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President's Corner

Brothers –

The Club held another successful Saint Patrick's celebration last month. The Club was well represented by a strong contingent of marchers at our Annual Parade. Hundreds lined the Parade Route to witness the spectacle. A particular note of thanks to Maureen Burns, her brother Kevin and all who helped her design and build *Collins' Castle*, named in honor of Brother Connie Collins. I also want to thank Olympia Pinto who made a donation to the Club to offset the costs associated with presenting the Parade.

Speaking of Brother Collins, congratulations to him on the 43rd *Voice of Ireland* broadcast on WATR radio. Well assisted by members of the LAOH, Connie entertained the entire Greater Waterbury area with the sounds of the Old Sod.

On Saint Patrick's Day, a hearty lot of Irishmen braved the elements for Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, followed by the Flag Raising at City Hall. A wonderful ceremony marked the installation of Brother Francis "Pup" Doolan as our *Irish Mayor for the Day*. Mayor Pup spent the day with a security entourage escorting him to various sites around the City as he performed the official duties of office.

Despite the weather, the Club had a very successful Open House in which we welcomed all to celebrate our great Patron Saint and our Irish heri-

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National AOH President Meghan's Statement on the Adams/Paisley Meeting

March 29th Quincy, MA

The recent meeting of Northern Ireland political leaders Ian Paisley and Gerry Adams is certainly a positive step but its significance has yet to be determined. We should hardly be grateful that a functioning democracy has been delayed yet another six weeks or that that loyalists finally have recognized the political mandate of Sinn Fein.

With few exceptions, the American media has rarely portrayed the conflict in the North of Ireland correctly and it would be a mistake to presume a photo opportunity such as the Adams-Paisley meeting is anything more than symbolic of progress. Mr. Paisley represents political thought that is colonial and racist in its origin and a community that has yet to be held to account for its unspeakable crimes in defense of those beliefs, the Dublin-Monahan bombings, the Nelson and Finucane killings, and the hundreds of collusion killings testified to by the Relatives for Justice. If there is any need for loathing let Mr. Paisley do so while addressing the official slaughter, the corruption of law and justice and the tormenting and spitting on 8 years old girls

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President's Corner

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tage. My very special thanks to Brothers Matt Macnamee, Tim Cavanaugh, Pat Murphy, Bill McCarthy, Jeff Keeley, Steve Rossi, Jacky Cole, Brian Houlihan and Brian Johnston who spent the following morning cleaning the Club, a mammoth undertaking.

Thank you to Thomas Arthur Presbia-Przybyloski who made a very generous donation to the Club on behalf of Danny O'Connor.

I invite all members to help us on April 28th at 8:00 as we perform our Annual Spring Cleaning. Breakfast will be provided. Please bring some tools as we spruce up our Club. The rain date is April 29th.

As we enter into the warmer months of Spring and Summer, I want to thank all Brothers for your help and support for the Club. Your efforts and participation at Club events helps to make our Club strong. If you have suggestions for things that the Club should be doing, please let me know.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Bill

County Board to Meet

On May 6th at 4:00pm, the Ancient Order of Hibernian New Haven County Board will be meeting at our Club. We welcome them and invite all members to attend the meeting.



President Meehan's Statement

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going to Holy Cross School in the Ardoyne.

There is no mistaking the deeds done by the Nationalists in response to this official mayhem which they have acknowledged and have paid for, many with their lives. We have supported the process of dialogue long before the 1998 Agreement but there are many in the DUP who do not and who will do what they can to destroy even this modest progress. We remain hopeful that the next few months will see not only a functioning democracy but the fruit of accountability and justice which is true peace.

Jack Meehan, National President
Quincy, Massachusetts

Contact Jack Meehan at 617-285-5113 or Mike Cummings at 518-482-0349 for further questions.

(Reprinted from the National AOH Website)

Memorial Service

Memorial Day Remembrance Monday, May 28th Graveside service at 9:00am followed by Mass in the Hall.

The AOH Golf League is ready to hit the links. Two flights will be chasing the ball at East Mountain Golf Course on Wednesdays starting April 18th.

The Morning Group will be teeing it off starting at 8:00am, while the Afternoon Group will head out at 4:45pm.

Keep your heads down, Brothers. Calculators are available at the Club, as are erasers.



Mark Your Calendars NOW

On Friday June 15th, we will be honoring Brother Connie Collins as the *Hibernian of the Year* with a dinner at the Club. The LAOH will also be honoring Kerry Tutolo as the *Lady Hibernian of the Year*.

This will be a gala evening out for all and all members are urged to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming.

On Sunday, July 8th, we will be honoring all Life Members and Past Presidents with a special Luncheon at the Club. Please plan to join with us and the LAOH as they honor their Life Members and Past Presidents. This will be a great way to spend an afternoon. Additional information on this event will also be mailed to all members.

Mother's Day at the Club

Sunday May 13th is Mother's Day, and you know what that means! Brunch! 10:00am until 2:00pm.

The Buffet Menu includes: Coffee, Tea, Assorted Juices, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home fries, French Toast Sticks, Chicken Francais (what's with all of this French stuff? I thought we were an Irish Club), Baked Ham, Shrimp & Broccoli with Bowtie Pasta, Roast Pork, Green Beans Almondine, Salad, Bread & Butter.

The cost is only \$15.00 per person; children under 15, \$10.00; children under 8, Free

Reservations are suggested - Walk-ins will be accommodated as circumstances permit. This popular event will sell out early, so reserve your spot now.

Off to the Races

Brother Bob Batters has set Saturday August 18th as the Club's Annual AOH Saratoga Racing Day.

The \$70 per person charge includes transportation & tip, reserved Grandstand Seating, Breakfast at the Club with Adult Beverages, Beer, Soda, and Sandwiches.

Bring a cooler that will fit under your seat if you like, but remember, no bottles at the Race Track.

Breakfast at the Club begins at 7:30am and the bus will leave promptly at 8:30am.

A \$20 deposit will secure your seat and is required by June 15th.

Sign up now, as the bus will fill fast. Contact Bob at 756-8721 if you have any questions.

