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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

Our next two meetings shall be held on the following dates: **Sunday, July 8th and Sunday, August 12th both at 2PM.** A JDJ Meeting shall precede the July meeting at 1 PM. **Please see our other events planned for the fall in the calendar section to the right and please try to attend both the County Picnic and the Annual Mass.**

I shall be attending the AOH National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky this July, representing our Division and voting as a member of AOH Orange County.

Of note at the Convention is our Division 1 member of 30 years, **Denis Mulcahy, founder of Project Children, shall receive the National AOH in America's highest award, The JFK Memorial Award, at our National Convention.**

Project Children was founded in 1975 by Denis Mulcahy. In addition to being a Hibernian, Denis was a member of the New York Police Department Bomb Squad. After watching too many news accounts of violence, the Cork native reasoned that if Protestant and Catholic children could spend time together in an environment that was not toxic with war, they would be less likely as adults to hurl bombs at each other, and Project Children was born. That first summer, he and his wife Miriam brought six children, three Protestant and three Catholic, to spend the summer with them in their home in New York State. Our Division hosted a movie that told the Project Children story, "*How to Defuse a Bomb*," in April of last year at the Monroe movie theater. It was so well attended, we had to do two showings of it and over 600 people attended the movie screening.

Project Children was in existence for 40 years and ended in 2015. Over its life, the program brought 22,000 children from Northern Ireland to spend the summer with 1,500 host families in the United States.

Denis has also been nominated for the Noble Peace Prize three times.

Congratulations to Brother Denis Mulcahy on his receipt of this well-deserved award.

In other news, I would like to thank Past Presidents Tommy Flynn and George Anderson for organizing and running a very successful Duelk/Allen Memorial Mass at St. Anastasia Church on June 10. Father Mike, our pastor, did a wonderful job in his homily keeping the memories alive and honored for Joseph D. Duelk Jr., for whom our Division is named, and for 1st Lt Louis E. Allen, for whom our Junior Division is named.

Brother Bob Burns led our division members in prayers and the laying of wreaths at both of their grave sites, with Bob Allen, father of Lou, and family in attendance at the Veteran's Cemetery in Goshen. Brother Steve Gibbons played the bag pipes over their graves. We had a nice reception afterwards at our Hall. The Executive Board of Division 1 is very thankful to all our members and their families who supported this very important event.

In Our Motto, Neil O'Riordan, President

Division 1

Summer/Early Fall Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 8

Monthly Meeting
2 PM

Sunday, August 12

Monthly Meeting
2 PM

Friday, September 14

Monthly Meeting
8 PM

Saturday, September 22

County Picnic

Division 2
1 PM

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

Saturday, September 22

County Picnic

Division 2
1 PM

\$5 per person!

Paul Cray Entertaining
2 PM to 6 PM!

**Division Events
Duelk/Allen Mass 2018**



Celtic Fest 2018



West Point Raffle Tickets

Brothers, our AOH County Board is holding its annual fundraising raffle for 2 season tickets to West Point Army Football! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the bar. If you think you can sell some tickets, lots of 5 tickets can be obtained by contacting George Anderson at 914.263.2508. **Please support this raffle!**



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