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President's Message

John Hennessy

I hope everybody enjoyed his or her summer. I am proud to be NYS President and I want to thank the delegates that attended the National Convention in Boston. We were entitled to 174 delegates and we had 173. I want to congratulate our elected National officers; Jack Meehan President, Seamus Boyle Vice President, Tom McNabb re-elected National Secretary, Brendan Moore National Treasurer and Martin Kelly National Director.

A lot has happened since our last State Board meeting in East Durham. The New York State Board, through the leadership of our Vice President, Matt Nelligan has established a fund that will provide a limited amount of financing to Counties and Divisions in order to assist in their recruiting efforts and encourage Divisions to increase their exposure in the community.

Jim Burke our NYS organizer sent out a mailing to County and Division Presidents explaining the program, lets give it our best effort, we need new members.

At the National Convention there was a change made to our National Constitution. The amend

ment that was passed amends Article IV Section 1, Paragraph B to include adoption so it would read "Prove his Irish ancestry by birth or adoption."

Our State PEC Chairman Liam McNabb has a good report from the NYS Racing and Wagering Board pertaining to Divisions selling Bell Jar tickets. His report is in the newsletter.

Brothers we need to contact our Senators regarding the US/UK Extradition Treaty Vote on Sept 7 Let them know that this Treaty should be voted down. FAX BLITZ to Senate on Tuesday Sept 5, 2006

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Our next Board meeting will be on Saturday Oct. 7 2006 Our State Secretary Chip McLean will be sending out information.

In conjunction with the State Board meeting, that evening will be the presentation of the Burns-Hayes Award, information has been sent to all County and Division Presidents and included in this Newsletter

Let's remember in Our Prayers the recent passing of Frank Feighery editor of the National Digest and NYS Publicity Chairman Tom Egan Past National Director from CT. See you at the Board meeting, God Bless.

Vice-President

Matt Nelligan

Let me begin by congratulating all of you for the great work you did at the National Convention in Boston. Between the AOH and LAOH we had five candidates running for National office and achieved our goal of winning all five races. It is great to see that New York State is recognized by Brothers around the United

States, for producing strong leaders with a vision for the Future of our Order.

As most of you are aware it is the duty of the State Vice-President to Chair the State Hospitality Suite at the National Convention. Having done it, I can tell you honestly that it is not a job that one person can do alone. I want to thank Dennis Browne, Ken Springer, Bill O'Donnell, Tim McSweeney, Martin Kelly Jr, and Emmett and Mike McNabb for all of their help in making our suite such a success. We got a bit of a late start but thanks to the hard work and dedication of these brothers we were able to not only get the suite up and running but also at-

tract a huge crowd each night of the convention.

In addition to attending the National Convention I have been hard at work on the Recruitment and Retention committee along with our State Organizer Jim Burke. Applications for the State recruitment grant were mailed to each jurisdiction in July. We urge you to apply for a grant to assist you in recruiting new members. If you need more information please feel free to contact me. In late July the Recruitment and Retention committee also met in Orange County to discuss an outline for a recruitment and retention handbook. Many great ideas were discussed, and it is likely that we

will present a draft at the fall meeting.

As we move into the fall, let me offer a shameless plug for The Irish 2000 Festival in Albany, which is partially sponsored by my own division. On Saturday September 16th we will host our 10 anniversary Festival at the Altamont Fairgrounds from 10am-11pm. There are four music venues featuring artists like: The Dublin City Ramblers, Hair of the Dog, The Glengarry Bhoys, The Makem Brothers and Black 47 (more than 30 acts in all). We would love to see Hibernians from all over New York State, so feel free to drop me an e-mail or send me a note if your interested.

NY AOH Deputy Chaplin Ordained

On June 10th, 2006, NY AOH Deputy Chaplin, Father Henry Reid, was ordained for the Diocese of Rockville Center at a Mass held in St. Agnes Cathedral.

A long time member of Father Murphy Of Boulavogue, Division 9, Suffolk County, Father Henry is a personal friend to many in our Order as well as a first hand example of the importance of Project St. Patrick. He has been assigned to the Holy Family Parish in Hicksville, NY.

Bishop William Murphy and Father Henry Reid are shown at left outside St. Agnes Cathedral after the Mass of Ordination.



BURNS-HAYES MEMORIAL AWARD

John Hennessy, New York State President Ancient Order of Hibernians proudly announces the recipient of the 2006 Burns-Hayes Award to be Mike Kearney. This Award will be presented at the New York State President's testimonial dinner on Saturday evening October 7, 2006 at the Marriott Melville Long Island.

Mike Kearney was born in Williamstown, County Galway and is one of ten children. He worked in various parts of England before immigrating to the United States in 1960. Mike served honorably in the Army with a tour of duty in South East Asia. He attended Pace University from 1970 to 1974 where he graduated with honors in 1974 with a Bachelor degree in Business Administration.

Mike served in many positions in the AOH including president of the Queens County Board and he is presently the Commodore John Barry Chairman on the NY State Board. Brother Kearney and his Wonderful wife Bridget were very instrumental, working hard to get Commodore John Barry to be recognized as the first flag officer of the United States Navy. This was finally realized when the House of Representatives passed H.J. Res. 38 on December 14th 2005 and was signed into law by President Bush on December 22, 2005.

District 1

Chris Kelly

All is going great this summer in District #1. We've had our share of family picnics, chicken BBQ's, motorcycle rides, baseball bus trips, and golf outings. While most divisions have taken the summer off for a little break, they still find events to keep up the Hibernian camaraderie.

Coming up this fall we can look forward to the Annual Irish 2000 festival at the Altamont Fairgrounds. This continues on September 16th as one of the largest one day Irish music festivals in North America. All are more than welcome to come and see what it takes to pull together dozens of Irish bands for a very enjoyable day and evening. Details can be found at www.irish2000fest.com

Also this fall the Schenectady Degree Team will be holding a Major Degree on October 2nd at their hall. This is a great time to celebrate our Hibernian friendships and encourage the strengthening of our membership. If you have members who would like to attend as spectators or recipients of the degree please contact the Schenectady Hall at (518) 374 -9003

Finally, the Saratoga Division will be honoring Timothy Murphy at his memorial in the National Park at the Saratoga Battlefield in October. Murphy fired the shot that turned the tide in this historic battle and was a native of Ireland. The AOH con-

tributed a monument near the site of his famous shot and today's Hibernians rededicate the memorial each year. Details will be available soon on the division website, www.saratogaoh.com.

Please remember to support all of the divisions in your area. That's truly what our vow of friendship can do to hold us all together.

District 2

Thomas M. O'Donnell

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer.

It was great to see so many members from District 2 at the National Convention in Boston. There were seven from Rochester as well as three each from Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

I was able to enjoy the fellowship at the Erie County Division 1 and Niagara County Division 1 annual picnics.

Along with NYS Charity and Missions Chairman Arnie Nagelhout and Niagara Falls Division President Bill Paterson, I attended the August meeting of Monroe County Division 7 in Rochester. They had a great turnout and discussed plans for the Rochester Irish Festival which will be held September 8-10 at Camp Eastman. After an announcement about an upcoming fundraiser for a relative of a member who is seriously ill, a motion was made to "pass the hat" and \$125 was contributed. The winner of the night's split

club also contributed his prize to the cause. This was a fine example of the true meaning of our Order. Thanks to President Bill Lawler and all the members for their hospitality!

I want to make special note of District 2 member Arnie Nagel-hout who has been appointed National Charity and Missions Chairman by President Jack Meehan. Congratulations Arnie!

District 4

James McGinty

Congratulations to the Brothers in Boston for an outstanding National Convention and congratulations to our new National President, Jack Meehan as well as a hearty well done to our Past President, Ned McGinley. I was pleased to be joined by New York County President, A. J. Smith and his fellow members of Division 7 and Bronx County President, Mike Flynn along with Past State President, John Egan and Mike and Jerry O'Connell of Division 3.

Division 7, New York County sponsored its Kruse for Kids Benefit Boat Ride to support Project Children on June 14. As always, this turned out to be both a social and financial success. All New York County Divisions are gearing up for a busy fall season.

Bronx County is busy with its 100th Anniversary. The highlight will be their Annual Dinner Dance on Sunday, November 19, 2006, in Rory Dolan's Restau-

rant, McLean Avenue, Yonkers. The "Man of the Year" will be Kevin O'Connor, member of Division 7. To celebrate the 100th Anniversary they will also honor their Past County Presidents. For reservations and additional information contact County President, Mike Flynn at 914-923-1735.

Westchester County has been busy outdoors this summer. County President, Tom Kennedy presided over the County Board's inaugural picnic on Sunday, August 6 in Macy Park, Ardsley. It was great to see Hibernians from all Divisions throughout the county joining together in a relaxed atmosphere. Division 11, Tarrytown continued their Annual Field Day on Sunday, July 23 in Pierson Park, right on the banks of the Hudson River. This was another great afternoon of music, food and beverages in a family atmosphere. Myles Scully, Division 1, Yonkers is busy planning their Annual Hibernian Day Celebration for Sunday, September 10, 2006, in Coyne Park, McLean Avenue, Yonkers beginning with Mass at 12 noon, followed by entertainment with Celtic Justice and Cray and Dempsey. For additional information contact Division 1 President, Bob Eggen at 914-237-1145.

District 7

Richard Morris

Glad to report Broome County/Binghamton and Chemung County/Elmira Division respectively, continue to increase

its membership. I've attended initiations at both Binghamton and Elmira and look forward to attending another in Elmira at its first meeting after the summer hiatus in September.

Vice President Matt Nelligan, others and I expect to attend the Cortland Celtic Festival on August 26 where we will have an information booth/table set up for the express purpose of recreating an interest and activity in our order in the chartered Cortland Division. Hopefully, this effort will be a success and we will be able to retain old members and recruit new members, at any rate it will provide exposure to the community of the existence of the A.O.H.

Elmira Division is winding up for its annual Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day Festival, Saturday, September 16, 2006. The Town Pants Band from Vancouver, B.C. will be the featured event along with Irish dancers and acts. I am sure it will be another success. All the funds collected after expenses will go to charity. A lot of work from a lot of people go into making this a great community event. Thanks to all who help and volunteer.

It gives me pleasure to report that the Dan W. McCarthy Jr. Boys Division continues to grow in membership. The boys will be helping out at the upcoming festival as well as other charity events throughout the year. I understand ball games, cook outs and some travel will also take place. Thanks to Kevin

McCarthy, moms, dads and grandparents for their help in keeping it all together.

I met with Broome County / Binghamton Division President, Stu Fralick, his officer's and the esteemed Leo Kane at their club. It was good to see Leo up and about after his ordeals. Binghamton as usual continues its good works.

I was unable to make the Boston convention due to a personal family commitment but was informed all went well for New York. That's it for now; I'll have more to write about after the summer.

Deputy Chaplain

Fr. Henry W. F. Reid

It has been a whirlwind of activity these past few months. My ordination to the Priesthood was on June 10th, and I reported to my new parish on the 28th. I am now the Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Hicksville. Thank you for all of your prayers during the time I was in the Seminary.

It did not take me long to get into trouble with my new assignment, as I cracked a joke at the end of Mass, which was non-partisan, and was approached afterwards by a woman from the Old Sod. I was instructed by her to, "Keep politics out of the Church." Of course this was accompanied by a look that would sour milk. As I thought about this comment of hers for the rest of the day, I began to get angrier. Not at her, but

at the thought that we, as priests and as Catholics, have to keep our political opinions to ourselves. This is something that the atheists and secularists keep on promoting, that since we belong to a Religious organization, we have no right to speak our minds. The worst part is that our own people are buying into this lie. Basing their argument on the First Amendment, the ACLU and other organizations attempt to silence the moral authority of the Church on matters that affect each and everyone of us. Their appeal to the First Amendment is actually an attack on that same document.

The First Amendment clearly states: "Congress shall make no law *respecting an establishment of religion*, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." This goes back to the experience of our founding fathers, who were faced with the established State churches of Europe, in particular the Anglican churches (which included the Churches of England, of Scotland, and of Ireland) and the government imposed taxes that supported them. Nowhere in the document does it say that the various religious establishments or their representatives had to remain silent. In fact during the founding of this country it was the Carrolls, who were one of the most wealthy and influential families, as well as Roman Catholics, who spoke up most vocally about religious tolerance and the values that shaped this country.

Now we are faced with those who want to establish a State

Church based on secularism in this Nation, arguing with revisionist history that that is what the Founders of Our Republic intended. By way of secularist judges, politicians and bureaucrats they also seek to silence the voices of our religious leaders, thereby *prohibiting the free exercise of religion and speech*. Do I as a Roman Catholic and a United States citizen want to see the establishment of a State Church, even if it is my own taking hold in this country? No. But neither do I want to see any State Church established here; especially one based on atheistic secularism. I do want the ability to speak out against injustice and immorality, however the secularists would even do away with my right to free speech based on the collar around my neck.

May God continue to Bless all of you, Ireland and the United States of America.

Pax,

Fr. Henry W. F. Reid

Sports Chairman

Joe O'Reilly

Yes, gentlemen, we are coming to the close of a very good golfing year. By the time you read this the Jack Burns Golf Tournament will be over.

Now through the fall and into the spring it will be bowling and dart tournaments. Let me hear from you about your events and we can put it on the website. I look forward to seeing you at the next NYS meeting and the President's testimonial dinner.

Historian

Mike McCormack

SEAN MACDIARMADA

One of the lesser known, but major figures, in the 1916 uprising is Sean McDermott. If you don't know his story, don't feel alone. He is so little known that you can't even find him on the internet. You'll find Sean McDermott the actor, Sean McDermott the singer, Sean McDermott the NFL star, Sean McDermott the missionary, and even Sean McDermott the U.S. Navy C2/E2 pilot of the year 2005. The only way to find our Sean McDermott is to look up his name the way he signed it on the proclamation of the Irish Republic – in the Irish language: Sean MacDiarmada – a name that was on British secret police files for years until his death.

Seán MacDiarmada was born on February 28, 1883 in small Co. Leitrim town near the Donegal border, where there now stands a monument to his memory. Sean was born there, but ran away at age 15 and went to Glasgow where his uncle was a gardener. He worked for a time with his uncle, but soon took a job as a conductor on the Glasgow trams. After 2 years, he went to Belfast and worked as a tram conductor, and later as a barman.

In Belfast, he joined the Ancient Order of Hibernians which was closely associated with the Irish Parliamentary Party. While the AOH were then considered to be the custodians of Irish nationalism, MacDiarmada looked for

and joined other Irish nationalist organizations as well, including Sinn Féin and the Gaelic League. He gave a speech at a Sinn Féin convention in Dublin that made a deep impression on all who heard him. Described as “*strikingly handsome and earnest, speaking with natural eloquence and a sincerity which held his audience*”, he was also called lighthearted *with a gift of telling a humorous story and a tongue that was witty without being malicious*. Then, in 1906, MacDiarmada took the oath of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and it changed his life forever.

He moved to Dublin in 1908, and met the veteran Fenian Tom Clarke who had been sent back to Ireland from America to reorganize the IRB. MacDiarmada was tireless in his efforts to spread the IRB across the country. As a result Tom Clarke took the young dynamo under his wing, and made him a national organizer for the Brotherhood. A strong friendship developed and, over the years, MacDiarmada and Clarke became nearly inseparable. Then tragedy struck. MacDiarmada was afflicted with polio. After a long recuperation, however, he threw himself back into the nationalist movement. Though now forced use a cane just to walk about, his infirmity never slowed him down nor dampened his nationalist spirit.

In 1910 he became manager of the newspaper "Irish Freedom", which he founded with Bulmer Hobson and Denis McCullough.

In November 1913 he was one of the original members of the Irish Volunteers formed at the Rotunda by Padraic Pearse, and worked tirelessly to bring that organization under IRB control. Sean became Secretary of the IRB and in May 1915 he was arrested in Tuam, County Galway, under the Defense of the Realm Act for giving a speech against enlisting in the British Army for WWI. Released in September, he was invited to join the IRB's secret Military Committee, to plan a rising against the Crown. Indeed, it was he and Tom Clarke who were most responsible for planning the Easter Rising of 1916. And, in spite of his handicap, Sean MacDiarmada limped into that milestone of Irish history, carrying his cane not as a crutch of dependence, but as a scepter of authority, as part of the HQ staff of James Connolly. It was MacDiarmada who read Pearse's letter of surrender to those in the G.P.O.

After the Rising was put down by the British, and the rebels taken captive, a sneering British officer remarked as MacDiarmada limped by, “*No wonder the Sinn Feiners lost, with such cripples in their army.*” MacDiarmada made no reply. In fact, he almost escaped execution by blending in with the crowd of prisoners until a British officer named Lee-Wilson, pointed him out saying “*take the man with the stick, he's the most dangerous man here after Tom Clarke.*” Lee-Wilson was later killed during the Irish War of

Independence on the orders of one of MacDiarmada's closest friends - a big fella by the name of Michael Collins.

On May 12, 1916, Sean MacDiarmada was murdered by the Crown in the Stonebreaker's Yard of Kilmainham Jail; the same day as his comrade James Connolly. They were the last two to face the firing squad. In 1922, poet Seamus O'Sullivan wrote:

*They have slain you, Sean
MacDermott; never more these
eyes will greet
The eyes beloved by women and
the smile that true men loved;
Never more I'll hear the stick-
tap, and the gay and limping
feet,
They have slain you, Sean the
Gentle, Sean the valiant, Sean
the proved.*

Charities and Missions

Arnold J. Nagelhout

Brothers, let me open with an appeal to assist our brother and sister Hibernians in Broome County (Binghamton, NY). The torrential rains that pelted the Binghamton area just before the National Convention caused severe flooding that affected several AOH members and they are in need of financial assistance. Checks should be made payable to AOH/LAOH Disaster Relief Fund and mailed to: Hibernian P.C., PO Box 72, Corbettsville, NY 13749-0072. For more information about planned fund raisers go to BCAOH.com.

The National Convention was enjoyed by a full contingent of New York delegates that helped in electing Tom McNabb, Brendan Moore and Martin Kelly to National Office. Our state was also successful in the number of Charity and Missions Awards. A total of 47 awards were presented and 21 of them went to New York jurisdictions.

A Charities and Missions Plaque for exceptional donations went to Fr. Tansey Div. 4, Albany.

K Club

\$1,000 to an AOH National Project went to:
New York State Board; Suffolk Co. Board; Div. 7, East Islip; Div. 5, Albany; Div. 3, Nassau Co.; Div. 3, Smithstown; Div 4, Huntington; Div. 8, Suffolk Co.; Div. 1, Broome Co.; Div. 14, Nassau Co.; Div. 7, Rochester; Div. 17, Long Beach; Div. 1, Elmira; Div. 1, Oneida Co.; Div. 1, Orange Co. and Div. 15, Westchester.

Community Service: \$5,000 donated to a specific charity over the 2 year period went to: Div. 16, Mt. Kisco; St. Columille Div. 4, Richmond Co.; Kevin Barry Div. 3, Smithstown and Rev. James J. Browne Div. 1, Niagara Falls.

Congratulations to all and I want to thank all jurisdictions that submitted reports. This demonstrates how much our State upholds the motto of our Order. I want to, also, thank National President Jack Meehan for my appointment to serve as National

Charities and Missions Chairman for his administration. All New York State C & M reports submitted to me now are accepted as a report to the National Office also. Report forms are available on either the NY State or National web sites.

The Fr. Tansey Div. 5, Albany has submitted a 1 year report of donations that totaled \$23,115. Benefiting were CDIAA; Irish American Museum; INA; Freedom for All Ireland; Danger Feis; Banna Chlrain Meaula and Wounded Warrior Project.

Fr. Tansey Div. 5, Albany has decided to work with the Wounded Warrior Project and asks all New York State jurisdictions to consider supporting this project to assist returning war veterans that have been severely injured and not receiving proper medical treatments.

Respect Life

Mike Murphy

The New York State Right to Life coalition will be held Saturday, September 16th 2006 at the Royal Regency Hotel, 165 Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. For information and directions call 518-434-1293.

Where U.S. teens stand on abortion:

- 47% identify themselves as pro-life.
- 67% believe abortion is usually or always morally wrong.
- 66% believe the law should require women

under 18 to have parental consent before obtaining an abortion.

- 43% know someone who has had an abortion.
- 12% believe abortion should be legal in all cases.
- 40 % believe abortion should be legal in most cases.
- 88% believe a woman should have a right to an abortion if pregnancy seriously threatens her health.

Source: 2005 survey of 1,000 high school seniors conducted by Hamilton College and Zogby International Polling Company.

Yes, it's true.

The taxpayer-funded National Institutes of Health has actively engaged in research projects which help fund traffickers in "fetal tissue" - just an innocent sounding term for the body parts of murdered babies!

The NIH actually places orders for various baby body parts as if they were merchandise from a department store: "Tissue desired: fetal tibia and/or femur; spleen or thymus or liver; gestational week 19-23; quantity: 2-4 bones & either spleen (preferably) or thymus or liver ... receipt within 24 hours post-mortem (i.e. cells need to remain viable); preparation: standard (i.e. ... on wet ice) "

Completely healthy babies are always a premium "commodity" on the baby body parts market: "I would prefer tissues without

identified anomalies," says a typical order form from the NIH's Clinical Hematology Branch.

The NIH expended \$6 million in taxpayer money between 1993 and 1996 on fetal tissue research projects, according to the federal government's 3/97 General Accounting Office report!

The Nazis of the 1930s likewise conducted medical experimentation on the castaways and helpless classes of their day - Jews, Gypsies, and others. These experiments often involved torture and death for the subjects - disturbingly like the outcome for today's aborted babies. Let's not be doomed to repeat these historical tragedies!³

All division and county Right to Life chairmen should be aware where the local Right to Life committee has their meetings. Next Stand Up For Life will be held on Sunday, October 1st on routes 110 and 25 in Huntington, NY. For information call 631-754-9141.

I've still not heard from the County Chairs with names of Right to Life chairmen. Please send this information to me at 1 Stone Commons, Yaphank, NY 11980.

Hibernian Calendars
Past State President

Peter Durkee

Brothers this is a list of winners (number of winners and payout)

for the first seven months of 2006.

January---18---525.00, February---17---500.00, March---17---525.00, April---19---500.00, May---15---450.00, June---22---600.00, July---19---550.00. For a total numbers of 127 and a payout of \$3650.00. Did you win or even have a chance. REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BUY A CALENDAR TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WINNER. I will have the 2007 calendars at the next State Board Meeting in October, please see me at the meeting to pick up your calendars. This is one of the major fund raisers of the State board please support it. I will leave the news about the National Convention to be reported by the State Officers and just say we had a good turnout and our officers were elected.

PEC

Liam McNabb

I am writing with good news and to report that the Racing and Wagering Board has re-classified all benevolent orders and, due to the change, we (AOH, Elks, K of C, Moose, etc.) no longer have to donate the one-third of Bell Jar proceeds to charitable organizations. Our facilities and divisions that sell Bell Jar can now use the proceeds for approved expenditures (usually facility needs, mortgage, etc.) listed in NYS Charitable Gaming Rules & Regulations.

While we, as a charitable order, will continue to donate to local and national charities, this pro-

vides us the flexibility to keep and use the proceeds for expenditures we now struggle to meet. Remember- AOH divisions do not need a hall to be able to sell Bell Jar tickets. Once a division is licensed, tickets can be sold at Churches, community events, etc. in an effort to raise funds. This is a great opportunity for divisions raising and saving funds for a future hall. At this time, there are only nine AOH divisions in NYS licensed to sell Bell Jar tickets

Please feel free to inform halls or divisions in your area as you see appropriate.

Commodore Barry Mike Kearney

I am pleased to remind you that September 13th is Commodore John Barry Day. It is a legal holiday in Pennsylvania. Commodore John Barry was born at Tacumshane, County Wexford, Ireland, in 1745. He died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 13, 1803.

During the National Convention in Boston this past July, I visited the USS CONSTITUTION Navy ship and Museum at the US Naval Station in Charlestown, just north of Boston. It was to Commodore John Barry that George Washington turned to build and command that first United States Navy. One of whose ships was "Old Ironsides" the USS CONSTSTUTION which is still in commission. Commodore Barry served as senior officer of the United States

Navy, with the title of "Commodore" (in official correspondence) under three Presidents: Washington, Adams and Jefferson.

Despite Barry's integral role in the USS CONSTITUTION, the museum personnel at the information counter seemed to have little knowledge of Commodore Barry. After I expressed my disappointment, I proceeded to the book area and picked up a booklet titled USS CONSTITUTION and there in the first chapter "Birth of the U.S. Navy" was a picture of President Washington and Commodore John Barry. I returned to the information counter with the booklet and now there were three museum personnel discussing the issue. I expressed to them that a resolution was passed in the US House of Representatives and in the US Senate recognizing Commodore Barry as the First Flag Officer of the United States Navy and signed by President Bush on December 22, 2005, Public Law 109-142 of the United States, and that it was to Commodore John Barry that George Washington turned to build and command the USS CONSTSTUTION. They seemed very interested and thanked me for the information. It seems that it would be very appropriate that the AOH do its best to have a memorial to Commodore John Barry at this US Naval Station. Monuments live on for hundreds of years for future generations to cherish.

In addition, other tasks ahead for the AOH include getting the book *Gallant John Barry* back into print, and distributed to schools and libraries. This would include a major marketing effort through the AOH to get individuals and divisions to subscribe to buy copies of the reprinted book, which should include a copy of Public Law 109-142. Other organizations might want to assist in this. Also the book should include copies of songs and/or poems written about John Barry. We should also contact state legislators and/or local boards of education and encourage inclusion of the contributions of Commodore John Barry to the founding of the U.S. Navy in school curricula.

We have come a long way, but still have more that we must do.

FFAI

Brian Nelligan

It has been 25 years since the Hunger Strikes, and so much has changed. I remember as a young adult when Bobby Sands died and remember the news reports or lack of. I don't think many of us would have believed the changes that have occurred, but there are many more needed until we see a free and united Ireland.

Some of the changes we have seen over these 25 years have truly been remarkable. From Gerry Adams historic meeting with President Clinton to the Good Friday Agreement much has happened in a short period of

time. We also have some more encouraging news; the PSNI has reported that more Catholics are applying for employment, in fact 43% of the last class was Catholics. Hopefully we will continue to see this trend in getting a non-partisan police force that will truly enforce the laws not abuse the laws.

Sinn Fein also has been making progress on the political front, it is reported that they will most likely double the number of seats held in the Dail and be a minority party in the next government. This gives them unprecedented influence in helping to go forward towards a united and free Ireland.

These are small steps that take us forward, but we still have a long way to go. There are the yearly parades by multiple protestant organizations that march through the Catholic neighborhoods. There are still frequent loyalist attacks happening with few arrested. We must continue to hang on to the ideas of freedom and unity and do what we can to accomplish this.

Lastly the Christmas Appeal will soon be upon us and I would like us to continue our success in being the state with the biggest contributions. There is still plenty of work to be done to help those who over the last 40 years have been deprived of so much. The charity that everyone has shown makes me proud and I want to thank everyone who has helped.

Scholarship

Thomas Conway

Congratulations go out to Kristen Armstrong of West Babylon, Suffolk County, the 2006 winner of the Austin V. Carew Scholarship. Kristen will be attending Iona College. Kristen hails from Division 2, has been active in the Juniors and is a dancer too! Additional students currently receiving the scholarship are Kacey O'Herron of Chemung County, Jennifer O'Rourke of Suffolk Co, and Janet Miller of Richmond County. I would also like to thank all those fine candidates who participated in the scholarship program and wish them well in furthering their education.

The James F. Hayes Memorial Golf Tournament, which is held the same weekend as the New York State Board meeting in East Durham funds the scholarship. In addition, this year we had a successful raffle which awarded Major League Baseball tickets. Thank you to all of our members who have generously donated their time, talent and money to ensure that this scholarship can be offered. I heartily encourage all our members to promote this award, get the word out, and of course support our golf outing.

More information on the scholarship for 2007 will be in future Empire Hibernian issues. If there is a High School Senior in your household, it is not too early to plan ahead.

Project Saint Patrick

Edward J. Wallace

Project Saint Patrick is a joint Catholic Action program of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and friends, created to support Priests, Seminarians and Religious, spiritually, emotionally and financially. Contributions to this project will go into an endowment fund. Interest from the endowment will be given to seminarians, priests and religious in the form of scholarships and grants for continuing education and retreats.

A contribution in memory of your Loved One enables the vision of St. Patrick to continue: to bring the Gospel and the Eucharist to all people. Memorial cards may be obtained from:

Thomas J. McNabb
AOH National Secretary
31 Logan Street
Auburn, NY 13021

Please visit the NY AOH website for the most recent updates on news and events at www.nyaoh.com. You can also download copies of the forms and reports that must be filed by the Divisions.

Many Divisions will be holding elections in the upcoming months. Please remember, a form 9, Certificate of Election, should be filed each year **—even if there have been no changes.**

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA

Dear Brother Hibernians;

On Saturday, October 7, 2006 The NY State Board AOH and NYS Board LAOH will be holding their board meetings. The meetings will be held at the Melville Marriott Long Island. The secretaries will send out details on the meeting.

That evening Suffolk County will host a testimonial dinner in honor of NYS AOH President John Hennessy. Also at this dinner will be the presentation of the Burns - Hayes award to NYS AOH Commodore John Barry Chairman Mike Kearney.

This testimonial and award dinner is being held at the Melville Marriott Long Island.

In conjunction there will be a souvenir program.

All details for this dinner and information for Room reservations are enclosed.

Let's show our support to these two fine AOH members for their time and dedication.

If there are any questions you can call Walter Butler 631 736-2171 or Margaret Hennessy 631 667-8396.

Yours in Our Motto

Walter Butler Co-Chair

Margaret Hennessy Co-Chair

New York State President AOH
Testimonial Dinner
Saturday, October 7, 2006

Hotel: Melville Marriott Long Island

The Melville Marriott Long Island is located at exit 49 on the Long Island Expressway

Rooms: Room rate is \$119.00 plus 9.38% Tax (single/double)

Reservations must be made thru hotel at 631-423-1600 - code AOH

Or

On line www.melvillemarriott.com use group code ANCANCA

Mass (in hotel)	5:00pm
Cocktail Hour (Open Bar)	6:00 to 7:00pm
Dinner (Cash Bar)	7:00pm
Burns-Hayes Presentation	9:00pm
Dancing to Johnny Murphy & the Clubmen	till 12:00 AM

Menu: Entrée, choice of NY Sliced Sirloin, Salmon, Chicken Cardinal
(Vegetarian entrée upon request)

Tickets: \$70.00 per person

All reservations must be made and paid for by September 30, 2006

Please make your dinner choice below and make check payable to AOH Div. 9.
Please fill in the information below letting us know if you have a seating preference. Each table
seats 10 to 12 people

Dinner choice: NY Sirloin Salmon Chicken Vegetarian

Name: _____

Address: _____

If possible seat me with:

Please return this form along with your check to:

AOH Testimonial Dinner
PO Box 37
Deer Park, NY 11729

Walter Butler - 631-736-2171 Margaret Hennessy 631-667-8396

N.Y.S. Ancient Order of Hibernians

President's Testimonial – Journal

Melville Marriott Long Island Hotel
1350 Old Walt Whitman Road
Melville, New York 11747

AD placed by _____

Name

Address

Phone Number

Deadline: ADS to be submitted by Thursday, September 21, 2006

Size of Ad (Check one)	Inside Front Cover	\$150.00	_____
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	Full Page	\$100.00	_____
	Half Page	\$ 50.00	_____
	Quarter Page	\$ 25.00	_____
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ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY

Make checks payable to AOH Division 9

Questions: Walter Butler 631-736-2171

Mail to: AOH Testimonial Dinner

PO Box 37

Deer Park, NY 11729

As announced by Jack Meehan, National President ,Ancient Order of Hibernians the National Board Appointments and National Directors for the term beginning July 2006 are:

National Chaplin – Fr. Bartley MacPhaidin, Stonehill
Deputy Chaplains – Fr. Small, CT, Fr. Mike Healy, CA
National Organizer – Bob Mott, SC
Regional Organizer – Chris Norris, PA
F.F.A.I. – Sean Pender, NJ, Mike Cummings, NY
Legal Counsel – Jim Magee, OH
Charities & Missions - Arnie Nagelhout, NY
P.E.C. – Ned McGinley, PA - Immediate Past National President
Immigration – Michael Glass, NJ
Hibernian Digest Editor – Mike McCormack, NY
Historian – Mike McCormack, NY
Archivist – Mike Cummings, NY
Rituals & Degrees – Pat Shannon, NY
Respect Life – Br. Tom Fahey, CT
Catholic Action – Dick MacDonald, MA
Junior Divisions – Mike McNabb, NY
Webmaster – Joe Healey, MA
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Veterans Affairs – J.J. Kelly, VA
Anti Defamation – Tom Meehan, PA
Irish Way Scholarship – Bill Sullivan, MA
Notre Dame Fund – Vincent Lysaght, MI
Parliamentarian – Kevin Donohoe, PA
Project St. Patrick – Ed Wallace, NY
Chief of Protocol – John Hennessey, NY
Hibernian Hunger Project – Ed Doherty, PA , Danny O’Connell, OH
2008 National Convention Chairman – Tom Gilligan, FL

National Directors

Geographical Areas of Responsibility

Frank Kearney, CT	Joe Brady, RI	John Kane, PA
Bill Byrne, MI	Joe Dougherty, SC	Martin Kelly, NY

- 1.) Frank Kearney – CT, MA, NH, ME, & VT
- 2.) Joe Brady – RI, NJ, Maryland, & DC
- 3.) Bill Byrne – MI, IL, OH, & Western States
- 4.) Joe Dougherty – NC, SC, GA, FL, LA, & KY
- 5.) Martin Kelly – New York
- 6.) John Kane – PA, DE, VA, & W. VA