



Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

Pearl River, NY

May, 2016



Brother Hibernians, _____



Our next meeting will be held on Friday, May 20th. Great craic was had at our first Rambling House on April 22nd and many thanks go out to our organizers "Limerick" Mike O'Sullivan and Dennis Madigan, our bartender Frank McDonagh, and all of our many performers. Thanks to all of you who travelled to St. Patrick's Cathedral for the National AOH 1916 mass and procession on April 23rd. Our crowning moment was the Centenary mass, commemoration, and lunch that were held at the RGAA field and PR Hilton on April 24th. A record crowd of over 700 was treated to a truly moving and appropriate display. I have received numerous compliments from many visiting dignitaries from the AOH and other Organizations. Kudos to all the many volunteers and participants who made it happen.. Division 3 was well represented at the NYS AOH meeting and Bobby Sands Memorial on April 30th. Congratulations to our students who received their scholarships at our Communion Breakfast on May 1st and many thanks to our scholarship committee, especially chairman Kevin McNulty. Also many thanks to our mass chairman Ed O'Dea and his volunteers as well as our breakfast volunteers, especially chef Brian Booth and Joan Moore, Cathleen McNulty, and Kevin Haugh. Congratulations to all the performers who put on an

outstanding show at the Pearl River School of Irish Music Concert on May 6th. Dues are long overdue. Please get them in as we'd hate to lose you. Starting in September, our newsletter will no longer be mailed out as hard copies. Please send us your email asap.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News...Please say a repose for the souls of Mike McNamara's son Michael and Fran Corbett's brother Mike. Gene Flood is coming along with his rehab at Helen Hayes, Mark Donnelly is still at Nyack Hospital and would appreciate visitors, Nick Doyle and Emmett Woods are both recovering at home after experiencing complications after their knee replacement surgeries, Bob Winkelman is walking gingerly after his back surgery, and Brian Pearson is recovering well at home after intestinal surgery.

As always, please remember to say an extra prayer or two for our wounded warriors and their families.

*Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,
Dermot O'Connor Moore, President.*

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CALENDAR _____

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| May 20 | Division Meeting |
| May 26 | Legion Golf |
| May 30 | Memorial Day Parade |
| June 4 | Hope for Brian Benefit |
| June 4 | Rockaway Irish Festival |
| June 5 | Major Degree@PRHS |
| July 7 | McDermott Golf |

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LAOH

At our April meeting 2 new members were initiated: Deborah Bogin and Amy Johnson. The following LAOH members should be commended for their hard work to make the 1916 Commemorations successful: Katie Basler, Pat Dwyer, Alice Fogarty, Nadine Green, Bernadette Hartnett, Eileen Moore, Joan Moore, Mary O'Sullivan and Linda Sheridan. We had a good representation at the NYS LAOH board meeting in East Durham on April 30th. Attendees included: Pat Dwyer, Bernadette Hartnett, Eileen Moore, Joan Moore, Lillian Murphy, Loretta Reidy, Linda Sheridan and myself. The meeting was very informative. Our annual Ascension Thursday Mass and Dinner, which will be held at Brady's in Ramsey, NJ is being coordinated by Mae Kreider and Linda Sheridan. Our honoree is Moira Reilly. We are hoping to get a big turnout with marchers from our division at the Pearl River Memorial Day parade on May 30th. Line-up is at 9:45 AM at Dunkin Donuts and dress code is white shirt and black pants. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and great aunts of LAOH Division 3. Hope to see many of you at our next meeting which will be held on May 10th at 7:30 PM in the AOH hall.

Yours in friendship, unity and Christian charity,

Terry McGeever

President

NEWSLETTER

Our June newsletter will be the last one to be mailed out. The majority of our members receive the letter by email and starting in September it will only be available via email and on our website. If you have not been receiving the letter via email, please send your email address to praoh3@gmail.com so we can include you. If you have not been receiving the calling post and would like to do so, please send your phone # to praoh3@gmail.com as well.

MAJOR DEGREE JUNE 5TH

Rockland County will host a Shamrock and Major Degree for AOH members on Sunday, June 5th at Pearl River High School at noon. When you were initiated into the AOH, you took an oath to take the lesson of the order and this is it. It also adds 5 points to your child's Division 3 scholarship score. The Division pays your fee so it doesn't cost you anything, it's right in your own backyard and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Please let us know if you are interested at praoh3@gmail.com. Please contact Chuck Parnow at 845-664-8183.

FLEADH

The 2016 Mid-Atlantic Fleadh will be held in Parsippany, NJ again this year. It is taking place at the Parsippany Hilton from June 24 to June 26. More information and details are available at: <https://NYfleadh.com>. It's a great weekend of traditional Irish art – from age-group competitions in the various traditional instruments to set and ceili dance competitions to singing (Irish and English language). And as always, music sessions will be breaking out all over the hotel throughout the weekend. Spectators are welcome, and indeed encouraged. Come out to hear some great music, and meet famous and soon to be famous musicians.

HIBERNIAN HOUSE

A historic event occurred at the PR Little League fields this past month. For the first time ever a coach was booed by not only the other team but also by his team, their parents and people passing by. In addition, people stopped cars on Veterans Highway to join in on the booing. It was over a not close play at second. No names but his initials are Tom Lynch. Chris Power escaped injury while walking his dog, Cujo, as everyone knows, Is a trained guard dog, all two pounds of him. The only casualties were the hedges Chris was dragged through. Whew. A group of members went to a great German restaurant in Queens last Saturday. Scott Hanson was eating as if he was going to the electric chair. The owners asked if Al McClay would please return the silver wear. Thanks to Ed All Day for running the trip. Going to do it again next month. It will be a different place. Seems like it's a one and out. First time ever Frank "Murray" Farrelly did not send back his food. Good trip to Pa.to play golf. Amazingly Doug Meeks was able to give lessons to different golfers on various holes at the same time. Loud ? Nah. Almost time for Uncle Louie's to open. Be sure to drop in if your at LBI. And don't forget to order the owners favorite, Chocolate Special.

Pete Dunne

HOPE FOR BRIAN BENEFIT

Please help allay the staggering medical fees of the Domtrovits family as young Brian battles A-T Disease

Saturday, June 4th 6pm-11pm

@ Knights of Columbus Hall inBlauvelt

\$100 Raffle ticket includes entry to benefit,

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Thursday, July 7th Blue Hill Golf Course

12:30 pm shotgun start

BBQ lunch and dinner @ Mansion at Blue Hill

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AMERICAN LEGION GOLF MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

American Legion Outing May 26th, contact

Bill Ford @ 845-627-5308 to play or take a sponsorship.

Parade May 30th Line-up 9:45 am at First Niagara Parking

Lot @ Middletown Rd & Braunsdorf Ave

ROCKAWAY/BREEZY POINT FESTIVAL JUNE 4TH

11 am to 8pm@ St. Camillus Church Beach

100th St. & Shore Front Pkwy

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History

Valor, An Irish Tradition

In the historically Irish neighborhood of Woodside, Queens stands a monument to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in the Viet Nam War. On the monument is inscribed the names of 27 young men from the local Zip Code of 11377, more than any other postal code in the nation to die in that conflict. However, the Irish community of Woodside has another special distinction touching on the Viet Nam War, the story of two childhood friends from that Irish American community who would both enlist in the Marines and earn our nation's highest award for valor, with sadly one also earning an inscription on that monument.

Robert Emmett O'Malley and Thomas Patrick Noonan were born within five months of each other in that special neighborhood in 1943. A picture of the 1949 Kindergarten class of P.S. 76 shows the two boys as classmates. The two attended school and church together and were close friends throughout childhood.



Corporal Robert Emmett O'Malley

After graduating High School, O'Malley enlisted in the Marines where not only he, but his three other brothers would serve their country. On 18 August 1965, while leading his squad, they came under intense fire from a strongly entrenched enemy force pinning his men. With complete disregard for his own safety, O'Malley raced across an open rice paddy to the trench where the enemy were located. Jumping into

the trench, he attacked the Viet Cong with his rifle and grenades, and singly handedly killed eight of the enemy. He then led his squad to the assistance of an adjacent Marine unit which was also suffering heavy casualties where O'Malley personally assisted in the evacuation of several wounded Marines.

Ordered to an evacuation point by an officer, Corporal O'Malley gathered his badly wounded squad and led them under fire to a helicopter. Although he himself was wounded three times, O'Malley continued to cover his squad's boarding of the helicopters while, from an exposed position, he delivered fire against the enemy until the last of his men were safely on board. Only then did O'Malley permit himself to be removed from the battlefield. O'Malley would become the first living Marine to receive the Medal of Honor for service in the Viet Nam War.



Lance Corporal
Thomas Patrick Noonan

Equally brave, but not as fortunate, O'Malley's childhood friend Thomas Noonan also enlisted in the Marines. On Feb. 5, 1969, Lance Cpl. Noonan served as a fire team leader with Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division in Quang Tri Province when they came under heavy fire as they descended a treacherous, muddy hill.

Four Marines were wounded and pinned under continuous enemy fire. Noonan scrambled from his own position behind cover toward the wounded men, diving behind some rocks as he went. Finally *"he dashed across the hazardous terrain and commenced dragging the most seriously wounded man away from the fire-swept area."* Although *"knocked to the ground by an enemy round,"* Noonan resumed dragging the man toward safety. "He was, however, mortally wounded before he could reach his destination." Noonan would be awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his selfless sacrifice. After Noonan's death in Vietnam, O'Malley remained in contact with the Noonan family and visited Noonan's mother every year on Memorial Day.

On presenting the Medal of Honor to Robert Emmett O'Malley, President Johnson remarked *"Every time I have awarded the Medal of Honor, I wonder what it is that makes men of this quality and I wonder what a man can say in the face of such bravery."* The fact that two men of such quality were classmates from the same Irish American neighborhood in New York who joined 253 other awardees of the Medal of Honor who list as the place of their birth Ireland in company with numerous Irish Americans is a strong testament to our heritage, culture and traditions which historically has produced men and women of this quality with amazing regularity who have answered our Country's call whenever needed.

Neil F. Cosgrove, Historian

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