



The Charleston Celtic Crier



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Dear Brothers of the Msgr. John L. Manning Division. Welcome back from your Summer vacations. I hope that all of you have had a safe and active, and not too hot season. I want to thank all of you who represented our division and your state AOH at the High Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 23 July. It is an honor & privilege to be asked to participate in such important church services. I also want to congratulate all of our division members who were able to represent us & the state AOH in our National Convention in Boston. A special thanks to Neil Diamond who organized the Southern hospitality room, and to our Brothers Bob Mott (Myrtle Beach) and Joe Dougherty (Columbia) who were elected to important national offices. We have some really vital work ahead of us to get off and running from our Summer rest. August 9th we gather once again for our 2nd-Wednesday-of-the-month-meeting. We have very important matters to discuss regarding the Halfway to St. Pat's celebration (Sept. 17), and getting our committees for the St. Pat's Day Parade, the 2nd Annual Banquet, and the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hurricane Katrina Relief back in operation. We need a large turnout for this back-from-vacation gathering so we can get back in gear. We will have a minimum of discussion and a maximum amount of good cheer, with Brother Al Stiles' famous boiled shrimp feast. So come one, come all to our fellowship and work in FRIENDSHIP, UNITY, & TRUE CHRISTIAN CHARITY.

Your Humble President

Stephen J. White, Sr.



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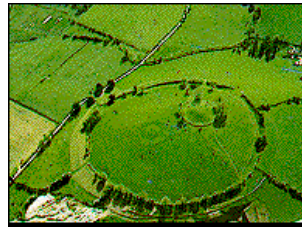
August Meeting & Shrimp Fest



The August meeting will be held on August 9, at 7:30 PM. This meeting marks the kickoff of our 2006-2007 program year. At the top of the agenda will be the distribution of the Halfway

to St. Patrick's Day Raffle tickets. The Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Raffle is our biggest fund raiser and requires the full support of the Division to be successful. In addition to addressing a very full agenda, we will also be enjoying boiled shrimp after the meeting. Please do not miss this important meeting

Where in Ireland Are We?



The spiritual capital of Ireland for 1,500 years and the seat of both Protestant and Catholic archbishops, This County is the most venerated of Irish cities. St. Patrick called it 'my sweet hill' and built his stone church on the hill where the Anglican cathedral now stands.

The popular game, road bowls, is played only in the leafy lanes round here and in county Cork. The iron bowls weigh 28 ounces and are hurled by the players along a course of several miles in the fewest possible throws. The excitement is contagious - the betting heavy - and spectators have to keep their eye on the bowl as it comes hurtling along the road, cutting corners, or flying over hedges. Men from this county have often won the Irish championships.

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party

Dunleavy's Pub on Sullivan's Island is once again the site of the Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party on September 16, 2006. As always we can be assured of good food, fellowship, drink and music, not mention a football game or two. The highlight of the day will be, of course, the drawings for the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Raffle. Prizes include:

- 1st - \$4000.00
- 2nd - \$250.00 [4 awards]

While you don't have to be present to win, you should afford yourself the opportunity to share in the excitement of the win, whether the win is yours or someone else's. Only 250 tickets will sold and tickets will be mailed to those Brothers missing the meeting.



May's Where Are We?

County Waterford has some of the most beautiful [and varied] scenery in Ireland. Much of the north and centre of the county is mountainous, including the Comeragh range with its stunning lakes. The Waterford coastline is a series of rugged cliffs and sand-fringed bays, where you'll find many attractive seaside resorts - Tramore being the most well known.



The Blackwater valley, with its flanking hills and numerous wooded stretches, provides the finest river scenery in Ireland. The picturesque town of Lismore, through which the Blackwater flows, is beautifully situated at the foot of the Knockmealdown Mountains. The charming fishing village of Dunmore East is well worth a visit.

Learn more at: <http://www.countywaterford.com/>

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The Hibernian Hunger Project needs your help

History Lesson

Here are highlights of Irish History for August 9th, this month's meeting night. They were taken from

August 9

1690 - First siege of Limerick begins

1850 - Irish Tenant League is founded

1971 - Internment without charge or trial is introduced in Northern Ireland; the first wave of arrests on this date is based largely on incorrect or outdated information and causes massive resentment among nationalists; 17 people are killed in the rioting that follows

1979 - The first Vietnamese boat people arrive in Ireland

1998 - U2's PopMart movie debuts at the Festival Revue in Edinburgh, Scotland

2000 - Secondary picketing by striking train drivers, who are members of the Irish Locomotive Drivers' Association, causes transport chaos for thousands of Dublin commuters.

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The Extradition Treaty

REMARKS BEFORE THE U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BY AOH NATIONAL PRESIDENT JACK MEEHAN, JULY 21, 2006, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Chairman Lugar and Members of the Committee. I thank you for the opportunity to express the concerns of the nation's oldest and largest Irish Catholic organization. Our members have included the late President John F. Kennedy, John Cardinal O'Connor, the astronaut James McDevitt and the actor Pat O'Brien as well as religious, labor and political leaders from around the country. Our concerns are three fold and I will put them succinctly.

First, it is being proposed that a "fast track" extradition process be adopted. The fact that the UK HAS already adopted this treaty is proof positive of their disregard for law and due process; a fact sadly demonstrated over and over again in six counties of Ireland. The fact that the US has NOT adopted it as yet is a distinction with a difference. The distinction is between the rights of U.S. citizens and the rights of "subjects" of Her Majesty's Government. This is often glossed over by British and Department of State spin masters with use of phrases like "the special relationship." No "fast track" extradition should ever be considered for a government with the track record of corruption of law and justice which Britain has in the North of Ireland. A track record well documented by most major human and civil rights organizations and our Department of State Human Rights Annual Reports. More importantly no "fast track" extradition process should be adopted which diminishes the rights and freedoms of Americans. Second, a Department of State fact sheet on this Treaty attempts to make a distinction between a "political offense" and a "political motivation." I submit to you the operative word is political. Ernest Benn, a Member of the House of Commons last century once stated "Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedy." I submit to you that this Treaty is a poorly diagnosed solution in search of a problem all in service to politics. The fact that you have chosen to interrupt the people's business of this nation to swiftly adopt a new extradition Treaty where no problem with the current one has been made manifest speaks volumes about politics. Merit need never be a considered.

Third, and finally, in our century long struggle to wake up America to Britain's murderous mayhem in Northern Ireland, we were reminded over and over again how different our government of checks and balances differs from that of the United Kingdom.

Rights, we were told, are whatever Her Majesty's Government of the day says they are. I ask the Members of the Committee—especially in the absence of showing of need—to consider what our brave men and women are fighting for in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is freedom and democracy to be sure. But freedom and democracy require laws that protect from the whim and arrogance of power and that secure justice. This treaty serves neither law nor justice and ill serves this nation in its struggle for liberty wherever our armed forces serve.

South Carolina Irish Memorial Update

Below is the letter written by the Division President to National Organizer, Bob Mott in response to a vote to return the money pledged by the AOH to the building of the Memorial if Construction is not started by or completed by JULY 2007:

Dear Bob,

I am sorry that I did not have the pleasure of seeing you at the High Mass at the Cathedral as well as at O'Malley's for lunch on this past Sunday 23 July. My son was returning from a month of studies at Oxford University in England and my wife and I were up at Dulles International to retrieve him. I hear that the service was glorious and that the AOH was well represented. We are truly blessed to have such a high visibility and being given the honor to participate in such important church services.

I am writing also, however, to express concern over what took place in the AOH State Board meeting in the afternoon of the 23rd. It is my understanding that a vote was taken to ask that our contribution to the SC Irish Memorial be returned if construction on this important project is not begun by a given date. I do truly hope that this information is mistaken. Such an action could have grave consequences to the reputation, integrity, and honor of not only the entire South Carolina State Ancient Order of Hibernian in general, but the Charleston Msgr. John L. Manning Division in particular. Several years ago the State Board made a pledge and to my knowledge, no stipulation was placed upon that promise. The money was placed in essence in an escrow account without giving any future board permission to remove it or rescind the pledge. Thus I don't understand the actions of our current board.

I do recognize the frustration and ebbing patience when projects are delayed. No one is any more frustrated and impatient that I and my fellow Brothers here in Charleston. But we all pledged our support and assistance in this worthy effort and we intend to see it through. The memorial will be completed and we all need to be there together when our noble accomplishment is realized. I trust that this support will be renewed and that our difficulties and differences can be cooperatively overcome.

I do regret not being able to welcome you and all of our Hibernian Brothers to the Holy City. Thank you for always being there in times of need and for all of your friendship and consideration.

YOURS IN FRIENDSHIP, UNITY, AND TRUE CHRISTIAN CHARITY
Stephen



AOH Supper Club

The Supper Club will not meet in August or September. The October Outing will be at Ocean Song Cafe on the Isle of Palms

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Division Officers

President	Stephen White
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Recording Secretary	Neil Diamond
Finance Secretary	Joseph Marrah
Historian	David Gleeson



This and That News of interest to us All

National Hibernian Digest Editor Dies

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Brother Frank Feighery, Editor of the National Hibernian Digest. Frank died suddenly on June 25, 2006. I had just spoken to Frank about a month ago and he was looking forward to the Convention and meeting with all of those with whom he had worked in putting together the Digest. For eight years he stood at the helm of that publication making it the quality organ that consistently showcased the Order and the works of the Divisions around the country. I can attest to his commitment to the Digest and the maintaining of the quality that we have come to expect.

We in South Carolina will feel the void that his passing has left. For the short time I worked with him, he worked very hard to ensure that the activities of South Carolina and the Msgr. John L. Manning Division remained squarely in front of the Organization. As I reflect on some of our discussions it has become clear to me that Frank was a Champion for us here in South Carolina and never hesitated to document, maybe even more than other States, our work here in South Carolina. I have lost a friend and mentor, South Carolina has lost an advocate, and the Order has lost a great Brother and newspaperman. May God rest his soul.



Schedule of Events

August

9 Monthly Meeting 7:30 PM K of C Hall
Calhoun St

September

4 Labor Day

13 Monthly Meeting 7:30 PM K of C Hall
Calhoun St

16 Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Dunleavy's
Sullivans Island

Mass for Cardinal Arinze



Photo by Douglas Deas

State Officers and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians came from around the State to participate in the Mass at which Nigerian Cardinal Francis Arinze, head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments was the Principal Celebrant. His Eminence was in Charleston visiting Bishop Robert J. Baker after appearing as keynote speaker for the 2006 Family Honor conference, "Theology of the Body and the Mercy of God: Reopening Hearts to Love," held in Jacksonville, Fla.

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. You can get them from Brother Al Stiles.



The Msgr. Duffy Seminarian Residence Plaque



The memorial plaque honoring Msgr. Duffy has been placed and dedicated. Work on the porch columns and railing systems will be scheduled in the upcoming months. Details will follow when known

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