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Monsignor Slocum Division #1 Waterbury, Connecticut Summer 2007

President's Letter

Brothers –

I hope that all of you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather that we are experiencing. It has been a long time coming, and won't last long. Get out and enjoy it!

Speaking of enjoying things, stop by and enjoy a pint in the Guinness Glasses donated to the Club by Brother Joe Corbett. Thanks, Joe!

Last month, I inadvertently left Maureen Burns' name off of the list of those who worked on the Hibernian of the Year event. Maureen designed the "Collins Hall" sign for the Club. Thank you, Maureen.

This is your last chance to sign up for our Annual Saratoga Day. Information is elsewhere in the newsletter.

On August 25th, the Club will be holding a fundraiser for the family of our late Brother, Captain John Keane. Information on the event is elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to consider Officers for the coming year. If you are interested in serving as an Officer for the Club, please drop your name off at the Club.

Make the best out of what is left of this glorious weather – take a walk, go to a ballgame, hit the beach, hike a mountain, try a little golf or fishing. Go ride a bike, go fly a kite, lounge in a hammock or just slow

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Saint Brigid of Kildare, Eire

Born in 451 or 452 of princely ancestors at Faughart, near Dundalk, County Louth; d. 1 February, 525, at Kildare. Refusing many good offers of marriage, she became a nun and received the veil from St. Macaille. With seven other virgins she settled for a time at the foot of Croghan Hill, but removed thence to Druin Criadh, in the plains of Magh Life, where under a large oak tree she erected her subsequently famous Convent of Cill-Dara, that is, "the church of the oak" (now Kildare), in the present county of that name.

Although St. Brigid was "veiled" or received by St. Macaille, at Croghan, it is tolerably certain that she was professed by St. Mel of Ardagh, who also conferred on her abbatial powers. From Ardagh St. Macaille and St. Brigid followed St. Mel into the country of Teffia in Meath, including portions of Westmeath and Longford. This occurred about the year 468. St. Brigid's small oratory at Cill-Dara became the centre of religion and learning, and developed into a cathedral city. She founded two monastic institutions, one for men, and the other for women, and appointed St. Conleth as spiritual pastor of them. It has been frequently stated that she gave canonical jurisdiction to St. Conleth, Bishop of Kildare, but, as Archbishop Healy points out, she simply "selected the person to whom the Church gave this jurisdiction",

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down and recharge the batteries.

Whatever you do, be sure to stop in at the Club and enjoy the fellowship. You're guaranteed to get a lift and you'll leave with a smile on your face.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Bill

A Tribute

The Club is hosting a benefit cook-out in memory of our fallen Brother, Captain John Keane. Join us at the Club for an afternoon remembering Brother Keane and honoring his memory.

The event will be held on Saturday, August 25 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm and will feature a great menu and cold beverages. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Keane family.

The Waterbury Police Pipes and Drums and the Mattatuck Fife and Drums will be playing.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to join with Club members and guests as we pay tribute to Brother Keane and the life he dedicated to the people of Waterbury. The cost is only \$25 and children under 10 are free.

Plan to be with us as we pay tribute to one of "Waterbury's Bravest" who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Our thanks to the following for providing food and beverages and support to the event: L & F Catering; Dichello Distributors; Napoli Distributors; and Tony Calli.



St. Brigid

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and her biographer tells us distinctly that she chose St. Conleth "to govern the church along with herself". Thus, for centuries, Kildare was ruled by a double line of abbot-bishops and of abbesses, the Abbess of Kildare being regarded as superioress general of the convents in Ireland.

Not alone was St. Bridget a patroness of students, but she also founded a school of art, including metal work and illumination, over which St. Conleth presided. She is lovingly called the "Queen of the South: the Mary of the Gael" by a writer in the "Leabhar Breac". St. Brigid died leaving a cathedral city and school that became famous all over Europe.



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terring the viaticum to Ireland's Patroness. She was interred at the right of the high altar of Kildare Cathedral, and a costly tomb was erected over her. In after years her shrine was an object of veneration for pilgrims, especially on her feast day, 1 February.

St. Brigid's friendship with St. Patrick is attested by the following paragraph from the "Book of Armagh", a precious manuscript of the eighth century, the authenticity of which is beyond question: "inter sanctum Patricium Brigitanque Hibernesium columpnas amicitia caritatis inerat tanta, ut unum cor consiliumque haberent unum. Christus per illum illamque virtutes multas peregit". (Between St. Patrick and St. Brigid, the columns of the Irish, there was so great a friendship of charity that they had but one heart and one mind. Through him and through her Christ performed many miracles.)

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Golf Outing Set

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.

The cost is \$120 if paid before August 1, \$130 per person on the day of the tournament.

The fees include a full breakfast buffet, lunch at the turn, carts, green fees, prizes and refreshing beverages. After the tournament, an Open Bar and Dinner will cap off the day.

Registration and breakfast starts at 7:00am followed by an 8:00am Shotgun Start. Play will be under a Modified Scramble format.

Proceeds from the event go to the AOH Scholarship Fund.

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, has been sent to all Club members.

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

And They're Off!

Don't be left in the dust! The time is now!

Saturday August 18th is the Club's Annual AOH Saratoga Racing Day. You need to see Saratoga in the summer before you go to that big grandstand in the sky. Brother Bob Batters has arranged for a great day for all and why shouldn't it be?

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.

Sign up now, as the bus is almost full. Contact Bob at 756-8721 if you have any questions.



Ladies Ziti Dinner

The Ladies AOH Division #66 will be holding their annual Ziti Dinner on Thursday, September 13th at 5:00pm.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person, children under 10 are \$5.00.

Annual Family Picnic

The Annual Ancient Order of Hibernian Family Picnic/Pig Roast is scheduled for Sunday September 30 at the VFW Field in Prospect. Details will be sent to all members. Entertainment will be by Celtic Kick. Tickets are \$20.00. The LAOH will be sponsoring a *Penny Auction* at the picnic.



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Upcoming Events



August 18	AOH Day at Saratoga	7:30am
August 24	AOH Golf Outing East Mountain	7:00am
August 25	Tribute to CAPT Keane	12:00pm
September 13	LAOH Ziti Dinner	5:00pm
September 30	Annual Picnic/Pig Roast VFW Field Prospect	