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Next Meeting — Friday, August 14 • 7:30 p.m.
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DIVISION 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holy Day of Obligation —
Assumption of Blessed Mother Saturday, August 15
Divi. 1 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance Sunday, October 25
Division Meeting (please attend) second Friday of each month 7:30 p.m.
Darts — Test your Dart skills every Friday night
Traditional Irish Music Seisiún resumes in the Fall
Sign up for Pub Quiz League .. coming September, October, November
Kid's Movie Night/
Irish Rebel Song Night Third Friday of each month

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Cairde,

It is great to finally have our website up and running. Check it out regularly to keep updated on events at the Hall: www.aohdiv1.org. Go raibh maith agat Brother Keith Reynolds for getting it done.

In this month's message I want to talk about our Division's 40 Anniversary Formal Dinner and Dance which will be held on Sunday, October 25, in The Fountains at Wallkill Golf Club. This is one of the most important events in the history of our division as we honor and celebrate the men who have come before us. These great Hibernians set the groundwork for

an Irish cultural renaissance in Orange County. This revival has led us to now being able to enjoy great social events at our own Paddy Naughton Hall. Events like Irish Traditional Music Seisiúns, Irish Art classes, Set and Ceili Dancing, Step Dancing, etc.

We are delighted to have our affair at The Fountains, a warm and inviting country retreat with its elegant banquet hall and spectacular scenic views. The beautiful mountain lakes and fountains are easily visible from the newly installed landscaped back deck. We are offered the finest in gourmet dining and culinary delights by award winning Chef James

Devaney. The cocktail room is an amazing rotunda with views of the countryside and modern fountains to add peaceful serenity to our party.

Music will be by Eileen Fogerty and the Very Best. There will be a cocktail hour, open bar (top shelf) and a magnificent meal.

The price of a ticket is \$80, which believe it or not, is less than the normal going rate for such affairs.

In an economy where we are all looking for value for money this is a good deal. But that is not the main reason to attend. The AOH has been at the

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40th Anniversary Gala

Please contact

- Keith at flatfoot52@hotmail.com
- Brendan at knockawn@yahoo.com (or telephone 551-0563)
- Don at dehigg@optonline.net

We need your help. The biggest help is to buy tickets in advance. Please contact us.

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Hibernians for Life



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Congratulations to Melissa Cane and Tim Jones who were married on Saturday, July 18. Melissa is a member of LAOH Division 5 and the daughter of Division Associate Member Jon Cane and LAOH Division 5 member Gail Cane. We wish them a long and happy life together.



Good Will & Welfare

Let us pray for our brothers and their families who are sick:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Saturday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. Mark your calendars so that you can bring your family's petitions to Mary on this important Holy Day of Obligation.

Irish Set Dancing

Would you like to learn how to dance an Irish Set or Ceili Dance? It is so much fun, with the added benefit of a low impact aerobic workout. Contact Gail Cane: canelog@optonline.net



Ron Valentine, Jon Cane and Burt Pratt on last year's fishing trip. If anyone want to go on the division fishing trip this year, please contact Burt.

We would like to hear from all our members. Please take a moment to write down suggestions or ideas you have for the continued growth of our division. I know some members cannot make meetings. Others who can may not be comfortable talking in front of a lot of people. If you have something on your mind please email me: knockawn@yahoo.com . . . or if you would rather remain anonymous, simply write a letter and mail it to:

Division 1 President, PO Box 337. Monroe, NY 10950

All correspondence will be confidential and will be used to help us make the Division more appealing to our members. I await your response.

**Saturday, August 15
is a
Holy Day of Obligation
for the
Feast of the Assumption
of the Blessed Mother**

Right to Life

From the NY

[website:www.nysRightToLife.org](http://www.nysRightToLife.org)

You will see on their website a Car Donation Program - NYS Right to Life now has tax-deductible vehicle donations. If you are interested in donating an old vehicle to help the Unborn you can receive a tax-deductions. Please call 518-434-1293 for more information.

From the National Right to Life website:

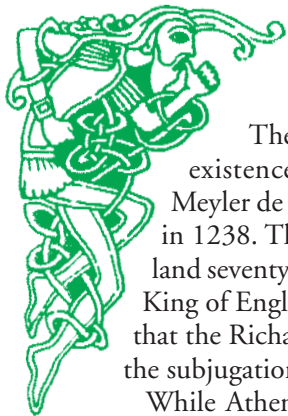
The Center for Reproductive Rights, on behalf of Red River Women's Clinic in Fargo, North Dakota, is asking for a temporary injunction against the new life-affirming heartbeat law in North Dakota. The law, which was passed this spring, requires that a woman seeking an abortion be offered the opportunity to see an ultrasound of her unborn child and hear the fetal heartbeat, which can begin as early as eighteen days after fertilization.

"It's unclear why a clinic, which claims to care about women, would be afraid to offer their patients all the vital and relevant information before performing a life-changing and intrusive medical procedure," said Mary Spaulding Balch, J.D., State Legislation Director for the National Right to Life Committee. "Diagnostic ultrasounds and listening to the fetal heartbeat provides mothers accurate information about the development of their unborn child. Why is the abortion industry afraid of these tools?"

AOH Division 1 40th Anniversary Gala

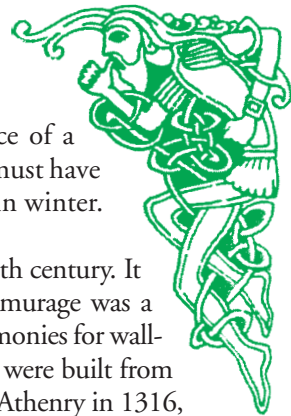
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History

Low Lie the Fields of Athenry . . .



The medieval town of Athenry began its existence with the building of a castle by Meyler de Bermingham, 2nd Baron of Athenry in 1238. The Anglo-Normans first came to Ireland seventy years before with the approval of the King of England, Henry II. It was not until 1235 that the Richard de Burgo led invasion resulted in the subjugation of the province of Connacht.

While Athenry was experiencing its birth, what else was happening?

In 13th century Europe the struggle between the Papacy and the Monarchies continued with the Emperor, Fredrick II being excommunicated for a second time by Pope Gregory IX. Genghis Khan overran China, Persia and Southern Russia and invaded Eastern Europe. At the battle of Bannockburn in 1314, Scotland gained her freedom from England. (YEAH!)

It was 250 years after Athenry Castle was built that Christopher Columbus discovered the Americas. And, 550 years after, in 1787, Britain began to colonize Australia as a penal settlement.

Athenry Castle

The Castle consists of a towering Keep surrounded by a curtain wall with three towers.

The Keep was basically a castle within a castle where the lord, his family and loyal retainers lived. The river Clareen on the East side of the castle fed a moat encircling it.

The Keep originally consisted of two stories. Within a few years another story was added. In the 15th century the gable ends were raised and a new roof was fitted. Access was through a door on the first floor level on the East side which had external stairs. Four windows, one on each side, provided the great

hall with light. There is no evidence of a fireplace. For those living within, it must have been a cold dreary place, especially in winter.

The Town Walls

Athenry was walled in the early 14th century. It received a murage grant in 1310 (a murage was a liberty granted by the King to collect monies for walling the town). It is said that the walls were built from the booty collected after the Battle of Athenry in 1316, in which the Anglo-Norman army of Richard de Burgo and Meyler de Bermingham defeated the Irish forces led by Felim O'Connor. It is chronicled that over 8,000 men were killed that day. This battle effectively destroyed the Irish resistance to the Anglo-Normans. The site of this confrontation is west of North Gate in which now stands Presentation Convent.

Most of the original town wall, which is surrounded by a moat, is still standing with five of its six towers. Of its five gates only the North Gate, or The Arch as it is locally known, remains.

One of the great attraction of the town walls is that they can be viewed at a distance, especially on the South and East side of the town. This feature, more than any other, gives Athenry its unmistakable sense of history, evoking memories of a busy Medieval town.

The Song

In the 1970's Athenry became iconic in song, fictional at that. "The Fields of Athenry" is a folk ballad set during the potato famine. The main character is sent to Botany Bay, Australia for stealing food for his starving family. The song is a huge hit for Celtic football fans and can be heard in Monroe on Irish Rebel night . . .



President's Message

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political forefront for issues concerning the Irish, such as: Immigration Reform; economic incentives, both here and in Ireland; the human rights issues addressed in the MacBride Principles; Right-To-Life, and a peaceful and just solution to the issues that divide Ireland.

We, at Division 1, have in the past, and still continue to do our part. Our members marched in front of the British consulate in Manhattan to protest the treatment of the hunger strikers in 1981. We went to Washington, D.C. to lobby for a fair immigration policy between Ireland and America. We have signed petitions, wrote letters, marched in the Right to Life March in DC, and the list goes

on.

We should now take some time to celebrate. It will be nice to see our brother Hibernians and their wives all dressed up in their finest apparel as we commemorate all we have achieved. Please reserve your ticket today for our 40th Anniversary Formal Dinner and Dance.

Go mbeannaí Dia thú,
Brendan O'Dowd, Uachtarán



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