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Monsignor Slocum Division #1

President's Letter

Let me begin by thanking all of the members and the members of the LAOH who attended the Installation Ceremonies for both of our Clubs. We had a great turnout for the event. My thanks to County President (and Division member) Tom McDonough for doing the honor of installing me as President and all of the other Officers of the Club. It is a pleasure for me to congratulate all of our AOH Officers for 2008: Vice President, **Emmett McSweeney**, Recording Secretary, **Mike Cass**, Marshall, **Shaun Regan**, Treasurer, **Brian Johnston**, Standing Committee Chair, **Matt McNamee**. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the positions of Sentinel and Marshall are open. I also want to thank **Monsignor James Coleman**, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul and St. Leo the Great parishes for agreeing to serve as out Chaplain. Any member interested in serving in either of the open positions is asked to let me or Brian Johnston know. My thanks to two Brothers who are unable to serve as Officers for 2008, but whose efforts on behalf of the Club have been immeasurable. **Dave Byrne**, our longtime Financial Secretary is unable to continue in that role due to business pressures, and **Bill McCarthy**, who served as Chairman of the Standing Committee have both made significant contributions to the Club, and I thank them.

Congratulations to the new Officers of the LAOH. County President, Joanne Noonan

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Thomas Meagher

Thomas Meagher was born in Waterford, Ireland, on August 23, 1823. He was a member of the Young Ireland Party, an organization dedicated to Irish independence.

After a failed Irish uprising in 1848 Meagher, John Mitchell and seven other men were found guilty of treason and sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered. Queen Victoria later commuted Meagher's sentence to transportation for life.

Meagher escaped from Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) in 1852 and made his way to the United States where he studied law and became a journalist in New York. In 1856 he became editor of the *Irish Times*.

On the outbreak of the Civil War Meagher organized the Irish Brigade to fight for the Union Army. He accompanied Major General Irvin McDowell in July, 1861, when Abraham Lincoln sent him to take Richmond, the new base the Confederate government. On July 21, McDowell engaged the Confederate Army at Bull Run. The Confederate troops led by Joseph E. Johnson, Thomas Stonewall Jackson, James Jeb Stuart and Pierre T. Beauregard, easily defeated the inexperienced Union Army.

Promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, his regiment was decimated at the Battle of Chancellorsville in May, 1863. Six months later he was placed in command of the military district of Etowah.

After the war Meagher was appointed secretary of Montana Territory where he served as acting governor. On 1st July, 1867, Thomas Meagher was drowned in the Missouri River after falling from a steamboat.
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installed the following: **Kerry Tutolo**, President; **Eileen Byrne**, Vice President; **Kathy Frague**; Secretary; **Mary Carroll**, Treasurer; **Maura McSweeney**, Financial Secretary; **Hilda Kelly**; Catholic Action; **Corrine O'Connor**; Missions; **Bridget Regan**, Sentinel; **Betty Deeley** Mistress at Arms; and **Judy Rush**, Historian.

As has been previously mentioned, 2009 will mark the Centennial of the Monsignor Slocum Division. We are planning a tremendous celebration, one that will make our founders proud. In order to make sure that the celebration – or celebrations – are successful the Club will need the support of all of our members. A Sign-up Sheet has been posted at the Club. If you are interested in helping out with this endeavor, please drop by the Club and add your name to the list.

We are preparing for our Annual St. Patrick's Day festivities. I am very pleased to announce that Past President, **Rick Dalton, Jr.** will honor us all by serving as our *Mayor for the Day*, and will represent us all at official (and unofficial) functions throughout the day. I am also pleased to announce that **Helen Boughton** has been named *Marshall* for our Annual Parade. The Annual Parade will be held on Saturday, March 8.

I would like to congratulate the New York Football Giants on their tremendous victory in a hard-fought Super Bowl. The contest sparked a considerable amount of debate among members cheering for the "Jints" and the New England Patriots. It certainly was a game for the books. Now as we see the first signs of Spring – The Dessert Classic, The Clambake and, of course the reporting of pitchers and catchers – let us all pause for a minute and give thanks for all of the things that really matter . . . Faith, Family and Friends.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members who have asked me to continue as President for another year. I promise not to disappoint you, or violate the trust that you have placed in me.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Bill



Annual Club Celebrations Ready

Plan to join with us as we celebrate our Irish Heritage in March. Please mark your calendars now for the following important dates:

March 8 12:00pm Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade steps off following the Flag Raising at Washington Park. We will march through the streets of Washington Hill and meet at the Club for a celebration complete with traditional refreshments.

March 14 9:00am Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church. As St. Patrick's Day falls during Holy Week, we are unable to celebrate our Great Patron with a Mass that day. The Archdiocese of Hartford has announced that the celebrations may be held on Friday March 14. Archbishop Mansell has granted a dispensation from the Lenten Friday abstinence from meat on that day.

March 14 7:00pm Annual Club Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Club. Entertainment will be provided by *The Marksmen* Tickets are \$20 per person, and are available at the Club. Join us for a great evening of fun, music and laughs.

March 17 9:00am Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church will be celebrated for the members of the AOH and the LAOH. This will be followed with the **10:00am Flag Raising at City Hall** and the **Inauguration of our Mayor for the Day**. At **12:00pm**, the Club will host an **Open House** complete with traditional refreshments.

Seamus Kennedy to Play at the Club

On Friday April 11, renowned Irish Balladeer Seamus Kennedy will perform in Collins Hall. What a great opportunity for sharing some fun and friendship while listening to one of the great performers of Irish music.

The show begins at 6:30pm and ends when you've had your fill.

Seamus has performed for audiences as diverse as Pope John Paul II, President Regan and bartenders, bricklayers college students and kindergartners (or so his brochure claims!). One thing is sure, you'll find that "his rapport with the crowd provides entertainment above and beyond that of a normal singer," according to *The Irish Insider*.

Tickets for Seamus Kennedy are available at the Club and going fast. At \$25 per ticket, they won't last long.

Join with us as we celebrate our Irish Heritage with this great balladeer. Call the Club at 757-1464 for more information.

Annual Chowder Contest Set

Do you think that you cook the best clam chowder? What makes you think so? Why not put your recipe to the test by submitting your best to the Club's Annual Chowder Contest?

The event is set for 2:00pm on Sunday, February 24 at the Club.

Get your preparation to the Club by 1:00pm and find out if yours is the best. And remember to fish your overalls out of the pot before submitting your entry.



And the Winner is . . .

It was a cold, damp day, perfect for pounding down some Wings, and pound 'em we did! After diving into 7 different samples, the vote was taken and we had a *tie* for the "Wickedest Wings in Waterbury." The entry from Brother Mike Bolton was deemed the equal to one submitted by Lynn Martin and Brother Frank Hartnett. Others offering up delicacies included Brothers Bob Batters, Fran Phelan, Jimmy Dean, Brian Houlihan and Sparky Moscariello. Congratulations to all who participated. Our thanks to the brave judges who, at great personal peril, tasted (and re-tasted) the offerings. All judges were awarded a month's supply of Tums®.

Reminder

The Monthly AOH Meeting is now held on the Second Wednesday of the Month at 7:00pm.

We meet in Collins Hall. Why not join us?



Danny Quinn & Elvis

Danny Quinn and Elvis will be performing at the Club in April.

The show will be presented at 7:00pm on Friday, April 25th. Tickets are \$15 dollars in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets will be available at the Club.

Plan to come and spend the evening with friends and some great entertainment. Call the Club at 203-757-1464 for additional information and tickets.



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Club Officers

President	Bill Moore
Vice President	Emmett McSwiney
Recording Secretary	Mike Cass
Marshall	Shaun Regan
Treasurer	Brian Johnston
Financial Secretary	Open
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Upcoming Events



February 24	2:00pm Chowder Contest
March 8	12:00pm Parade Begins at Washington Park
March 14	9:00am Mass at the Immaculate Conception
	7:00pm Annual Club Dinner Entertainment by The Marksmen
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	10:00am Flag Raising Waterbury City Hall
	12:00pm Open House