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Next Meeting — Friday, June 12 • 7:30 p.m.
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DIVISION 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AOH Orange County Convention	Sunday, June 7	2:00 p.m.
Joseph Duell Jr. 7th Annual Memorial Mass	Saturday, June 13	9:00 a.m.
Division 1 Family Picnic, Hil-Mar Club	Saturday, June 27	12-6 p.m.
AOH NY State Convention, Albany	July 8-11	
Divi. 1 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance	Sunday, October 25	
Division Meeting (please attend)	second Friday of each month	7:30 p.m.
Darts — Test your Dart skills	every Friday night	
Traditional Irish Music Seisiún	resumes in the Fall	
Sign up for Pub Quiz League	coming July, August, September	
Kid's Movie Night/		
Irish Rebel Song Night	Third Friday of each month	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Cairde,

In last month's newsletter I asked for some feedback on how we, the Executive Board, are performing; and for suggestions as to events our members would like to see at Paddy Naughton Hall. I am not sure how to interpret the response, or lack thereof. It was underwhelming. Does this mean that everyone is happy and content with all we are doing? Yes! I like the sound of that, so let's just leave it there. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to our Recording Secretary Joseph McMahon no he did not win a seat on the Monroe-Woodbury School Board but more importantly, he and his team won our latest Pub Quiz. After a number of second place finishes, he at last can wear the mantle of 'Smart-

est Hibernian'. He was ably assisted on his team by Brother Michael McKeown. Thanks to all the members who attended; as always, a great time was had by all. We intend to run a quiz 'mini-league' over the summer held once a month for 3 consecutive months, and ending in an awesome Grand Finale; most likely July, August, & September. Consisting of teams of 4 with one substitute, at \$60 per table. We would like to have at least 10 teams. The best cumulative score on the final night will be crowned champions. So, get your smartest friends together. Don't forget that one friend who seems to know the most obscure, insignificant trivia you know who I am talking about and enter to win the big prize. Also remember, by supporting this event

you are supporting the Division. To enter a team email knockawn@yahoo.com or call (845) 551 0563.

Please attend the 7th annual Joseph Duell Jr. Mass on Saturday June 13, at 9:00 am, in Sacred Heart Church (main church). Brother Bob Burns goes to a lot of trouble to organize this event every year and all he asks is for members to show their appreciation for Joseph; a man who gave his life in defense of our nation; by coming to the Mass and praying for his soul. After Mass we can retire to the Hall for a full Irish Breakfast. There will be a small charge of \$4 to help defray food costs. Then we will go to Joseph's grave at St. Mary's Cemetery in Washingtonville for the annual wreath laying. This has

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Dart Awards

Pictured at the Southern Orange Dart Association Awards Night and Dinner at the Hall on May 18, League President John O'Grady presents the SODA Cup to the winners, the American Legion, Greenwood Lake.

JDJ information

The Division would like to thank the JDJ Board of Directors for all their hard work over the last year. There is now an elevator installed at Paddy Naughton Hall which will help a lot of our members who find the stairs too hard to climb to attend meetings and Division functions in the future. There is a new fire stairs and a renovated vestibule at the top of the main stairs. All these improvements cost money, so we ask that division members please support the building fund.

There will be a raffle, with tickets going on sale next month, to help defray the cost of the vestibule. First prize will be a framed New York Giants shirt, signed by future 'Hall of Fame' player, Michael Strahan. This is indeed a collector's item. The tickets will cost \$10. For more information contact Brendan at knockawn@yahoo . . . (845) 551- 0563 or any Board member.

The 2009/10 JDJ Board members are: Keith Reynolds, John Ryan, Glenn Edmonds, Matt Walsh, Bill O'Donnell, Dennis Browne, and Brendan O'Dowd.

Dues

We are already six months into 2009. If you have not paid your dues, the Division will have no choice but to presume you no longer wish to be a member of our great Order. Please do not let this happen. We desire that all our members remain 'members in good standing.' If you have not paid, for whatever reason, please contact our Financial Secretary Ed Dennehy as soon as possible. The Ancient Order of Hibernians needs good men . . . we need YOU.

Goodwill and Welfare

As this Newsletter goes to print we are saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Walsh. Bill, the father of Division 1 member, and the division's 2009 Aide to the Grand Marshal in the Mid-Hudson Parade, Matt, was one of the original members of Division 1, first joining in 1969. Although Bill has not been a member for a number of years, he, and his family, were great supporters of events at the Hall throughout the years. He will be greatly missed, especially at the Irish Gaelic Championship games, as he used to cheer on his beloved Kilkenny in the Hurling.

We also extend our profound condolences to Division 1 Recording Secretary Joseph McMahon and his brother Brian on the death of their mother Anne on May 27.

May the souls of Bill and Anne and of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Right to Life

Pro-Abortion advocates have vigorously fought attempts by the New York Right to Life Committee to at least require giving anesthesia to unborn babies before they are killed. If you watch the 1987 pro-life documentary "Eclipse of Reason" with introduction by Charlton Heston, which showed a dismembered aborted baby, I think you would be naive to believe that babies do not feel excruciating pain during an abortion. If someone you know tells you they are pro-choice, simply ask them "what do you choose?" We should be unapologetic when we say, "we are Hibernians . . . we are Catholic . . . we are Pro-Life.

Division Picnic

will feature:

- a swimming pool
- a certified life guard
- swimming races
- a new menu of food by Dennis

President's Message

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become a solemn, yet inspiring event: as we lay the wreath, listen to the bagpipe music, and honor a true American hero — Joseph Duell Jr. All who can, please wear your Division uniform.

On a more festive note, our Division Picnic is on Saturday, June 27 at the Hill-Mar Lodge in Sailsbury Mills.

Here are the directions from Monroe: Take Route 208 North for approximately 4 miles. Turn Right on to Clove Road. Hil-Mar Lodge is approximately 4 miles on your Right. There is a large swimming pool with a certified life guard on duty... basketball courts and a green area. It will be a fun-filled day for all the family . . . so gather up the kids . . . the grand kids . . . the neighbor's kids . . . even the neighbors, and come to Hil-Mar. There will be a new menu this year . . . beverages . . . music . . . dancing . . . and games.

Remember the AOH Orange Convention is on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall in Monroe. If you are a member in good standing, please attend to show your support to our AOH County Officers.

Go mbeannaí Dia thú,
Brendan O'Dowd
Uachtarán

AOH Division 1 40th Anniversary Gala

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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History

James Connolly: Born In Scotland, Died For Ireland



James Connolly was born in 1868, at The Cowgate, Edinburgh. His parents were Irish emigrants from Co. Monaghan. His father worked as a manure carter, removing dung from the streets at night, and his mother was a domestic servant.

The Cowgate, where the Connollys lived, and the adjacent area known as Grassmarket, were the Irish slums. Anti-Irish sentiment at this time was rampant, and the Irish were forced to live in slums, known as 'Little Ireland.' At the tender age of 10, Connolly left school and got a job with the *Edinburgh Evening News*. At age 14, Connolly joined the British Army and was posted in Ireland, where he witnessed first hand the abominable treatment of the Irish people by the British. While serving in Ireland, he met his future wife. They were engaged in 1888 and married two years later. At this time, Connolly — appalled at the British subjugation and oppression of the Irish people — discharged himself from the British Army and went back to Scotland with his new wife. Connolly became active in Socialist and trade union circles and became secretary of the Scottish Socialist Federation. During this time, he became involved with the Independent Labour Party.



He went to Dublin in May 1896 as paid organiser of the Dublin Socialist Society. By May of 1896 Connolly had organized the Irish Socialist Republican Party. By 1898, he had established the first Irish Socialist paper.

In 1903 Connolly chaired the inaugural meeting of the Socialist Labour Party but soon became disillusioned and emigrated to the U.S., not to return until July 1910. In the U.S., Connolly founded the Irish Socialist Federation in New York, and another newspaper.

When Connolly returned to Ireland, he became the Belfast

organiser for James Larkin's Irish Transport and General Workers Union. In 1913 James Connolly co-founded the Labour Party, and in 1914 he helped organize opposition to the Employers Federation in the Great Lock-Out of workers. In 1913, Connolly also founded the Irish Citizen Army (ICA), at Liberty Hall, the headquarters of the ITGWU. The ICA, was established to defend the rights of the working people.

In 1914, Connolly returned permanently to Dublin and revived the newspaper *The Workers' Republic*. In *The Workers' Republic* newspaper, he published articles continuously urging the group "The Irish Volunteers" for their inactivity. The Irish Volunteers were, however, urged by their leadership to support England in the war against Germany. Many of them sided with John Redmond — leader the Irish Parliamentary Party — and became known as the National Volunteers.

In 1916, the Irish Republican Brotherhood decided to take James Connolly into their confidence. During the following months, he took part in the preparation for a rising and was appointed Military Commander of the Republican Forces in Dublin, including his own Irish Citizen Army. James Connolly was one of the seven signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. He was in command of the Republican HQ at the GPO during the Easter Rising of 1916, and was severely wounded. He was arrested, court-martialled and sentenced to die by firing squad.

In the early morning hours of 12 May 1916, James Connolly was taken by ambulance from Dublin Castle to Kilmainham Jail, carried on a stretcher into the prison yard, strapped into a chair and subsequently executed. This act, as well as the execution of the other leaders, was the catalyst in turning the Irish people against British rule.

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