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**JOSEPH DUELK, JR. DIVISION NO. 1**

P. O. Box 337, Monroe (Orange County), New York 10950

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 12, 2018 8 PM**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone is enjoying the coming fall season and had a great summer. The AOH County Board and Divisions conducted our September Picnic at Division 2, and although it was a light turnout, a good time was had by all.

### Dues for 2019

Please note that 2019 dues are now in order. The Division must pay its assessments to the National, State and County by February 1 in order to be in good standing and take advantage of some early payer discounts. Therefore, we need to collect the dues this year to ensure we have sufficient funds to remit the dues early in 2019. Waiting till January to pay your dues may require the Division to wait till past February, costing us additional money and leaving less to operate the Division, make charitable contributions, etc.

Please note as reported in our last meeting, the JDJ Board has notified the AOH that it will be officially leasing the 2nd Floor to the AOH. This will enable the floor to be leased with utilities included, which will save the Division the cost of the electric and heating bills for the year. This is a tremendous savings, however, anyone who can contribute to the Building Fund will be offsetting that increased cost to the JD Corporation.

Please send your dues as soon as possible, and by November 30 at the latest this year! Please check page 2 for further information on dues payment options.

### Election Notice

**Brothers, you are notified that nominations are now open for the AOH Board for 2019.**

### ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN for nominations.

Please note that I have decided not to seek the office of President for the coming year, in order to focus on my duties with the JDJ Corporation. As well, the current Recording Secretary, George Anderson, and the current Financial Secretary, Tom Keahon, have announced their intention NOT TO SEEK re-election to their offices for 2019.

If you wish to seek to become a leader in our great Division, please send a letter of intent to me, as I will serve as Nominating and Election Committee Chair, as outlined on Page 2 of the Newsletter.

### Annual County Mass and Breakfast

I hope everyone who is able can attend the upcoming Annual County Mass and Breakfast, October 28.

In our motto, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

**Neil O'Riordan, President**

## Division 1 Calendar of Events

### Friday, October 12

Monthly Meeting  
8 PM

### Sunday, October 28

Annual County Mass and  
Breakfast  
Shrine of OLMC  
Middletown  
9 AM Prayers  
9:30 AM Mass  
Breakfast in Carmelite  
Hall to follow

## Food Drive

Brothers, please mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18 this year. Once again, the Junior Division and our members will man food collection stations outside Shoprite from 9 to 2 each day, to collect donations from shoppers of non-perishable food items, for donation to Our Father's Kitchen and other food pantries. Contact Recording Secretary George Anderson for details.

## Division Notices

### Dues for 2019

Please note that 2019 dues are now in order. You have four options for dues:

\$40--standard dues for 2019

\$65--\$40 for dues and \$25 for Fleming Scholarship Fund Contribution

\$100--JDJ Building Fund, plus your AOH dues are paid

\$125--the AOH Trifecta, your dues, a Building Fund contribution and a Fleming Scholarship Fund contribution.

Dues may be mailed to AOH Division 1, PO Box 337, Monroe, NY 10950, or dropped off at the Hall using the envelopes provided by the drop box and the envelop placed in the drop box. Do NOT leave dues payments with bartenders. For record keeping purposes, checks are encouraged, however, cash payments may be made using the envelop and drop box or paid directly to the Financial Secretary at our General Membership Meetings October 12 or November 9. Please make checks payable to AOH Division 1.

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Please send a letter of intent to Nominating and Election Committee Chair Neil O'Riordan not later than the dates noted below by the following methods:

**By US Mail** to AOH Division 1, PO Box 337, Monroe, NY 10950 letter must be postmarked by September 30 and received at the Division by the time of the October General Membership meeting October 12, 2018, 8 PM.

**By email** to [oriordan\\_neil@yahoo.com](mailto:oriordan_neil@yahoo.com)--email must be received by midnight, September 30, 2018.

**By letter dropped off in the drop box at the Hall.** The drop box will be checked at 7:30 PM on October 12, 2018 and the letter must be received in the drop box by that time

**Personal delivery to the Nominating and Election Committee Chair** by 7:30 PM October 12, 2018

Please note that nominations will be accepted from the floor at the October meeting ONLY and only for a Brother who is present. Nominations from the Floor will NOT be accepted if the Brother being nominated is not physically present at the October meeting. Should there be no contested elections, the election will take place at the October General Membership meeting immediately after the close of nominations for each position by acclamation. If there will be any contested races, the election will take place by secret ballot at the November General Membership Meeting November 9, 2018. The results will be announced at that meeting.

Installation will take place at our December General Membership Meeting, December 14, 2018. The presiding officer will be our Worthy County President Edmund Burke. The Installation will be a Public Installation, and immediately following, we will have our AOH Christmas Party. Food and Soda provided by the Division, cash bar.



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# A Moment in Irish History

## The Irish War of Independence

The **Irish War of Independence** (Irish: *Cogadh na Saoirse*)<sup>[a]</sup> or **Anglo-Irish War** was a guerrilla war fought from 1919 to 1921 between the Irish Republican Army (IRA, the army of the Irish Republic) and the British security forces in Ireland. It was an escalation of the Irish revolutionary period into warfare.

In April 1916, Irish republicans launched the Easter Rising against British rule and proclaimed an Irish Republic. Although it was crushed after a week of fighting, the rising and the British response led to greater popular support for Irish independence. In the December 1918 election, the republican party Sinn Féin won a landslide victory in Ireland. On 21 January 1919 they formed a breakaway government (Dáil Éireann) and declared independence from Britain. Later that day, two members of the police force, the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC), were shot dead in the Soloheadbeg ambush in County Tipperary by IRA members acting on their own initiative. For much of 1919, IRA activity involved capturing weapons and freeing republican prisoners. In September, the British government outlawed the Dáil and Sinn Féin and the conflict intensified. The IRA began ambushing RIC and British Army patrols, attacking their barracks and forcing isolated barracks to be abandoned. The British government bolstered the RIC with recruits from Britain—the Black and Tans and Auxiliaries—who became notorious for ill-discipline and reprisal attacks on civilians.<sup>[a]</sup> The conflict as a result is often referred to as the "Black and Tan War" or simply the "Tan War".<sup>[a][7][8]</sup>

While around 300 people had been killed in the conflict up to late 1920, there was an escalation of violence in November. On Bloody Sunday, 21 November 1920, fourteen British intelligence operatives were assassinated in Dublin in the morning; then in the afternoon the RIC opened fire on a crowd at a Gaelic football match in the city, killing fourteen civilians and wounding 65. A week later, seventeen Auxiliaries were killed by the IRA in the Kilmichael Ambush in County Cork. The British government declared martial law in much of southern Ireland. The centre of Cork city was burnt out by British forces in December 1920. Violence continued to escalate over the next seven months, when 1,000 people were killed and 4,500 republicans were interned. Much of the fighting took place in Munster (particularly County Cork), Dublin and Belfast, which together saw over 75 percent of the conflict deaths.<sup>[a]</sup> Violence in Ulster, especially Belfast, was notable for its sectarian character and its high number of Catholic civilian victims.<sup>[a]</sup>

Both sides agreed to a ceasefire (or 'truce') on 11 July 1921. In May, Ireland was partitioned under British law by the Government of Ireland Act, which created Northern Ireland. The post-ceasefire talks led to the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty on 6 December 1921. This ended British rule in most of Ireland and, after a ten-month transitional period overseen by a provisional government, the Irish Free State was created as a self-governing dominion on 6 December 1922. Northern Ireland remained within the United Kingdom. After the ceasefire, political and sectarian violence between republicans (usually Catholics) and loyalists (usually Protestants) continued in Northern Ireland for many months. In June 1922, disagreement among republicans over the Anglo-Irish Treaty led to the Irish Civil War which lasted for eleven months. The Irish Free State awarded 62,868 medals for service during the War of Independence, of which 15,224 were issued to IRA fighters of the flying columns.<sup>[a]</sup>