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JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

Pearl River, NY

October, 2012



Brother Hibernians, _____



Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 26th at 8:00 pm, at which there will be nominations for division officers and elections of House officers. We will also select our Aide to Grand Marshal and Battalion Commander for the 2013 Rockland parade.

Welcome aboard to new members Brian Meehan and Chris Smith. Our first drawing party is coming up on Nov. 11th so please get your Pot O'Gold raffle ticket now and support all our numerous charities and scholarships. Stay posted for more info on Sean Walsh and John Crilley's members-only Football Sunday upstairs at the Hibernian House on November 18.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare news...Please say a prayer for the repose of the souls of: Pat Moroney's brother Frank, Al Hogg's bride Jacqueline, and another I forgot to mention last month, Frank Moran's bride Loretta.

Some good news is in order for Larry Kaine who is now at home on a path to complete recovery and can receive your phone calls

and good wishes. Both May & Bobby Kreider are coming along very nicely after their respective operations and we expect Bob to repossess his vacant barstool. Charlie Murphy's bride Pat is recovering from surgery for a herniated disk. Please keep in your prayers Brendan Malley who took a fall at home and is recovering at Helen Hayes cardiac unit. Finally, after a year at Summit Park, Larry "Squire" McKeever is back home where he'll be able to see his grandchildren.

Also on a brighter note, during their monthly trips to Inwood, Warren Hennessey exclaimed to Jim Finn and their other buddies that he couldn't believe he was 70 years old. Frank Farrelly had to pull out of a golf trip to Walkill because he injured his shoulder the previous day pilfering apples at the Apple Greens course...*a misdemeanor offense for which he has hired the firm of Schlomo and Schlomo to represent him.*

Please remember our wounded warriors.

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

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CALENDAR _____

Oct. 16 County Meeting
8pm

Oct. 26 Division/House
Meeting 8pm

Nov. 10 GAA Dance

Nov. 11 First Pot O'Gold
Drawing Party

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HIBERNIAN HOUSE

Well, things are getting back to somewhat normal, summer is over, school is starting and people are watching Sunday afternoon football games at the pub. The first meeting of the year was held Friday, Sept. 28th. It was discussed and voted on to keep in place the Hibernian House Improvement Fund that was created for the dispersal and eventual replenishment of the State Grant. Division 3 opted to leave the \$25,000.00 original contribution to this fund in place as did the Pub with matching contributions. The account will only be used for major repairs and improvements.

We wish to thank everyone who helped with the Pearl River Day's Beer Concession. Pete Dunne willingly gave up his birthday celebration to assist in product research and quality control. Big John O is looking into the possibility of getting Vodka in kegs for next year. All kidding aside thanks for your help, made some money and had some fun. Well, that's about all for now.

Don't forget next meeting is the vote for the House Officers position of President and Treasurer. Please try to attend.

Phil Sheridan, *President*

ROCKLAND GAA DANCE



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LAOH

Happy Fall to all of you. We are planning an Afternoon Tea on Sunday October 28th at 2:00 PM to honor our two members who have earned a Life Membership; Bernadette Hartnett and Patricia Dwyer. They both will receive their Pins, Certificates and Sashes at this event so please let us know if you are planning to attend. It will be a fun afternoon so let's show our support in honoring these two women that have dedicated their time and efforts to this wonderful organization.

The County LAOH is Holding their annual "Pancake Breakfast" (*and so much more*) on Nov. 4th between 9:30-12 Noon. Our next division meeting will be on Tuesday Nov. 9th at 7:30 in the Hibernian House. There will be a joint County Meeting on Nov. 20th to elect the Grand Marshall and Aide to the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. We need all delegates at this meeting. Our organization only survives by members participation, so please volunteer to help with the various fundraiser/events. Also we are holding a raffle for the Breakfast with the prizes of a Kindle Fire, \$100 Gift Certificate, and a Basket of Cheer. (*Anyone that wants to contribute to this can drop it by my house. I can be reached at 845-735-8793 or 8450536-2742*). Also, anyone interested in holding an office on the County level please get in touch with me. Thanks for all your support. Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joan Moore, *President*
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It is that time of year again where we turn to you for support of AOH Division III numerous charities as we begin to sell tickets for our annual raffle.

Our "Pot O' Gold" raffle, is one of our main fundraisers, and is our hope that you will once again be generous in supporting us by purchasing one of our \$100.00 tickets.

The bearer of each ticket, along with a guest are entitled to attend both of our drawing parties. You have the opportunity to win the grand prize of \$10,000.00 at the drawing on December 23rd and \$1,000.00 at the drawing on November 11th, along with a \$500 prize and numerous \$100.00 and \$50.00 prizes.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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History

The Other Side of The "Copper"

A famous journalist once observed that "Disinformation is most effective in a very narrow context." He knew that when events, especially historical events, are taken out of context their meaning and significance can be completely distorted. Such is the case with the recent fascination of the media with the events concerning the NY Draft Riots of 1863. These events are the back drop of the movie "Gangs of NY" and the BBC America series "Copper."

The "Cliff Notes" version of the events which is served up as an accurate depiction in movie, TV show, and sadly much of our schools history curricula is as follows: The NY Draft riots were the largest civil insurrection in the history of the United States, lasting from July 13th to July 16th 1863. The rioters were Irish immigrants who resented that wealthy men could buy their way out of the draft but it quickly degenerated into a race riot as Irish mobs ransacked and destroyed numerous public buildings, the homes of abolitionists and African Americans, infamously burned the Colored Orphan Asylum at 44th Street and Fifth Avenue and engaged in several horrific lynchings of African American men. There can be no justification of such violence. However, the events leading to the NY Draft Riots, and particularly the Irish American role, were much more complex and to subscribe to such a cursory depiction of events is both a historical distortion and a disservice to Irish Americans.

It must be remembered that the years preceding the Civil War was a time of rampant anti-Irish Catholic prejudice. Catholic Churches in Philadelphia and a convent in Charlestown, Massachusetts were burned by anti-Irish/anti-Catholic mobs. It was this environment that gave birth to the AOH to protect our Church and Heritage. Want ads often concluded with "Any race or nation except Irish." Ironically and seldom mentioned, many of the most bigoted voices against Irish Catholics came from members of the

abolitionist community. Deeply rooted in Protestant fundamentalism, many abolitionists saw the elimination of Irish Catholics from America as only secondary to the elimination of slavery. Little wonder that the Irish American community of the 1860s was suspicious of abolitionists and their cause. Many of these nativists had for years claimed that the Irish were incapable of being "loyal Americans."

Yet, when the Union was threatened the Irish did come out to support their adopted country despite the prejudice they had faced. So many Irish Americans had attempted to enlist in the Fighting 69th that when all available spots in the regiment were filled, there were still enough volunteers to form a second regiment: the NY 37th, The Irish Rifles. However by July 1863, New York's Irish American community had been bled white at Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and scores of smaller battles. After having already made tremendous sacrifices, now the new Draft laws sought to put even more of the burden of the war on New York's Irish community.

The most controversial aspect of the Civil War draft act was that men could buy themselves out of the draft for the sum of \$300, a sum unattainable for the poor. As the Chicago Tribune noted "(The Draft Act) put the whole sacrifice of life, limb, health and home upon the poor and laboring classes who have the least at stake in the preservation of the Union." The Draft Riots, and there were many riots in other cities too, were a revolt of the poor who saw themselves being exploited. Despite popular depiction, rioters came from nearly every ethnic group in New York, including many from New York's swelling German immigrant population. That the mob was predominantly Irish was because New York's poor at that time were predominantly Irish, not because of anything specific to the Irish character.

Perhaps the greatest injustice in the accepted depiction of the New York Draft Riots is that while the egregious acts of a few are highlighted, the countless acts of humanity and heroism of many Irish Americans of New York during those dark days are completely ignored. The implementation of the draft in New York City which allowed a minor disturbance at one draft office to escalate into a four day riot was an embarrassment to the Administration and a scapegoat had to be found. It was all too easy to play to the accepted prejudices of the day and depict this as "*an Irish issue*"; a perversion of the facts based in its own form of racism that far too often goes unchallenged to the present day. However, Harper's Weekly, a publication that was never known as being overly fond of the Irish, had a far different assessment in an editorial written shortly after the riot.

It must be remembered that in many of the wards of the City during the late riot, the Irish were the primary, and often only, friends of law and order. That it was The Irish that risked their lives at 43rd street and 5th avenue at the Colored Orphan Asylum to save the little children from certain death at the hands of the mob. That many of the police officers injured during riot were Irish, and it must also be noted that Police Officer Paddy McCafferty put his body between the mob and 20 colored children and brought them to the safety of the 35th precinct at great peril to his own life. Further, that to a man, the Catholic Priesthood which is almost entirely Irish in our city used their influence on the side of law and order.

These are words that Mr. Scorsese, BBC America and many history teachers would be well to remember and put the tragic events of those four days in 1863 in their proper context rather than perpetuating the caricature of events that often passes unchallenged.

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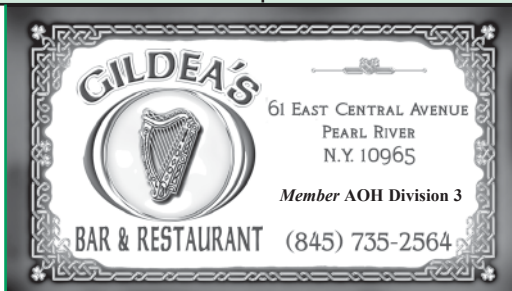


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