



The Charleston Celtic Crier



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Greetings My Brothers,

November is truly a month for reflection. It is a month that gives us an opportunity to guide the destiny of our Country and indirectly influence the events in realizing a united Ireland. Please vote on Election Day. This November also finds us embroiled in conflict that places the men and women of our Armed Forces in harm's way. Stop for a moment on Veterans Day to remember and thank them and all of our veterans. Lastly, we have, individually and collectively, much to be thankful for and we can express our gratitude in a special way in the exercise of the many traditions that we associate with Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless you and your families.

Your Humble President
Stephen J. White, Sr.



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The Hibernian Hunger Project needs your help

Annual Christmas Appeal

Dear Brother and Sister Hibernians:

This joint letter begins our annual Freedom For All Ireland Christmas Appeal; a collaboration of men and ladies Hibernians which has proven immensely successful in the past. We ask again for your support in giving new hope, new skills and new strength to many in the Nationalist community who bore the brunt of this struggle for nearly forty years.

Even as we recognize the positive developments since the 1998 Belfast Agreement, it is our duty to report that attacks on Catholics and their churches continue. There is still disproportionate joblessness in Nationalist areas. The British government continues to evade responsibility for the many deaths inflicted throughout the conflict by British Crown forces and Loyalist paramilitaries. There are too many to list but the more notorious of these are the assassinations of Rosemary Nelson, Patrick Finucane, the killing of Robert Hamill, and the Bloody Sunday and Dublin/Monaghan murders. Finally, the scars of the mental and physical pain of violence, deprivation and imprisonment still greatly affect Nationalist families as can be seen in rising suicide rates and increased substance abuse. The good news is that we are there to help as an integral part of the world-wide Irish Republican family. Our funds have been used to supplement vital services suffering cutbacks and target those needs ignored by the British government. Your donations last year helped groups like Relatives for Justice, Doors of Hope/Conway Mill, Derry Legal Advice Center, Derry Legal Advice Center, Coiste na n-Irchimi, Tar Anall and the Bloody Sunday Trust. The generosity of our Christmas Appeal has shown that despite the many competing demands for help, our Order places a priority on the problems, challenges, and hopes of the Nationalist community. Our deep sense of concern goes to the very heart of our being. Hibernians not only talk the talk of an Ireland free of British rule but walk the walk of assisting those beset by persecution and injustice. Please make this campaign the priority activity of every State, County, and Division. We urge you to follow the progress of the Appeal in the Digest. You are

Where in Ireland Are We?

This year's County is known as Northern Ireland's lake district making it the perfect holiday destination for cruising and other water based holidays. The 70 km of lakes situated in the county are now linked to the Shannon system in the Irish Republic via the Shannon-erne Waterway Canal, making the entire system the longest navigable inland waterway in Europe. The county itself is steeped in history and heritage, evident through the many historic islands dotted throughout the waterways, also through impressive National Trust owned stately properties. The area houses the remains of several plantation castles dating back to the early seventeenth century. Other attractions include the world renowned Belleek Pottery, Ireland's oldest pottery, facilities include a museum and gift shop, guided tours are available exemplifying all stages of the manufacturing process. Another unique visitor attraction is the Marble Arch Caves - Northern Ireland's only underground cave system open to the public.



Last month's Where Are We?



County Down 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, County Down has many important archaeological sites and ancient monuments, together with attractions for the sportsman, the climber and the walker.

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Ireland Unfree Shall Never Be At Peace

History Lesson

November 8

As we meet on the 8th of November, we should pause and reflect for a moment on events that occurred on this date in Irish History and have formed who we are today:

November 8



1847 - Birth in Dublin of Bram Stoker, author of Dracula

1887 - Birth of Sir Arnold Bax, composer, writer and Hibernophile

1960 - An Irish peacekeeping force is ambushed in the Congo, causing the first overseas combat deaths of the Irish Republic. Nine are killed by Baluba tribesmen - one of these, Anthony Browne, will be awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry

1984 - Charles Mitchel, RTE's first newsreader, reads his last bulletin

1987 - Eleven people are killed after a bomb explodes during a Remembrance Day service at Enniskillen in Co. Fermanagh

1990 - The Republic elects their first woman president, Mary Robinson, who defeats Brian Lenihan and Austin Curry

1998 - A well-placed loyalist source claims that a renegade loyalist terror group, is plotting to target Government Ministers here and launch cross-border bombing raids in the run up to Christmas

1998 - The Provisional IRA announces that it will decommission large amounts of Semtex to allow Sinn Féin to take its seats in the new Northern Executive

1998 - Flights at Shannon Airport are brought to a standstill for several hours after a Boeing 767 jet, with 250 passengers and 11 crew aboard, leaves the runway and becomes stuck in soft ground shortly after landing



1998 - President Mary McAleese says it is time to acknowledge that the 50,000 Irishmen killed in the Great War came from all parts of the country and from both sides of the political divide

1998 - Finance Minister Charlie McCreevy declares war on farmers, telling them that he is not responsible for their problems

1999 - Northern Ireland Secretary, Peter Mandelson comes under fire as talks on the peace process enter another crucial phase

2001 - An EU survey shows dancing is the favourite pastime of young Irish people

2001 - Senior IRA leaders meet in Co. Louth to discuss further arms decommissioning

2001 - In a meeting at the White House, Taoiseach Bertie Ahern assures President Bush he will do everything possible to ensure Ireland's international banking services are not used to fund Osama Bin Laden and his followers

2001 - The Poul nabrone portal dolmen in the Burren, Co. Clare is bought for £300,000 by the State to protect it from vandalism

2002 - Mail in rural areas is delivered despite industrial action by the Irish Postmasters' Union which closes sorting facilities at over 500 sub post offices.



Bloody Sunday 2007

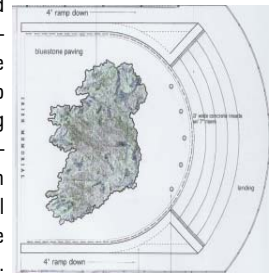


Brother Neil has reported that he has had only two inquiries regarding this year's Pilgrimage. January 25th is closer than you think. Contact Brother Neil at your earliest convenience. The Itinerary was printed in last month's newsletter and is available from Brother Neil and would appreciate any thoughts concerning the trip. He adds that you should contact him, (843) 813-5208, We need at least 20 to make this tour viable but 25 would be ideal.

Irish Memorial Update

After many months of stalling and delay, the South Carolina Irish Memorial is finally moving. Members of the Committee met with Mayor Riley to express their concerns regarding the inactivity and to press him to intervene and get the project back on track. Mayor Riley reaffirmed his full support and assured the Committee that there would be no more delays.

All permits have been obtained and the final design has been approved. Construction should begin after completion of the bidding process, probably within a few months. Donor opportunities will be forthcoming



Christmas Appeal (Cont. from page 1)

You are also welcome to join your brother and sister Hibernians who regularly attend the presentation of the proceeds of their generosity and also participate in the Annual Bloody Sunday Commemorative March in Derry on January 28, 2007. For information on this march call 518-482-0349. If you can't join us in person, please join us in spirit by contributing to help those our people who cannot help themselves.

Send all AOH Donations to: Sean Pender, 13 Scullin Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08620 Send all LAOH Donations to: Theresa O'Connell, 19 Elmwood Place, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Thank you Sincerely,

Jack Meehan, AOH National President

Dorothy Weldon, LAOH National President

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

The site of the November Supper Club outing will be announced at the business meeting.

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Division Officers

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



Dunphey Pens Latin Text

State Sports Director and member of the St Columba Division, Finbar Dunphey has authored a Latin text that should be finding its way into Catholic schools around the state. Below are the jacket notes:

Patricius et Hilda, Alone in Rome

This page-turner story of an Irish family all but destroyed by deadly tragedy brings history, Roman & Irish cultures, and the universally valuable learning of Latin to schools and home-schoolers in a trademarked system that has the student truly excited about learning.

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Schedule of Events

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| November | | | |
| 8 | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 PM | K of C Hall Calhoun St |
| 11 | Veterans Day | | |
| 16 | AOH Supper Club | 6:45 PM | TBD |
| 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 | | | |
| January | | | |
| 1 | New Year's Day | | |
| 8 | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 PM | K of C Hall Calhoun St |
| 16 | AOH Supper Club | 6:45 PM | TBD |

Parting Shots 1/2 way to St. Patrick's Day



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 1493 Putnam Drive
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Monthly Meeting
 November 8, 2006
 7:30 PM
 KofC Hall
 Calhoun St.

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