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Pearl River, NY

June, 2013



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Our next meeting will be held on Friday, June 21st at 8pm. Welcome aboard to new member Ed McDonald. Congratulations to the golf committee, the McKiernan family, and the many volunteers for running a fantastic Joe McKiernan Memorial Golf Outing. Congratulations to Sean Walsh on his election to County Vice President as well as to the division members who were re-elected to their county offices, and many thanks again to outgoing president Vince Tyer for his 6 years of very productive leadership. We'll be reaching out to you with a date for the comeback of our annual picnic in September and mark your calendars for National President Brendan Moore's testimonial dinner weekend which will be held on October 5th and 6th at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern.

*Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News...*Please say a prayer for

the repose of the soul of Pete McGovern, a real gentleman from Swanlinbar, County Cavan. Another prayer is due for Mike Higgins who is in Nyack Hospital recovering from a punctured lung and several broken ribs. Congratulations are in order for Joe Mulroe who was presented with a new granddaughter Caroline by his daughter Eileen and her husband Scott and for Frank Reilly being presented with a new granddaughter Frances by his son Brian and his bride Kelly.

We wish you and your families a happy and safe summer.

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 _____

**June 18 O'Malley's Charity
Golf Outing**

June 21 Division Meeting

**July 10-13 NYS Convention
Saratoga**

**July 11 McDermott Golf
Outing**

Aug 3 Saratoga Trip



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Having escaped the latest storm "Tropical Depression Andrea," as it never became a full Hurricane, we must look back and remember how last year these storms namely "Sandy" caused so much devastation and hardships in our area, and the areas around us.

It is at these times we are especially proud to be Hibernians. Remembering the tons of food and clothes, tools, gloves, cleaning products, sometimes filling the hall stairs and pub floor and the people involved in loading, transporting and distributing this aid.

Much of this was needed by fellow Hibernians, in places like Breezy Point and the Rockaway's. This time we knew some of the recipients of the generosity that the community is capable of, many times we did not know the people who were helped (*i.e.*) Walton, NY, Deposit, NY, as in their floods a few years ago.

As we come into these seasons again let up hope and pray that all may be spared this fate. However I am sure every one of us stands ready to show the Hibernian Moto, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, is alive and well.

Hibernian House Board

Saratoga Races Bus Trip

This year's Saratoga bus trip will take place on Saturday, August 3, 2013. A coach bus will leave the Hibernian House @ 8 am sharp & will return after the last race.

The cost again this year is \$60 per person, which includes beer, wine, soda, sandwiches. The sign-up sheet will go up behind the Hibernian House bar on June 1, 2010.

You must leave payment (*cash/checks*) with the bartender when you sign up (*Attention: Chris Gallagher*).

This trip is always a sell-out, so make sure you sign up and pay early to reserve your spot.

Contact Chris Gallagher with any questions @ (845) 548-2573 or cpg12866@yahoo.com.

The Newsletter is Going on Summer Vacation . . .

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The year is half over and we have done a lot but the summer season gives us a short break.

A great big Thank You to all that helped set up and clean up at the scholarship/essay Mass and Communion Breakfast.

Also to Katie Basler and Eileen Bierne for the Mass and Dermot Moore for doing the cooking.

Sincere thanks to Fr. John Pallitucci for coming to say the Mass and Msgr. O'Keefe for his support. We are holding a "*Dancing like the Stars*" fundraiser on October 18 and are looking for some dancers to participate. Any and all suggestions/volunteers welcome. Get in touch with Katie Basler at 845-596-6754.

Have a safe, healthy and relaxing Summer and see you all in September.

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

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**Michael
McDermott**

11th Annual Memorial Golf Outing

Thursday, July 11, 2013

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Fr. Murphy of Boolavogue



This year marks the Two Hundred and Fifteenth anniversary of one of the water-shed moments in the Irish struggle for freedom: the rebellion of 1798. The extension of some of the penal laws in the early 1700's to include Presbyterians, in addition to Catholics, in an attempt to suppress any religion but that of the state sponsored English Anglican Church, had led both groups to find an unprecedented common cause against a tyrannical government. This common oppression helped forge a new national identity of United Irishmen. Inspired by the "rights of man" expressed in the American and French Revolutions, they sought to have a voice in their own government, including the Catholic majority who were excluded from political participation, and freedom of religious expression. After first seeking redress by constitutional means, only to be frustrated by an alien government intent on absolute rule, the United Irishmen realized that the only hope for freedom was to "*break the connection with England.*" The result was a rebellion where members of both Catholic and Protestant communities rose in open rebellion. It was an unprecedented time giving rise to unlikely heroes, one of them being Fr. John Murphy of Boolavogue.

John Murphy was born in 1753 in Tincurry, County Wexford; one of five children of a local tenant farmer. As a Catholic, under the Penal Laws he was barred from any form of formal education, instead receiving his schooling from the underground hedge schools run by the local priests. Deciding to take Holy Orders, Murphy was forced to travel to Spain in order to complete his education for the priesthood as seminaries were forbidden in Ireland. On his return home, now Fr. Murphy was assigned as the parish priest of Kilcormuck, better known as Boolavogue. At the time of the 1798 Rebellion he was 45 and described as short of stature and balding, but well-built and active.

The increasing militancy of the United Irishmen had resulted in the British government instituting brutal methods of suppression that did not trouble itself to distinguish between active rebel and the ordinary Irish population, with martial law being declared on March 2, 1797. The instrument of British government policy was the Yeomanry (*the "Yeos"*), private military companies raised by British landlords. Literally a law unto themselves, they dispensed vigilante justice without trial to anyone suspected of being a rebel or sometimes just for personal gain. Their tactics included house burnings, torture, rape, theft, pitchcapping (*pouring hot tar on a victim's head then ripping it off when cool, effectively scalping them*) and murder.

At first Fr. Murphy was an advocate for peace, urging his parishioners to comply with the authorities, give up their arms and even sign an Oath of Loyalty to the Crown. However, the continued outrages of the Yeomanry soon made Fr. Murphy realize that no matter what his parishioners did, they had already been found guilty of the crime of being Irish and subject to punishment by a reign of unchecked terror. The final straw was when the Yeomanry seized and executed twenty-eight innocent local men without proof or trial. Reports indicated that their next target was Boolavogue. Transformed now into the good shepherd called upon to defend his flock, Fr. Murphy organized a party of thirty men armed with a single gun and a few pikes improvised from farming tools. They intercepted the yeoman led by Lieut. Bookey at the Harrow as they were beginning to set fire to the homes of suspected rebels. In the confrontation that ensued Bookey and another yeoman were killed while the rest fled.

Now committed to the rebellion, Fr. Murphy led his men to a local armory where they were able to reclaim some of their surrendered pikes and guns. His numbers now swollen to over a thousand, Fr. Murphy and his men were able to defeat a well-armed force of militia and yeomanry at Oulart Hill. With this victory, almost the entire north of Wexford rose as one, causing the enemy to flee south. The next day Fr. Murphy and his forces captured Enniscorthy in a four-hour battle in which one hundred of his men were killed. Two days later, the rebel forces, now grown to some 15,000 men, captured Wexford town, the capital of the county. Here they released Bagenal Harvey, a prominent Protestant landowner and leader of the United Irishmen who had been previously captured, whom they appointed commander of the Rebel forces in Wexford, Fr. Murphy placing he and his men under his command.

However, courage and dedication alone could only do so much against the increasing number

of well-armed, well led, professional soldiers now being sent against the United Irishmen. Fr. Murphy and his men were severely defeated at Arklow while simultaneously Harvey's men were defeated at New Ross. The rebels were forced to retire on their central camp at Vinegar Hill. There they were confronted by 20,000 regular English troops and German mercenaries supported by artillery who quickly defeated the poorly armed rebels.

Vinegar Hill was the last major battle of the 1798 rising and now the brutal reprisals began. General Lake ordered every wounded rebel to be shot. The cavalry was released on the fleeing rebels, indiscriminately cutting down men, women and children alike. The Enniscorthy courthouse, used as a hospital, was burned down with its 80 wounded rebels inside. General Sir John Moore, later to become one of the most revered generals in the history of the British Army, wrote in his diary of "*the violence and atrocity of the yeomen, who committed the most unpardonable acts.*" And Count Hompech, commander of the German mercenaries, stated that 25,000 rebels were killed in cold blood after the fighting ended.

Fr. Murphy was also a victim of these brutal reprisals. He was captured at Tullow, Co. Carlow on 2 July. He was tortured, summarily tried and hung in the village square. The Yeomanry then removed his head displaying it on a pike while his body was burned in front of a prominent Catholic household as a "*message*".

The 1798 rebellion has a mixed legacy. The English government, seeing the peril to their rule when the Irish united, made stoking the flames of sectarianism a government policy; using the age old strategy of "*divide and conquer*" to maintain control of their most troublesome colony. British Brigadier-General C.E. Knox wrote to General Lake: "*I have arranged... to increase the animosity between the Orangemen and the United Irishmen, or liberty men as they call themselves. Upon that animosity depends the safety of the centre counties of the North.*" The policy of government sponsored "*animosity*" still haunts Northern Ireland to this day and some could argue that the "*Orange Card*" is still being played by people still wishing to hold onto the power of the past. However, Fr. Murphy and the United Irishmen debunk the commonly held myth that sectarianism is endemic to Ireland. Fr. Murphy and the men of '98 and those who followed them give us a hope for the future, where Catholic and Protestant can both be proud of the common bond of being Irish and where the message of the later Irish Tricolor flag, the "Green" and the "Orange" traditions united by the common "White" of peace and freedom may yet be fulfilled.

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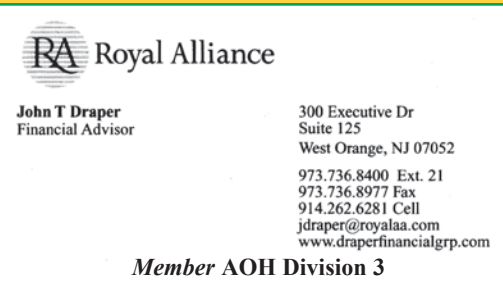
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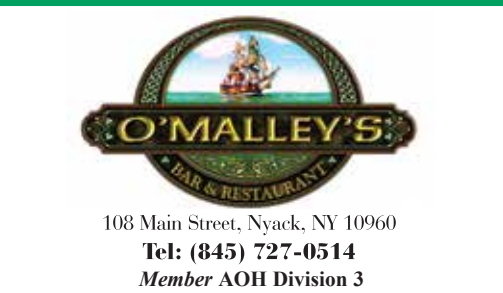
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