



The Charleston Celtic Crier



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Greetings My Brothers,

want to wish everyone a happy and holy celebration of the Birth of Jesus and a great beginning of the New Year. We have a lot of activity and events taking place in the next few months and we are going to need all of you to be present and assisting us to make these feats a success. First we have our Christmas Toast at O'Malley's on Thursday 14 December at 7:30. This primarily social event also serves as our monthly meeting and we will get an update on the plans worked out by our Annual Banquet Committee chairman, Bill Ferrara. As noted in the newsletter below, he has come up with a somewhat scaled down version that we can both enjoy and afford. Our next formal meeting in January will be the last one before the banquet, so we need to know what support and attendees that we can count on. The Parade Committee continues to develop plans for the biggest and baddest procession that this city has seen on St. Patrick's day in many a decade. We also are looking forward to attending and participating in the Irish Atlantic Symposium that our Division voted to support. Brother David Gleeson promises a gathering of international scholars of Irish History and Culture that any city and college would be mighty proud of. Thus we look forward to all of our continued efforts to celebrate our Irish Heritage and our Catholic Faith. God bless you all. Your Humble President.

Stephen J. White, Sr.



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The Hibernian Hunger Project needs your help

Christmas Toast



This year's Christmas Toast will be held at O'Malley Irish Pub on King Street, This is a new and exciting venue and well worth visiting. Mark your

calendar for December 14, 2005 for this year's Toast. The festivities begin at 7:30 PM so don't be late.

Annual Banquet

Plans are being finalized for our annual banquet to be held in February 2007. The banquet committee is negotiating with the Holiday Inn Historic District to host the function on Saturday, February 10. The evening will commence with a happy hour at the Kof C after which members and guests will follow a *piper* down the half block of Calhoun Street to the hotel for a seated banquet. The banquet committee concluded that its late start in planning prevented a full Gaelic Gala this year, but the planned event will follow the gala format with a guest speaker and toasts in a less formal atmosphere. The official announcement with all details for the event will be made at the Christmas Toast at O'Malleys on December 14. Due to the facility size, attendance is limited to 80 persons, so tickets will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. Plan now to be part of this evening of *feasting and frivolity*. You can reserve your tickets by contacting one of the members listed below.



Bill Ferrara 884-7672
Al Stiles 345-8206
Jim Nettles 875-2004

Where in Ireland Are We?

This month's County, located in Northern Ireland, is the home County of your humble Newsletter publisher's ancestors. The County lies between Lough Neagh and the Atlantic northern coast of Ireland. The county's chief town which is both a city and a port on the a major river, shares the name



of the County. The name derives from the old Irish word Daire meaning an oak grove, particularly an oak grove on an island totally or partly surrounded by water or peat bog. Such was the case in this County. The original oak grove which gave its name to the city and the various settlements which followed it, were all located in turn on a small hill which was formerly an island in the River. The channel which swept past the western side of that island gradually dried out leaving a marshy, boggy area. In time this area took its name from this phenomenon and is now one of the best known areas of the city.

Last month's Where Are We?

Last month we visited County Fermanagh. The attraction of Fermanagh lies in the tranquility of its crystal clear lakes and surroundings, rich heritage and wide choice of visitor attractions, and also in the friendliness of the people and that famous Fermanagh welcome. Located in the south-west of Northern Ireland, the region is approx. 120 km from Belfast and 160 km from Dublin, making it an easily accessible destination from all major air and sea-ports.



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History Lesson



The conference sponsors include the Humanities Council of South Carolina, American Conference for Irish Studies, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Msgr Manning Division 1, South Carolina Irish Historical Society, and the Charleston Hibernian Society.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Arnold Hall, Jewish Studies Center

- * 8:30-10:15am Session 1: Irish in the North American Colonies
- * 10:30am-12:00pm Session 2: Irish in the English Caribbean
- * 12:15-1:45pm Stern Center Ballroom-Lunch and Plenary: "The Orange Atlantic" Dr. Don MacRaild, Victoria University/University of Ulster
- * 2:00-3:45pm Arnold Hall Session 3: Imagining Ireland in the Atlantic World
- * 4:00-5:45pm Session 4: The Irish in the American South
- * 7:30pm Alumni Hall-Plenary-Wachovia Lecture: "Shamrocks and Guayaba: The Irish in Latin America and Beyond" Edmundo Murray, Center for the Study of the Irish in Latin America

Thursday, March 1 - Arnold Hall, Jewish Studies Center

- * 8:30-9:45am Session 5: The Irish and Race in the Atlantic World
- * 10-11:30am Session 6: Irish Gender in the Atlantic World
- * 11:30am-1:30pm Lunch: explore Charleston on your own
- * 1:30-3:15pm Session 7: The Irish in the Spanish Atlantic
- * 3:30-5:15pm Session 8: The Irish in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World
- * 6:00pm Reception
- * 7:30pm Physicians Auditorium-Plenary: "Far from the Shamrock Shore: The Music of Irish America" Dr. Mick Moloney, New York University

Friday, March 2 - Arnold Hall, Jewish Studies Center

- * 8:30-10:15am Session 9: Irish Music and Art in the Atlantic World
- * 10:30am-12:15pm Session 10: Continued Transatlantic Connections
- * 1:00-2:00pm Lunch: McCrady's, The Long Room
- * 2:00-3:00pm Closing Plenary: Panel Discussion-"The Irish in the Atlantic World"
- * 3:30-4:30pm Tour of Hibernian Hall

Bloody Sunday 2007



Plans for the tour to Ireland to commemorate Bloody Sunday have been cancelled because of an insufficient number of people committing to make the trip

AOH Supper Club

The AOH Supper Club will not meet in December. The next meeting of the club will be held at Madra Rua on Montague Ave, in North Charleston, 6:45 PM, January 18, 2007



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.

Charleston Historical Society

The Charleston Historical Society will co-sponsor its next lecture at the Karpeles Manuscript Museum at 68 Spring Street on **Tuesday 12 December 2006, at 7:00 PM**. The lecture, entitled, "**Charleston As A Walled City**", will be presented by **Dr. Nicholas Michael Butler**. It is **free and open to the public**. The lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Butler will offer a detailed account of the evolution of the defense systems around the colonial city of Charleston from the 1680s until the conclusion of the American Revolution in the 1780s. Charleston was the only walled city in British North America, and Dr. Butler will explain why, how, and where the different phases of its walled fortifications were constructed and maintained.

For more information about this lecture and all future lectures, call Stephen White at the **Charleston Historical Society** at (843) 723-3398, or at the Karpeles Museum at (843) 853-4651.

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Division Officers

President	Stephen White
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Schedule of Events

December
14 Christmas Toast 7:30 PM O'Malley's Irish Pub
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
18 AOH Supper Club 6:45 PM Madra Rua

Irish Tree Planting Project

Greetings from Ireland!

My name is Peter Slevin, and I am a director of an oak planting project here in Ireland.

Our web address is www.rootedinireland.com.

I was talking to an AOH division president at the FGS conference in Boston this year, and he suggested contacting each division about our project. I was hoping you might mention us in your newsletter and possibly place a link to us on your site.

We do have an affiliate program available, and if you sign up everytime someone purchases a tree after coming from your site, you are paid a commission. It might be a handy way of raising extra funds for whatever your chosen charity is [ours is REACTNI.org]. I thank you for taking the time to read this, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards

Peter Slevin
www.rootedinireland.com



Christmas Cookies for Marines

Brothers,

Jim has asked me to forward his email to all, since he does not have everyone's email address.

jlawracy51@bellsouth.net wrote:

From: <jlawracy51@bellsouth.net>
To: <dougherty@scaoh.com>
Subject: Christmas Cookies For the Marines
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2006 9:10:39 -0500

Dear Brothers, Sorry I couldn't be at last Thursday's meeting to put the request to you in person. I heard that there was a generous response to the request to send homemade baked cookies to Bro. Patrick to share with the other 457 members of his detachment. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

This is part of a larger effort to bring them all a little Christmas this year. As you know they are in a Muslim country and they are severely restricted in showing anything Christian. I have gotten permission from their Colonel to ship a Christmas tree that can be set up in their chapel.

He is posting my request to have everyone, who visits their website, to send at least a dozen and a half homemade cookies. The idea is that if they get half of the base families and whoever else I can get involved, the Marines at Al Asad Air Base will be able share a little treat from home together. The family and friends are also being asked to send a small picture of themselves on a Christmas tree hanger to their loved to hang as an ornament on the tree in their chapel.

So thank you again for participating. Brother Sgt. Patrick Lawracy's address is

Sgt. Lawracy J P; Supply H&S Company; MWSS 273; Unit 78555; FPO AE 09502-8555. For those who wish to send him a e-mail his address is

James.Lawracy@acemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil.

Thank you and God Bless all of you and your families. PS Please note somewhere on your e-mail or package that you are with the AOH and your Div. #. Since this is going overseas please remember to ship early.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity,

Jim Lawracy, St. Columba Div.

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 Thursday
 December 14, 2006
 O'Malley's Pub
 549 King Street

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