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Next Meeting Friday, February 11th • 7:30 p.m.

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DIVISION I CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NFL Super Bowl and Party -----Sunday, February 6th 6:00 PM

Division Meeting -----Friday February 11th 7:30 PM

Wii Game , Bowling Tournament, Adults and kids. **Sunday, February 13th 1 PM**

NYC Parade Committee Aide's Dinner, Antun's Queens -- Sunday, February 20th 3PM

Irish Day , Greenwood Lake American Legion Sunday, March 6th

Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade, Goshen, Sunday March 13th

NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Thursday March 17th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

We are moving towards St. Patrick's Day and with the January we had this year, March cannot come soon enough. We still have February before then and some exciting events are on the schedule to help us along.

First up will be the Super Bowl on Sunday February 6th. Also the following Sunday February 13th will be the Wii Bowling tournament to benefit the Thomas Fleming Scholarship Fund. There will be food and refreshments to go along with the games for only \$20 per person or \$40 for the whole Family. It will be lots of fun for a very good cause. Definite win-win situation.

The following Sunday February 20th will be the NYC Parade Committee Dinner at Antun's in Queens. Our Brother Bob Burns will be representing the County as the Aide to the Grand Marshal this year. Please contact Bill

O'Donnell if you wish to attend.

We also have Brother Jack Collins who will be representing the Division in the Mid-Hudson Parade on March 13th in Goshen as the Aide to the Grand Marshal. We thank Jack for his long time support for the Division and for representing us at our local parade.

Irish Day will be held at the American Legion in Greenwood Lake on Sunday March 6th from 12 to 6pm. Entertainment by Chris Turpin, Men in the Group, Billy Keenan, and Irish Step Dancing. Admission is \$8 with children under 12 free when accompanied by an Adult.

On Sunday March 13th the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade will be preceded by Mass at the National Shrine of the Lady of Mt. Carmel. Breakfast will follow at Kuhl's Highland House. Parade line-up at 1pm and step off at 2

pm. If you need further details go to <http://www.mhspp.org>.

Anyone interested in marching with the County on 5th Ave on March 17th will need to ensure that they have the correct uniform—Green Jacket, Black Pants and Shoes, White Gloves and Beret. There are no exceptions. See Neil O'Riordan if you need uniform items. Tom McCarthy will be in charge

of the Bus to the NYC Parade this year.

Sadly at our last meeting we had to drape the Charter for the passing of long-time member John P. Walsh. May he Rest in Peace.

Our next meeting is on February 11th at 7:30pm. Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item. Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

John O'Grady
President

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See Bar committee.



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Meet our Aide to the 250th
NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade:
Robert E Burns.



Robert E Burns joined our division in 1977, he has been the chairman of the Annual Communion Breakfast in memory of Joseph Duellk Jr. from 1981 to present. Bob Burns has been Chairman of the Good and Welfare Committee of the division for the last 25 years as well as serving on the division's executive board in numerous positions, as recording secretary in 1980 and 1981, vice president in 2003 and 2004. The division is honored and proud to have Robert E Burns represent us as our aide to the 2011 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Grand Marshal Aide's Dinner Dance will be held February 20th at Antun's in Queens at 3PM; cost is \$90 per person. This is a great opportunity to meet some great Hibernians who were chosen by their members who represent what we are all about Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Come out and support our own Aide, Robert E Burns. Contact Bill O'Donnell for tickets.

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NYC Parade committee <http://nyc-st-patrick-day-parade.org/default.aspx>

GOOD & WELFARE: Longtime member John Walsh passed away January 8th 2011. The division attended the wake to pay respects to a much loved man who always had a smile and a warm welcome for everyone. Click on the link to read his obituary. http://flynnfh.com/obituary_view/10014691

JDJ ELECTIONS will be April 10th at 1 PM at the hall. Letters of intent must be received by February 24th and addressed to JDJ Board PO Box 674 Highland Mills NY 10930



Jim Kelly pictured above with last years Mid Hudson Parade Grand Marshal Annie Rabbit. Jim Kelly was awarded "The Jack Quinn memorial Hibernian of the year award" for 2010 by the Executive Board for all the work he does visibly for the division, and also behind the scenes helping the membership out with his vast knowledge and experience.



President John O'Grady presenting Chris and Briege DeBold with the Hibernian Family Award for 2010.

Chris a member of the division pipe band has worked tirelessly throughout the year organizing functions, tail gate parties and the division summer picnic and luau all with the assistance of Briege.

Briege a member of Ladies AOH division 5 Mary of the Gael is continually helping out at the hall I personally found her putting up our Christmas tree at the hall with Gail Edmonds one Saturday. Chris is currently planning a Wii Bowling Tournament scheduled for February 13th for adults and children. Money raised will go to the division Scholarship in memory of Thomas Fleming

Drivers Education Course

Steve Gibbons will be hosting a AARP drivers education course Thursday morning February 24th at 9AM at Paddy Naughton hall Contact brother Steve Gibbons at 845-726-0855 or gibbons75@gmail.com.



President John O'Grady presenting Jon Cane with the Hibernian Sprit award for 2010 at the adult Christmas party held January 8th at the hall. Jon has been very helpful at the division throughout the year with numerous events. Jon was also one of our first Associate members and we are very lucky to have him as one of our own. His wife Gail is president of Ladies AOH Division 5. Not a bad way to spend your time having a good time and supporting your wife and friends Thanks Jon,

CATHOLIC ACTION



Brendan O'Dowd and his family

On Monday January 24th past division president Brendan O'Dowd and his wife Lorraine, their daughter Michaela both from Ladies AOH division 5 Mary of the Gael and their two boys Cian and Tommy attended the annual right to life march in Washington DC to mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe Vs Wade which legalized abortion" "It is a family pilgrimage. I would encourage all our members and their families to consider making this trip. It is inspirational to see so many people, especially young people there. It is my 4th time to take part in the March for Life. The AOH stands with the Catholic Church in defending the unborn. If we don't do it who will? "

HISTORY By Marty Hogan



What is the Importance of Knowing Our Irish History?

History is important. In the past a statement like this would be self-evident. As Irish we have devoted much time and effort to teaching our children about family, social and political history. We have told stories of our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, stories of our trials and tribulations, our sad defeats and proud victories. It helps our children understand who they are and where they came from. It gives them a sense of pride. Today however some of us have turned our backs on the past.

We live in a time of rapid change, a time of progress. Where some people are more concerned about where they are going, and not where they came from. For some their Irish ancestors hold no importance for them. They lived in times so different from our own that they fail to see how their experiences hold any relevance for them. They feel they are so much smarter now and that anything from our past is outdated. Therefore the past, even the relatively recent past, is, in the minds of some, enshrouded by mists and only very vaguely perceived. Fortunately, we have the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other Irish organizations to help guard us against this indifference. We do believe that Irish history or our Irish experiences matter in today's world. We are proud of our heritage and equally proud to be able to pass this knowledge of history on to our children and to the rest of the world.

History is important because it helps us to understand the present. If we will listen to what history has to say, we can come to a sound understanding of the past that will tell us much about the problems we now face. If we refuse to listen to history, we will find ourselves fabricating a past that reinforces our understanding of current problems and events. (David Crabtree)


If I tell you the Great Hunger was a terrible event, most would agree but it would have little effect on your lives. If, however, I tell you the history of the Great Hunger and list the terrible atrocities inflicted on our ancestors, talk to you about the evictions, the deportations, the horrible death by starvation, I will be much more likely to achieve my goal. I will leave a lasting impression that will evoke revulsion at the mere mention of the word.

History teaches values. If it is true history, it teaches true values: if it is pseudo-history, it teaches false values. The history we teach our children will play a role in shaping their values and beliefs. So you can see why it is so important to Know about Our Irish History and why the AOH includes a chapter of Irish History in our meetings and our newsletter.

As your new Historian, I am proud to bring this information to you and hopefully make this History come alive for you, so you can share it with your family and friends.

Research by David Crabtree (The Importance of History) was used for this Article.



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