue supporting the food pantry and in looking for a member to lead the charge. Please let Dennis Madigan know if you are interested. And remember, we always need volunteers to join our 'Meals on Wheels' team, as we cover several routes each week – again, see Dennis.

Several things are in the works for the summer months so please have an eye out when you visit the pub for flyers advertising upcoming events. Please follow us on Facebook as well.

Work continues on the House. We have upgraded the draining system around the building and are in the process of getting the windows in the entire building replaced in July.

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As America approaches its 250th anniversary, we must tell the story of our nation's founding honestly and completely.

For generations, the standard narrative of the American Revolution presented an Anglo-American story. This narrative reduced the Irish contribution to a footnote. Yet the historical record tells a different tale. Irish men and women were not merely participants in the struggle for independence; they were its architects, soldiers, financiers, spies, and statesmen.

Later commentators obscured this legacy by retroactively applying labels like "Scots Irish" to

eighteenth-century immigrants. During the Revolutionary era, whether these immigrants came from Ulster, Munster, Leinster, or Connacht, they understood themselves simply as Irish.

When the call for liberty rang out, the Irish answered in numbers that alarmed Britain's military and political leadership. British, Loyalist, and American observers independently described the Revolutionary forces as heavily Irish.

In 1778, British Commander-in-Chief Sir Henry Clinton reported to his superiors that the American army was "full of Irish." The following year, Loyalist Joseph Galloway testified before Parliament that the Irish composed one-half of the Continental Army. The Loyalist *Royal Gazette* in New York derisively described Washington's troops as "an Irish rabble, more fit for the shillelagh than the musket."

The Pennsylvania Line formed the backbone of these forces. It contained so many Irish soldiers that General Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee called it the "Line of Ireland." General George Washington respected these troops deeply. On March 17, 1776, as the British evacuated Boston, Washington ordered "St. Patrick" as the official military password. As the British ships sailed out of Boston, they were serenaded by the Continental Drums and Fifes playing "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning"

The British political establishment understood who defeated them. In 1784, Lord Mountjoy addressed Parliament regarding the war's outcome:

"America was lost by Irish emigrants... I am assured from the best authority, the major part of the American Army was composed of Irish and that the Irish language was as commonly spoken in the American ranks as English."

Irish American military and intelligence leaders proved indispensable. Commodore John Barry, a native of Wexford and the "Father of the American Navy," served with distinction throughout the war. General Stephen Moylan of Cork served as Washington's Muster Master General. In a 1776 letter, Moylan became one of the first people to write the phrase "United States of America." In New York, Irish-born tailor Hercules Mulligan operated as a spy, securing critical intelligence for Washington.

Irish women also played vital roles. Margaret Corbin, born in Pennsylvania to Irish immigrant parents, manned an artillery position after her husband fell in battle. Women remembered under the name "Molly Pitcher" became symbols of courage on the Revolutionary battlefield.

The Irish left their mark directly on the Declaration of Independence. Charles Thomson of Derry transcribed the final draft. John Dunlap of Tyrone printed the document. John Nixon, the son of a Wexford immigrant, delivered its first public reading. Charles Carroll of Carrollton stood as the only Catholic signer, risking his vast fortune for liberty. Irish-born merchant Oliver Pollock advanced enormous sums of his own money to finance the war when the Continental Congress ran out of funds.

The Irish contribution did not end with the Revolution. Irish Americans built the canals, railroads, cities, and industries that transformed a young republic into a continental nation. Despite fierce anti-Catholic prejudice and nativist hostility, they persevered and prospered.

Today, historians rightly seek to recover stories that were overlooked, neglected, or forgotten. The Irish story deserves that same consideration. Recognizing the Irish contribution to America's founding does not diminish the role of other people. A fuller account of America's past enriches our understanding of the nation.

As we commemorate America's 250th anniversary, let us remember the generations of Irish soldiers, sailors, nurses, policemen, firefighters, builders, teachers, statesmen, and patriots who secured, defended, and strengthened the American republic. Their story is your story. Their history is America's history.