



The Charleston Celtic Crier



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The President's Message

Greetings Brothers. We have now all survived the frenzied activities of St. Patrick's Day and the many events of this festive season. For that I congratulate all of you. A special thanks must once again be extended to Jimmy Finnegan for the tireless work done by him and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. It was a spectacularly successful event. We had the largest number of participants and more people lined the parade route than in anyone's memory. In addition many of our Brothers attended the 8 AM Mass, as well as the SC Historical Society Irish Flag Raising at City Hall, and the KofC Irish luncheon at their Hall on Calhoun Street. All in all a good time was had by all (and with a minimum of injuries). Our April meeting will take place on the 12th of this month, and I look forward to seeing all of you. We will have an update on our Pearlinton, Mississippi St. Joseph's Parish project and I will report on my recent return trip down to the Gulf Coast. I also want to alert you to an important upcoming event. On April 24th [the 90th anniversary of the Easter Rising in Dublin], Brother David Gleeson & myself will be giving a presentation for the Charleston Historical society at the Karpeles Museum. Please make an effort to join us in this significant commemoration.



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Record St. Patrick's Day in the Books



Jimmy Finnegan has done it once again. Pulling together a team made up of members from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, the South Carolina Irish Historical Society and the Knights of Columbus, he mounted the largest, most successful St. Patrick's Day the city has ever seen.

The day began with Mass at St. Patrick's Church with the Bishop of Charleston as the Principal Celebrant. The Mass was followed by the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade that was, this year bigger than ever with over 70 units registered. Estimates suggest also that a record number of spectators lined the route. After the raising of te flag hundreds of participants and onlookers retired to the Knights of Columbus Hall for a lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage enjoyed by 300. The lunch was followed by entertainment provided by pipers and the Drake School of Irish Dance

The President Returns to Pearlinton and St. Joseph's Parish

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Where in Ireland Are We?



"This month's County is located in western Ireland, in Munster Province, northwest of the Shannon River. The terrain is hilly, especially in the northern and eastern sections of the county, with extreme elevations reaching about 533 m (about 1749 ft.) above sea level. Numerous lakes and marshes are found in the interior. Along the county's main river in the south are large areas suitable for cultivation and pasturage. The coast is generally rugged, with only one safe anchorage on the Atlantic Ocean and the estuary of the river contains a number of good harbors. Tourism is the major industry in this area. A large number of old castles and abbeys, several ancient towers, and numerous raths (earthworks of ancient Irish chieftains) and cromlechs (circles of standing stones) abound. Agricultural activity, mostly small-scale, consists mainly of stock farming. The principal crops are oats and potatoes. Various modest mineral deposits were formerly worked in the county, and flagstone, slate, and marble are currently quarried.

Last month's Where Are We?

County Meath, sometimes known as the "Royal County", is rich in archaeological sites. The Hill of Tara, once the seat of the High Kings of Ireland, and the ancient burial chamber at Newgrange are



world famous. The pretty town of Kells is world renowned through its connection with the Book of Kells. The famous Battle of the Boyne, in which King William of Orange defeated his father-in-law King James II, was fought in County Meath. The Duke of Wellington, who defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo, was a Meath man as was the famous writer Dean Jonathan Swift, and Saint Oliver Plunkett.

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The Hibernian Hunger Project needs your help

Ireland Unfree Shall Never Be At Peace

History Lesson

The Easter Uprising 1916



Irish Citizen Army outside Liberty Hall

The **Easter Rising** (Irish: *Éirí Amach na Cásca*) was a militarily unsuccessful rebellion staged in Ireland against British rule on Easter Monday in April 1916. Nevertheless, despite its military failure, it can be judged as being a significant stepping-stone in the eventual creation

of the Irish Republic. The rising was the most significant since the rebellion of 1798 (led by the father of Irish Republicanism, Theobald Wolfe Tone and the United Irishmen). It was an attempt by militant republicans to violently force independence from the United Kingdom. The Irish Republican revolutionary attempt occurred from April 24 to April 30, 1916, in which a part of the Irish Volunteers led by school teacher and barrister Pádraig Pearse and the smaller Irish Citizen Army of James Connolly seized key locations in Dublin and proclaimed an Irish Republic independent of Britain. The Rising was suppressed and its leaders executed.

The event is seen as a key turning point on the road to Irish independence, as it marked a split between physical-force republicanism and mainstream non-violent nationalism represented by the Irish Parliamentary Party under John Redmond. Redmond, through democratic parliamentary politics had won an initial stage of Irish self-government within the United Kingdom, granted through the Third Home Rule Act 1914. This Act, limited by the fact that it partitioned Ireland into Northern Ireland and "Southern Ireland", was placed on the statute books in September 1914, but suspended for the duration of World War I. It ultimately became enacted under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.

However, by then Irish nationalism was dominated by militant Republican politics that had been espoused by the Easter 1916 rebels. Surviving officers of the uprising (including Eamon de Valera, Cathal Brugha, and Michael Collins) went on to organise the Irish War of Independence from 1919-1921 which resulted in the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 and independence for 26 of Ireland's 32 counties. The executed leaders of the Easter Rising are venerated in the Irish Republican tradition as martyrs and as founders of the Irish Republic.



Charleston Historical Society to Host Easter Rising Lecture

The Charleston Historical Society will co-sponsor a lecture in the CHS series "A Celebration of Charleston's Irish Heritage" at the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum at 68 Spring Street on Monday 24 April, 2006 at 7:00 PM. The lecture entitled, "The Easter Rising in Ireland and the Reaction in Charleston", will be presented by Dr. David Gleeson, PhD, and CHS Director Stephen Jennings White, Sr.. It is free and open to the public. The lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Gleeson will present an account of the attempted revolt to gain Irish independence that began on April 24th 1916. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the ill-fated rebellion. In the second portion of the discussion Mr. White will discuss how the News & Courier reported on the revolt and editorialized its meaning in the midst of WWI.

Duffy Residence Plaque to be Blessed



The plaque honoring Msgr. Duffy is finished and has been mounted on the Residence. The Bishop will Bless the plaque during a ceremony that will be conducted at 3:00 PM, April 11, 2006. All Brothers are asked to attend the milestone event in the life of the project to restore the Residence for use by Seminarians and Volunteers as they work in the community. For more information, call Brother Al Stiles at 345-8206.

AOH Supper Club

The April outing of the AOH Supper Club is scheduled for April 20 at either the Blue Rose Cafe in West Ashley or O'Malley's, the new Irish Pub on upper King Street. Details and location will be announced at the meeting.



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

Project Saint Patrick



Support for this worthy project is ongoing. You can be an 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.

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Schedule of Events

April 12	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	K of C Hall Calhoun St
20	Supper Club	6:45 PM	TBD

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The group's efforts were centered on the First Presbyterian Church where the group members each paid a nominal fee for food and a patch of churchyard to set up quarters. They were expected to help out wherever needed around the church site and gather early each morning for daily assignments. Working with the program directors, storm victims themselves as were many of the fellow volunteers, the group assisted in getting food & supplies, preparing meals, doing cleanup chores, etc.

Major projects focused on major sites in and around the Bay St. Louis locality. First stop was St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pearlington, Ms. As previously reported, this church had suffered mightily during & since Hurricane Katrina. On an earlier Alternative Fall Break Trip with about 100 CofC students in October, volunteers helped to sort through the wreckage of the rectory and cleared off much of the lot. Our organization (Ancient Order of Hibernians) subsequently adopted this parish and has been sending them money & supplies to aid in their recovery. On this trip Stephen and his colleagues spent the entire day carrying debris to the road for disposal by FEMA debris removal crews. At end of the day Father O'Bryan and Camille thanked us repeatedly for all of the money, supplies, and assistance that our AOH Division had presented to them since the first group's foray into the wilds of Pearlington

The project involved repainting the entire exterior of the partially repaired home of two high school science teachers who, with their son were still living in FEMA trailers and only gradually getting back inside the damaged structure This job required about nine and one half hours of nonstop work with a crew of 13 people assisted by the son and the daughter and Son-in-Law.

The third major project involved Stephen Jr, his sister Sarah & Stephen Sr working as a roofing crew. To repair the roof of the secretary to the Chief of Police of Hancock County. Ms. Laura Griffith broke down in tears when she realized that we were there to finally fix the leaking structure. A camera crew from the local TV station WLAX Channel 10 who wanted to film some recovery work for their 6 o'clock news briefly interrupted us. Our crew worked there from 9 AM until 6:30 PM with a one-hour lunch break [9 ½ hrs.].



Lights and fans provided by Our Division



Interior of Parish Hall



Stephen, Fr. O'Bryan, and Camille

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Monthly Meeting
 April 12, 2006
 7:30 PM
 Knights of Columbus Hall
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