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### Next Meeting Friday, June 9th • 7:30 PM

Paddy Naughton Hall, 10 North Main Street, Monroe • (845) 783-0205

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County AOH Picnic

Sep 15th

## DIVISION CALENDAR

**AOH Board Quarterly Meeting**

**Sep 9th 1:00 PM**

**Communion Breakfast**

**Oct. 21st.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.Brothers,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer spending time with their families. On August 19th members of Division 1 and I attended the Our Lady of Knock Mass and Breakfast at the National Shrine. It was a beautiful mass and a great Irish breakfast. Proceeds benefited the Shrine and the AOH County Sail Fund.

September 15th will be the AOH County picnic at Division 2. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know our fellow Brother Hibernians and their families from Divi-

sions 2 & 4. There will be food, refreshments, music, (including our AOH Pipe Band) games, and loads of craic. The cost is minimal at \$10. pp or \$25. per family. So come out and spend a fun day with your family and your fellow Hibernians. Be sure to bring a folding chair. Finally, at the last Mid-Hudson St. Patricks Day Parade Committee meeting the directors voted to keep the parade in Goshen. Hopefully by keeping the parade in one place we can increase the turnout and popularity of the parade to help make it a hugh success. To start things off, the Parade Committee is

having their "Emerald Ball" on Friday September 28th, if you would like to attend and show your support for the parade committee please contact Gail Edmonds

Slán go fóill

Yours in our motto,  
Keith Reynolds  
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## Political Education

The [Boston College](#) Archive De-bacle: As related at the August meeting, a panel from the federal First Circuit Court of Appeal comprising three judges, ruled in favor of Attorney General Holder in allowing subpoenas by the Police Service of Northern Ireland under the guise of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty which was never intended to facilitate anything other than the interception and arrest and prosecution of middle east terrorists. The IRA activists and Boston College Archivists were never allowed to intervene and challenge the legality of U.S. Att. Holders use of the MLAT to accomodate the disgraced and prejudiced Police Force on earth. Having said all that, the Attorneys for Mssrs. Moloney & McIntyre have moved to appeal the three judge decision to the whole Court because the standing decision precludes the application of First and Fifth amendment rights to the American Archivists and their interviewees. There will be more to this saga before it ends and I will try to keep the information flowing but just take a minute to ask yourself what did the Irish American Community ever do to the Democratic Party in this country to have it sell us out on every issue since Ted Kennedy killed legal immigration for the Irish in 1965?- Charlie Bohan

## PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!!

The "Emerald Ball" Scheduled for Friday Sep. 28th has been cancelled! Thank you for your interest in the event. We will keep you posted on any other parade committee fundraisers that are scheduled.

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, September 15TH 1:00 pm to 6:00pm Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Family Picnic** Open to all mem-

bers 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 call before September 8th to register at

Sep 23rd. All Ireland Football final with Irish Brakfast.

Sep 22nd— The fourth annual Hudson Vally Irish Fest will be held in Peekskill N.Y.

**Sunday October 21st - Division 1 Communion Breakfast**

Friday Nov. 9th 2012 11th Annual St. Brendens G.A.A. Dinner Dance. American Legion Post 488, Monroe N.Y.

**Sunday September 9th at 1:00pm** - The next Orange County AOH Board quarterly meeting will take place at the AOH Division Hall in Monroe, 10 North Main Street



# HISTORY

## Marty Hogan

### IRISH AMERICAN NYPD HISTORY

The 1908 Summer Olympics were held in London, were extremely controversial. Many of the medals were won by Irish and Irish-American athletes who were not only members of the Irish American Athletic club of Celtic Park in Sunnyside, Queens, but also members of the NYPD. Ian McGowan, Archivist for CUNY'S institute for Irish-American Studies is currently creating an exhibit of the club's trophies, photographs, and other ephemera, including vintage trading cards celebrating the feats of athletes such as John Flanagan, Johnny Hayes, Pat McDonald, Martin Sheridan and Matt McGrath, collectively known as the "The Irish Wales". During the "Parade of Nations," it was customary for teams to dip their nation's flags as a show of respect for the ruling monarch of the host country. Martin J. Sheridan, a discus thrower, born in 1881 in County Mayo, was part of the American Olympic team. Sheridan immigrated to N.Y. in 1901 and joined the NYPD in 1906. Patrolman Sheridan held a grudge against the English because he believed that they helped make the Irish potato famine so bad. Members of the Olympic committee knowing his dislike for the English replaced Sheridan who was scheduled to carry the American flag with Ralph Rose as bearer of the flag. Irish-Americans had a strong sense of patriotic pride to their newfound country NYPD Patrolman Matthew McGrath a hammer thrower and native of County Tipperary, born in 1878. As the Americans approached the Royal Box, McGrath broke ranks and stepped up to the American flag bearer Rose and said "Dip our flag and you will be in the hospital tonight". The flag was not dipped which caused an international incident. During a news conference, Sheridan spoke for the entire Olympic team, he pointed to the American flag and said "this flag dip to no earthly king". That precedent was set which is still followed today during the Olympic Games.

The American Flag has never been dipped to anyone since that day in 1908. In fact, the United States Flag Code was officially changed to read "No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing" (See title 4, USA Code, Chapter 1 & 8)

In 1924 Olympics McGrath earned the silver medal at the age of 45. During his police career McGrath attained the rank of Inspector, and was awarded the NYPD's Medal of Valor twice.

Inspector McGrath died in January of 1941.

Martin Sheridan was appointed to the "Finest" in 1906. To perpetuate his name for the future generations the Martin J. Sheridan Award for Valour was established and given each year to a member of the NYPD for bravery above and beyond the call of duty. Sheridan died of pneumonia in 1918 on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the age of 37 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, Queens.



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