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President's Message...

Brother Hibernians,

I would like to thank everyone for their efforts on making our Battlefield Tour a success, with a very special thanks to Dave Cohill!

In spite of the weather a very good time was had by all. All of the feedback I have received has been highly complementary. Once again the efforts of our members result in a very successful event.

Please keep that in mind as we get ready to start a new year which will bring more events, all of which need your help to continue our string of successes.

We will have our annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner in March, which takes a lot of work to put on. Please don't be shy and step forward when needed!

The fall cleanup at the 9th MA Infantry Monument will be before this Sunday's meeting at 1200. Very light work needed, but bring loppers if you have them.

God Bless America, and God Save Ireland,

Ed Averill

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FR. SHERDEL SAYS A BLESSING FOR THE GROUP AT THE FATHER CORBY MONUMENT

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**NEXT MEETING:
NOV. 6TH - 1:00PM**

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Meeting Notes - Jim McGuigan

As we've not had a newsletter for many months, I'll try to summarize the past year:

- I **Failte agus Comhgaideas!**: Welcome and Congratulations to our newest brothers, Hugh Clarkin & John Murphy who were initiated into the Order at the September meeting.
- I **Adams Co. Irish Festival**: Our soda booth at the festival was a great success. Thanks to everyone who gave their time to work the booth during the day.
- I **Battlefield Tour**: The 2005 tour was a very nice success despite the bus being only a little over half full. We had Hibernians from local divisions as well as from the Philadelphia area and Cleveland, Ohio. Tour coordinator Dave Cohill will have a full report including financial details at the November meeting. We expect we'll be able to make a nice sized donation to the Irish Monuments Project.
- I **Officer's Dinner**: As we did in January of this year, we will again have a dinner for the division at which time we install the 2006 officers. District Director, Mark Jago will perform the installation ceremony. See the report below for details.
- I **St. Patrick's Day Party**: Gary Ryan has volunteered to be the party chairman for 2006. Gary reports that he has talked with new member Hugh Clarkin who also belongs to the Gettysburg VFW regarding the possibility of holding our party there this coming March. The VFW has offered to match any donation we make to charity as a result of funds raised at the party. A representative group of division members visited the VFW Hall in October and found the site as workable for our party. The group's recommendation was to hold the party at the VFW. Gary reports that he is also looking at having Spirifield's Pub cater the dinner.
- I **2006 Dues**: Financial Sec. Gary Ryan has mailed out dues notices which you should have received by now. If you haven't, please contact Gary at the November meeting or call him at 717-337-2711

2005/06 CALENDAR:**November:**

6th: Monthly Meeting & Monument Cleanup

11th: Veterans Day

24th: Thanksgiving

27th: 1st Sunday of Advent

December:

4th: Monthly Meeting

8th: Immaculate Conception

25th: Christmas

January:

11th: Officer's Dinner

15th: Monthly Meeting

15th: Feast Day, St. Ita of Co. Limerick

February:

5th: Monthly Meeting

2006 Officers Dinner

When: January 11, 2006

Where: O'Rorke's Pub & Restaurant - 44 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg, Pa

Time: Cash bar & socializing at 6:30PM, Dinner at 7:00PM

All members (and a guest) are invited to attend the dinner. Dinner will be paid for by the Division with a cash bar available.

The only requirement we ask is that you have your 2006 Dues* paid by **December 31st**. This is extremely important as it will allow us to pay our per capita tax to the AOH on-time.

Once you have paid your dues, please contact me, Jim McGuigan, to let me know you will be attending. Also please indicate if you will be bringing a guest. I need this information no later than January 4th so that I can give a headcount to the people at O'Rorke's.

Contact info: **717-630-8574** (leave msg if no answer) or **webmaster@gettysburgaoh.com**

**Dues can be mailed to Gary Ryan or paid at either the November or December meeting.*

Nominations for 2006 Officers

The following members were nominated for Officer positions at the October meeting. Any additions or withdrawals should be made at the November meeting as voting will take place in December.

PRESIDENT - Gary Ryan
VICE-PRESIDENT - Phil McDonald
TREASURER - Dave Cohill

FINANCIAL SEC. - Jim McGuigan
RECORDING SEC - Tom Gilboy
MARSHALL - Mac McGuire

SENTINEL - Bill Averill

9th Massachusetts Monument - Fall Cleanup



Division President, Ed Averill has scheduled our fall cleanup of the 9th Massachusetts' position and monument for Sunday, November 4th before our monthly meeting.

The cleanup will start at Noon and provided we get enough members pitching in to help, should not take long.

Please come out and lend a hand if you can. Don't forget a pair of work gloves and maybe even a rake and/or loppers if you have one.

The monument is on Sykes Avenue, on the right hand side of the road as you approach Big Round Top just before you go up the hill to the Little Round Top pull-off. The most foolproof way to the monument is to turn off the Emittsburg Road onto South Confederate Avenue which winds around and turns into Sykes Avenue.

While there are only about 3 parking spaces directly in front of the monument, we were told that we're allowed to park along the street during the time we are working.

Poem of the Month

"The Hounds of Tara"

Phil McDonald, Division V.P.

Through the dying morning mist
On Tara's Hill they stand,
Like apparitions from a time gone by
They survey all the land.

His great grey head and her white coat
I recognized at last
They're the royal hounds of Tara
And an omen from the past.

These noble dogs of Irish kings
Are throughout the world renowned
For size and grace, and temperament
No peer can be found.

Greybeard and Awen are their names
And on Tara's Hill they stand.
They're the first of the wolfhounds
To be seen in Ireland.

Two thousand years have passed
Since last they have been seen
Roaming Ireland's countryside
Over her fields so green.

It's said that they'd return again
When Ireland's united and free,
And as sentinels stand on Tara's Hill
To guard her liberty.

Ireland's Saints of November

Saint Columban (540–615)

Feast day: November 23rd

Also known as *St. Columbanus*

Columban had been a monk at the abbey of Bangor when at the age of 45 he was granted leave to go to Europe. He set forth with a dozen companions, and together they founded three monastic centers, including Luxeuil, in the Vosges Mountains of eastern France. But Columban's strict rule and rigid adherence to Irish church customs drew criticism, and he was forced to defend himself in letters to Pope Gregory the Great. In 610, after an impolitic run-in with the local nobility, the Irish-born monks were ordered to return home.

The monks, however, moved south, making their way through Switzerland and over the Alps into Lombardy. Although now at least 70 years old, Columban was again embroiled in an ecclesiastical controversy that also involved Pope Boniface IV. Nevertheless, the monks were given land to establish the great abbey of Bobbio in 614. St. Columban died there the following year.

One of the twelve monks who accompanied St. Columban on his mission was another Irishman, St. Gall (died c. 630), after whom a famous monastery was named in Switzerland.

It is no wonder that this saint's emblem is the bear, as he seems to have had a knack for causing trouble.

Saint Malachy (1094–1148)

Feast day: November 3rd

The first Irish saint to be canonized by a pope, in 1199.

St. Malachy is known principally as a reformer of the Irish clergy, enforcing the rule of celibacy and other disciplines. By the age of 30 he had been appointed abbot of Bangor in Down and bishop of Connor. By 35 he was archbishop of Armagh.

However, it was some time before Malachy gained control of his see, as his appointment was violently opposed by supporters of the family that had been in control of the monastery and church of Armagh for generations. Despite being in danger of his life, Malachy cleaned up the diocese and restored it to peace.

In 1137 Malachy journeyed to Rome, where Pope Innocent II appointed him papal legate for Ireland. On his travels back and forth, he visited St. Bernard at Clairvaux, who aided him in establishing (1142) the first Cistercian house in Ireland, the abbey of Mellifont in Louth. It was on one such visit to Clairvaux that Malachy was taken ill and died in St. Bernard's arms. St. Bernard later wrote Malachy's biography, saying of him: "his first and greatest miracle was himself. His inward beauty, strength, and purity are proved by his life; there was nothing in his behavior that could offend anyone."

Legend says that Malachy had the gift of prophecy and while in Rome had a vision of all the popes from his day forward. According to Malachy's written description of the vision, which was lost until 1590, there were to be only two popes after John Paul II. Today, however, most people believe the manuscript to be a fake.

November in Irish History

11/1/1625 - Birth near Oldcastle, Co. Meath of St. Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh who was canonized in 1975
 11/3/1815 - Birth in Dungiven, Co. Derry of John Mitchel, patriot and founder of the newspaper the United Irishman
 11/6/1649 - Owen Roe O'Neill - Catholic military leader against Cromwell - dies
 11/8/1847 - Birth in Dublin of Bram Stoker, author of Dracula
 11/9/1791 - Napper Tandy convenes the first meeting of Dublin's United Irishmen
 11/10/1798 - Theobald Wolfe Tone tried and convicted of treason
 11/11/1880 - Ned Kelly, Australian bushranger and son of Tipperary transportee, is hanged in Melbourne
 11/12/1971 - RTÉ bans several patriotic ballads including Dublin In The Green and The Patriot Game
 11/14/1923 - W.B. Yeats receives the Nobel Prize for Literature
 11/16/1814 - Michael Kelly Lawler, general in the Union army during the American Civil War, is born in Co. Kildare
 11/17/1814 - Joseph Finegan, a Confederate general in the American Civil War, is born in Clones, Co. Monaghan
 11/18/1926 - George Bernard Shaw refuses to accept the Nobel Prize money of £7,000 awarded to him a year earlier. He said: "I can forgive Nobel for inventing dynamite, but only a fiend in human form could have invented the Nobel Prize."
 11/21/1767 - United Irishman Thomas Russell is born in Kilshanick, Co. Cork.
 11/22/1919 - Birth of Máire Drumm, Irish Republican, in Newry, Co. Armagh
 11/28/1920 - Tom Barry and his Cork Flying Column ambush a convoy in Kilmichael

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