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Monsignor Slocum Division #1 Waterbury, Connecticut

## President's Letter

### Brothers –

The warm weather has finally broken through. Just as the crocus and the forsythia have begun to color the countryside, so has peace come to Northern Ireland. I encourage you to read the accompanying article about the new “power-sharing” arrangement in Northern Ireland and to pray that this new collaboration will truly bring an end to The Troubles.

A team with strong backs turned out to help the Club with our annual Spring Clean Up. My thanks to Brothers Bill McCarthy (who won the Early Bird award), Dave Fitzgerald, Sean Byrne, John Cavanaugh, Jim Gorman, John Cullen and Sean Casey who donated their backs to the effort. It was all worth it, for the reward was not only a spiffy shine to the Club grounds, but also a gourmet breakfast prepared by Brother Chris Casey. Brother Byrne made the ultimate sacrifice by breaking out with enough poison ivy so that the rest of us could avoid it.

We are preparing for the Club's Centennial Celebration. This is a massive undertaking and will require a lot of planning to ensure that it goes off without a hitch. We need many to help us with the event. Brother Emmett McSweeney has already volunteered to research newspapers articles about the Club for us. Thank you, Emmett. We celebrate our Centennial in 2009 and it will be

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## Power-Sharing Returns To Ulster

By Mary Jordan , The Washington Post  
Published on 5/9/2007

**Belfast, Northern Ireland** — Protestant and Catholic leaders, old enemies who until recently barely spoke to each other, took oaths of office in a power-sharing government in Northern Ireland on Tuesday, a key step in bringing a final end to sectarian violence that has killed 3,600 people in the British province.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, 81, the Protestant leader who once called Pope John Paul II “the anti-Christ,” smiled broadly inside the Stormont parliament building as he was elected to the top post in a government in which he and Catholic leaders will work together on issues from potholes to tourism. Paisley stood shoulder-to-shoulder with his new deputy, Martin McGuinness, 56, a leading Catholic politician and former Irish Republican Army commander; until recently, Paisley referred to McGuinness as a terrorist.

“I have sensed a great sigh of relief amongst all our people who want the hostility to be replaced with neighborliness,” Paisley declared Tuesday.

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President's Letter

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an event to remember. If you would like to help out, please call the Club at 757-1464 and let us know.

We have some great Club events coming up, including the Mother's Day Brunch, our Memorial Day Service, and Hibernian of the Year Dinner, our Luncheon for Past Presidents and Life Members and the Annual AOH Day at Saratoga. I hope that you can all attend at least one.

Applications for the AOH Scholarship can now be submitted. Information is contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dues for all members should be paid by now. If you haven't done so yet, please remit your dues today. And, if you haven't recommended a candidate for membership lately, now is the time to do so as we will not be having a monthly meeting in July or August.

Thanks for your continuing support for the Club. If you have questions about any activity, or suggestions for the Club, please feel free to call me at 757-1464.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Bill

Memorial Service

Memorial Day Remembrance Monday, May 28th Graveside service at 9:00am St. Joseph Cemetery, followed by Mass celebrated by Monsignor Ginty in the Hall.

Please join with us for this important commemoration.



Hibernian of the Year

On Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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*.

Join with us as we recognize these two individuals for the many outstanding contributions that they have made to our Clubs and the community. There will be laughs and fun for all as we honor our distinguished Hibernians of the Year.

This will be a gala evening out for all, and all members are urged to attend. Mark your calendars now and plan to join with us as we celebrate and pay tribute to Connie and Kerry. Additional information will be mailed shortly to all Club members.

Club Officers

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McGuinness said the formation of the government had "astounded the skeptics." He gestured to his new partner, Paisley. "I want to wish you the best as we step forward into the greatest and most exciting challenge of our lives," he said.

The grand Belfast parliament building, for years a symbol of the Troubles as it stood dormant, was abuzz with politicians, dignitaries, a heavy police presence and a throng of reporters broadcasting the proceedings live in Britain and Ireland. As local leaders from opposing parties were named and confirmed for a host of posts, from finance to arts and leisure minister, many onlookers spoke of how they never thought they would live to see the day.

The reconciliation, a primary goal of the 1998 Good Friday peace accord, drew leaders from Britain, Ireland and the United States to Belfast on a damp spring day. Quoting poets and Scripture, one leader after another spoke of the sadness of so many lives lost and the achievement of burying hatred.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the power-sharing government a "chance, at last, to escape the heavy chains of history." Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said that "we cannot undo our sad and turbulent past," but "let us all resolve that this should be the last generation on these islands to feel the anger of old quarrels."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., part of a U.S. delegation that came at the request of President Bush, said Northern Ireland stands as an example for the world on how to "put aside the bomb and bullet."

It did not happen easily. The initial Northern Ireland Assembly following the Good Friday accord collapsed in 2002 amid sectarian bickering and allegations of spying by the Irish Republican Army. Since then, the province of 1.7 million people has been under the direct rule of London.

But now, elected Catholics and Protestants have agreed to sit together in the wood-paneled legislative chamber, instead of railing against each other in the streets, and to debate and vote on everyday issues, from how much each household will pay for water to which elementary schools must close.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams nominated McGuinness to take the leadership post in the Northern Ireland Assembly as Adams has turned increasing attention to winning elections in the Republic of Ireland.

All eyes have been on Paisley, whose support was vital as the leader of the largest Protestant party, the Democratic Unionists. Until recently, he vowed never to deal with Sinn Fein, the largest Catholic party and political affiliate of the Irish Republican Army. Paisley has softened his approach since the IRA's 2005 disarmament and Sinn Fein's agreement this year to cooperate with the Northern Ireland police.

A multibillion-dollar "peace dividend" from London's treasury has also helped entice leaders to share power. As the peace process has evolved, Belfast has been transformed from an unsettled city of British army checkpoints to an emerging tourist destination.

The timing has been crucial for Blair, 54, who since becoming prime minister 10 years ago has worked toward peace between Protestant unionists who want British rule to continue and Catholic republicans who do not.

Political circles in London say that with Tuesday's accomplishment behind him, Blair will announce later this week that he is resigning. Though his reputation has been battered by the unpopular war in Iraq, Blair has been widely praised for his efforts in Northern Ireland.

## A Day at the Races

The Club's Annual AOH Saratoga Racing Day will be on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> according to Chief Horse Farrier Bob Batters.

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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Past President/Life Member Luncheon

Join with us as we will be honor all Life Members and Past Presidents with a special Luncheon at the Club on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate 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 be mailed to all members.

## AOH State Convention

The 2007 Connecticut AOH and LAOH State Convention will be held June 8, 9 and 10 hosted by the members of Meriden AOH Division 1 and LAOH Division 15. The City of Meriden has been the location of more AOH/LAOH State Conventions than any other City/Town in Connecticut and the 2007 Host Committee has been working hard to provide delegates and guests to this year's convention a memorable stay.

While all convention activities will occur at the Meriden club at 71 Melville Avenue, the Four Points Meriden Hotel at 275 Research Parkway (our 2005 convention hotel) has again been selected as the official hotel for this year's convention. Due to other activities in the Meriden area on convention weekend, the convention rate of \$89.00 (plus tax) per night is **ONLY GUARANTEED UNTIL May 19, 2007**. Please call 203-238-2380 as quickly as possible and ask for the AOH Rate

Convention weekend begins Friday evening June 8<sup>th</sup> at the AOH hall with a Pub Night beginning at 7 PM featuring a buffet dinner and entertainment by MacTalla Mor'. Described as "Compelling and Powerful" and providing "Celtic Music for the Masses" their energetic performances receive rave reviews, standing ovations and instant invitations to return at major festivals and concerts throughout North America. Visit their website at [www.mactalla.com](http://www.mactalla.com) to find out more about this exciting group. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be obtained by submitting the registration form (available at the Club) by June 1 to CTAOH/LAOH State Convention, 510 Pomeroy Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450 or by contacting Ginny Barry at 203-634-4192 or by email at [benjusnic@aol.com](mailto:benjusnic@aol.com).

The 2007 convention opens on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> with registration beginning at 10:00 AM and meetings beginning at 12:00 PM. AOH and LAOH Delegate Registration Forms are available at the club. Delegate registration is \$25.00 for both AOH and LAOH Delegates. Checks should be made to the Meridian AOH or LAOH respectively.

The Convention Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM at Holy Angels Church located at 585 Main Street in South Meriden (the location of our 2005 Convention Mass) which is 1.9 miles, or about 5 minutes from AOH Hall. Members are asked to meet **NO LATER** than 4:40 PM so we can be piped into mass as a group. We are once again privileged to have Hartford Archbishop Henry J. Mansell as both principal celebrant of the mass and speaker at our banquet.

Following mass, the Convention Banquet will begin at AOH Hall with a Cocktail Hour (cash bar) beginning at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. The menu will be a sit down family style dinner including appetizer, pasta, salad, roast beef, chicken, roasted potatoes, vegetable, coffee, tea and desert. Following a brief speaking program by Archbishop Mansell, entertainment will be provided by FULLSOUND, one of central Connecticut's most popular and sought after bands. Tickets for the evening are \$40.00 each and can be obtained by submitting the registration form available at the Club by June 1, 2007 to CTAOH/LAOH State Convention, 510 Pomeroy Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450 or by contacting Virginia Barry at 203-634-4192 or by email at [benjusnic@aol.com](mailto:benjusnic@aol.com). **Advance ticket purchase for the banquet is required. No tickets will be available at the door.**

Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> brings the closing of convention weekend, including election of officers for 2007-2009. Delegate registration opens at 11:00 AM with business meetings beginning at 1:00 PM. Following the conclusion of business a buffet dinner and entertainment will be provided free to those attending the day's activities.

This is a great event. Let's make sure that we have a strong delegation to the State Convention from the Club. Information is available at the Club.

## Mother's Day at the Club

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Golf Outing August 24

Dust off your clubs and get ready . . . the Annual AOH Golf Outing will be played on August 24 at East Mountain Golf Course in Waterbury.

This event sells out early, so if you are planning to demonstrate your prowess on the links, mark your calendar now and get out to the range and hit a few buckets. Better yet, get out and play a few rounds now so that you don't embarrass the Club or yourself.

Additional information about the Outing, including opportunities for sponsorship, will be sent to all Club members.

In the meantime, keep your head down and go easy on the back swing.

## Scholarships Available

Once again, the Waterbury AOH is offering scholarships to students who will be entering their freshman year of high school.

The scholarship is open to children and grandchildren of members of the Monsignor Slocum Division or members of the Waterbury LAOH. The student must be attending any Waterbury area Catholic High School including Holy Cross, Sacred Heart or St. Paul's.

The AOH or LAOH member must submit a Letter of Application to the Scholarship Committee, c/o the Club, 91 Golden Hill Street, Waterbury, CT 06706. The letter must include the name of the student and the name of the school that the student will be attending. The deadline for submitting the application is June 15, 2007.

The scholarships will be awarded at the AOH Fall Family Picnic. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be final.

If you have questions regarding the AOH Scholarship, please call Jack McCarthy at 203-876-1694.



## DANIEL O'CONNELL

1775-1847

POLITICIAN

Daniel O'Connell was born near Cahirciveen, Co Kerry, on 6 August 1775. Adopted by a childless uncle, Maurice 'Hunting Cap' O'Connell of Derrynane House, overlooking Kenmare Bay, he attended English colleges in France before they were closed by revolutionaries. The O'Connells were prosperous Roman Catholics; it had been illegal to educate the boy abroad, but a 1792 Relief Act changed this and also allowed him to become a successful barrister on the Munster Circuit.

A constitutionalist in politics, O'Connell opposed the violence of the 1798 and 1803 risings, and in 1815 was distressed when he killed an opponent who had forced him into a duel. In 1823, he formed the Catholic Association; membership eventually cost a 'Catholic rent' of a penny a month. His objective was Catholic emancipation, opening up state and judicial posts and the right to sit in parliament. A powerful nationwide organisation quickly emerged, with the help of clergy, and in 1824 the government unsuccessfully prosecuted O'Connell for inciting rebellion.

In 1828, he won a by-election in Co Clare, but unwillingness to take the anti-Catholic oath of supremacy kept him out of Westminster. The following year, the government conceded Catholic emancipation; 'The Liberator', as he was now known, entered parliament after a by-election. In 1840, O'Connell again marshalled mass support in the National Repeal Association, his oratory drawing enormous crowds. However, in 1843, he accepted a government ban on a rally planned for Clontarf, on the outskirts of Dublin. and lost ground to the more mili-

tant 'Young Irelanders' under Thomas Davis. In 1844, he was found guilty of creating discontent and disaffection, and was in prison for three months before the House of Lords reversed the judgement. He died in Genoa, on his way to Rome, on 15 May 1847.

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

Because they are all a little short!

### Upcoming Events

*(Note: All events take place at the Club unless otherwise noted.)*



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| May 2     |         | LAOH Monthly Meeting   |
| May 9     | 8:00pm  | AOH Monthly Meeting  |
| May 13    | 10:00am | Mother's Day Brunch  |
| May 28    | 9:00am  | Memorial Day Service<br>Old St. Joseph Cemetery<br>Followed by Mass at<br>Club |
| June 15   | 7:00pm  | Hibernian of the Year  |
| July 8    | 12:00pm | Past Presidents' and<br>Life Members'<br>Luncheon                              |
| August 18 | 7:30am  | Saratoga Trip  |
| August 24 |         | AOH Golf Tournament<br>East Mountain Golf<br>Course                            |