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Pearl River, NY

June, 2012



Brother Hibernians, _____



Our next meeting will be held on Friday, June 29th at 8pm. Welcome aboard to new member Patrick Moore. Many thanks to Phil & Linda Sheridan along with Jack O'Connor and Jim Gallagher for putting on another great Mother's Day Breakfast. Our Philip J. Murphy Golf Outing on May 17th was a huge success due to the hard work of chairmen Sean Walsh and Hugh O'Brien as well as the whole golf committee. Give yourselves a pat on the back on a great job, guys. Joe Walsh asked for help recruiting sponsor families to host needy children from Northern Ireland visiting the U.S. or else Project Children would have to turn several kids down. We put out an e-mail to our members and within days all of the kids had families to stay with. The coordinator for the project is deeply appreciative of our members' outstanding response and so are Joe Walsh and myself. Maybe next year we can get the word out earlier and have a list of families ready. We wish Brendan Moore luck in the race for national president at the upcoming convention this July.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare...

Please say a prayer for the repose of the souls

of Mike Kane, Steve Bello, Dermot Moore's father Tom, Tim McGee's dad Lawrence, Tom Fennell's mom Dorothy, and Frank Duffy's sister Margaret. Paid a visit to Larry McKeever up at Summit Park and came away with the impression that he's doing quite well, especially with his attitude. Brendan Malley stopped by the pub and seems to be recovering quite well with his injuries. Jim "Stretch" Fitzmaurice has also been stopping by the pub and is also doing fine. Gene Flood is having some back difficulties and hopefully will return to the local golf circuit after treatments, Ray Gallagher's daughter Christine is preparing for major surgery in the near future, and Big John Ovchinnikoff has run into a bout with shingles. They all could use your prayers and good thoughts.

Kudos to the County AOH Pipe Band on a magnificent showing at the Memorial Day Parade in town.

We hope you and your families have a great and safe summer and, as always, please keep our troops in your prayers, especially our wounded warriors.

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

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CALENDAR _____

June 12 County Meeting
8pm
Horse and Jockey

June 16 LAOH Div.4
Fundraiser, Thorne
Valley Winery

July 9-13 National
Convention

July 15 Rockland County
Feis

August 4 Saratoga Trip

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Construction on Railroad Ave. is just about finished and a new water main including a fire hydrant next to our building will go into service when the testing is complete. A big thanks to Denis Troy for speaking to the right people and explaining the need to get this job done.

Just in time with the fire hydrant because the fire trucks arrived Tuesday night after someone reported a smell of gas in the area. Big John and Bob Pohemus said they were outside smoking and didn't smell anything? The Orangetown Police questioned Pete Dunn, and he claims it was a Meteor that hit the gas meter so no evidence could be found. Thanks to the many fire drills we have had there was a quick and orderly exit from the building, after everyone got fresh drinks.

Members are looking forward to welcoming a new bartender on Saturday nights. Chris Power will be joining the team. "Complaints at your own peril."

I guess this is the last newsletter for the summer, see everyone around. Enjoy the warm weather.

The Hibernian House Board

LAOH

Hi Ladies,

Congratulations to our scholarship winners Thomas McNulty and Madeline Barry, as well as our Irish History Essay Contest winners Katelyn Freedberg and Tara Smyth on a job well done. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee and the Essay Committee for all their time and effort: Katie Basler, Mary O'Sullivan, Susan O'Keefe, Pat Schrader and Kathleen Broderick.

Summer is approaching fast but our next meeting is Tuesday June 12 at 7:30 PM at the Hibernian House. We will be brainstorming on Fundraising ideas so put your thinking caps on!!! Also keep in mind while on summer vacation that we will have the Fashion Show in November and will need prizes for the baskets.

Just a reminder that Div. 4 is hosting a fundraiser on June 16 from 2-5 at Thorne Valley Winery and the Relay For Life runs from Friday June 15 to Saturday June 16. I have raffle tickets if anyone is interested. The Rockland County Feis is on July 15 and they are still looking for volunteers. Call Pat Dwyer at 845-942-1874.

Please keep Anne Pettus and Kay Hogan in your prayers. Have a Great, Safe Summer. See you in September! Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joan Moore, *President*

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McDERMOTT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The McDermotts thank you for your support at their last nine Outings which has allowed them to award college scholarships to Nanuet High School student athletes and donate funds to local charities, such as Camp Venture and People to People. Funds were also donated to the HOPE-4The Missing, a support group for families of missing persons, and to the ALS Association. All monies raised from the Outings have been donated to these worthy causes. They have raised over \$125,000.00 so far!

On Thursday, July 5, 2012, they will be hosting their Tenth Event. They hope you can join them on the Blue Hill Golf Course in Pearl River, New York and at the Hibernian House for dinner, prizes, surprises, laughs and good natured abuse. You can reach Kathy, Dan or Ryan at (845) 623-6367. Please spread the word.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The rooms at the Turning Point are all sold out but rooms are still available at hotels close to the resort entrance.

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Discount convention event packages are available till June 1st. Visit www.hibernians.com and click on the convention logo.

SARATOGA TRIP

This year's Saratoga bus trip will take place on Saturday, August 4, 2012. One coach bus will leave the Hibernian House @ 8 a.m. sharp & will return after the last race. The cost again this year is \$60 per person, which includes beer, wine, soda, water and sandwiches. The sign-up sheet will go up behind the Hibernian House bar on June 1, 2012. You must leave payment (cash/checks) with the bartender when you sign up (Attention: Chris Gallagher). There are only 53 seats and every year is a sell out, so make sure you sign up and pay up early to reserve your spot. Contact Chris Gallagher with any questions at: (845) 548-2573 or cpg12866@yahoo.com.

ROCKLAND COUNTY FEIS

The Rockland County AOH 39th annual Feis will be held on Sunday, July 15 at Anthony Wayne State Park. Mass at 11am, piping, dancing, music, games, food, and refreshment. Volunteers are asked to contact Pat Dwyer at mrsfeis@gmail.com.

The Newsletter is Going on Vacation, but Division 3 isn't!

As in the past the division newsletter will be taking a summer holiday in July and August.

However, that doesn't mean that things stop happening at the Division or the House. There are three ways to keep up to date with the latest news and events wherever you are this Summer:

- The Division Website <http://www.praoh.org>
- Friend us at Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PearlRiverAOH>
- Follow us on Twitter @PRAOH3

**Have a safe and enjoyable summer
and stay in touch!**

The Overlooked Irish (American) Rebels



Charles Carroll of Carrollton

As the July 4th holiday approaches, sadly as with many of our other holidays, the true meaning of the day is lost amidst ballgames, cookouts, and fireworks. We forget that in that hot July of 1776 fifty six men came together to pledge their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor" to form a new country where "all men are created equal" and entitled to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". We forget that, in an 18th century where aristocracy was the norm, what a radical statement this was and academics will be quick to point out that the execution of that vision was, and in some ways still is, imperfect. We forget these men were publically taking on the largest Empire in the world; prior history predicting they had little prospect of success and the risk of a hangman's rope if they failed. Even among those that do remember the meaning of the day, very few remember that nine of the men who signed the document that is arguably the greatest statement of freedom ever penned were Irish Americans.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton represented the state of Maryland and was the

only Catholic member of the otherwise Protestant dominated Continental Congress. The grandson of immigrants from County Offaly (*then known as Kings County*), he was also the cousin of the first Catholic Bishop in America John Carroll. The Carrolls were one of the most prosperous families in America; it was claimed that a person could not cross the state of Maryland without stepping on Carroll land. Charles Carroll certainly had much to lose if the attempt for independence failed, yet he still signed in a bold signature only surpassed by John Hancock a defiant "Charles Carroll of Carrollton," leaving no doubt who was taking a stand for freedom. He would be the last of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence to die at age 94.

Matthew Thornton represented New Hampshire. Born in County Derry, he immigrated to America as a child. A prominent physician, he more than once stepped away from his lucrative practice to serve the people of his community; prior to joining the Continental Congress he had previously volunteered as an Army Surgeon during the French and Indian War.

John Hart represented New Jersey and was of Irish descent. His notoriety as a signer of the Declaration of Independence cost him dearly when his farm was raided and ransacked by British and Hessian troops later in 1776.

James Smith represented Pennsylvania. He was born in Dublin and is an example of how some historians "miss" (*perhaps not unintentionally*) the Irish contribution to America's history due to his English sounding last name. His family name was originally MacGowen, Mac in Irish being "Son of" and "Gow" meaning a blacksmith/smith thus becoming "Smith" when anglicized under the pressure of English law. Smith would, after signing the Declaration, command a regiment of the Pennsylvania Line in the Revolution, a unit which was so heavily Irish that General "Light Horse Harry" Lee once quipped should more properly be designated as "the Line of

Ireland."

George Taylor also represented Pennsylvania. Born in Ireland, he came to the United States as a "redemptioneer" (*indentured servant*) who was first employed in the backbreaking task of stoking coal into a blast furnace at an Iron foundry. As would be typical of succeeding generations of Irish immigrants, Taylor through his own efforts and hard work prospered, eventually becoming a foundry master himself. Amidst the gentleman farmers and professionals of the Continental Congress Irish American George Taylor was a self made working man. His Durham Furnace would be a major supplier of shot and shell for George Washington.

George Reed was the son of John Reed of Dublin and represented Delaware. In addition to signing the Declaration of Independence, he also represented Delaware at the Constitutional Convention and led the ratification movement in Delaware with the result that Delaware was the first state to ratify the Constitution.

Thomas McKean, whose parents were Irish immigrants, was another representative of Delaware. After signing the Declaration of Independence he served as a colonel with George Washington, and later as president of Congress, a Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, and the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Edward Rutledge, whose father immigrated from Ireland, represented South Carolina and was at 26 the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Thomas Lynch also representing South Carolina was the grandson of Thomas Lynch of Galway, who fled Ireland after the failed Irish Revolution of 1691.

While the dedication of Irish Americans to the United States is manifest from the very birth of our nation to the present today, too often it is overlooked and underappreciated even. We as Irish Americans never should forget these men nor fail to be proud of them.

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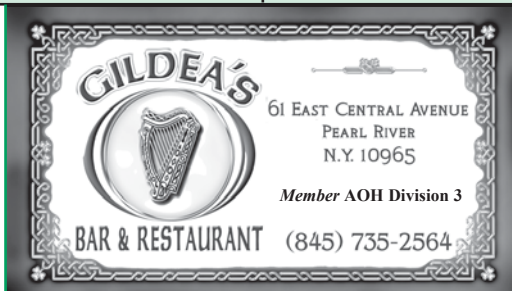
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