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JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

Pearl River, NY

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Brother Hibernians, _____



Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 24 at 8pm. Welcome aboard to new members James Leo, Joseph McMorrow, John McManus, and John Kelly. February 25th marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of Division 3's AOH Charter. How fitting it is then that the Hibernian House will be hosting a dedication of the new handicapped access and improvements to the House on February 19th. Please see the Hibernian House article for more info. Don't forget a bus is available free for members intending to march in the NYC parade on March 17 but reservations must be made soon, please see the LAOH article for more details. Let's have our biggest, best looking contingent out there for the parade in Pearl River as we march behind Grand Marshal Ray Sheridan, Aide John McElligott, and Battalion Commander Billy Ford.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good & Welfare news:

Please say a prayer for the peaceful repose of Danny and Mike Sullivan's father Mickey who lost his valiant battle with Huntington's Disease, Bill Ford's brother Tom, for Don Lyver's brother Eugene, and maybe another for Donnie, himself who has lost three siblings in less than a year. Please pray for John Leddy's bride Laura who broke her hip and shoulder, Brian Booth's recovery from a shoulder operation, for Tim Finn's mom Peggy who broke her shoulder in a fall, and for Jim Finn's bride Eileen after a bout with diverticulitis. Please continue to keep the following in your prayers: Brendan Malley recovering from his severe injuries, Larry McKeever on a really long road back from partial paralysis at the Summit Park facility in Pomona, and for Ray Gallagher's daughter Christine who is still undergoing chemo treatments in preparation for major surgery. Congratulations to Gene Flood's nephew Kyle who has just been named head coach of Rutger's University Football Team... can a job as a tackling dummy be far behind for Gene?

Say one for the Troops.

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

THE EMERALD BALL

7:00 February 25th, 2012 at the Sheraton Crossroads, Mahwah, NJ

Honorees on the night: **Hibernian of the Year** - Matt Reilly. Businesspersons of the Year - Helen & Sean Slattery. Grand Marshal - Ray Sheridan. Aide to the Grand Marshal NYC - Cy Hughes.

For tickets contact Dan or Pat Barry 845 627-5720

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CALENDAR _____

Feb. 25 Emerald Ball

Feb. 26 Antun's Reception

Mar. 17 NYC Parade

Mar. 18 Pearl River Parade

Mar. 31 Scholarship Exam

April 15 Communion

Breakfast

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HIBERNIAN HOUSE

On February 19th there will be a dedication and blessing to officially open the new handicapped entrance of Hibernian House. All are invited from 2 to 5PM. Blessing by our own Msg. O'Keefe, entertainment and refreshments.

As we prepare for this dedication of the new additions to the building we refer to as the "HOUSE", it comes to mind members past and some present that made our "HOUSE" possible.

For an AOH Division to have a building to call home is quite an accomplishment and shows the dedication and pride of its membership. Although New York has many Divisions spread across the state, very few are lucky enough to have their own meeting house.

Many more share a place with the Knights of Columbus, American Legion Halls and church basements as did our own beginnings attest to. One sometimes hears comments that there is a separation between Hibernian House and John Cardinal D'Alton, Div.3 AOH. This certainly was not the truth when the original members scrimped, saved and gambled to procure this place we call "home" nor is it true now as we celebrate the 30th anniversary in this building.

As we dedicate the improvements made here, let's remember and thank our members in the past that left this wonderful legacy to enjoy. Let's re-avow to work together for at least 30 more to further this organization's commitment to Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Phil Sheridan, President.

CALL TO ACTION!!!

To quote Bishop Zubik of Pittsburg, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and the Obama administration have said: "To hell with you" to the Catholic faithful of the United States. The recent HHS mandate has said "to hell with your religious beliefs. To hell with your religious liberty. To hell with your freedom of conscience. We'll give you a year, they are saying and then you will have to knuckle under."

As members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians we can do our part to stand up for our religious freedom and beliefs by sending a letter to the President, Kathleen Sebelius and our Congressmen and Senators. *A sample letter is enclosed below:*

Dear (Put in the name of President Obama, Kathleen Sebelius and your U.S. Congressman and Senators),

In early August the Department for Health and Human Services released guidelines that would force Catholic institutions to subsidize, through their health care plans, contraception, sterilization procedures and pharmaceuticals that even result in abortion.

It was announced on Jan. 20 by Secretary of the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, that this mandate is affirmed and that non-profit institutions, including the Catholic Church, have one year to adapt to the mandate.

This is a direct threat to the religious liberty of Catholics, freedom of conscience and the social service ministry of the Catholic Church. The so-called "religious exemption" in the mandate is no exemption at all as it would require any Catholic institution (that serves non-Catholics or employs non-Catholics) to violate Catholic belief, discontinue to provide health care, or close its doors.

I ask that you do all possible to rescind the "Preventive Service Mandate" as an unprecedented federal interference in the right of Catholics to serve their community without violating their fundamental moral beliefs.

(Please sign your name and address and mail the letter to your United States Congressmen and Senators).

PHILIP J. MURPHY MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The 2012 Philip J. Murphy Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Blue Hill. It will be a 12pm shotgun start with the after golf reception to be held at Emmett's Castle. Cost is \$125 per player. We need golfers, volunteers & sponsorships to make this a success. Please contact Sean Walsh at 845-300-1718 or email seanwalsh@optonline.

2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for our scholarships will be available in the pub and on our website by March 1st. All high school seniors who are the children of anyone who has been a member or associate member of Division III for at least three consecutive years prior to this date are eligible to apply. Applicants should include any AOH family participation and any other information that they feel makes them deserving of this scholarship. It is very important that the applicants follow the instructions to make life bearable for our committee. They are urged to complete every section as fully as possible, but may use no more than the front and back of the application for all material and use a 12 point font if completing the application electronically. This application must be hand delivered by the applicant or a representative to a member of the Scholarship Committee on Friday March 9 between 6 PM and 9 PM at the Hibernian House. The second part of the scholarship process will take place on Saturday, March 31. A scholarship test will be administered at the Hibernian House at 10 am. The scholarship committee will notify all applicants of any changes of date or time. All of the questions on this multiple choice test will be taken from material that the Division will supply on the Scholarship Section of the website, http://praoh.org. Winners will be notified by mail and, with at least one family member, must attend the Division Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 15th.

NATIONAL CONVENTION .

The National Convention will be held at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in scenic upstate New York from Monday, July 9th through Thursday, July 12th. Our own Division 3 member Brendan Moore is running for president and it would be nice to have a big division turn out. Rooms can be reserved now by calling 1-800-771-7711 and mentioning "Hibernians" for the convention rate of \$115 a night. Hotel accommodations can only be made by telephone. Please note that hotel rooms are available in many areas of Turning Stone Resort. Specifically, we have secured rooms at "The Hotel," "The Tower" and "The Inn" (near main resort site). Descriptions and location of each of these areas is available online at www.turningstone.com. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout Turning Stone.

LAOH .

Congratulations and welcome to our newest member Kathleen Broderick. The next Division 3 meeting is being held at the Hibernian House in Pearl River on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 beginning at 7:30 pm. Many topics will be discussed including 8th grade and high school scholarship information. The Emerald Ball is Feb 25th at the Sheraton Crossroads in Mahwah, NJ and the tickets are \$100.00. Please contact Pat Barry at dpbarry47474@gmail.com / 845-627-5720 for details. There is still time to take out a Journal ad – its due by Feb 15th, so contact me or go to journal@rocklandcountyaoh. com. The Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 4th and we have been invited to march, anyone interested please contact me. Our St. Patrick's Dinner will be on March 13th at Slattery's (\$40pp), please contact Carmel Reilly 845-826-0982 or Katie Basler 845-920-8407. Anyone interested in going to the New York State AOH Convention or who wants to order a sage green shirt should call me.

Anyone interested in marching in the NYC parade on March 17th? Buses will be leaving from the Irish Cultural Center in Blauvelt at 11am. The cost of the trip is free; however, you need to book a reservation so please contact me ASAP. We are scheduled to march beginning at 1:20 PM on East 46th Street between Madison and Vanderbilt Avenues, after the AOH Rockland County Board and ahead of Mount Saint Michael Academy. 2012 Dues were due as of 01/01/2012 - please contact Linda Sheridan ls231946@hotmail. com / 845-735-3612 to make payments if you haven't already.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Joan Moore, *President*

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John P. Holland

Father of the Modern Submarine



John Phillip Holland was born on February 24, 1841 in small coastal town of Liscannor. His mother was a native Irish speaker and young John himself would not learn English until he attended school. Holland's father was a coastal patrolman for the British Coastguard Service and instilled in the young Holland a love of the sea. With aspirations to go to sea, young Holland walked 5-1/2 miles each way to attend the Christian Brothers secondary school in Ennistymon because they offered a course in navigation. However Holland's dreams of maritime life were soon dashed by frail health which would plague him throughout his life and poor eyesight.

The family moved to Limerick where Holland became a student of Brother Bernard O'Brien, a distinguished science teacher and excellent mechanic who was a tremendous influence on him. With the death of his father, young Holland began a career as a teacher, and then decided to take his initial vows as a Christian Brother himself. It soon became apparent that young Brother Holland was an inveterate inventor; at one point building a mechanical duck that fascinated his students.

Holland's health soon intervened in his aspirations to be a Christian Brother. Falling ill, Holland was sent to an Aunt for treatment and to recuperate. While recovering, Holland was taken by accounts of the ongoing Civil War in America and was particularly fascinated by reports of a revolution in Naval warfare: the battle between the ironclads USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (Merrimack). Holland realized that the age of wooden ships was gone forever and that ironclads were the future. As a child who had experienced the dark side of British rule during the Great Hunger, Holland was concerned that England's industrial might

positioned her to dominate the new technology. Holland wondered "how *[other peoples of the world]* would protect themselves against those designs." The course of Holland's life was set.

Holland retuned briefly to the Christian Brothers, but before he could make his final vows illness struck him again causing him to withdraw from the order. Holland decided to follow his mother and brothers who had immigrated to America. Arriving in 1873, Holland took a lay teaching position at St. Joseph's school Paterson and brought with him plans to counter England's naval ambitions: a submarine

Holland initially approached the U.S. Navy to sponsor development of his submarine, but his design was dismissed as impractical. However, Holland's brother Michael soon found a sponsor for Holland's work: Clan na Gael, the American branch of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, or Fenians who saw in it a weapon to fight for Ireland's freedom. After a successful demonstration, the Fenians funded development of a full size submarine that would later be dubbed the "Fenian Ram". Holland's submarine had many of the features that became fundamental to submarine design: it was driven by a combustion engine on the surface, but used battery power when submerged, it was fitted with both ballast and compressed air tanks. In an initial trial, the submarine made 3-1/2 knots on the surface and was able to stay submerged for over an hour and successful return to the

However, there was one challenge that Holland had not counted on: the classic "Irish split". Internal fighting within the Fenians and allegations of inappropriate use of the "skirmish fund" resulted in cancellation of funding for Holland's submarine development. A faction of the Fenians stole the "Fenian Ram" and another prototype. The prototype sank in transit while subsequent attempts by inexperienced crews to operate the "Fenian Ram" resulted in it being impounded as a menace to navigation.

Submarines however were finally gaining the attention of the U.S. Navy. Holland competed for and won a contract to develop a submarine to be named the USS Plunger for the Navy. However, Holland soon realized that the Navy's shifting design requirements were dooming the project to failure. On his own Holland began developing his own design, the Holland VI. When sea trials came, the USS Plunger proved to be the disaster that Holland had predicted. Holland then demonstrated the Holland VI which in trials exceeded the Navy's requirements. The Holland VI was commissioned into the U.S. Navy on April 11. 1900 as the USS Holland, the U.S. Navy's first modern submarine and an order for an additional six more was placed.

It would be nice if the story could conclude on this triumph as a happy ending, but it cannot. Holland's vision always exceeded his meager pocketbook and he was near poverty. To continue his work Holland formed a

Did You Know That

- While known as the land of "Saints and Scholars" and famous for its authors, the Irish and Irish Americans also have their fair share of scientist, inventors and engineers in its ranks
- Harry Ferguson, famous as the inventor of the modern tractor used in farming, he is also recorded as the first Irishman to build and fly his own airplane in 1909
- Louis Henry Sullivan is considered the "Father of the Skyscraper"
- Robert Collis pioneered the development of incubators for premature infants
- · Robert Boyle "Father of Modern Chemistry"
- Fr. Nicholas Callan, inventor of the induction coil.

partnership with Isaac L. Rice, a businessman who controlled the manufacture of the storage batteries that were integral to Holland's design. Holland and Rice formed a new company, fittingly called Electric Boat, which is still in operation today as the leader in submarine design. Holland soon found that his partner began isolating him, forcing him into less and less significant roles within his own company while others took credit for Holland's ideas as they now rapidly evolved with proper financial backing. Holland left Electric Boat to form his own company, only to be dragged through the courts by Electric Boat who claimed not only ownership of Holland's patents but even Holland's own name as applied to submarines. While Holland eventually won in court, the damage had been done, potential investors had been scared off. Holland, broken and bitter, was forced into retirement. John Phillip Holland died at his home in Patterson on August 12, 1914 just as World War I was breaking out in Europe, a war in which Holland's vision of the submarine would be proven with devastating effectiveness.

The genius of Irish Immigrant John Phillip Holland deserves a kinder fate. Holland's discoveries and his over twenty patents are still protecting our national security today in the shield that is the Navy's submarine fleet. Let us never forget him.

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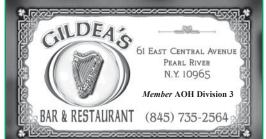




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