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Monsignor Slocum Division #1 Waterbury, Connecticut

## President's Corner

Brothers –

March 17 is an important day for the Club. Of course, it is Saint Patrick's Day and an opportunity for us to once again celebrate our Great Patron. His Honor, Pup Doolan, Irish Mayor for the Day, has declared that grand celebrations of Irish Heritage shall take place throughout the City on Saint Patrick's Day. He tells me that among the many things that he has planned is to cancel school so that the children can all take part in the various activities. March 17th is also the 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Monsignor Slocum Division. We can all take great pride in the fact that our Club is approaching its Centennial Celebration. We shall soon begin planning an appropriate celebration that would be sure to please our founders

I am very happy to re-institute a Club tradition. We will be honoring one of our own as the **Hibernian of the Year**. After careful consideration, I can think of no more worthy a Brother to be so honored than Past President, Connie Collins. We will be feting Connie with a special dinner later in the Spring.

I want to thank the LAOH for inviting me to speak at their March meeting. I appreciate having the opportunity spend some time with the members and look forward to working with the LAOH in the coming months.

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## St. Patrick's Celebration

St. Patrick's Day is March 17<sup>th</sup> this year, and the Club is making preparations for a grand celebration.

The festivities begin with our Annual Parade through Washington Hill on March 10. Our Flag Raising Ceremony will be at 12:30pm at Washington Park, with the Parade stepping off at 1:00. Deborah Sullivan will sing both our National Anthem and the Irish National Anthem, *Soldiers of Erin*. The Master of Ceremonies will be Tom Chute from WATR Radio. We expect that many of our local politicians will be on hand to greet us, and a grand turnout is expected along the parade route. The Parade's Grand Marshall is Brother Tom Unwin. Naturally, a reception will be held at the club following the Parade.

On St. Patrick's Day, we will begin with 9:00 Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church. There will then be a Flag Raising at City Hall (including the singing of both of our anthems again by Ms. Sullivan) and the Installation of Brother Pup Doolan as Irish Mayor for the Day at 10:00 followed by a reception.

The Open House at the Club is sure to please all. Our celebration will include food, fun, music, dancing and traditional refreshments. Of course, the Waterbury Police Pipes and Drums will be paying us a visit.

Plan to celebrate our Patron Saint by joining with us during this special time. We'll be looking for you.

## Saint Patrick

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story.

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote, "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

St. Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserninus, and Fiac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

### *Why a shamrock?*

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

### *In His Footstep:*

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

*From Catholic Online <http://www.catholic.org/saints>*

## Präsident's Corner

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As we celebrate another glorious Saint Patrick's Day, let us not forget those Brothers, and our Brothers' family members, who have gone on to their heavenly reward during this past year. May they all rest in peace.

Be sure to join with us for all of our Club activities as we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. Coming to the Parade, participating at Mass at the Immaculate Conception, the Flag Raising at City Hall and of course our Open House at the Club are the perfect way to celebrate the uniqueness of being Irish! I hope to see all of you at all of our activities throughout the day.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Bill



## His Honor, Mayor Doolan

Francis “Pup” Doolan will be showing his Celtic Pride as he serves as Waterbury’s Mayor for the Day on Saint Patrick’s Day. Brother Doolan, a longtime Hibernian and our Immediate Past President will pay honor to all Irish as he takes his place among the many great Irish Mayors throughout the history of the Brass City.

Born in Waterbury, Pup attended Saint Mary’s School and Sacred Hear High School. He graduated from Arnold College and earned his Master’s Degree from Southern Connecticut State University and his Sixth Year Certificate from the University of Bridgeport.

A veteran of the United States Army, Pup served the Terryville School District for 32 years. He was a Physical Education teacher and basketball coach. He was also the Athletic Director and an Assistant Principal.

Pup and his bride, Rita, have been married for 55 wonderful years, and have five children. In addition to their daughter Kerry Tutolo, Rita and Pup have four sons, Kevin, Terry, Michael, and Patrick. Rita and Pup have also been blessed with seven grandchildren.

Congratulations, Pup! We look forward to your successful, though brief, term in office. Just remember, given the length of your term, keep the inaugural address short and snappy.

## Little Miss Shamrock

Congratulations to Kathleen Hamel. Six year-old Kathleen will honor us all as Little Miss Shamrock during our Celebrations of Saint Patrick.



Kathleen will debut at our Parade on March 10 and will continue her reign during all of the Club events.

Kathleen is the daughter of Jackie and Michael Hamel, and the granddaughter of Arlene Hamel.

Please be sure to stop by, say “Hello” to Kathleen, and thank her for playing such an important part in our cultural celebrations.

## The “Voice of Ireland” Returns

The *Voice of Ireland*, our own Connie Collins, returns to the airwaves for the **forty-third** year on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We incorrectly reported on the number of times that Connie has been entertaining us on the air in the last newsletter, and apologize for the error.

Tune in to hear Connie play all of your favorite Irish music starting at 1:00pm on WATR Radio, 1320AM. Don’t miss out as Connie and his daughter Bridget Regan entertain us all with the sounds of the Ol’ Sod. It’s a great way to celebrate our Irish heritage and to get in the proper frame of mind for St. Patrick’s Day.

Don’t miss out on all the fun of Connie Collins, *The Voice of Ireland*.



## We Have a Winner . . . Almost

Our *Annual Clam Chowder Contest* was a tremendous success. Eight chefs presented their best efforts to a jury with discerning palates. After nearly an hour of taste testing, the votes came in and there was a tie for Best Chowder in the Club. Frank Hartnett and Lorelei Johnson were deemed to have created the best mollusk mix.

The rules were quite specific – no tomato base and no clear broth chowder allowed. After all, are they *really* clam chowders? Eight entries were submitted and the competition was so stiff that there really was no clear winner. The debate as to which of the two “winners” is really the best will rage on until the next competition.

Congratulations to all who took part in the event. Thanks to all of the brave judges who, at great personal peril and sacrifice, risked all by sampling the offerings.





Lucky stars above you,  
 Sunshine on your way,  
 Many friends to love you,  
 Joy in work and play.  
 Laughter to outweigh each care,  
 In your heart a song;  
 Gladness waiting everywhere  
 All your whole life long!

### Murphy Meets O'Malley

Tim Murphy and Pat O'Malley got into a car accident. They both got out of their cars and stumbled over to the side of the road.

Murphy says, "What a wreck!"

O'Malley asks him, "Are you all right?"

Murphy responds, "Just a little shaken."

O'Malley pulled a flask of whiskey from his coat and said, "Here, drink some of this, it will calm your nerves."

Murphy takes the flask drinks it down and asks, "Well, what are we going to tell the police?"

"Well," O'Malley says, "I don't know what your aft' to be tellin' them. But I'll be tellin' them I wasn't the one drinkin'."

### Upcoming Events



Dinner Dance	March 3	6:00pm
St. Patrick's Parade	March 10	12:30pm
<i>The Voice of Ireland</i> WATR Radio	March 11	1:00pm
Monthly Meeting	March 14	8:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Mass	March 17	9:00am
Flag Raising City Hall		10:00am
Club Celebration		12:00pm

Men's regular monthly meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 8:00pm.

