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DIVISION I CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Division Meeting ----- *Friday May 13th 7:30 PM*
175th Anniversary of the AOH *Saturday May 21st 9 AM*
FLEMINGS FLING *Sunday May 29th 12 -5 PM*
Joseph Duellk Mass and Communion Breakfast..... *June 11th*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

By now I am sure everyone has heard the news that the "mastermind" behind Al Qeda is dead. Great news. Our eternal thanks go out to all our Armed Forces and especially the Navy Seals who carried out the mission without losing a man. Apparently attacking the unsuspecting and women and children is easier than fighting against trained soldiers. May he also find God's justice a lot different than what he expected.

Congratulations to our leaders, Presidents Bush and Obama who never wavered in the quest to find those responsible for the atrocities of 2001.

Memorial Day is on May 30th this year. Let us remember what the day is for and make an effort to attend a Memorial service or a Parade to honor our Veterans past and present. They deserve our remembrance every day but especially on a day that is set aside for that purpose.

I received the following from County Vice-President Kevin Cummings on Monday May 2nd :
" In this same week when one good man of peace was declared blessed and an evil one was dispatched to hell, I am honored and happy to report that yesterday; I attended the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Awards Ceremony and accepted, on behalf of the AOH Orange County Board, the first place trophy for the Best Hibernian Marching Unit for the 250th St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please share the news with your respective division members and thank them for a job well done!"

I couldn't have said it better. Congratulations to all who took part in this year's Parade. Kevin also mentioned that several other AOH groups have vowed to step up their efforts to win the award. We welcome the challenge . Fleming's Fling will be held on Sunday May 29th. See the attached/enclosed fliers for details. A raffle for a Basket of Cheer is being held as well. Tickets are available at the Hall.

On Saturday May 21st there will be a celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the AOH in America. A Parade will be followed by Mass at The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral. A reception will be held after Mass at the Youth Center across the street from the Basilica. We will be carpooling down so contact us if interested.

The Joseph Duellk Jr. Mass will be on June 11th(details on Page 3). We have had good turnouts in the past but I feel that we should be able to do better. Please make every attempt to join us this year. He gave his life fighting for our country, we should be able to give up a few hours to honor his memory.

The bar at the Hall was recently given a facelift and it looks great. Thanks go out to D. Browne, N. O'Riordan, B. O'Dowd, K. Gannon, T. Curtin, R. Burns and E. Dennehy. Stop by to see it and have a refreshment as well.

John O'Grady
President, Division One

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The 9th annual Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast for Joseph Duell Jr KIA (6/14/1968) will be held on Saturday June 11th at Sacred Heart Church Monroe the main church on Still Road at 9AM. After mass there will be breakfast at the hall, followed by a prayer service at his grave site in St. Mary's cemetery in Washingtonville.

Please make every effort to attend this Mass and to pray for our namesake.

Please wear parade attire, black pants, shoes, socks and green jackets.

The Thomas J Fleming Memorial Scholarship Fund

Will be hosting their scholarship awards day Sunday May 29th at American Legion Hall in Greenwood Lake from 12-5 PM. A donation of \$30 per person gets in you in. There will be a DJ, Bagpipes, Irish Music and Step Dancers. All monies raised goes to help a young persons education. Come out and support this worthy cause. Please see the enclosed flyer.

Celebrate the 175th anniversary of the AOH in America

Saturday May 21st Parade line up on Mulberry Street by Precious Blood Church at 9 AM. Mass to follow at 11AM at the old St. Patrick's Cathedral. Reception to follow at 12:30 PM at the youth center across the street, cost \$20. for food and entertainment.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Thankfully nothing to report. Please keep our deceased members and their families in your prayers..

2011 Membership Dues

Membership cards have been mailed, if you have not received your membership card please call our financial secretary Mike Carroll at 347-235-1687 with any questions.

JDJ Elections

Elections were held April 10th 2011. The JDJ board would like to thank those who showed up to vote and take an interest in the hall. A lot of our members worked very hard to get us where we are today. From the first members who bought the hall to our last chairman Bill O'Donnell and his board. We hope more members will come out and support the JDJ. Without the JDJ we could not have all the events that happen, from meetings, to bagpipe lessons, adult set dancing, children's step dancing, concerts, supporting the Ladies AOH, the parade committee and the AOH County board meetings. So many things are held at the Irish Center. We need to remember all the JDJ does to support Irish culture and Heritage in Orange County.

A new board was elected.

Neil O'Riordan, Chairman

John Ryan, Treasure

Glen Edmonds, Recording Secretary

Bill O'Donnell, Trustee 2 year term

Keith Reynolds, Trustee 2 year term

Dennis Browne, Trustee 1 year term

Kenny Batewell, Trustee 1 year term

The short term goals of the board is to clean up the hall and finish off the beautiful work that Brendan O'Dowd started. Possibly putting in a wood floor in the bar area. If any members have any ideas or experience please feel free contact a board member. You can drop off ideas at the hall.

HUNGER WIPED OUT IN AMERICA

Well not the condition just the word. The Agriculture Department of the United States annual report has changed the wording of people suffering from hunger. They are now to be known as people with low food security or people with very low food security. Also conditions to be known as reduced food intake formerly known as starvation. While the low food security numbers have decreased the very low food security numbers have risen. We can assume that this group is experiencing the potential consequence of prolonged involuntary lack of food (that) results in discomfort, illness, weakness or pain. To most of us this still means Hunger or Starvation. I'm sure that if the money spent on this study and report was spent actually feeding the Hungry of the United States a dent might have been made in the actual numbers of the low and very low food security people (formerly known as the hungry), this National embarrassment in a nation of plenty might be eliminated. One can only wonder the Spin they would have put on the Great Hunger of Ireland.

Telling people that they are no longer suffering from hunger but low food security doesn't change the fact that they need food to survive. I am asking all members and their families to please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to the next meeting. If you cannot make the meeting please consider sending in a donation to the Ancient Order of Hibernians Food Bank. P.O. Box 337, Monroe, New York 10950.

May is The National Memorial Month of the Great Hunger of 1845. Our National President is asking all Hibernians to take an active part in helping those that are in need.

Respectfully yours,
Martin Hogan.

HISTORY

By Marty Hogan

David Neligan (1899-1983)
David Neligan also known as “the Spy in the Castle”, was an important figure involved in the Irish War of Independence 1919-1921, and subsequently became Director of Intelligence for the Irish Army after the Irish Civil War (June 28, 1922- May 24, 1923).

David Neligan was born at Templeglantine, Limerick, where his parents David and Elizabeth Neligan were National School Teachers. Against his father’s wishes, he joined the Dublin Metropolitan Police in 1917, and was recruited into the G Division in 1919. His older brother Maurice who was a member of the Irish Republican Army persuaded him to resign from the DMP. After his resignation, he returned to his native County Limerick. Shortly after that his brother Maurice was killed in a motor cycle accident. David received word from a friend that Michael Collins wanted to speak to him in Dublin. Although he wanted to serve in the field Collins persuaded him to rejoin the DMP and provide information to the Irish Republican Army. Along with Eamon Broy and James McNamara, he acted as a valuable agent for Collins and passed on reams of vital information. In 1921, Collins ordered Neligan to be recruited into MI5. He used this as an opportunity to memorize their Oath of Allegiance, passwords, and the identities of their agents. All of this was passed on to Collins. After Broy and McNamara were dismissed in 1921 he became Collins’ most important mole in the Dublin Castle.

On the outbreak of the Civil War in June 1922, Neligan joined the national Army with the rank of commandant and was attached to the Dublin Guard. He was involved in the seaborne assault on Fenit and spent the remainder of the war serving in the appointment of local intelligence officer. He has been accused of involvement in several atrocities but no evidence of this is recorded. In 1923 he was posted to Dublin where he was promoted to Colonel and succeeded Diarmuid O’Hegarty as National Army Director of Intelligence. In 1925 he was transferred to the Garda when the two police forces were amalgamated and was instrumental in the foundation of the Garda Special Branch. In 1932 Eamon De Valera transferred him to an equivalent post in the Civil Service.

Until his death in 1983, Neligan drew pensions for the DMP-the British MI5-the Garda Siochana and the Irish Civil Service. He also received an “Old IRA pension through the Department of Defense

References use for this article (the Spy in the Castle- David Neligan- Michael Collins the Man Who Made Ireland-Who’s Who in the Irish War of Independence.



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