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Pearl River, NY

September, 2014



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



Brother Hibernians,  
I hope you all had a great summer. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, September 19th at 8pm. Congratulations to Brendan Moore on his reelection at the National AOH convention this July. Many thanks go out to all the division members who travelled to St. Louis to support him.

**Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News...** Please say a prayer for the repose of the souls of Tom O'Halloran, Mike Murray, Tom Martin, Franny Corbett's mother Eileen, Ken Reynold's dad Kevin, Cy Hughes's mom Elizabeth, and Jim Fraser's son James. Keep praying for John Kennedy and many thanks for all your generosity during the recent fundraiser for his family. A couple of get well prayers are in order for Connie Smith who broke his knee cap while power walking and to Bill Gaynor who did his rehab at Regency in Park Ridge. Say a prayer for Bob Reers who is at home after total knee replacement at Hospital

of Special Surgery and is an out patient at Helen Hayes Hospital. Congratulations to Bob and Rita as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

A special thanks is due to Sean Collins for his refurbishing of the paneling and wood trim throughout the facility and to Joan Moore for the art work upstairs. Congratulations are in order for Kate and Craig Basler on the birth of their daughter Grace and for Tim Callanan and his bride Mary for presenting grandpa Dan with his 19th grandchild, Timothy and great grandma Marge with her 40th great grandchild. Wow!

**Please remember to say an extra prayer for our wounded warriors and their families.**

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

**Pot of Gold!**  
See Inside



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

- Sept. 18 O'Malley's Golf Outing
- Sept. 19 Division Meeting
- Sept. 26 Dancing Like The Stars
- Sept. 30 Guest speaker at HH
- Oct. 7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct. 11 Division Picnic
- Nov. 9 1st Pot O' Gold Drawing Party



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## HIBERNIAN HOUSE

Summer is almost over and everyone is just about through with vacations. Hope everyone had a great time.

Congrats to Kevin Donohue for winning the Employee of the Month award at Broadacres. He is also leading Gannon and Powers for the award in the AOH, could be a runaway.

No truth to the rumor that every time the Mook laid down at the beach on the Jersey Shore that the people tried to roll him back in the water.

Looking forward to the football season. John Coyle is very upset that the Giants did not draft Johnny Football, could be a long season.

Favorite in the elimination pool is once again Doctor Detroit. Donny Mac is very worried about the dark horse in the pool. Follow the Face. John Tully hoping to get past week one this time around. Hope Ed "all day" is able to sleep during the season. One of the early favorites.

Once again Mr. Bill will have the best behaved kids on the school bus this year. If he was driving a bus on Fifth Avenue he would still have the best behaved crowd.

Joe Fitz settled in his new home down South. Neighbors are taking up a collection to send him back up North.

Hope to see everyone at the Sept. meeting.

### DIVISION PICNIC

Saturday, Oct. 11th, 11am to ??

Music by Roddy Harrington

Beer, Soda. Ribs, Pulled Pork, Burgers, Dogs and more!

Sign up in the pub

### 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 9th at the Hibernian House. The second party (*drawing #2*) will be held on Sunday December 21st also at the Hibernian House.

Tickets can be secured by contacting Bill Lee at [mr.williamplee@gmail.com](mailto:mr.williamplee@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.

### RCAOH PIPE BAND 30TH ANNIVERSARY BALL

Oct.4th at 7 pm.

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## LAOH

Hi Ladies,

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a great summer.

Congratulations and best wishes to Katie and Craig Basler on the birth of their daughter Grace. We are off to a quick start with Division 3's first fundraiser "Dancing Like the Stars" on September 26th at 7 pm. Tickets (\$25) have been on sale all summer and are going fast. For more info on tickets call Joan Moore at 845-735-8793 or email [laohdivision3@gmail.com](mailto:laohdivision3@gmail.com). They are also doing a journal, if anyone is interested, contact Ronnie Moroney at 735-3070.

There will be a holy mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at St. Margaret's Church on Tuesday, Oct.7th. Please call Eileen Beirne at 845-641-1317 for more details. The County will be hosting several events starting with the Lord and Taylor Fundraiser Day of Shopping on Thursday October 9th and the Celtic Degree Team on Saturday, Oct. 25th at St. Margaret's in Pearl River. Further details will be available later this month. Contact [laohcounty@gmail.com](mailto:laohcounty@gmail.com) if interested.

Sunday, November 2nd will be our Breakfast Buffet at the Hibernian House. Well as you see we have been very busy over the summer and hope you will all support these worthy causes. We are trying to get a calendar of events together for all AOH/LAOH functions, so please let me know about any event coming up. Thanks for all your continued support.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity - Joan Moore,  
President Rockland County LAOH - 845-735-8793 845-536-2742  
or [joan55mmoore@msn.com](mailto:joan55mmoore@msn.com).

### O'MALLEY'S GOLF OUTING

#### New York Country Club

September 18th to benefit Gary Baisley

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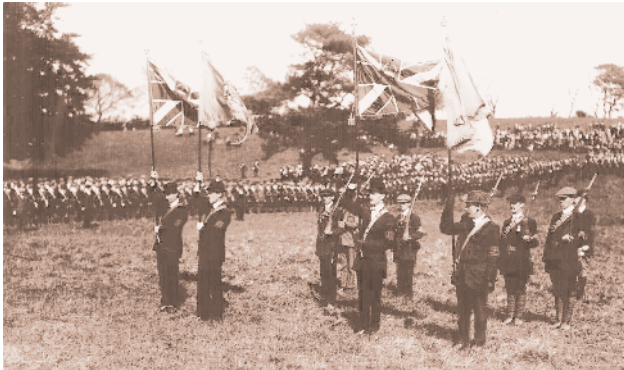
### GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Ruan O'Donnell, head of the History Department of Limerick University, Ireland will speak upstairs at the Hibernian House on Tuesday, September 30 at 7 pm. Those of us who heard Dr. O'Donnell speak at the St. Louis convention about the leaders of the 1916 rebellion and the role of Irish America in the rising were highly impressed.

All are welcome. Please join us!

# History

## WW I: The Fuse was lit in Ireland



This year marks the 100th anniversary of one of the greatest tragedies and follies in the history of mankind: WW I. Anyone familiar with the conflict, especially those who have read Barbara Tuchman's seminal Pulitzer prize winning book *"The Guns of August"*, realize that never in history was a war entered into so helplessly and haplessly by all the participants; resulting in the death of a generation in the mud and blood of Flanders. Most History books cite the cause of the war as entangling alliances, the frictions caused by expanding colonialism, the Naval race between England and Germany, etc. creating a powder keg that was ignited on 28 June 1914 by the assassination of the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, by a Yugoslav nationalist Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo. However, a real case can be made that the fuse was actually lit three months before in Ireland.

Prior to the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, all of the British Government's attention was focused on the crises resulting from the passage of the Irish Home Rule bill. For more than a generation under the leadership of first Parnell and then John Redmond, the Irish people had shunned physical force and had pursued Irish independence through peaceful and constitutional means through the Irish Parliamentary Party. It had appeared that their persistence and patience had finally paid off when the *"Third Home Rule Bill"* or more formally, *"The Government of Ireland Act"* was introduced. With the Liberal Government of Prime Minister H.H. Asquith dependent on the support of the Irish Parliamentary Party to stay in power, and the Irish Party having helped the Liberals curtail the veto power of the House of Lords, it was a certainty that Home Rule for Ireland would be enacted, at least legally.

However, the implementation of the Home Rule Bill faced a powerful cabal in the form of Ulster Unionists who saw in a democratically

Home Ruled Ireland a threat to their power and dominance in Ireland and the British Conservative Party that saw once again the opportunity to play the *"Orange Card"* and stoke the flames of anti-Catholic prejudice and sectarianism as a means to regain power in the English parliament. What followed was a series of hypocrisies: under the leadership of a former Solicitor General of Ireland, Edward Carson, the Unionists of Ulster formed the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) of 100,000 men with the stated purpose to resist by force any attempt by the British Government to enforce a constitutionally passed Home Rule Bill for Ireland; in short they were proclaiming their loyalty by threatening rebellion.

While having promised the Irish Party Home rule in exchange for its support, Asquith's Liberal party had little enthusiasm for it; realizing the potential political consequences to them in England. The result was a series of half hearted and faltering steps to home rule with disastrous consequence. While Carson and his followers preached armed rebellion if Irish Home Rule was enacted, the British Government, which had previously *(and would again in the years to come)* dealt ruthlessly when Irishmen had engaged in similar rhetoric for independence, suddenly went deaf when rebellion was preached by *"loyalists"*. When British Intelligence learned that the UVF may have been planning to raid army arms depots in Ulster, Asquith ordered that British troops stationed in Ireland be redeployed to defend the armories. Remarkably, the British Command-in-Chief in Ireland, Sir Arthur Paget, responded *"In present state of country...am of opinion that moving troops north would create excitement in Ulster and precipitate a crisis...for this reason...do not consider it justifiable to move troops...at present time."* This was gross insubordination from a military that boasted *"ours is not to reason why"*. Rather than sending a rebuke to Paget and insisting that the Military not get involved in politics and carry out the lawful orders of the civilian government, Asquith and his cabinet lost their nerve again offering remarkable concessions, even including allowing officers whose family came from Ulster to *"disappear"* without consequence to avoid duty in Ulster. Even that was not enough, and dozens of other British officers made it clear they would resign rather than enforce a legally passed Home Rule in Ulster.

Again rather than deal firmly and decisively, the British Government backed down to the Military and gave assurances that they would not be used to enforce Home Rule; effectively the British Military was now dictating government policy.

Emboldened by the support of the British Military and realizing that Asquith's government was a British lion without claws or teeth, Carson and his followers upped the ante: In the early hours of April 25th 1914, the UVF, with planning and support of former British Military Officers, landed some 25,000 rifles and 5 million rounds of ammunition in Larne, County Antrim. The operation was a complete success, with no interference by the authorities. This was in stark contrast to the events of 26th July when members of the Irish Volunteers attempted to land a much smaller shipment of weapons; as a move to counter balance the arming of the UVF and ironically in a move to support the civil authorities and government. In this case the British police and military were missing as they were at Larne and attempted to confiscate the weapons. While those efforts failed, on their way back to their barracks members of the King's Own Scottish Borderers vented their frustration by attacking a crowd of civilians killing 3 *(one by bayonet)* and wounding 38.

The feeble response, rife with double standards and hypocrisy, of the British Government in enforcing the constitutionally passed Home Rule for Ireland legislation, had Britain on the brink of civil war in Ireland and this was not lost on foreign observers, particularly in Imperial Germany. The belief that Britain was too distracted with her own concerns at home to intervene on the continent was very likely a key factor in Germany's escalating pre-war demands and their gamble to violate Belgium neutrality, which was guaranteed by the British, in their attack on France. In one of the great *"What ifs?"* of history had the British Government of H.H. Asquith acted more decisively and not enabled Carson and his followers, Germany may not have chanced an act that would bring Britain into a war against it; a generation of many nations would have been saved death in the trenches and a hundred years of violence in Ireland may have been avoided if only Britain had dealt with issues in Ireland as they would if they occurred in England. It is a lesson not to be lost on us today as we see similar vacillations in enforcing the terms of the Good Friday agreement. It is up to us to see that the mistakes of the past, of hypocrisy and appeasement, don't squander another opportunity for peace in Ireland.



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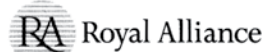
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