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Pearl River, NY

February, 2013



## Brother Hibernians, \_\_\_\_\_



Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 22 at 8pm.

Welcome aboard to new members Chris Cawley, Zach Mayer, Frank Farrell, Charles Reedy, and Jack Rogers.

Many thanks to John McElligott for doing another bang up job at his annual Valentine's/ Mid Winter Dance, to Pat Tully for his successful Poker Classic, and to Denis Troy and crew for a great Super Bowl Party. Congrats to all the winners and special thanks to those who were so generous to our Friends in Need charities fund. Also many thanks are due to the Fortescue Brothers and the Andy K Foundation for the tremendous charitable works they constantly perform. Once again, the county will be providing a bus for members who wish to march with them in the city on the 16th but you must sign up early to guarantee your seat. Please join us as we march through Pearl River on the 17th behind our Division 3 honorees Bill Young, Sean Walsh, and Parade Commander Kieran Murphy of the Fighting 69th. Please dress appropriately as this is our day to proudly honor and display our

heritage and culture.

***Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare news...***Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of Brian Booth's dad Charles. Good wishes are in order for: John Kennedy as he recovers from a brain surgery in Columbia Pres., the Donnelly brothers – Mark who is recovering well at home after a lengthy stay in Nyack Hospital and Brian who was in Good Sam fighting an infection, Jack Madigan's wife Charlie is doing well at home after rehab at Helen Hayes, Bobby Farrelly has begun radiation/chemo treatments, and Joe Wrafter is recovering well at home after a quadruple bypass and is expected to continue providing the entertainment at our Freeze Your Arse off Golf outings. Thanks to Denis Troy for getting Braunsdorf Clock up to snuff with Eastern Standard Time to be consistent with the rest of the populace.

Please remember in your prayers our wounded warriors and their families.

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

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## CALENDAR \_\_\_\_\_

**Feb. 23 Emerald Ball**

**Feb. 24 Aides Reception  
at Antun's**

**Mar. 9 Senior Citizen's  
luncheon**

**Mar. 16 NYC Parade**

**Mar. 17 Pearl River Parade**

**Mar. 23 Scholarship Exam**

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## HIBERNIAN HOUSE

Super bowl has come and gone. Hope the outcome was what you wanted. One team wins and one team loses, that's the way it goes.

The House is under construction again as anyone who has gone by can attest to. Still open every day. The work will not affect the operation at the Pub, but the weather may affect the work, as has the last few weeks with this brutal cold. The new sign is complete only held up by the bracket that is to come in "*any day now*". The old shed has been removed and replaced with a new one which will not obstruct the view to backing out onto Railroad Ave. Altogether, by spring, we should be in good shape and looking good too.

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner now. The Pub and the House will be getting a lot of use. The Parade in Pearl River this year is on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, and many stop by after the Parades for a Pint.

Let's remember our deceased members and say one for the troops.

Hibernian House Board

## LAOH

The time is just flying by. We are now getting ready for the Emerald Ball on Feb 23rd, the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16, and the RC Parade on March 17. We celebrated the Feast of St. Brigid on Feb 2nd at St. Margaret's. Msgr. O'Keefe did a wonderful mass and we had a good turnout from all 3 Divisions. Thank You to all who came and those that organized the refreshments after the Mass. A job well done. Tickets for the Ball can be purchased by calling Pat Barry at 627-5720. It is only two weeks away so call now!! We will be marching in both parades and the dress will be Aran type sweaters, black pants and black shoes. Remember this is a day to show our Irish pride.

Our St. Patrick's Dinner will be at Slattery's on March 12. For more information or to make a reservation, call Mary O'Sullivan at 845-735-3682. Your participation at these events is greatly appreciated. If you have other suggestions please bring them to the meeting on Feb 12, 2013.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Joan Moore, *President*  
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## 2013 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 8, between 6 pm and 9 pm at the Hibernian House. The second part of the scholarship process will take place on Saturday, March 23rd. 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 14th.

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7 pm

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## Charles Stewart Parnell the Uncrowned King of Ireland



In the 19th Century, a time known for its great statesman and orators, Charles Stewart Parnell stands alone. Even the prodigious British Prime Minister William Gladstone described him as the “most remarkable and interesting” man he knew and an “intellectual phenomenon.” In the cause of his native Ireland he lit up the skies of Victorian politics like a meteor, only to tragically burn out and come crashing to the earth. If he had been born at an earlier time, the life of Parnell and its story of ambition, glory, conspiracy, betrayal and tragedy would certainly have been a candidate for one of Shakespeare’s plays.

At first glance, Parnell’s early life had little to indicate that he would be a champion of Irish nationalism. He was born to the Protestant Ascendancy, the third son of a wealthy County Wicklow landlord, John Henry Parnell. His mother was Delia Tudor Stewart through whom Parnell could claim a distant relationship to the English Tudor’s who had ruled and despoiled Ireland centuries earlier. However, Parnell’s mother was an American, the daughter of Admiral Charles Stewart who was a decorated hero of the war of 1812 and former commander of the USS Constitution, “Old Ironsides”. From his Yankee mother, Parnell would inherit a strong passion for individual liberty and a disdain for the rule of privilege so inherent in the British governance of Ireland.

Parnell was attracted to the Home Rule Party that was seeking to restore self-government to Ireland and was, as a member of that party to the House of Commons, an MP for County Meath on 21 April 1875 (later he would sit for Cork). One of the motivations behind the Home Rule movement was the limited voice that Irish representatives had in parliament. Parnell and his fellow Irish MPs devised a unique tactic to have the Irish voice heard in the matters of her rule: “obstructionism.” Parnell and his associates would hold up key bills in parliament, using parliaments own procedures, by citing minor rules of

order and making long, and often irrelevant speeches until something in Ireland’s interest was offered in exchange for releasing the stranglehold. Parnell rapidly grew in public popularity while drawing the contempt of opposing conservative MPs.

Parnell soon aligned himself with Michael Davitt who had founded the National Land League, whose long term goal was to see the return of landlord owned Irish farmland to the Irish farmer. Parnell was appointed president and soon adapted the tactics of passive resistance that had been so effective in furthering the Irish cause in parliament. He called for unscrupulous landlords to be placed in a “moral Coventry,” to be shunned in public and isolated. The application of these techniques soon gained attention in the press when applied effectively against one infamous landlord in particular, Captain Boycott, and the verb “boycott” entered the English language.

Parnell became the acknowledged leader of Irish Nationalism; he was referred to as the “Uncrowned King of Ireland.” He traveled to America and addressed a joint session of Congress on the “Irish Question.” In the course of the trip he collected over £26,000 for the National Land League. Parnell soon began to attack the liberal government of Gladstone, which owed its coming to power through the support of the Parnell led MPs, for the faltering and hesitant steps it had taken on the land reform question. Faced with criticism and provided with the justification of sporadic incidents of violence in what was now being referred to as “The Land War,” the British government resorted to its tried and true tactics: Parnell was arrested for inciting rebellion and the National Land League was suppressed. Parnell however was too popular a figure to simply shut away. From his jail cell he continued to coordinate rent strikes by tenant farmers while at the same time proposing that an agreement could be reached where he would curtail the protests in return for the forgiveness of rent arrears. Gladstone agreed and the result became known as the “Kilmainham Treaty” named for the infamous Kilmainham Gaol where Parnell and his followers were held while the agreement was negotiated. Parnell quickly reorganized and replaced the suppressed National Land League the Irish National League under his control. In the election of 1885 Parnell’s Irish Parliamentary Party won every Irish seat outside of Ulster and Dublin University. Confronted with such growing political power, Gladstone’s government was coerced into introducing the Home Rule Bill of 1886, the first attempt by a British government to allow a measure of self determination to the Irish people since the Act of Union. The bill was defeated however through the political maneuverings of Randolph Churchill, father of Winston Churchill, who played on the deep seated anti-Irish prejudices of the Ulster loyalist and the government of Gladstone fell.

The defeat of the Home Rule bill was also an apex of Parnell’s career. While initially slow to react, the British Lion was now awake and seemed to be using all its mechanism to destroy him. In 1887, the Times of London published a series of articles, “Parnellism and Crime,” which printed extracts of ‘alleged’ letters from Parnell implicating him as orchestrating a series of violent acts, most notably the assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish and his secretary in Dublin’s Phoenix Park. At the time of the incident Parnell had vehemently denounced the murders and declared the letters a forgery. After a protracted two year investigation, one of the key witnesses, Richard Pigott, the journalist who had sold the letters to the Times, confessed to forging the letters and eventually committed suicide.

Though Parnell won a libel suit against the Times, his enemies still had one more to play and this one, being one of the heart, was fatal. Parnell had been having an affair with Katherine (“Kitty”) O’Shea, the wife of Capt. O’Shea, for several years. The O’Shea’s had been separated during that time, Capt. O’Shea refusing to divorce his wife in the belief that his wife was due to come into an inheritance from a rich aunt. In the complex and hypocritical morality of Victorian England this affair was well known and not unusual. Mrs. O’Shea often acted as the intermediary between Parnell and Gladstone. That Capt. O’Shea was not aware of the relationship between Parnell and his separated wife defies belief, and O’Shea had on multiple occasions accepted Parnell’s aid to advance his political career. Capt O’Shea only went public and filed for divorce when his wife’s aunt died and he found his access to her money blocked by the terms of her will. After an unsuccessful attempt at blackmail, Capt. O’Shea filed for divorce naming Parnell. Parnell’s enemies seized on the opportunity to destroy him in a media frenzy. When Parnell made it clear he would remain defiant and not take a political retirement, many of his supporters abandoned him for the sake of their own careers. Parnell would eventually marry Kitty O’Shea and continue to fight for home rule, but now as a deposed and crippled king. His health had been ruined by the strains of the tremendous workload he undertook to see Ireland have a voice in her own affairs. Parnell died on October 6, 1891, he was 45.

Though in many ways a tragic story, the vision of Parnell would be picked up by other men, to see Ireland take her rightful place among nations. On O’Connell Street in Dublin a statue of Parnell stands in a defiant pose challenging future generations with a quote from one of his speeches: “No man has a right to fix the boundary to the march of a nation. No man has a right to say to his country thus far shalt thou go and no further. We have never attempted to fix the ‘ne plus ultra’ to the progress of Ireland’s nationhood and we never shall.”

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