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**Next Meeting — Friday, April 3 • 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
Kids Movie Night .....	Third Friday of each month	7:00pm
Irish Rebel Song Night .....	Third Friday of the month	8:00pm
Good Friday .....	April 10	
	(fast between meals and total abstinence from meat)	
Easter Sunday .....	April 12	
Tattoo at West Point .....	Sunday, April 25	
Division Picnic .....	Saturday June 25	

Deadline for Newsletter — Third Tuesday of each month  
DIVISION NO. 1 WEBSITE • <http://aohdiv1.org/>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A Cairde,

What a fantastic marching season it turned out to be. The weather was the best it has been in recent memory, and subsequently the turnout was spectacular for both the Goshen and NYC Parade

On St. Patrick's Day, I could not help but enjoy a tremendous feeling of pride, as AOH Orange County stepped off, led by the Color Guard, the talented members of the Orange County Pipes and Drums and then Divisions 1 through 4. As most of you know, I am unable to march myself and, as last year, John Brophy, Jr. filled in as leader of our Division. Thank you to John.

As the assembled group marched west on 44 Street and turned up 5th Avenue to begin what was around a 3 hour trek, I reflected on how honored and privileged I am to be, not

only a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, but to be the President of Div. 1.

Ernie Flynn was again the senior . . . and possibly the liveliest . . . Hibernian on parade. Some of our newest members, including Jonathan Adamo and Sean Donlevy marched in their first parade, while Brian Hughes has been marching for over 20 years. Bob Burns had two new wheels . . . aka knees . . . and was keen to try them out. They worked great, especially after a squirt of WD 40 at around 60th Street.

Eddie McLaughlin tormented himself with what would be a big, and possible life changing decision — as he is still in school and had a couple of tests that day — should he march or go to school? Ultimately he made the correct decision . . . although it could be debated . . . and went to class. Well done Eddie,

and good luck with the tests . . .

I am sure Archbishop John 'Dagger' Hughes, if alive today, would be encouraged to see such statuesque Irishman on 5th Avenue, shoulders back, chest out, and looking like, if needed, they would be there; willing and able to defend St. Patrick's Cathedral.

All Division members who can, should try and march next year. It is a great way to let the WORLD know that the Ancient Order of Hibernians is still a strong, vibrant, and active Irish-Catholic society; which should be respected.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an Application for Membership. We all know worthy Irish Catholic gentleman who qualify as Hibernians, and are possibly just waiting to be asked to join our Order. We are all ambassadors of the Order, as well as public relations officers, and we should at all times try and

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**Attendance has been low at various division functions.  
Please make an effort to show up at 1 or 2 functions every quarter.**

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The Tattoo at West Point is on Sunday April 25 at 12 noon.  
We need attendance at this event; we urgently need volunteers.  
Please contact Marty Hogan to find out how you can help.

## President's Message

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encourage these men to become members. Just imagine if we all bring in one member this year... straight away we double our membership. But why stop at one! Please make some copies of the Application and have them at hand... keep a couple in your car... bring some next time you go to Mass. I don't know why it is, but when I am in Church, I can't help but notice how many 'Irish looking' churchgoers there are. Give one to a friend, neighbor, brother, nephew, grandson, etc.

The more members we have, the stronger the Division becomes. We all know that occasionally we find a person who is able to be very active in the Order, and that ultimately benefits all of us.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all the ladies of LAOH, Mary of the Gael Division 5, on their initiation, They are led by a great Hibernian in Gail Edmonds, and I would encourage all our members to support any function they have at Paddy Naughton Hall.

Like above, if you know of a worthy Catholic lady who would like to become a Hibernian, have her contact Gail at gailedmonds@frontiernet.net

See you at the meeting on Friday April 3rd.

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

President Brendan O'Dowd attended the Pearl River Parade, and was honored to be given a seat on the reviewing stand. This was because Division 1 member John Mollahan was the Parade Commander. John cut a dashing figure, as he led the parade in full Dress Blues. Well done John... you did the division proud. Also looking... and sounding... good on the avenue, was the Pipes and Drums of the AOH, Orange County, led by Division 1 Color Guard of Keith Reynolds and Tim Lowrey.

## Did St. Patrick Preach these Precepts of the Church?

- Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Fast and Abstain on days appointed.
- Confession during Easter Season
- Receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season

## LAOH Division 5:

The ladies are having a fundraiser for their newly formed division: Mary of the Gael, on April 18 at Paddy Naughton Hall, 10 North Main Street, Monroe. Music will be provided by the Seisiún Musicians. There will be music, singing, set dancing, waltzing... and everyone is guaranteed to have 'great craic.' Admission is \$13 p.p. or \$25 for a couple. Starting time 8:00pm.

## Quiz Night

Are you the smartest Hibernian? Please call Joseph at 764-0772 for details about the next Quiz Night.

## JDJ

If you are a member in good standing, and are interested in helping with the running of the Building, you should put your name forward as a candidate for the JDJ Board. There are 4 position up for election. To be considered, you must submit a declaration/letter of intent, no later than April 25, to the President of the JDJ Board, Bill O'Donnell. Elections will be held at the next scheduled JDJ Board meeting on Sunday, May 3 2009.

## 40th Anniversary Dinner

This year we are celebrating the Division's 40th birthday. Please save the following date: Sunday October 25 2009. For more information contact event chairman: Keith Reynolds (845) 590-9143 or email: flatfoot52@hotmail.com

## AOH County Convention is on Sunday June 7th at 2pm at the Hall in Monroe.

AOH State Convention is on July 8 - 11 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Albany. If you are interested in representing our Division as a delegate please let any of the Board members know. The Division Picnic will be at a new venue this year. It will be at the Hil-Mar Club off Rt. 208 in Monroe. Date and time in next months newsletter. Read about the venue on their website: <http://www.hil-marlodge.com>

Last month we welcomed 2 new members: Matthew Carr and Joseph Tiplado. And we welcomed back a previous member in Brendan Conway. It is great to have you back on board Brother.



## Good Will & Welfare

Our sympathy to Jack Breheny on the death of his brother Joseph. Pat Early needs our prayers and support, as he again is battling illness. We wish Ronan Lynch a full and speedy recovery from a car accident in which he broke his back. Dermot Myers is home from hospital and looks all set to make a full recovery.

## AOH Pipes & Drums

Bagpipe lessons are available at the Hall: Call or email Instructor; Jim Kelly. Contact info on other page. Drum lessons also available.

## DUES

Without all our members sticking together and continuing to support and promote the Division, our heritage and beliefs would eventually fade away. Continue to keep the tradition alive for our children by remaining a member in good standing and sending in your dues at your earliest convenience.

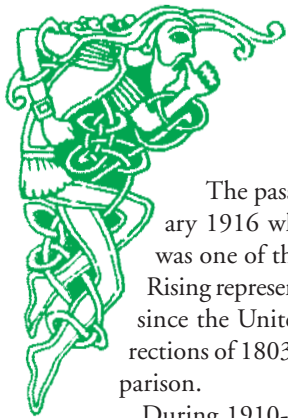
## Ireland's 32

Time is running out to be in with a chance for your own personal stimulus package. The drawing is on Sunday, April 5th at 4pm. See Bill O'Donnell or your captain if you need a ticket... and good luck.



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## History

# Easter Rising 1916

“IRELAND UNFREE SHALL NEVER BE AT PEACE.”

By Glenn S. Edmonds, Sr.

The passage of the National Service Act in January 1916 which threatened conscription in Ireland was one of the causes of the Easter Rising. The 1916 Rising represented the first major demonstration of force since the United Irishmen Rising of 1798. The insurrections of 1803, 1848 and 1867 had been small in comparison.



During 1910-1913, the Sinn Fein movement seemed dormant and was without a dynamic leader. Other Irish organizations were growing. The Irish socialist leader, Larkin had obtained many new ideas from the Industrial Workers of the World in the United States. The Irish Republican Brotherhood was revived by James Connolly. According to the author of the Irish Home Rule Convention, the Sinn Feiners placed Home Rule and other various Irish problems above a victory for the allied powers. A German ship landed on the Irish coast on Good Friday evening 1916 bringing arms and ammunition with Sir Roger Casement as leader. There was a plan for a general rebellion during the Easter season. Casement was captured by the British and taken to London for trial. He was later hanged. Martial law was declared in Dublin City and county. The suspension of the right of a British subject to be tried by a civil court was seen as a sign of the seriousness of the situation. Some of the Irish Nationalists in America were said to have known of the intentions of the Easter rising a few weeks before it took place. The Easter Rising planned by the Irish Republican Brotherhood was virtually confined to Dublin. This was the opening act of the Irish War for Independence. Moreover, confusion was caused by a rash of conflicting orders sent out to the Irish Volunteers — the main strike force — from their headquarters and the decision taken by the rebel leaders to postpone their action arranged for Easter Sunday, 23rd April, until the next day. As the week progressed, the fighting in some areas did become intense, characterized by prolonged, fiercely contested hand to hand street battles. Military casualties were highest at Mount Street Bridge. There, newly arrived troops made successive, tactically inept, frontal attacks on determined and disciplined volunteers occupying several strongly fortified outposts. They lost 234 men, dead or wounded while just 5 rebels died. In some instances, lapses in military discipline occurred. Soldiers were alleged to have killed 15 unarmed men in North King Street near the Four Courts during intense gun battles there on 28th and 29th April. The pacifist Francis Sheehy-Skeffington was the best-known civilian victim of the insur-



rection. He was arrested in Dublin on 25th April, taken to Portobello Barracks and shot by firing squad next morning without trial. At about 11:00 a.m. on Easter Monday, Patrick Pearse and the Volunteers, along with James Connolly and the Irish Citizen Army, assembled at various prearranged meeting points in Dublin, and before noon set out to occupy a number of imposing buildings in the inner city area. These had been selected to command the main routes into the capital, and also because of their strategic position in relation to the major military barracks. They included the General Post Office, the Four Courts, Jacob's Factory, Boland's Bakery, the South Dublin Union, St. Stephen's Green and later the College of Surgeons. There was little fighting on the first day since British intelligence had failed hopelessly, the properties targeted were taken virtually without resistance and immediately the rebels set about making them defensible. The GPO was the nerve center of the rebellion. It served as the rebels' headquarters and the seat of the provisional government which they declared. Five of its members served there — Pearse, Clarke, Connolly, MacDermott and Plunkett. Sir John Maxwell, the British Commander-in-Chief caused sixteen of the Irish to be court-martialed and shot. The execution of these men was an attempt to murder of the Provisional Government of Ireland. Patrick Pearse was the first to be singled out for execution, he was not allowed to see his mother or brother before he was executed on May 3, 1916. One of Pearse's most famous speeches was his eulogy at the funeral of O'Donovan Rossa who died in 1915.

“They think they have forseen everything, but the fools! the fools! the fools! they have left us our Fenian dead; and while Ireland holds these graves “Ireland unfree shall never be at peace”.”



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