



The Charleston Celtic Crier



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Greetings Brothers,

Let me start by thanking all of the Brothers for your generous and enthusiastic participation in our annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Raffle. We need to particularly thank past presidents Jimmy Finnegan and Billy Clarey for their tremendous efforts in making this—our most important fundraiser—the great success that it was. Everyone who showed up for the celebration and drawing at Dunleavy's will testify that it was a great day of fun for our Division and families. The event was greatly enhanced by the presence of dancers from the Drake School of Irish Dance. Thanks to Brother Brian Davis, he has put together another great year's worth of Supper Club outings. We have many activities planned for the coming months and I ask you to involve yourselves as much as you are able in these events either as a volunteer or as an attendee. As always I appreciate greatly your support and dedication to the Order. See you at our October meeting on the 11th.

Your Humble President
Stephen J. White, Sr.



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Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party



Once again our halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party was a rousing success. Approximately 30 Brothers and their families attended the festivities which included a performance by the students from the Drake School of Irish Dance. I apologise for not having their names. Among the attendees were members of the Joseph McGarry Division, and members of the Charleston and Myrtle Beach Divisions of the LAOH! The day was capped by the annual drawing for the 1/2way to St. Patrick's Day Raffle. Congratulations to the winners of this year's drawing:

- 1st - Jim Tolley
- 2nd - Dusty and Kathy
- 3rd - David Adams
- 4th - Bill Ferrara
- 5th - Foster Concannon



Bloody Sunday 2007



Plans for a pilgrimage to Northern Ireland for the Bloody Sunday remembrance are in the works. Brother Neil Diamond has been in contact with the travel agent and has provided an itinerary that is included on page 2. Brother Neil would appreciate any thoughts concerning the trip. He adds that you should contact him, (843) 813-5208, if are interested. We need at least 20 to make this tour viable but 25 would be ideal please get back to me and let me know if you would really like to go.

Where in Ireland Are We?



This month's County is remarkable for its many low, beautifully cultivated hills. However, in the south of the County, the rugged Mountains of Mourne, formed from stark granite, offer a

striking contrast to this arable land. Here, Slieve Donard rises to a height of 848 metres. Slieve Croob tops another group of hills in the centre of the County.

To the east, the Ards Peninsula forms a barrier between the sea and an almost land-locked Strangford Lough. With a history spanning 7000 years, Our County has many important archaeological sites and ancient monuments, together with attractions for the sportsman, the climber and the walker.

Last month's Where Are We?



County Limerick is in the heart of the Shannon region in the south west of Ireland. Covering an area of 1,030 square miles, Limerick has a varied landscape of the

Ballyhoura and Galtee mountains in the south east to the rich fertile plains of the centre and north of the county, known as the Golden Vale. The mouth of the Shannon estuary forms the border to the northwest.

The name Limerick is derived from the Irish 'Luimneach', County Limerick is home to several ancient sites and monuments including King John's Castle in the City of Limerick and the round towers at Ardpark and Dysert. Lough Gur is one of the most important archaeological sites in Ireland with an excellent interpretative centre revealing neolithic life some 5,000 years ago..

The Hibernian Hunger Project needs your help

Ireland Unfree Shall Never Be At Peace

Division Officers

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



Schedule of Events

October			
11	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	K of C Hall Calhoun St
19	AOH Supper Club	6:45 PM	The Blue Rose Cafe
November			
8	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	K of C Hall Calhoun St
11	Veterans Day		
16	AOH Supper Club	6:45 PM	
23	Thanksgiving Day		
December			
TBD	Christmas Toast	7:30 PM	TBD
25	Christmas Day		
31	New Year's Eve		

No Supper Club meeting in December

Bloody Sunday (Cont.)

Mon, Jan 29 BUSHMILLS DISTILLERY & GIANTS CAUSEWAY

Depart Derry and drive northeast to experience one of Ireland's popular scenic routes along the coast road. Here you'll see the "Nine Glens of Antrim" which offer wonderful views of mountains, valleys and coastline. Stop at Bushmills Distillery, which is the world's oldest whiskey distillery, having received a license in 1608. See how whiskey is distilled and then try a sample at the end of your tour. Drive a short distance to the Giant's Causeway. This impressive area of hexagonal columns was formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava and has given rise to many legends. Then return to your hotel in Derry for dinner and overnight stay.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CITY HOTEL, DERRY

Tue, Jan 30 KNOCK SHRINE & BUNRATTY

Leave Derry today and drive south travel through County Sligo, an area associated with the great Irish writer W.B. Yeats. Continue your drive south to the pilgrimage town of Knock to visit Knock Shrine. This is one of the world's leading shrines where the Virgin Mary appeared to 15 people on August 21, 1879. See the shrine and modern basilica before journeying south through the pleasant farming country to Galway. Continue south to Bunratty where you will check into your hotel and have time to relax and freshen up before dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: BUNRATTY CASTLE HOTEL, BUNRATTY

Wed, Jan 31 CLIFFS OF MOHER & BUNRATTY FOLK PARK

Today drive west to the coast of Clare to visit the Cliffs of Moher. These impressive cliffs rise to a height of 700 feet above the wild Atlantic waves and stretch for a distance of about five miles along the coast. Then return to explore Bunratty Folk Park, which comprises a collection of farmhouses from different regions of Ireland and a 19th century village street with a pub, school, general store and many other buildings where traditional lifestyles and crafts are demonstrated. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure for independent activities.

This evening join in the fun and feasting at Bunratty or Knappogue Castle. Your medieval-style banquet is served in the Great Hall of the 15th century castle during which the lords and ladies of the castle transport you in spirit to the Middle Ages with their songs and stories.

OVERNIGHT: BUNRATTY CASTLE HOTEL, BUNRATTY

Fri, Feb 1 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation in Ireland has come to the end. Transfer to Shannon Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight, clear security and claim your VAT refund. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores. Then clear U.S. Immigration before boarding your aircraft and fly west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.



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