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7:30 PM
WHITE EAGLE HALL
DELAWARE AVENUE
KINGSTON, NY

CONGRATULATIONS FR. EDMUND BURKE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to our Chaplain Fr. Burke on his 40<sup>th</sup> annuversary as a priest on Easter Sunday. Thank you Fr. Burke for all your good works and bringing so many people to the Church



175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary's St. Peter's Church

Thank you to Fr. Bubel for inviting us to participate and welcome Cardinal Dolan to the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mary's St. Peter's Church. It was a special event and one that our younger members will remember for a life time.



## FROM THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Contributing Reporter Neil Murray



Heroes, Myths, and Legends -<u>Irish Hurling</u>

A fusion of legend and history, mythology and heroes, hurling stands alone as the oldest field game in the World. Predating Christianity, the game of Hurling dates to at least 3000 years ago in Ireland. With some of the earliest surviving written references to hurling found in 7th & 8th century Irish laws which describe various sporting injuries, its no doubt the sport is bruising and sometimes bloody. Hurling has survived the typical English attempt to suppress anything Irish and has reemerged as Irelands National game. The finals are epic and the athletes are heroes. With the clatter and the break of the Hurley (stick), the "clash of the ash" (ash being used to make the stick) is almost as if

watching the battles of mythical Irish warriors. The game is linked to the Gaelic Athletic Association and the rally of Ireland's youth in the drive for Independence. It's a fusion of legend and history. Even Michael Collins has rolled out a sliotar (leather ball) to start a game In legend and myth, hurling is considered a form of martial training and proficiency which translates into skill in battle.

Maybe even the great Irish hero Michael Collins drew from the power of the Hurley!

We see very early references to hurling in Irish myths and legends. Tain Bo Cuailgne, a legendary tale from early Irish literature, describes the exploits of Cu Chullainn. In the saga, Cu Chullainn (Hound of Cullen) kills a fierce guard dog by driving a sliotar down the hound's throat. Fighting this mythical beast, our hero uses a hurley and sliotar to kill this vicious hound. Possible representations of hurling are also found on two high crosses from Kells and Monsterboice. These dating to the 9th & 10th centuries A.D. On each of these crosses we see David killing a lion with what appears to be a sliotar and hurley. The 15th century Galloglass's grave slab from County Donegal

clearly depicts a hurley and sliotar. and all the corners of the earth Hurling thrived in early Ireland as a wild game and often violent practice with few set rules. With much variation in the forms of sticks and balls, the game, although Suilleabhain gives us a unique look never forget sitting in a Killarney similar, was different in the North than it was in the South. Legends apart, there are many references to hurling. For example, the Book of Leinster, written in 1152, gives an account of a hurling match between the people know as Fir Bolg and Tuathna De Danann. The the ball from one end of the green game referenced dating to 1272 BC.

There have been a few attempts by the English to outlaw the game, but, it has survived and flourished. During the 14th Century the English were so alarmed by the assimilation of their colonists with the Irish that the playing of hurling was banned on pain of fines and imprisonment. Laws passed in 1367,1527, and 1537 ended with the same result. Hurling lived on. Thank god for the Kilkenny men who are credited with saving he sport! In 1527 the English passed a law in Galway city which read "at no time to use ne occupy ye hurling of ye litill balle with the hookie sticks or staves, nor use no hand balle to play without the walls, but only the great foot balle". As early as 1527 it is clear the English didn't understand the Irish. Lord Chancelor William Gerrarde complains in 1587 that English settlers of Munster are "speaking Irish and playing hurling". Each attempt by the English to end the game fails. Even enduring the trials of the Great Hunger, a few strongholds kept the sport alive. There is no doubt; the Irish of the diaspora

brought this great game to America

where we find those of Irish heritage.

The diaries of Amhlaoibh O at hurling by describing a 1827 match, "It was a good game. The sticks were being brandished like swords. Hurling is a war like game. The west side won the first match and the east the second. You could hear the sticks striking born, hurling was on its way to being an organized sport.

Founded in 1884, the Gaelic Athletic Association, or GAA introduced a formal set of rules giving birth to the modern game played in Ireland today. The GAA Slainte, codified the two hurling traditions of the north and south and inspired the modern game. With fifteen men on each side and a field of 145 x 90 meters the rules are simple. Goalposts similar to those of Rugby are found on each end of the field. A player may strike the sliotar on the ground or in the air. They may also pick up the sliotar with their hurley. Players may also PM. We had the following reports: carry the sliotar in their hand for not more than four steps, after which they may bounce the sliotar on the hurley and catch it again. An amazing skill. To score, the sliotar needs to be put over the crossbar for a point, or, below the crossbar for a goal of three. Games are high scoring and fast paced. Tackling is allowed, but, you many not hit another player with the hurley. Hurling is considered by many to be the fastest field game in the world.

Hurling is an amazing sport of skill and Irish legend. It is connected with the Gaelic Revival and the quest for Irish freedom. It is one of the wolds oldest sports. I will pub watching a game of Hurling. Talking strategy and rules with some locals, this was one of my favorite memories of our trip to Ireland. I would encourage you all to follow and support the GAA and hurling. Not too many things are more Irish than the GAA and its to the other". With county rivalries connections with Irish Nationalism and Independence. Root for your favorite county or that of your ancestors, sit back, and enjoy a pint with the lads. During the season, you may hear me yell......UP KERRY!!

Neil



April 11, 2017 President Jim Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30 Treasurer Paul Geary reported on our accounts. Bill Murphy reported on our

Calendar fund raiser. Planning for the Hooley 2017 has begun.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the White Eagle.

## **ULSTER COUNTY AOH DIVISION 1**

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

If you are in the AOH, LAOH, JRAOH, or Pipe Band and would like to learn more about these initiatives or help manage them, please feel free to contact me via Facebook.

In the meantime, please check us out at the links below:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Uls terAOH

Twitter: @UlsterAOH We also have pages' setup for the Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley. They can be found at:

- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IC CHudsonValley
- Web: http://www.icchv.org
- Twitter: @ICCHudsonValley

Finally, if you have any pictures, events, or announcements you would like to have posted on the AOH or ICC Facebook pages, please send a message to either Facebook Account.



Please mail in your 2017 dues payment as soon as possible so we can send in the payments to the State and National.

As you know the \$25.00 annual dues is split between Local AOH-State AOH and the National AOH

Remember we need to pay for all those on our membership list for

National and State Dues. Send years to:

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Our condolences to the family of Don Donahue, Don was a frequent bagpiper at all of our parade events for many years before the AOH was able to establish our own Pipe, Drum and Honor Guard Band Please keep the Donahue family in your prayers. May Perpetual Life Shine upon him and may he rest in Peace.



#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep in your prayers all our members who may be experiencing ill health especially: Brothers Dr. Jim Cone, Joe Fay,

Tom Kelly, George McArdle, Tom McInerney, Bill Yosh.



#### IRISH CULTURE CENTER (ICC) - HUDSON VALLEY

www.icchv.org **Bob Carey** 

### **Kingston X-Country Summer Series (Summer Series)**

Five cross country runs over 5 consecutive weeks, starting Wednesday July 5th 7PM Twin Lakes. Children's runs 7 years of age and under and 8 to 14 year olds precede each race. Kick off BBQ

following the race. Distances your 2017 dues and any other prior graduate weekly from 3 to 5 miles. Go to www.ICCHV.org to down load a race app to send in or sign up at the race. Email Bob Carey with any questions bob@sustainablestructures.com or call (914) 906-1165. Thank you goes out to our sponsors: CYO, Keegan Ales, Ryan & Ryan Insurance, Independent Financial Services, St. Mary's Church and Rondout Savings Bank. Special thanks to the property owners who allow us to use their land: Twin Lakes, Coleman High School, Gill Farms and Hudson Valley Ice.

### GAELIC LANGUAGE CLASS AT KINGSTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL, 159 BROADWAY. KINGSTON, NY!

Every Friday night at 6:30 PM about 10 students and 1 teacher gather to explore the written and spoken language of Ireland and Scotland, namely Gaelic. She is one of the oldest languages in Europe, much older than English. At present, due to the singular beauty of the language and her natural attractiveness in a multitude of ways, people all over North America are flocking to local classes to learn Gaelic. The days where people of Irish and Scottish background in North America were embarrassed by the soft and lilting Gaelic and English spoken by their parents and Grandparents are LONG gone and practically forgotten. The new generation of Americans could care less about how long their families have lived on this side of the ocean and how well they are or are not assimilated into the American culture. They happily and fully embrace ANY language

which catches their ears or imaginations; they exercise their freedom of choice! Many of the people in Gaelic class have NO connection to Ireland nor Scotland whatsoever. Often, people are drawn to the language because they look like a primitive tool from the hear Gaelic singers sing beautiful compositions that speak to them not in English, but in the international language of love. They will often say "I have no idea what words were just sung in that song, but I know exactly what it was about!"

Another possible reason for the attractiveness of the language is perhaps that the stories of the Gaels, a long history of hardship, brutality, exile and heroic sacrifice reach out to a world audience and make a profound emotional connection with them. Gone are the days of people, whether of Gaelic background or not, who have a negative attitude toward the BOBDOMHNALLACH10@OUT language from having a serious and LOOK.COM retarding influence on other folks who express an interest in learning Gaelic from doing so. Honestly, the people of today, especially the young generation could care less about the negative emotional baggage of anyone else, especially the older generation. Is this not a good and beautiful thing and how it should be? That's right; the individual expression of freedom towards whatever ends the person has in mind. When one stops to consider the fact that learning another language makes one more intelligent, knowledgeable about his own native language, and improves one's creativity amongst numerous other benefits, the fact is obvious that a celebration is in order!

In conclusion, tremendous advances in computer technology

have advanced greatly the amount and rate of learning possible both in the classroom and at home. The interactive whiteboard as a presentation and learning tool makes the traditional chalkboard Stone Age! Gaelic class would be nonexistent without the generous support of KCS, Saint Mary's Parish, the ICCHV and the AOH and we thank all of them for their kindness and vision.

So, if you have even the slightest amount of curiosity, come on down Palm Sunday parade organized by Friday evening at 6:30 and learn the language of the Irish and Scottish Highlanders, connect with your birthright or your muse but mostly, have fun, make new friends, and feel good about what you can accomplish. \$10 per class is a bargain!

Bigi linn! (Join us!) Bob McDonald (Instructor)

The ICCHV continues to sponsor many programs of Irish Cultural interest. Please check our website www.icchv.org

ICC Meetings- once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 5:30PM, 20 Broadway, Kingston, NY

If you are not receiving Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley update emails about meetings and events and would like to receive the emails, please send an email to-- communicate@icchv.org and your email address will be added to the list.



The Ulster County AOH Pipe and Drum band participated at two local events this month: A special arrival fanfare ceremony for His **Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan** at St. Mary and St. Peter's 175th anniversary mass; and a special Fr Salvador Cordaro in New Paltz.

We welcomed some new members and hope to provide a great representation of the AOH for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Practice has been moved to Wednesday nights, starting at 6:30pm, at the White Eagle; anyone interested in learning is welcome to attend. Beginners classes are held Saturday mornings, 8:00 AM at Arace Electric,

We are always looking for new members for the Pipes, Drums, or Honor Guard. If you would like to learn to play the Pipes, Drums or participate as part of the Honor Guard you are welcome. Call for information about the band. Please contact Jim Carey or Robin Carey at 338-6622 or any member of the band and be ready to have some fun and laughs.



Participation in the JAOH is at an all-time high!! We have been working hard having a bottle drive and working on raising some funds to make a donation to a local charity. We currently have over \$100 in funds raised and are working hard getting more bottles

We are preparing a Hooley activity that we are planning on running for

and cans to return.

Please check us out on Facebook, Instagram, and our website (work in progress).

https://m.facebook.com/Ulster-County-Junior-AOH-1507063246269731/

http://instagram.com/ulsterjunioraoh http://www.ulsteraoh.com/Junior/20Di Ken Brett & Bill Yosh host the vision.htm.

As always, we need your help to spread the word. Nephews, Cousins, Grandsons, Family Friends... we need them all to join! Please help keep the AOH alive by infecting our youngsters with the same beliefs and cultural richness as we have!

Please call me directly for involvement - Dave Jackson 845-389-5150. Any input and assistance is welcomed!!



#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Sponsor someone for membership. Applications are on the website and dues are only \$25.00 per year.

Keep searching out those Irish sons that qualify for membership. We need all the help we can get.



#### THE IRISH SHOW

kids and participants at the Hooley. Bill Yosh and Ken Brett are very appreciative of recent generous donations to the Irish Show. If any members have a special event or interest, they would like to promote please let them know. They love to share with their listener's news about local events.

> Irish Show on WKNY 1490 on the 04/04 #313 \$35 Tod Wrixon AM dial. 8:06AM every Sunday. The Irish Show is sponsored by the 04/06 #118 \$35 Claudette Zinkow Division 1 AOH. Ken and Bill Irish show featuring traditional Irish music: jigs and reels about love, war, celebrations and newest contemporary Irish music from the latest Irish musicians and Irish American musicians. Also Irish American favorites such as Bing Crosby and Dennis Day along with St. Patrick's Day Irish blessings and Irish proverbs--Special theme shows such as St.Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter a visit from Santa Claus, Veterans Day, and July 4<sup>TH</sup>...Every Song is Dedicated 04/28 #712 \$35 Mary Ann DiPietro to someone locally or around the world...live streamed to listeners around the country and the world-special opportunity to celebrate the life of loved ones with the parting

glass...all sponsors are locally owned and most are family owned and operated. Take out an ad; send in a dedication or someone's birthday you want remembered. Dennis Howard originally hosted the Irish Show it is now in its 38th year. Hosted now by Ken Brett and Bill Yosh, who are starting their 32<sup>nd</sup> year, the Irish Show continues to keep everyone up to date on the Irish culture and news of the Hudson Valley. www.1490wkny.com

"LUCKY THREE" IRISH **CALENDAR WINNERS** Bill Murphy **MAY** 

04/04 #313 \$35 Pam Boyle 04/04 #313 \$35 Connor Wrixon & Linzey Pugliese 04/06 #118 \$35 Dan Turck 04/07 #404 \$35 Patricia Kelly 04/07 #404 \$35 Donald J. Miller Jr. 04/08 #531 \$35 Joanne Kelly 04/08 #531 \$35 Brad Jordan 04/09 #461 \$75 Laurie Pettergill 04/11 #248 \$35 Matthew Croswell 04/11 #248 \$35 John & Joann Lawyer 04/14 #258 \$75 James McGowan 04/15 #777 \$35 W.G. Mulligan 04/17 #372 \$35 Patti Duffy 04/18 #323 \$35 Arthur J. Smith 04/18 #323 \$35 Dustin Donaldson 04/21 #261 \$35 Kevin T. Ferrigan 04/28 #712 \$35 Cliff Hotaling 04/30 #949 \$75 Arthur Davis

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• Add bourbon mixture to pan;

mixture has reduced to 1/4 cup

(about 3 minutes). Serve sauce

over beef; sprinkle with parsley

cook over medium-high heat until

The Lucky Three Ticket is based on the 3-digit number of the NYS Evening Pick Three Numbers. As in past years all you need to do is pick your number and Pay your \$25.00 This year we have raised the payoff to \$35.00 per day You have a chance to win \$35.00 each day of the year.....



#### <u>Filet Mignon with Sweet</u> Bourbon-Coffee Sauce

Source: Cooking Light Ingredients

- 1/2 cup water
- 3 Tbsp. bourbon
- 1 1/2 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. beef-flavored bouillon granules
- 1/2 tsp. instant coffee granules
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 4 (4-oz.) beef tenderloin steaks, trimmed (about 1 inch thick)
- Cooking spray
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley Recipe Image Instructions
- Combine first 5 ingredients in a small bowl; set aside.
- Sprinkle pepper and salt over both sides of steaks. Heat a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add steaks; cook 2 minutes on each side. Reduce heat to medium; cook steaks 2 minutes or until desired degree of doneness. Transfer steaks to a platter; cover and keep warm.

NEXT MEETING
May 9, 2017
6:30 PM
Divine Mercy Room
St. Mary's St Peter's
Church

What a beautiful Easter we had! May we all continue to bask in the glory of the Resurrection and this wonderful season of spring!

Susan Feeney was sworn in as a member of the LAOH. She is a member of St. Mary's St. Peters and was sponsored by Kathleen Houghtaling. Welcome Susan! Thank you Kathleen Houghtaling for volunteering to step in as Vice President for the remainder of the year. With nominations and elections right around the corner, please consider volunteering your time and effort to be a Board Member.

We will be hosting a Degree Ceremony, conducted by the Trinity Degree Team, in Kingston, at a date to be announced. Unfortunately, the Degree team we've been in contact with has indicated they will be unable to make the trip to Kingston. Becky has been in touch with the Trinity Degree Team, who is more than happy to help us host a Degree Ceremony. As many members of the team will be in Ireland the end of April, she will

discuss a date with them at the NYS
Board meeting in May and report back
to the membership. Becky thanks you
for your patience and understanding,
as circumstances beyond her control
has caused this date to be changed
twice. The Degrees of our Order are
an essential part of being a member of
the Ladies Ancient Order of
Hibernians, Inc.

The Cups-Cooks-Canvas Fundraiser sponsored by the LAOH, a painting with a purpose for Aurora "Rory" Decker, a two-year-old child from Port Ewen who is going through a BRAVE battle with cancer, was a HUGE success. Thank you Pam Boyle and Chrissie Wrixon for chairing this event.

Our NYS board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. SHARP (9:15 a.m. sign in) at the Gavin's Irish County Inn, 118 Golden Hill Road, Cornwallville, NY (outside of East Durham) 12418. The meeting will be held in Gavin's main dining room and everyone is welcome to join us at a post-meeting luncheon. The cost is \$15. Please let Becky know if you wish to attend the meeting and/or the luncheon.

In lieu of a traditional testimonial dinner to honor LAOH New York State President and our sister, Karen Keane, LAOH Albany is hosting a carnival for Karen on Saturday, May 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Gavin's Country Inn following the state board meeting in East Durham. Beer, wine, soda and hors d'oeuvres are included in the \$25 ticket price. There will be carnival-type games and a souvenir ad journal to benefit the Patricia Doyle Memorial grant, which will be awarded during the LAOH NYS Biennial Convention in Buffalo this coming July. Please let Becky know if you are interested in attending.

Our Lady of Knock Pilgrimage Mass will be held in East Durham, NY, on May 7. More details to follow. St. Mary's St. Peter's Communion breakfast will be held on May 21, at Savanna's after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited. More information will be available at the forthcoming meetings.

The LAOH "Birthright Shower" will take place at the May meeting. Birthright has been providing love, support and hope for women/babies for over 45 years. Our local chapter located in the old St. Peter's School building on Adams Street provides diapers, formula, clothes and other donated items for newborns and small children. There is no charge. Birthright relies on donations from community supporters. At this time Birthright is especially in need of hygiene items such as shampoo, body wash, etc., socks in T sizes, clothes in sizes 3-5 (both boys and girls) and baby cereal. If anyone wishes to give a monetary donation, checks should be made out to Ulster County Birthright.

Scholarship applications are now available. Please contact Pat Clausi at 338-3868 or patricia sulivanclausi@gmail.com for more information. Applications are available to graduating seniors from high school who is children/grandchildren of good standing LAOH members.

The chairs for the June social are Becky Dunne, Grace Rodriguez and Chrissie Wrixon. At the May meeting, they will be prepared to present to the membership three places to vote on. This event ("picnic") will be held on June 13 in lieu of our regular meeting. Family and friends are invited. More information is forthcoming.

The Hooley Chairs are Pam Boyle, Chrissie Wrixon, Becky Dunne, Pat Schiskie and Betty Manicone. Thank you, ladies, for stepping up to the plate. As always, we know the Hooley on the Hudson scheduled for September 3 will be as successful as always!

The Columban Fathers are the principal charity of the Ladies Ancient Please always remember to reach out Order of Hibernians, Inc., as was pledged to Bishop Galvin in 1935. The Missionary Society of St. Columban (also known as the Columban Fathers) was founded by Fathers Edward Galvin and John Blowick of Ireland in 1918 to proclaim and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today, the Society is comprised of nearly 700 Columban missionaries, including priests, seminarians and lay missionaries. The demands of the Gospel call us to stand with the poor. The suffering of the downtrodden becomes our cross, too. That is the work of the Missionary Society of St. Columban in the United States and around the world. They cross boundaries of country, language and culture to establish the Catholic Church among people who have not heard or have barely heard the Gospel. They help churches mature until they are able to evangelize their own people, and promote dialogue between Christians and those of other religious faiths. Since 1921, the headquarters for the Society in the United States has been located near Bellevue, Nebraska (south of Omaha). However, they have a location right in NYS. St. Columban's on the Lake is a retirement community on Lake Erie ministered to by Columban Sisters. It houses Columbian priests and other retirees. There is also a retirement home in Bristol, Rhode Island. As you know, St. Bridget is also very associated with the LAOH. Thank you Rose Ferraro-Bruck for your donation to purchase a new St. Bridget statue!

At our May meeting, we will raffle off a handmade crocheted American flag

that was donated to the LAOH by Lynn Gorman's family after her death. Everyone who is interested in winning the flag is eligible. If you are not planning to attend the meeting, tell someone to submit your name for the raffle.

to our membership if you are in need of prayers or some kind of help. At one time or another, we all need assistance. We are fortunate to be a sisterhood who are there for each other.

Again, thank you to everyone who made all the March activities successful and fun. They were all carried out with pride and professionalism! No wonder the LAOH keeps growing! Have a happy and safe Memorial Day. Remember those who gave their lives so we might live in freedom. God Bless America!

## REMEMBER THESE DATES **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### GAELIC LANGUAGE CLASS

Kingston Catholic School, 159 Broadway Kingston, NY Friday Night

#### **BOSTON IRISH FEST**

JUNE 3 & 4 CANTON, MA



#### HOOLEY ON THE HUDSONTM

**SUNDAY** SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 11:50AM TO 9:00PM



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## **Hibernian Motto**

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Cairdis, Aontacht agus, Chríostaí Carthanais

Keep the Faith

Is Cuimhin Linn (We Remember)



