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### Next Meeting Sunday, November 11th 2PM

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## DIVISION I CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Division Meeting* ----- *Sunday, November 11th 2 PM*  
Jameson's Revenge Traditional Irish Music Band... Sunday November 25th 3 PM  
Friday Evenings 6-11PM Open for Social night  
Sunday Football .....Open 1-8 PM

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers.

It was nice to see all the members who came out and joined us at our Divisions, Communion Mass & Breakfast. As always Bob Burns did great job setting up our mass at Sacred Heart Church. Thank you Jimmy Kelly for piping us in and out at the mass and to Dennis Browne, Glen Edmonds, Matthew Walsh and Jon Cane for cooking up a great breakfast. Division Vice President George Anderson acquired guest speaker Ian McGowan who spoke about the Irish-American Athletic Club out of Celtic Park-Queens, N.Y. back at the turn of the , back at the hall. Every Hibernian in attendance thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. If you would like to know more about the Irish-American Athletic Club and their accomplishments go to [wingedfist.org](http://wingedfist.org)

On Saturday November 3rd Treasurer Bill O'Donnell and I will be attending the State AOH Board meeting and Presidents Dinner in Auburn, N.Y., a report will be given at our next Divi-

sion meeting.

Our November meeting/Elections has been moved to Sunday November 11th at 2:00 pm. This was done to accommodate the many members who wish to attend the St. Brendan's Dinner on Friday November 9th. Hope to see you all on Sunday

Slán go Fóill

Yours in our motto,

Keith Reynolds

Division President

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Hurricane Sandy Donations.

They need Batteries (AA, C and D), Shovels, Cleaning Gloves, Brooms, Bleach, Cleaning Supplies, Contractor Trash Bags, Wheel Barrows, Flashlights, Generators, inverters, Pumps, Socks, Boots, Winter Coats, hats, scarves and winter gloves ---- all of these items are needed urgently! There are donation box's in the hall by the front door. So you can stop by anytime to drop items

A volunteer out in the Rockaways in Queens was informed by parents that they will be in desperate need of children's gifts and toys for Christmas. We would hope you can open your hearts and pocketbooks to take some of the pain off these victims by making their Christmas a little less painful. We would greatly appreciate if you would label gifts by sex and age. It would be appreciated if to gift wrap. Drop off Box will be provided at the hall and gifts will be picked up in mid December at said locations Michael Jordan @ 1-845-986-8939

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## JDJ Corp.

Since our incorporation in 1969 it was always a dream to have our own building and Cultural Center for Irish activities. In 1992 we purchased this 100 year old building. We thank all who have made it what it is today. And we look forward to making it better for those to come.

The JDJ Corp is looking for bids to redo the bathrooms in Paddy Naughton Hall. We also need members who can do electrical work. Fixing electrical lights and fixtures. .

Please contact Neil O'Riordan. 845-313-3644 or 783-0205. Thank you.

## Mid Hudson Parade:

They Mid Hudson Parade Committee recently voted to keep the Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Parade in Goshen. Next Parade Sunday March 10th 2013.

.The AOH National Board unani- mously voted to donate \$25,000 for AOH Storm Relief. In addition, a pro- gram has been authorized to both process donations and provide an op- portunity for Hibernians impacted in various ways to request assistance from their Hibernian Brothers. We are counting on the generosity of our State Boards, County Boards, Divi- sions, and all Hibernians everywhere. If every Division, County Board, and State Board were to contribute at least \$200, we would total well in ex- cess of \$100,000 without even count- ing the generous donations from each of our members .

## HOW TO MAKE A TAX DEDUCTI- BLE DONATION:

All checks MUST be written: Pay To The Order of Hibernian Charity. Memo portion of your check MUST read: AOH Storm Relief. Send all donations to Edward Dough- erty, Hibernian Charity Sec—7236 Brous Ave, Phila, PA 19149

AOH Storm Relief Request Forms available from: State Presidents OR aoh.com (website) OR from Seamus Boyle—3097 Willits Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114 (shay39@comcast.net)

Brothers, because the will of God is the need of the hour, I ask this entire Order to please respond generously and immediately.

Fraternally and gratefully,

Brendan Moore  
AOH National President

Traditional Irish music on "craic". Named one of the "top Irish music makers of 2011" by The Irish Voice Biography  
Back in 2006, a loosely connected group of Irish & American musicians living in The Bronx & Westchester would spontaneously meet up at different seisiuns around town from time to time to sit down, play, have a few laughs (pints) and let the tunes go where they may. After a short time they began to play various events and gigs at different music venues but no line-up would ever be the same from one gig to another. In March '08 they collaberated on and released a cd titled "Straight from the Bottle" in the hopes of featuring the music from these extremely talented players. To this day some folks still regard the album as: "one of the best Trad-Irish compilations no-one has ever heard". Today, the group's main line-up is com- prised of: Brian McCarthy (bodhran, per- cussion), Andrew McCarrick (flute, whis- tles), John Walsh (guitar, vocals) & Denis McCarthy (fiddle, whistles  
With eight completely original sets of tunes along with three traditional songs mixed in for good measure J.R. shows why they are emerging as one of the premiere Traditional Irish groups coming out of the NYC area today . See them Sunday No- vember 25th 3PM at our AOH. A tradi- tional Irish music session to follow, open to all to join in and play with this great traditional Irish music band.

# HISTORY

## By Marty Hogan

### Father James Sheeran

Father Sheeran was born to Fearghal and Rose Sheeran in Templemichael, County Longford, Ireland in 1817. At the age of twelve he immigrated, supposedly alone, to Canada and eventually settled in Monroe, Michigan where he taught in the boy's school opened by the Redemptorist Fathers.

Sheeran married Margaret Graham in 1842 and fathered a son and daughter. His wife died in 1849 and Sheeran was drawn to the life of a Catholic priest. He joined the Redemptorist Congregation in 1855 and was ordained a priest in 1858. At about the same time his daughter became a nun and his son succumbed to illness.

Assigned to a parish in New Orleans, he became an ardent Southerner. When the leader of his Catholic province asked for volunteers to serve as chaplains in the Confederate Army, Father Sheeran enthusiastically offered his service. Sheeran served as the chaplain of the Louisiana Tigers.

Father Sheeran ministered to those in need of religious support, cared for the sick and wounded, performed innumerable acts of kindness for his fellow man. Sheehan's determination and righteousness, grounded in God, inspired common soldiers and generals alike. In the face of all kinds of adversity, Sheeran displayed real backbone.

Three things seemed to guide Sheeran in every action, every disagreement and every situation. He believed in duty, the word of the Lord, and his home in the Confederacy.

During a confrontation at a hospital, Sheeran demonstrated some of his strengths. After having attended to the wants of his own men he visited the wounded of the enemy to offer his service. What Father Sheeran found in the Yankee hospital infuriated him. When he asked why they were not being taken care of they replied that no one was paying any attention to them. When he approached the doctors in charge of their care he was told they had no bandages to dress the wounds and no instruments to operate with. Sheeran remarked that it would be of some consolation to the wounded if they would but visit them and wash the wounds of those who were bathed in their own blood. Next he went to the nurses who were paroled to attend to the wounded, and asked why they did not wait on their companions. They told him that they had no one to direct them, that their doctors seemed to take no interest in the men.

He became somewhat indignant to hear the excuses of these worthless nurses, and ordered them to go to the rifle pits filled with the dead bodies of their companions and they would find hundreds of knapsacks filled with shirts, handkerchiefs and other articles that would make excellent bandages. When they came back he said "Go and tell your doctors that you have Bandages enough now." Once on being reprimanded by General (Stonewall) Jackson Father Sheeran replied 'General Jackson, I want you to understand that as a priest of God I outrank every officer. I even outrank you, and when it is a question of duty I shall go wherever called.' The General looked with undistinguished astonishment on the bold priest and without reply left his tent. Two stone walls head to head. Some time later General Jackson got even. The chaplain interrupted a staff meeting with a suggestion that Jackson could do so and so in an upcoming battle plan. Stonewall turned his steely gaze directly down at the smaller man and said, "Who will be responsible for this battle, Father Sheeran or General Jackson?" This time, it was Sheeran who quietly left the tent.

At war's end, 115 chaplains had been killed in the Civil War, but Sheeran returned to New Orleans alive and well. He worked there until 1867 including duty above and beyond during the New Orleans yellow fever epidemic, which killed thousands. In 1871 Father Sheeran was assigned a parish in Morristown which no one else wanted. To the surprise of Archbishop Bayley Father Sheeran stayed ten years, a longer stint than he had logged at any one place in America. Father Sheeran still stern and unbending would make Assumption Parish the pride of Morris County. He oversaw the building of a new church and school and arranged for the purchase of a much-needed Catholic cemetery. Father Joseph Durkin wrote of Father Sheeran, "He may have been, at times, unduly stern and uncompromising. He may have lacked some of the gentler virtues. But, in a world which so readily sells responsibility for ease, and integrity for profit, we may well prefer Father Sheeran's iron to a more sophisticated irony." Father Sheeran died on April 3, 1881. He is buried in the Holy Rood Cemetery, New Jersey.

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