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### Next Meeting Friday, Aug 10th 7:30 P.M.

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## DIVISION I CALENDAR

Aug. 19th Our Lady of Knock Mass at the Shrine, 9:00 A.M.

Irish Breakfast to follow, \$15 per person, \$7 kids 6-12, under 6 free

Sep. 15th AOH County Picnic at Div 2. 1 pm to 6 pm

Sep 28th– Orange County Emerald Ball at Falkirk Estaes 7 PM –12 AM cFor tickets call  
(845)497-7154

## President's Message

Brothers,

In July Brother Bill O'Donnell and I along with our County AOH President Kevin Cummings attended the National convention at the Turning Stone Resort. New York State did very well with the following results:

NY has secured 2 of 4 Executive Board positions and 2 of 6 Directorships:

National President, Brendan Moore of Pearl River,

NY National Secretary, Tom McNabb, Auburn,

NY National Director, Charles "Chip" McLean, Staten Island,

NY National Director, Michael McNabb, Auburn, NY

Daniel O'Connell of Ohio was elected National Treasurer. Hibernian Brothers from NJ, PA, RI and MO have been elected to fill the remaining Director seats.

Plans are being made for the upcoming Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Family Picnic on Saturday, September 15th 1:00 Pm To 6:00pm. This is a family event and the cost is reasonable so bring the wife and kids.

(See details below) it is suggested, for your comfort, to bring lawn chairs. Please RSVP me by e-mail or call by Sept. 8th if your attending: Keith Reynolds (845)590-9143.

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Yours in our motto,

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Division President

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## **Please Support the Emerald Ball!**

Music by the Mc Lean Ave. Band, Black Tie optional, Reservations are being taken now for tables of 10 people. \$120.00 admission includes cocktail hour, 4 course silver service dinner, Call Kate at (845) 497-7154 for reservations. Proceeds to benefit the Midhudson Parade Committee. Only we can keep the parade going!



Pictured are Division 1 President Keith Reynolds, Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland Martin McGuinness & Orange County AOH President Kevin Cummings, at the AOH National Convention in July

## **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!!!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 9:00AM** Mass to celebrate the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940 Come celebrate one of our National AOH/LAOH holidays together! Sponsored by AOH County Board, LAOH Divisions 4 & 5. Brunch served immediately after Mass at Pilgrim Hall. Brunch - \$15. Adults, \$7 kids ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Please reserve by August 10 to Gail Edmonds, 845-978-8483. <http://www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com>

## **Brothers**

*With a heavy hart I announce the passing of Laura Teresa Porter, Daughter of Brother Pat Quinn., on July 9th of this year in the State of Florida. The Quinn family is having a mass said in her honor on Saturday Aug. 11th at 11 A.M. at St. Anastasia Church in the chapel (21 North Main Street Harriman N.Y. 10926) Please make every effort to support the Quinn family in this time of sorrow.*

## **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Family Picnic** Open to all members of the AOH and LAOH.

At Fr. Donald J. Whelan - Division 2, Irish Cultural Center 10 Hibernian Way (off of Pleasant Hill Rd.) Cornwall, Orange County, NY 12518-0206

\$10.00 per Person ~ \$25.00 per Family

Includes; Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & London broil, Salads & Corn on the Cob, Soda, Guinness & Harp

Games for Adults and Children, Live Music & Bagpipers

Please e-mail me or call before September 8th to register at: Keith Reynolds (845) 590-9143

# HISTORY

History by Martin Hogan      EDWARD PATRICK WALKER (THE TOY BULLDOG)

*You learn in life there are always ups and downs. We must have enough sense to enjoy our ups and enough heart to get through our downs. (Mickey Walker)*

Walker was born on July 13, 1901, in Keighry Head, one of several Irish neighborhoods in Elizabeth, New Jersey. His father Michael Walker and mother Liz Higgins were first generation Irish-Americans. From the get-go Mickey was a handful. Even the nuns at Sacred Heart Grammar School, who had more patience and bigger sticks than the cops, could not control the oldest son of gentle Liz Higgins and priestly Mike Walker. It wasn't long before Mickey was putting up his hands professionally behind his father's back. His first fight on February 19, 1919, earned the eighteen year old ten dollars in a four round draw. In little more than a year, Mickey fought sixteen more times, all in Elizabeth and all wins. In 1920, his eighteenth fight he was knocked out in the first round in Newark by Phil Delmontt. Mickey was never a palooka and learned from every opponent he faced. Walker fought one way attack, attack, and attack. The boxing audiences loved him. By the age of twenty-one he fought for the world's welterweight championship, and the five-foot eight Irishman from Elizabeth beat the reigning champion, Jack Britton. He became a national star overnight in a sport whose popularity ranked right behind baseball. One of Walker's most legendary bouts was against middleweight Harry Greb the future Hall of Famer whom many say was the greatest middleweight of all time. They were both brutal fighters who took and gave no quarter. It was no surprise that more than sixty thousand fans showed up at the Polo Grounds in New York to watch these two men go at each other. It ranks as one of the greatest fights of all time.

The Toy Bulldog's overall record as a professional was ninety-three wins, fourteen losses, four draws, forth-six no decisions and one no contest in 163 bouts. His sixty knockouts rank with the best of all time. During his boxing days, he hung around with Charlie Chaplin and Al Capone. He actually cocked a fist at Capone before a friend stepped in "you saved his puss," the Bulldog grumbled. "I saved your life" replied his friend.

In 1955 Mickey Walker was inducted into the United States Boxing Hall of Fame along with six other fighters: Benny Leonard, Gene Tunney, Harry Greb, Joe Walcott, Abe Atell and Terry McGovern. The New Jersey Irishman received the most votes of that class, and in 1990, Mickey was one of the original members of the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

After leaving boxing at the age of thirty-four he opened a very popular and successful restaurant in Manhattan near Madison Square Garden. It was successful for awhile but Mickey was never good at handling money. Mickey also wrote newspaper columns and became a professional artist, with successful shows in both European and American art galleries. He specialized in primitive art, and his paintings today are highly valued.

In 1974 the police found Mickey appearing to be drunk but he had not had a drink in some thirty-four years. Mickey was suffering from Parkinson's disease, anemia and hardening of the arteries. With the help of Dr. Charley Gellman Mickey was taken care of for the rest of his life. Edward Patrick Walker, who lived life to the brim and whose smile was as great as his punch, died April 28, 1981.

Research for this article was (Hidden History of the Irish of New Jersey by Tom Fox)



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