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Pearl River, NY

March, 2013



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



Happy St. Patrick's Day. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, March 22 at 8pm. Welcome aboard to new members Kristoffer McArdle, Timothy Hodges, Thomas Brennan, Christopher Durney, Mark Durney, Sean Relihan, and Teddy McHugh.

The Emerald Ball was a huge success. Congratulations and many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it such a memorable night. Our sincere thanks go out to our local politicians in the NYS and Orangetown legislatures for issuing proclamations designating March as Irish American Heritage month, and to all those who participated in the protest rally against the sale of offensive products at the Palisades Mall. Please talk to your children and urge them not to denigrate themselves or their race by wearing any of this offensive paraphernalia.

Once again, the county will be providing a bus for members who wish to march with them in the city on March 16. It leaves the Cultural Center in Blauvelt at 11 am. Call Cy Hughes at 914-804-7162 to reserve your seat. Line up for the

city parade is on East 46th St., between Madison and Vanderbilt, at 1:20 pm. Please join us as we march through Pearl River on the 17th behind our Division 3 honorees, Grand Marshal Msgr. Weber, Aide Bill Young, Battalion Commander Sean Walsh, and Parade Commander Kieran Murphy of the Fighting 69th. Line up is in the Wyeth Laboratories parking lot at 1 pm. Please dress appropriately as this is our day to proudly honor and display our heritage and culture. Please inform your family and friends that the Police plan to strictly enforce an open container ban.

Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of Can Dechon's mom Marie, please keep praying for John Kennedy as he recovers from surgery at home and for John McElligott who is recovering at home after receiving a stent at Good Sam.

As always, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

- |          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| Mar. 9   | Senior Citizen's Luncheon |
| Mar. 16  | NYC Parade                |
| Mar. 17  | Pearl River Parade        |
| Mar. 23  | Scholarship Exam          |
| April 14 | Communion Breakfast       |

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# Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



## HIBERNIAN HOUSE

With March upon us, all things begin to “Green Up” as St. Patrick’s Day nears.

Not only Hibernians but all people get in the spirit of the season. Let us especially remember that many eyes are on us and we should strive to conduct ourselves so as not to feed the stereotypes others have created for us.

Also we can discourage our children, grandchildren, and their friends from playing the fools in the big hats and dyed hair. Educate them in the proud heritage we share.

As usual, on the day of the Pearl River Parade, the upstairs bar will be open to members and guests. Please remember a guest must be with the member, *(if you leave, they leave)*...

Let’s give a big shout out to John Ovchinnikoff for the work on the front of our building. Looking good John, and in time for the parade too. Thanks!

Hibernian House Board

## 2013 Scholarships

Applications were due by March 8th.

The second part of the scholarship process takes 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.

## LAOH

This season is a busy one. It started with the Emerald Ball. Thank you to all that attended and those that worked behind the scenes to make it a success.

The NY State and Orangetown legislatures both issued Proclamations declaring March Irish American History Month, which included a trip to Albany for some.

This is the month we get to show our Irish pride by marching in both the NYC St. Patrick's Day parade (*line up 46st and Vanderbilt*) and the one here in Rockland (*line up at 1PM, Pfizer's parking lot Battalion 2*).

It is a time to reflect on all that our ancestors did to make this nation great, the sacrifices and hard work, the bigotry, persecution and poverty. Today we deal with offensive material being sold in local/national stores. As was stated at a press conference held opposite the Palisades Mall, the best way to have an effect on these people is to "hit them in their Pockets". We Irish are known for our sense of humor but these items go way beyond that and are offensive to ALL people.

As the month closes we celebrate the Holy season of Easter. Let us all reflect on our own lives and thank the Good Lord for all we have.

We now have an email account for both the County:  
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and the Division 3: ([laohdivision3@gmail.com](mailto:laohdivision3@gmail.com))

Please check your computers and allow mail from these sites.

We are in the process of redesigning the website, having a facebook page, and twitter account. I will keep you informed as to when the website will be up and running.

Thank you to all for your cooperation and support. Enjoy St. Patrick's Day and may God's love shine on you all during this Easter season.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
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*Historian - Neil Cosgrove*

## **March is Irish American Heritage Month**

*History*

**The following resolution was adopted by the New York State Senate proclaiming March 2013 as Irish American Heritage Month in New York.**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2013 as Irish American Heritage Month in the State of New York.

WHEREAS, From America's earliest days, Irish immigrants and their descendants have contributed leadership, wisdom, and vitality to America, through nine signers of the Declaration of Independence and 22 Presidents with Irish roots as well as the indelible mark Irish Americans have made in the shaping of the great State and City of New York, through numerous Governors, Legislators, Mayors and public officials; and

WHEREAS, Throughout their long history, the Irish have been ardent in their passion for liberty, hatred of oppression and renowned for their loyalty and thus, the Irish have, from the beginning, been prominent in the defense of this Nation, with 20 of George Washington's generals and an estimated quarter of his Army being composed of Irish Americans, among them Timothy Murphy, a hero of the pivotal battle of Saratoga, New York; and

WHEREAS, Irish Americans have distinguished themselves ever since whenever their country has called on them, as typified in the storied "Fighting 69th" of New York who fought with courage and sacrifice on the Battlefields of the American Civil War, World War I and whose Gaelic battle cry of "Faugh an Bealach" is still heard this day in Iraq and Afghanistan in defense of our country; and

WHEREAS, The first Congressional Medal of Honor for the current conflict in Afghanistan was awarded to Navy Seal Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy of Smithtown, New York, who made the supreme sacrifice for his country; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Irish arrived in New York City in the mid-19th Century, escaping hunger and injustice in their homeland, and where New York has long been a haven for immigrants, being the home of the "golden door" of Ellis Island, where the first immigrant to enter through its passages to a new life in America was 15 year-old Annie Moore of Cork, Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants and their descendants have contributed to the building of this great society not only by the laying of railroads and the building of physical bridges, but also by building bridges of the mind amongst all people through the founding of numerous schools, colleges and universities, enhancing the quality of every phase of life for all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Irish American women have a long and proud tradition of being visionaries and trailblazers, whether it be Annie Sullivan, the teacher of Helen Keller, crusading journalist Nelly Bly or New York's own Colonel Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a Space Shuttle; and

WHEREAS, Since 1762, Irish New Yorkers have been faithfully celebrating the feast of St. Patrick every March 17th, wherein they renew their connections to the land of their ancestry, pass on their traditions to the next generation, and share their pride through joyous festivities enjoyed by all New Yorkers irrespective of ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Irish Americans have made an indelible impression upon every human endeavor in art, music, literature, science, film, dance, theatre, sports, education, law, finance, and politics and shall continue to embellish New York's shining future, reflecting the noble past of this mighty race, with all the strength, resilience, humor and hospitality of the Irish character; it is most fitting to set aside this month to highlight and honor the history and heritage of the Irish Americans and to remember and pay tribute to the contributions they have made to our State and our Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That is Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2013 as Irish American Heritage Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.



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