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Pearl River, NY

February, 2014



Brother Hibernians, _____



Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 21st at 8pm.

Welcome aboard to new members Patrick Morrissey, Allen Butler, Andrew Brauer, Kevin Andrews, Daniel Wynne, Michael Edwards, and Desmond O'Hanlon.

Congratulations to Anti-Defamation Chairman Neil Cosgrove for leading the successful campaign to get Bed, Bath, and Beyond to remove items offensive to Irish Americans from Christmas Tree store shelves.

Many thanks are due to Denis Troy and crew for running a great superbowl party.

John McElligott is to be commended once again on his Valentine's extravaganza.

Good luck to our Kids for Lourdes pilgrims as they embark on their trip. Line-up for the city parade is at 46th and Vanderbilt at 2:30 on March 17. If you're interested in the bus trip down, please see the LAOH article for details.

Please join us on March 23rd as we march behind our honorees Larry DeGennaro and Brian Booth

in the Rockland Parade. Line-up is at 1 pm. This is our day to display our pride in our heritage, culture, and religion. Please dress appropriately. No green derbies, hair, or shamrocks painted on skin.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News...

Please say a prayer for the repose of the souls of Bobby Howe's wife Joanne, Frank McDonald, Jim "Cigar" Murphy, and Don Lyver's brother William.

A couple of get well prayers are in order for Frank Farrell who has been diagnosed with leukemia, Bill Ford who recently underwent surgery on his feet for bunions, which sounds trite but which came about as a result of a collision with a NYC Sanitation Department fork lift, and for Rich Reidy's daughter Ann-Marie who fractured a vertebrae.

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 ____

Feb. 18 County Meeting

Feb. 21 Division Meeting

Feb. 22 Emerald Ball

Feb. 23 NYC Parade Aides' Reception

Feb. 28 Iona vs. Manhattan game

Mar. 17 NYC Parade

Mar. 23 Rockland Parade



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HIBERNIAN HOUSE —

We are writing this from the pub to get a real feel for what's going on. Sean Walsh worked his first Saturday. It was a rousing success. The first two for one in the history of the AOH.

Pete Engel missed his flight to Sochi so the AOH will not be represented in the ski jump. By the way, Pete has no skis.

Super Bowl was a big hit. Thanks to Dennis Troy for his usual great job. Almost had a smart phone but I was not smart enough to figure it out. Thanks for the old flip phone. Special thanks to all the winners in the Super Bowl who donated money back to the club. All that money goes to the Family fund which is used to buy presents at Christmas for needy families.

Doug Meeks talked for three hours straight on his flight to Florida to play golf. Hard to believe. NOT. Big disappointment, John Draper Senior was dressed in his little league uniform when the storm cancelled the show about the Yankees. Next month.

Fat off is in full swing. A lot of people are not trying too hard.

Brian Fitzgerald is teaching a course on the Protestant Reformation which occurred over seventy years, the course takes twenty minutes.

How would you like to be a kid in Albertus Magnus and be acting bad and Chris Power is the Dean of Discipline.

Jen and Bernie did a good deed today. An elderly woman was disoriented and the girls stopped to help her. The lady lived at Thorpe Village. The girls dropped her off at Dowling Gardens.

Pete Dunne

EMERALD BALL

February 22, 7pm

Crown Plaza Hotel in Suffern

Tickets \$100 pp

For more info or to order tickets or journal ads, visit:

www.rocklandcountyaoh.com

Honorees

Grand Marshal - James McDonnell

Aide to Grand Marshal - NYC Neil Cosgrove

Hibernian of the Year - James Tessyman

Businesswomen of the Year - Collette Curry & Leslie Murtagh

Parade Commander - Det. Joseph Sullivan, OPD

LAOH _

Hi Ladies.

Well the snow keeps coming but the LAOH have been busy despite it. The LAOH sold the raffles outside ShopRite on January 25. Thanks to Pat Keady, Mary Mulcahy, Lillian Murphy, Teresa Hardy, Jill Simms and Joan Moore for enduring the cold.

We have installed our new officers, had a Christmas Party for those at St. Zita's and had a wonderful Mass in honor of our patron saint, St. Brigid. We had about 25-30 members process in at the 4:30 Mass in St. Margaret's. Thank you to Monsignor O'Keefe on making us feel welcome and incorporating the story of St. Brigid into the Mass. A big 'Thanks' also to Eileen Beirne and Jill Simms on their work putting this event together.

We had a reception for all the Honorees, Aides and Battalion Commanders for the 2014 RC St. Patrick's Parade. It was a nice time and both the men and women from all over the county got to meet each other. Thanks to O'Malley's for the food, Dermot Moore for the hall and bartending, Mary O'Sullivan, Jill Simms, Eileen Bierne for setting up and cleaning up, and for some great pictures taken by Terry Lynch.

Please keep Linda Sheridan in your prayers as she recovers from knee surgery at Helen Hayes.

We are working on making the Emerald Ball a success on February 22nd at the Crowne Plaza starting at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.rocklandcountyaoh.com or at the Hibernian House on Friday Feb 7th or Tuesday Feb 18th between 5:00 to 7:30 pm. (This will be your last chance to get tickets). For more information you can go to the above mentioned website or call Dan & Pat Barry at: 845-627-5720. Mark your calendars for Monday March 17th, for the NYC St. Patrick's Day parade. We line up 2:30 pm on East 46th Street between Madison Ave. and Vanderbilt Ave. If interested in getting a bus down please contact me as we only had 15 people last year and a decision must be made ASAP whether we get one this year. The bus usually leaves the Irish Culture Center at 11am and returns after we have finished marching (5 or 6pm). The attire for the day is Business Dress. No jeans, sneakers or inappropriate attire will be allowed as per the dress code from the Parade committee. Come on out and show your Irish Pride. Our Rockland Parade will be on Sunday March 23rd, 2014 which promptly starts at 1:30pm. Volunteers are always welcome to help that day to organize the marching groups in the Pfizer parking lot. Our dress code for the day is Aran sweater, black pants and black shoes, or business dress. We will go by the guidelines for the dress in the NYC Parade.

Looking forward to seeing all of you dancing up a storm at the Emerald Ball or marching up the Avenue!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Joan Moore, *President* 845-735-8793 (h) • 845-536-2742 (Cell) or email: joan55mmoore@msn.com

PUB BASKETBALL PARTY

Friday Night February 28, Iona vs. Manhattan

Party starts at 6, Game at 7. Food will be served, no cover charge. Downstairs pub will be closed and pub session will be held upstairs.

Call Sean Walsh at 845-300-1718 for more details.



Thomas Addis and Robert Emmet: A Tale of Two Brothers

On the surface, the brothers Thomas Addis Emmet and Robert Emmet were the most unlikely of revolutionaries. They were born (Thomas Addis 1764, Robert 1778) into an affluent family of Ireland's Protestant ascendency. Their father was the State Physician of Ireland; firmly positioning the family as members of the British establishment. Yet the spirit of the enlightenment ran strong in the Emmet family; they were sympathetic to the struggle for independence of the American Colonies during the Revolutionary War and critics of the disenfranchisement and discrimination experienced by Catholics in their native Ireland.

Both brothers were gifted students and attended Trinity College. They both distinguished themselves for their gifts of eloquence in the College's debating society, Robert was such an articulate and inspiring speaker that when a debate on the topic of Irish self determination was scheduled, the school administration brought in their own outside debater in an unsuccessful attempt to undermine Robert Emmet from inspiring his fellow students.

Thomas Addis Emmet graduated Trinity and studied medicine before finding his true calling in law, being called to the Bar in 1790. He quickly established a reputation as a formidable lawyer, particularly in the defense of those charged with political offenses. A passionate believer in ending discrimination against Irish Catholics and extending to them a say in the rule of their own land by means of the vote, Thomas Addis soon became a leading figure in the United Irishman. Thomas Addis was a close associate of Wolfe Tone and both men had a tremendous influence on the young Robert Emmet. When the Dublin Corporation issued a declaration in support of the special privileges of the Protestant ascendancy in 1792, the response of the United Irishmen was their non-sectarian manifesto with Thomas Addis Emmet its principle author.

The actions of the Dublin Corporation convinced the United Irishmen that the only path open to a free Ireland, where all citizens had equal opportunity and voice in their government, was rebellion. Thomas Addis Emmet became a member of the executive of the United Irishman

and contributor to the planning of the 1798 Rebellion, only to be betrayed shortly before the rising was to commence by British government informers who had infiltrated the movement. He was arrested and would be imprisoned until 1802, whereupon he went to Brussels in an attempt to lobby the French for support of a new rebellion that was being organized by his younger brother.

Robert Emmet was expelled from Trinity College because of his political views and soon became a leading figure in the United Irishmen in his own right. It was Robert who reorganized the United Irishmen after the failed 1798 and anticipating help from France began planning a new rebellion. Robert had learned well the lessons of the failed rebellion of '98 and was able to maintain secrecy as regards to its preparations when an accidental explosion at one of the United Irishmen' arms caches exposed their plans. Forced to launch the rebellion prematurely, it soon degenerated into failure and defeat.

While the 1803 Rebellion was a failure, the trial of Robert Emmet became a lasting, if costly, victory. As the administrators of Trinity College had done before, the British Government felt that Robert Emmett was too key a figure to the cause of Irish Independence to chance to a fair and independent trial. They secretly bribed his defense lawyer with £200 and an annual pension to ensure that a guilty verdict for treason was a foregone conclusion. The Crown though made one critical mistake; they let Robert Emmet speak and that speech has lit a fire in the heart of generations of Irish seeking a free and united Ireland. The closing sentence is the most ringing:

"Let no man write my epitaph; for as no man who knows my motives dare now vindicate them, let not prejudice or ignorance, asperse them. Let them and me rest in obscurity and peace, and my tomb remain uninscribed, and my memory in oblivion, until other times and other men can do justice to my character. When my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then and not till then, let my epitaph be written. I have done."

Robert Emmet was hung and then beheaded on September 20, 1803. In a twist of fate, his wish to lie in obscurity has been granted as his final burial place is still a mystery.

What became of Robert's brother Thomas Addis Emmett? Heartbroken over his brother's death and the two failed rebellions he immigrated to America. His fame as a lawyer preceded him; he was personally invited to practice law in NY by Governor Dewitt Clinton who waived the residency requirements for him. He went on to a successful practice, eventually rising to New York State Attorney General. He was described as "the favorite counselor of New *York*" by members of the Supreme Court. He argued (and lost) the landmark United States Supreme Court case of Gibbons v. Ogden, which established the right of Congress to regulate interstate commerce.

Thomas Addis also left a legacy that has echoed down the generations, but of a different kind than his more famous brother Robert Emmet:

- · One of his sons and grandsons themselves became respected and influential jurists.
- Another son was appointed to the Chair of Natural Science of the University of Virginia by Thomas Jefferson.
- Three great grand-daughters were celebrated artists.
- His great-grandson Robert Temple Emmet was a graduate of West Point who would go on to earn the Medal of Honor.
- Another great-grandson was a 4 time Pulitzer Prize winner, Robert Emmet Sherwood, who also won an Oscar for best screenplay for the movie 'The Best Years or Our Lives'.

The difference between two nations could not be any clearer. In British ruled Ireland many times the only opportunity for a great Irishman was to be a martyr for independence, when given the freedom of America, the Irish and their children were able to achieve their full potential and repaid America with the gifts of their energy and drive through the generations continuing to today.

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