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Next Meeting — Friday, May 14 • 7:30 p.m.
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DIVISION 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JDJ Committee — Letters of Intent are due by Thursday, May 6
Ascension Thursday (Holy Day)..... Thursday, May 13
Fleming's Fling..... Sunday, May 30
Traditional Irish Music SeisiúnSundays 1:30 p.m.
Kids Movie Night Third Friday of the Month
Irish Rebel Song/Karaoke Night Third Friday of the Month
DIVISION NO. 1 WEBSITE • <http://aohdiv1.org/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

We had a spring clean up at the Hall, both internal and external, on Tuesday April 13th. Thanks go out to our Vice President, Keith Reynolds and Past-President, Brendan O'Dowd for organizing the clean up. They were aided by the following members who stopped by to assist: John Ryan, Marty Edmonds, George Anderson, Thomas McCarthy, Charlie Sommerland, Jerry Bannon, Michael Carroll, Rich Jackson, Neil O'Riordan and Bill O'Donnell.

The computer at the Hall is up and running after an initial glitch. We also received a donation of a stereo receiver from Ed Dennehy and we are now wired for sound in the bar area with the help of Brother Emmett O'Grady. We have a very large collection of music to listen to/choose from but if anyone wants to bring additional music in feel free to bring it over and we will add it to our collection.

The Tattoo on April 25th at West Point was cancelled/postponed due to inclement weather. The hope is that it will be rescheduled for a later date yet to be determined.

The Annual AOH Division 1 Picnic is tentatively set for Saturday, August 7th. Details have been worked out but not finalized. We should have everything finalized by meeting night and the information will be given out at that time. I can confirm at this time that it will be a Pig Roast but the contract for the venue is yet to be signed.

The Joseph Duelk Jr. Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Sacred Heart Church on Still Road, Monroe at 9:00 AM. An Irish Breakfast will be served at the Hall followed by a ceremony at the gravesite in Washingtonville. Please make every effort to attend.

On a sad note I regret to report the passing of long-time Member William F. Neilan on April 12, 2010. Bill was a veteran of the

United States Army having served in World War II. A Memorial Mass will be offered on Monday, July 5, 2010 at 10:00 AM at St. Columba R.C. Church, 29 High Street, Chester, New York. While we had several members pay their respects at the Wake, I would like to pay our respects as a Division at the Memorial Mass on July 5th. Please plan on attending, if possible, as from my conversation with the family it would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 7:30 PM. As always please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

John O'Grady
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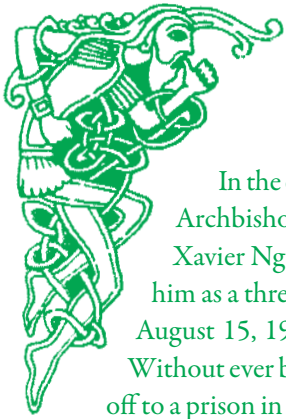
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IRISH HISTORY

Submitted by Charlie Sommerlad



In the early 1970's during the Vietnam War, the Archbishop of Saigon was a man named Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan. The Communists saw him as a threat. And on the feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1975, he was arrested and sent to prison. Without ever being tried, or sentenced, he was shipped off to a prison in northern Vietnam. He was there for 13 years, nine of them in solitary confinement.

During his imprisonment he could not celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or receive Holy Communion. But, he held fast to the Faith. He wrote to friends outside prison saying he needed "his medicine". They knew what he meant. They sent him small cough medicine bottles which were filled with wine, and bits of bread. Sympathetic guards smuggled him some wood and wire so that he could make a small crucifix which he would hide in a bar

of soap. He kept all of this in a cardboard box which he also used for his private altar.

Archbishop Thuan would place drops of wine in the palm of his hand mingled with one drop of water to celebrate Mass. He would say Holy Mass at three pm, the hour of Christ's death.

During Lent 2000, he received a special invitation from Pope John Paul II to preach the Lenten Retreat to the Curia, at the beginning of the third millennium. When the Holy Father received him in private audience after the retreat, giving him a chalice, Cardinal Thuan said: "Twenty-four years ago I said Mass with three drops of wine and one drop of water in the palm of my hand, I never would have thought that today the Holy Father would give me a gilt chalice. Our Lord is great indeed and so is His love".

Announcements:

Spring Clean Up — Brother Keith Reynolds thanks the crew of volunteers who cleaned the parking lot, trimmed trees, and cleaned the inside of our hall. Thank you to our brothers: Keith Reynolds, John Ryan, Marty Edmonds, George Anderson, Thomas McCarthy, Charlie Sommerlad, Jerry Bannon, Michael Carroll, Rich Jackson, Neil O'Riordan, Brendan O'Dowd, Bill O'Donnell.

Good Will & Welfare — Pray for all of our brothers and especially remember Pat Moriarty and Joseph McLean.

JDJ Committee — We are in need of members to serve on the JDJ Committee. Please submit a "Letter of Intent" by May 6th.

AOH National Convention — Our division is permitted to send representatives to the AOH national convention in Cincinnati. Please contact John O'Grady if you are interested.

There will be a Benefit Memorial Picnic on June 12, 2010 for Richie O'Brien, brother of John O'Brien and AOH Div. 1 member. The picnic will be held at Thomas Bull Memorial Park and admission is \$25.

Dues and Contact Info — 85 members still owe dues. Please make sure your contact information is current by emailing: 8158269422 (AT) optonline.net

Carmel Reilly from the Rockland County Pearl River Parade Committee, presented the Timmy John O'Riordan Memorial Trophy to Pipe Major Tommy Fleming of the AOH Orange County Pipes and Drums, for Best Large Pipe Band. This is the second year in a row for our band to win this prestigious award.



Mark Your Calendars

FLEMING'S FLING — is Sunday, May 30, at the American Legion in Greenwood Lake, 12 noon to 5:00 pm. Please support this event at which the Thomas Fleming Fund will be making its 2010 Awards presentations. To date the scholarship fund has awarded over \$30,000 to family members. We are asking for your advance support by purchasing 3 raffle tickets for our Basket of Cheer. A second prize gift basket will also be awarded. Please send your ticket stubs and checks made out to Fleming Scholarship Fund, c/o John Brophy, 2480 Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley, PA 18428. Please contact the treasurer John Brophy with questions: (570) 775-7135



The **8TH ANNUAL JOSEPH DUELK JR. MASS** Saturday, June 12 at 9:00 am in Sacred Heart (main church).

NATIONAL CONVENTION is in Cincinnati on July 7 – 11.

DIVISION PICNIC — details are still being worked out. (Tentative date is Saturday, August 7.)

Pro-Life Report

“By their fruits you shall know them . . .

Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit...”

(St. Matthew 7).

"Rush Hour For Life" is a non-denominational group which assembles on Monday mornings 7 am - 8 am on the sidewalks of Tuxedo, NY. Here, they exercise their 1st Amendment right to peaceful assembly and freedom of speech. One man in particular has been a fixture on the sidewalk for over 72 Mondays holding signs and praying for the unborn at the bottom of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church. This section of the public sidewalk was selected for many reasons including that it is located in a 35 mph speed zone between two traffic lights, so it is highly visible to commuters going to work. Pro-Death forces have been mounting a steady flow of complaints over the past several months to anyone that will listen.

The Pro-Death forces have claimed that they will reach out to lawyers in an attempt to stop the Pro-Lifers from assembling on the sidewalk through legal action. Several months ago, the Pro-Death forces began complaining to the Town of Tuxedo; and, police walked the sidewalk to investigate. When the Town of Tuxedo did not take any action, the Pro-Death forces began to lodge complaints with the pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. These active Pro-Death forces then lodged complaints with the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of New York. In both cases, they were told that Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church had nothing to do with the Pro-Lifers on the public sidewalk. Finally in April, they began complaining to the auxiliary bishop of Orange County, Bishop Dom. Lagonegro.

Over the past year, Pro-Death forces have hurled curses out the windows of their cars as they drive by the Pro-Lifers, they have made obscene gestures, they have pulled into the church's parking

lot to harass the 74 year old pastor while he is preparing to say 8:00 am Mass. Now the Pro-Death forces are taking a new strategy by claiming that the graphic images of aborted babies are upsetting the school children who pass by the signage. Can you imagine if people said that pictures of Irish people starving in 1847 were too graphic and should not be shown?

In a shocking turn of events, it was not civil authorities in Tuxedo that succumbed to the pressure of the Pro-Death forces. On Monday, April 12th, Bishop Dom. Lagonegro ordered the pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to remove all Pro-Life signs from the Church's property. This included a small "cemetery" of white crosses which many churches around the country have been putting up to symbolize millions of aborted babies. Orange County Right to Life sent out an email asking Pro-Lifers to call Bishop Dom. Lagonegro and ask him to put the "cemetery" of white crosses back in the churchyard. The Catholic Church is supposed to protect Life, and not take the side of the Anti-Life forces. Bishop Lagonegro claims that he does not want the "cemetery" of white crosses because he does not want to be associated with the graphic pictures of the Rush Hour For Life Group on the sidewalk. Perhaps if Pro-Lifers telephoned Bishop Lagonegro's office, he would reverse his decision; especially since the churchyard has no affiliation with the non-denominational Pro-Lifers on the sidewalk.

Please — help the AOH bring forth good fruit in the month of May; we can call Bishop Lagonegro's office in Newburgh at Sacred Heart (845) 561-2264 and ask him to allow the "cemetery" of white crosses in the churchyard.



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