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Next Meeting — Friday, February 13 • 7:30 p.m.

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DIVISION 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Division Meeting	Second Friday of each month	7:30 pm
Darts	every Friday night	
Traditional Irish Music Seisiún	Every Sunday	1:30 pm
Kid's Movie Night	Friday February 20	7:00 pm
Irish Rebel Song Night/Karaoke	Friday February 20	
Ash Wednesday	February 25	

(fast between meals and total abstinence from meat)

Deadline for Newsletter — Third Tuesday of each month

DIVISION NO. 1 WEBSITE • <http://aohdiv1.org/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Cairde,

On behalf of Division I, I extend our profound sympathy to the Brophy family, John, John Jr., and Michael, on the passing of a wife, mother, and great Hibernian. Marge Brophy was an enthusiastic supporter of AOH Division 1 events over the years, and her presence at the Hall will be missed considerably.

Let us pray for Marge, recently departed Cecilia Gorman,

Joseph Duelk Sr., and for all our deceased friends and family members.

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!

*To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.*

*Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.*

O clement, O loving,

O sweet virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

May they Rest in Peace.

Go mbeannaí Dia thú,
Brendan O'Dowd, *Uachtarán*

What is FOCA?

If FOCA becomes law there would be sweeping changes in the legal landscape of abortion. Hundreds of state laws would be nullified including: All informed consent laws would be overturned.

- All parental notification laws would be nullified.
- The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 would be reversed.
- The Hyde Amendment, which restricts taxpayer funding of abortions, would be reversed.
- Religiously affiliated hospitals would be forced to perform abortions.
- Military hospitals would now be required to provide abortion.
- Abortions would no longer have to be performed by licensed physicians,
- Doctors, nurses, and hospitals that conscientiously object to abortion would no longer be protected from lawsuits if they created a delay or inconvenience for a woman wishing to obtain an abortion.

FOCA would require any government program that provides, pays for, or insures childbirth or healthcare services to do the same for the abortion procedure.

All public hospitals and medical schools that restrict access

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Congratulations to four worthy Orange County Hibernians: Mary Anne Garay on her selection as the Grand Marshal of the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day parade, Sister Peggy Murphy as the Orange County Aide to the New York City Grand Marshal, Division 1 members, Denis Mulcahy representing The Grand Council of Emeralds in the NYC parade, and John Mollahan who is the Commander, and will lead off the 47th annual Pearl River Parade.

Dues & New Members

Thank you to all the Hibernians who have sent in their Dues so far. About half the division has not yet paid their dues. If possible, please attend the February meeting and pay in person. It will give you a chance to meet our 3 newest members that joined at the January meeting. They are: Kevin Kenny, Peter Burke, and Peter Fox.

Mark Your Calendars for March:

Irish Day in Greenwood Lake Sunday March 8 at 12:00pm
 Mid-Hudson St Patrick's Parade March 15
 St. Patrick's Day Tuesday March 17

Kid's Movie Night/ Adult Karaoke Night

As usual the children had a fantastic time, making life long memories of good times at the AOH Hall.

Not to be outdone, the adults had an equally good time in the lounge, singing Karaoke, Irish Rebel songs, playing Darts, and socializing with fellow Hibernians. The night was a great success.

Thank you to all the Hibernians who support Division functions, such as the aforementioned, as well as the

Traditional Irish Music seisiún on Sundays, and other events. Without you, the transmission of Irish culture and beliefs from generation to generation would fade away.

Thank you for helping to keep the tradition alive.

Quiz Night

Go raimh maith agat to Quiz-Mistress Gail Edmonds, and to the competitors who showed their appreciation for her efforts, by taking part in the January Quiz Night.

Gail did a great job, putting stimulating questions together, and everyone really had a wonderful time. Also, thank you to Brother Matt Walsh who acted as scorekeeper and adjudicator.

Here are the results:

2 Reels and a Jig and *Roscommon Rascals* tied for first place with 67 points.

Tommy Gun came in a close second with 66 points.

Team Tyrone - 62; *Creative Bill* - 57; *Ceilis* - 55

The next Quiz is tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 28th at 8pm.

For more information e-mail Brendan: knockawn@yahoo.com or call 342 6150.

There are four people on a team and you collaborate with your team, and write down the answers. There are 7 rounds or categories with ten questions in each round.

Put a team together with your friends, family, or neighbors. This is a great way to spend a Saturday night.

Hero

In a case of the apple not falling very far from the tree, one of the heroes of the 'Miracle on the Hudson' was Detective Sean Mulcahy. Sean was one of the first responders and is the son of Division member Denis Mulcahy.



2008 Hibernian of the Year Awards

At the Division Christmas party, the following Awards were issued:

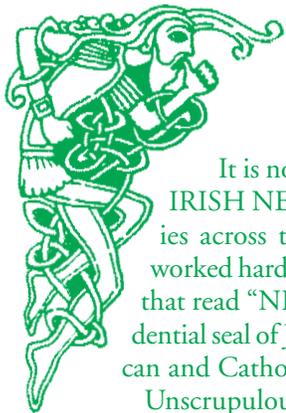
Pat Quinn presented *The Jack Quinn Memorial Hibernian of the Year Award* to Bill O'Donnell. *The Inspirational Hibernian* award was presented to Pat Early. *The Hibernian Family of the Year* award was presented to The Edmonds Family.

Event chairman Joseph McMahon put together a great event. There were 13 musicians, about 20 Irish Set dancers, under the leadership of Brian Reynolds. Dennis Browne put up a wonderful buffet for all who attended. Thank you to all who supported the event.

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History

No Irish Need Apply

By Glenn Edmonds

It is not so long ago that signs such as "NO IRISH NEED APPLY" were hung in many cities across the US. Irish Catholic immigrants worked hard for about 100 years to exchange signs that read "NINA" for a sign which held the Presidential seal of John F. Kennedy; the first Irish American and Catholic President.

Unscrupulous characters victimized the Irish immigrants. From sea captains to landlords, they were cheated at every turn. Boston merchants ridiculed their tattered clothing while at the same time they plotted to take advantage of their cheap labor rates. Irish Catholics persevered through deplorable conditions with devastating results: 60% of Irish children did not see their 6th birthday, and adults only lived an average of 6 years after arriving.

Many Americans feared the Irish because of their allegiance to the Papacy; ironically, the Catholic Faith is what most enabled the Irish to succeed. Despite their poverty, the immigrants always supported the Church. In years to come, that support would lead to parochial schools and a better education which future generations would use to achieve the American dream.



In 1847, approximately 52,000 Irish landed in New York. In a city three times the size of Boston, they faced less hostility. Yet, the new Irish were often times taken advantage of by earlier Irish immigrants. Runners, as they were called, were among those that let the pressure of living at the very bottom of society, bring out the worst in them. Because of the few who fell, it was easy for the newspapers of the day to perpetuate anti-Irish, anti-Catholic sentiment.

What Is FOCA

for abortion procedures would now be open to be used for these procedures.

Taxpayers would now be required to pay for elective abortions with their tax dollars under the Medicaid program and in the military.

Just as dangerous as FOCA is the pro abortion legislation, pending in New York State, euphemistically titled the 'Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act' (RHPPA).

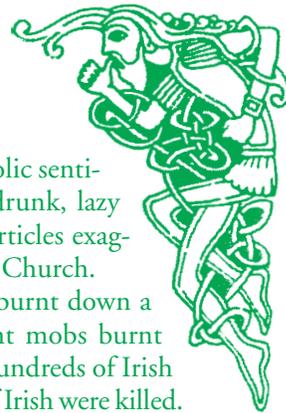
Obviously the Catholic Church is fighting both Bills. Just as

Newspapers stirred up anti-Catholic sentiment with cartoons that depicted drunk, lazy Irishmen, loose Irish women, and articles exaggerating the growth of the Catholic Church.

In 1844, in Boston, Protestants burnt down a convent. In Philadelphia, Protestant mobs burnt down two Catholic Churches and hundreds of Irish homes. In 3 days of rioting, dozens of Irish were killed. Once again, it was around the Church the Irish gathered. In New York, Archbishop John Hughes deployed armed Irishmen to protect Churches. He then paid a visit to the mayor and warned that if even one Catholic Church was burned, the Irish would burn Manhattan to the ground.

Unlike immigrants of today, the Irish immigrants of the 1800s could not rely on hand outs of money, food, or housing from the government of their new land. Instead of the government, they relied on each other by coming together and recreating their close-knit communities that they cherished back home. It was in these communities the Irish could hear traditions of story-telling, poetry, music and song as well as their Catholic faith.

Although John F. Kennedy may have been the first Irish Catholic President, he was not the first to burn for government office, nor is he the only one to succeed. Al Smith, the grandson of Irish immigrants rose from the tenements of the lower east side to the governorship of New York. The Irish were pioneers for breaking down barriers for themselves and for all immigrants who make up the cultural melting-pot of today.



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Hibernians stood shoulder to shoulder and defended the Church buildings in 1836, we are needed now, more than ever, to defend the defenseless, the most vulnerable among us. We need to write to our Congressional representatives and let them know that we do not want them to support either bill.

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