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JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

Pearl River, NY

October, 2013



Brother Hibernians, _____



Welcome aboard to new members Jim Gartshore, Sean Sorohan, Dan Muth, Kevin Sheehan, Brian Casey, Jim Davis, and Kevin Guy. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 25th at 8pm. Many thanks go out to all the committee members who made Brendan Moore's testimonial such a success. Congratulations to Sean Walsh, Mike O'Sullivan, John Crilley and crew for running a successful Pub Football Sunday with all proceeds going to the Lourdes Kids of Rockland.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News... Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of Frank Moran. A get well prayer or two will be helpful for the following; Ray Gallagher came close to buying the ranch after pneumonia and a bout of sepsis so severe that the docs at Englewood Hospital called in a priest for Last Rites but a heavy dose of antibiotics pulled him back from the brink and he is now recovering at home, Professor Jim Whelan's bride Joanne recovering well with her new knee, Frank Reilly spent a few days at Nyack Hospital with a severe infection and may need some work on

his prostate, Mike Smith has shed a few pounds after suffering a stroke, Billy "Shrek" Ford is recovering well after spending a week at Good Sam with an arm infection, John Draper Jr. broke his ankle while stepping on a rake at the infamous "heart attack" third hole at the Psych Center golf course, Frank McDonagh's bride Mary is scheduled for additional surgery, Jim Walsh wound up in the ER with a blood clot in his leg and is recovering at his new digs in Orangeburg, Warren Hennessey's bride is on the mend after a month of rehab, and Bobby Toms is recovering from back surgery. Billy Kenny could really use extra prayers as he battles his third battle with the big C. Congratulations are in order to Charlie Creamens on the marriage of his son CJ. A happy 77th birthday is due to Larry "Squire" McKeever and a 90th to Francis "Jarhead" Duffy.

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 _____

- Oct. 15 County Meeting
- Oct. 25 Division meeting
- Oct. 18 Dancing Like the Stars
- Nov. 3 LAOH Breakfast Buffet
- Nov. 9 Rockland GAA Dance
- Nov. 10 1st Pot O'Gold Drawing Party
- Dec. 8 O'Hara Benefit

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Congratulations to Sean Walsh on his football pool to raise money for the Lourdes kids. The whole day was a huge success. Kudos to John Crilly for cooking all that great food. Sean is doing it again on Oct. 27th for another good cause. Don't miss another good day. Kudos to Brian Booth, Tim Donnelly and crew for running a fantastic family picnic.

Saw the rehearsals for "Dancing Like A Star", if you can get tickets don't miss it.

This year is the tenth anniversary for the "Fat Off" And all past champions are invited. Weigh in is Jan. 1st at the pub. Open to everyone, lose weight and raise money for a good cause.

Over The Bar.. Thanks to Big John Ovchinnikoff (*had to go the book for the spelling*) for his work at the club. By the way, did he get an oil change with that hair cut? Good to see Jim Gallagher (*he's the crazy one*) up and around. John Draper Sr. is in on the Florida trip in April, he's already packed. Warren Hennessy says he's going to try and "Squeeze" more time in down at the pub. "What's up Doc" Billy Ford is back up and around, after a bout with an infection. The doctor told Billy his arm was swollen, surprise, that was his normal arm. Jack O'Connor was discovered by a movie producer during the filming at the pub. Rumor is he's off to Hollywood to star in the "Whitey Ford Story". The Mook is back from his tour of America. He may be headed to Broadway to play "Uncle Fester". Who is the new guy in the elimination pool? We think Don McKallen knows.

Don't Forget "Adopt A Family" is coming up, any donations can be left at the Pub.

Pete Dunne

Pot of Gold

Once again our Annual Pot of Gold raffle has begun and we are seeking your support. Each year demand for these tickets increases and yet our space remains somewhat limited. It is for this reason that we ask, if you are considering attending our parties, please secure your tickets as soon as possible. This year we are once again keeping the cost for our tickets at 100.00. Not only will you be helping us to continue to support our numerous charitable endeavors, you and a guest will be entitled to attend both of our parties and also have an opportunity at winning numerous prizes. This year our 1st party (*drawing #1*) will be held on Sunday November 1st at the Hibernian House. The second party (*drawing #2*) will be held on Sunday December 22nd also at the Hibernian House.

Tickets can be secured by contacting Bill Lee at mr.williamlee@gmail.com or by calling 845-558-4148. Tickets can also be obtained at the Hibernian House, please ask the bartender on duty for the tickets.

O'HARA BENEFIT

Division 3 member John O'Hara passed away in August at the age of 43, leaving behind 5 children under the age of 10. There will be a fund raiser at Emmet's Castle on Saturday, December 8th from 2 to 10 pm. Please contact Vince Tyer at 914-588-1611 for tickets and more details.

Donations can be mailed to:
John O'Hara Memorial Fund

137 Route 303

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LAOH

Hi Ladies,

It has been a very busy month. The Afternoon Tea for the ladies who traveled in for the testimonial dinner for Brendan Moore was a huge success.

Congratulations to Teresa Morris and her helpers on another wonderful job and to Eileen Beirne for providing the slide show for the ladies. Our National President Maureen Shelton, several National Officers and Our State President, Carol McTighe all were impressed by the ladies of Rockland.

Our next fundraiser - Dancing Like the Stars - is fast approaching and I want to thank the entire dance committee for their hard work to make it happen.

The County LAOH will hold their Annual Breakfast Buffet on Nov. 3rd at the Hibernian House starting at 9 AM. Cost is \$10 pp and \$30 per family. Come and enjoy at great variety of breakfast foods and good company.

Hope you enjoy Halloween and see you all soon.

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

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History

Kevin Barry



In the year 1915, a young boy attended a commemoration for the “Manchester Martyrs”; the three men who had been hanged in England in 1867 as members of the Fenian Brotherhood fighting for Ireland’s independence. Their courage and unflinching devotion epitomized in their final words of “God Save Ireland!” that were later immortalized in song. The event had a profound effect on the young boy, who had been noted by his teachers for his drive and intense focus in anything he took up. Little did he likely realize in just five short years, in his eighteenth summer, he would share the same fate as the men commemorated that day both in the means of his death and remembrance in song. The boy’s name was Kevin Barry.

Kevin Gerard Barry was born on January 20, 1902 at 8 Fleet Street, Dublin, the fourth of seven children. He spent several years of his childhood in County Carlow when his mother returned to her family’s home with her children upon the death of Barry’s father when Barry was just six years old. Barry returned to Dublin to attend Belvedere College, where he was a member of their championship Rugby team in addition to becoming an enthusiastic player on the schools newly formed hurling team. His schoolmates remembered him as friendly and generous. Yet Barry never let his extracurricular activities interfere with his studies and he earned a scholarship to University College Dublin to study medicine.

Through all this, young Kevin Barry was dedicated to the cause of Irish independence, joining the Volunteers at the age of 15. Starting initially as a courier, his intelligence and drive gained him promotion to a section commander despite his youth. He was involved in several major operations to secure the arms vital to obtaining Ireland’s independence. Most notably he participated in the raid on the King’s Inn, capturing the garrison’s arms. The 25 British soldiers captured during the attack were released unharmed as the volunteers withdrew. This must be remembered in considering subsequent events.

On the morning of 20 September 1920, Barry and his section were scheduled to participate in another arms raid, this time the target was a supply detail of British soldiers collecting bread from Monk’s bakery at the junction of Upper Church Street and North King Street. It was to be an uneventful raid of relieving the soldiers of their weapons and releasing them as had been done numerous times before; optimistically Barry believed that the raid would be over in time to allow him to sit for an exam scheduled for that afternoon. Unfortunately, things went horribly wrong. After stopping the lorry and in the process of disarming the British soldiers, one of them was able to get a shot off at Barry’s party. What was to have been a nonviolent raid now became a shootout during the course of which three British soldiers were killed. Barry’s gun had jammed and he dove under another vehicle to free it, only to see his comrades withdraw. Barry may still have escaped capture had a well-meaning passerby not alerted the soldier to his presence thinking he was injured.

At the time of Barry’s capture, the British government had reached their peak of frustration in not being able to douse the fire of independence that burned in their oldest and closest colony. There was a firm belief in Whitehall that the rebellion could be halted using the time honored method of a few good hangings. Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, dismayed at the embarrassment that the undisciplined reprisals of the Black and Tans were causing, lamented “If these (rebels) ought to be murdered, then the government ought to murder them.” Not able to get the desired results from the judicial system, the British government passed the “Restoration of Order Act”, wherein prosecution of captured rebels would be done through military court martial and Kevin Barry would be the first example made. To perpetuate this farce of justice, Barry was involuntarily “enlisted” in the Lancashire Fusilier so as to give the military court jurisdiction. At his trial, Barry made but one statement “As a soldier of the Irish Republic, I refuse to

recognize this court” and offered no defense. The verdict was a foregone conclusion; Kevin Barry would be executed by hanging as a criminal rather than treated as a captured soldier, this despite the fact that as noted captured British soldiers had always been treated with respect by the Irish Volunteers.

Barry met his fate with courage and the peace of a man who realizes there is a higher purpose to life. His one regret was that his request to be shot as a soldier rather than hung as a common criminal was denied, ironic given that to facilitate his military trial he had been impressed into the British Army. The Chaplain of Mountjoy jail, Canon Waters, was both sincerely alarmed at Kevin’s calm demeanor and under pressure from British authorities to report that the sentence of hanging had the terrorizing effect they desired on Barry so they could report it for propaganda purposes. Barry’s last visitor was his mother, who Canon Waters approached after she bid her son farewell. “This boy does not seem to realize he is going to die in the morning. He is so gay and light-hearted all the time. If he fully realized it, he would be overwhelmed.” An indignant Mrs. Barry replied, “Is it impossible for you to understand that my son is actually proud to die for the Republic?”

With his last words “Hold on and stick to the Republic”, Kevin Barry was executed by hanging on November 1, 1920 at the age of eighteen. In the end Canon Waters did come to understand Barry, writing to his mother “His courage was superhuman, and rested, I am sure, on his simple goodness and innocence of conscience. You are the mother, my dear Mrs. Barry, of one of the bravest and best boys I have ever known.”

The British government refused to release Barry’s body to his family. He was buried in an unmarked grave in the prison yard of Mountjoy jail and was soon followed by nine other volunteers hung under the “Restoration of Order Act”. The intent was that their deaths be examples, but their lives forgotten. However, thanks to one of the greatest of all Irish ballads that bears his name, and sung by singers as diverse as Paul Robeson to Bob Dylan, Kevin Barry would not be forgotten. In 2001, Barry and his nine comrades were buried with full honors in Glasnevin cemetery to lie beside Pearse, Ashe, Collins and Burgha. However, after overcoming so many obstacles, Barry and his comrades are in danger of being forgotten again by the misguided forces of political correctness that don’t know the story of Barry’s times nor appreciate the courage and sacrifices he and his comrades made for the cause of freedom. Let us never forget, nor be embarrassed to speak of, Kevin Barry and his sacrifice for Ireland.

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