



The President's Message

Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit Happy New Year



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Katrina Relief Committee Update

From Brian Fahey, Committee Chairman,

I received word from Rita Baliban the other day. She arrived at St. Joseph's without incident and said that Camille and Fr. O'Bryan were most grateful for the goods delivered.

It seems that Camille put Rita to work... in fact Camille cut short my conversation with Rita to put her to tasks. But in the few minutes that we spoke, Rita said that the area had made significant progress since she was there last (but it still has a long way to go before full recovery). Stores were open, roadways were cleared, etc. At the parish, the hall has been re-roofed, some interior walls are in place, some electrical, and some plumbing. They've also installed a temporary heater, donated by another individual or group. Rita said that she has taken lots of pictures and has even secured some pictures from Camille documenting their progress of the hall. The only comment from Camille regarding immediate need was the fact that she asked us to pray for a plumber.

I'm certain I'll get a more extensive debrief from Rita when she has the time to spare. But I wanted to pass on the word that our materials got to St. Joe's and are being put to good use.

Christmas Toast

The Division's Annual Christmas Toast at the Dunleavy's Pub was a rousing success. Approximately 20-30 brothers were in attendance and shared in the fellowship and ceremonies recognizing several individuals who have been instrumental in making our Division so successful. The toast was offered and responses were given. In each case they reflected the toaster's respect and admiration for the Division and spoke to a Happy and Prosperous New Year for all. The applause from the members reflected the same admiration and respect for the toasters. Thanks also to all that answered Bill Dunleavy's requests for pledges in support of the Annual Polar Bear Swim. Proceeds from that event go to South Carolina Special Olympics.

Where in Ireland Are We?



Known as the 'Banner County, this month's county has a living Gaelic tradition, which can be heard and seen especially in its music and arts. Many natives of the County still speak Gaelic as their everyday language. With the upsurge of interest in all things Irish, this County's cultural heritage is proving to be very popular with visitors. Consequently some of the villages and towns of the County (i.e. Doolin, Miltown Malbay) are becoming world famous for the traditional music and musicians to be heard here.

Alongside its cultural offerings the County also offers some spectacular scenery. Within its regional borders are to be found some diverse features and odd quirks of nature. These include the Cliffs of Moher - some of the highest sea-cliffs in Europe, species of Alpine flora living almost at sea-level (Mountain Avens) and the 'Burren', a karst limestone region covering a large proportion of the County.

The county town, though expanding rapidly, at its centre maintains an air of antiquity, attributable to the narrow and (some) cobbled streets in part, but also to the many well-preserved old buildings and ruins.

Last month's Where Are We?

Kerry has traditionally been Ireland's premier tourist County, chiefly because of its spectacular physical features. Killarney and its hinterland is probably one of the best known tourist destinations in Europe. The whole



South Kerry area, together with the Dingle Peninsula are also very prominent tourist destinations. Many new visitor attractions have been developed in recent years, particularly in the Tralee area, such as The Geraldine Centre, Kerry County Museum, Blennerville Windmill, Tralee/Blennerville Steam Train and Tralee Aqua Dome.

The Hibernian Hunger Project needs your help

Ireland Unfree Shall Never Be At Peace

History Lesson

This month's lesson is of a humorous nature and was submitted by Father James Parker. Enjoy.

Words for The Spirit

By Father Roger Coughlin

Almost 50 years ago I heard a classmate of mine tell a Christmas story which has always been a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

In 1829, Daniel O'Connell became the first Irishman to sit in the English House of Commons. He sat there as the leader of the downtrodden and persecuted Irish Catholics. One day a member of the House, the Honorable Thomas Massey-Massey rose up and called for the House to pass a law prohibiting the use of the word Christmas.

He argued that the term Christmas was the forcing together of the two words Christ and Mass. He bellowed that England should stop tolerating a word which gave credence to the Roman superstition of the Mass. He asked the members of the House to declare that henceforth the December celebrations should be known as Christtide. All heads turned toward Daniel O'Connell. They expected a strong, vigorous rebuttal.

O'Connell slowly rose to his feet, obviously undaunted by the attack of the Honorable Massey-Massey. Addressing the House he said, "The Irish contingent would have no difficulty with the proposed change of Christmas to Christtide, provided that the Honorable Thomas Massey-Massey would be willing to change his name to Thomtide Tidey-Tidey." The ensuing uproarious laughter in the house killed the proposal, and once the humorous incident was told around the country, the Honorable Thomas Massey-Massey was forced to withdraw from the House of Commons.

January Marks 33 Anniversary of Bloody Sunday

On Sunday January 30, 1972, in an incident since known as Bloody Sunday, 14 unarmed men and boys were shot dead (one of whom died 4 months later) and 13 others were wounded by British paratroopers after a Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association march in the Bogside area of the city of Derry, Northern Ireland. The march was organized by Derry Stormont MP Ivan Cooper to protest against internment without trial of Irishmen, predominantly Catholic, in Northern Ireland.

While the start of the IRA's campaign against British rule had begun three years prior to Bloody Sunday, the IRA had been a considerably smaller and weaker organization. Bloody Sunday boosted the status of the organisation, and many young Catholics, who felt aggrieved at what they perceived as the injustice of the day, joined the IRA. Graffiti in Belfast prior to Bloody Sunday famously stated that IRA stood for I Ran Away. Memory of Bloody Sunday overshadows most other violent instances in the history of the recent troubles of Northern Ireland, arguably because it was carried out by the forces of the British Government and not paramilitaries.

2006 Annual Banquet Plans Finalized



In the tradition of old Charleston and in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the John L. Manning Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is happy to announce our 2006 annual banquet. The event will be held February 18, 2006 in the Gold Ballroom of the Francis Marion Hotel and will begin with a cocktail hour from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. followed by dinner and socializing from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M.

Cost for the banquet is \$65.00 per person and will include an open bar for the entire evening, hors d'oeuvres, and your choice of dinner from several selections. Attire for the evening will be black tie business formal. Invitations and additional information will follow. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Our intent is to make this an annual event to kickoff the celebration of St. Patrick's Day so we need the participation and support of our entire membership.

Project Saint Patrick



Support for this worthy project is ongoing. You can be a active sponsor by obtaining and using the Project St. Patrick Memorial Cards. A new supply of cards have arrived. You can get them from Brother Al Stiles.

AOH Supper Club

CHANGE IN JANUARY SCHEDULE

The January 19th meeting at O'Briens in Mt. Pleasant has been changed. O'Briens is no longer Irish owned. It has been sold.



We will meet at 6:45pm on Thursday January 19th at the Bluerose Cafe, 652 St. Andrews Blvd. This Irish establishment has excellent food. We met there last year. If you missed it, don't miss it again.

The November meeting at Jimmy Dengates was attended by over 20 members and guests and all had an enjoyable time.

Questions and suggestions are always welcomed by Brian Davis @ 579-6503

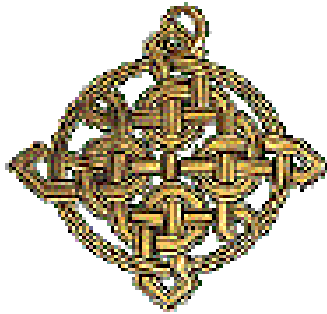
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Schedule of Events



This and That

January

11	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	K of C Hall Calhoun St
15	State Board Meeting	1:30 PM	Columbia
19	Blue Rose Cafe	6:45 PM	Hwy 61

February

8	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	K of C Hall Calhoun St
18	Annual Banquet	6:00 PM	Francis Marion Hotel

No Supper Club meeting in February

March

8	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	K of C Hall Calhoun St
17	St Patrick's Day		Schedule in Next Month's Newslet ter

No Supper Club meeting in February

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Monthly Meeting
 January 11, 2006
 7:30 PM
 Knights of Columbus Hall
 143 Calhoun Street

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