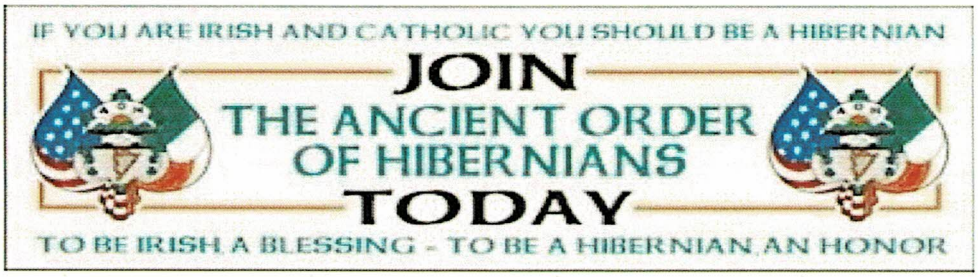


Regular Division Meeting – 1/16/2018

The meeting was Called to Order at 1910 Hrs by President Moriarity

Opening prayers were offered and the Roll Call of Officers showed the following in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, Vice Pres./PP Rick Connell, Treasurer Vic Dowling, Recording Secretary Jim Shake, Division Social Secretary Jim Wasniewski.

The minutes of the Last Regular Meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurers Report: Vic Dowling advised that the $840.00 in annual donations were mailed out. No invoices appear to be outstanding. 2018 Dues are now due and payable.

There was no correspondence

Vice President Rick Connell read a list of members that are one or more-year arrears in dues. A recommendation was made to reach out to these people and ask what their intentions are and if they are still interested in belonging to the division.

Jim Gallagher raised the question if in fact there is a vehicle within our by laws that provides a method of automatically dropping a member for non-payment of dues.

Standing Committee – No Report

Missions & Charities – No Report

Unfinished Business: Fran DePeter brought up a discussion regarding the purchase of new flags for the division. Discussion was held as to the flag size and the construction of the pole, length etc. After a lengthy discussion, it was voted that Recording Secretary Jim Shake would do some further research and report at the next regular meeting.

New Business: It was reported that the Recruiting Outreach at Christ The King Church in Old Lyme went very well. Tom Yourell, Bill Lacey, and Joe Kelly manned a table with some literature and it was reported that the priest did a good job in giving some info to the parishioner which is believed to have possibly generated some interest.

Jim Gallagher brought up a discussion on Irish Heritage Month. It was discussed that it would be more than appropriate if the Governor could do a proclamation of some kind – may need to be funneled down to the local level.

It was noted that we may be co-sponsoring some events with the Irish Coastal Club. A genealogy talk will be held at the Waterford Library, an Irish Language talk at the Groton Library, along with the possibility of some musical events.

It was announced that Fr. Mark O'Donnell and his band will be performing at the New London Lodge of Elks for two hours following the New London St. Patrick's Day Parade. The usual corned beef sandwiches will be on sale by the lodge.

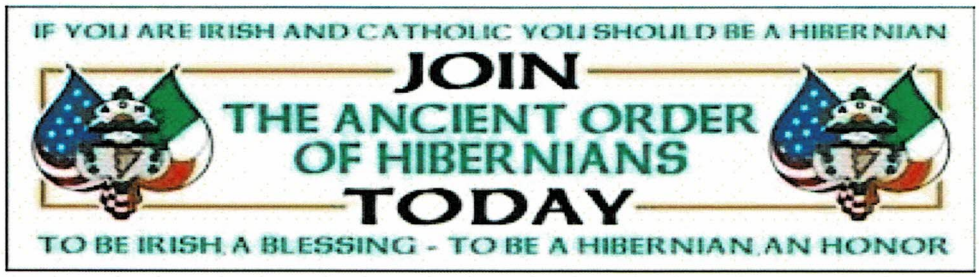
Jim Wasniewski reported that the prior First Friday the Coast Guard Kitchen was closed and Big Y Pizza was provided and was well received by the shelter.

Sick Committee – No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 2017 Hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Shake
Recording Secretary
John B. Holland Division - AOH



Regular Division Meeting – 3/20/2018

The meeting was called to order at 1912 Hrs by President Moriarity.

Opening prayers were offered and the roll call of officers showed the following to be in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, Vice President and Immediate Past President Rick Connell, Treasurer Vic Dowling, Recording Secretary Jim Shake, Marshal Brian Moore, Director of Special Events Bill Lacey.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

The Financial Secretaries report was read and accepted – Treasurer Vic Dowling noted that he was in agreement on what was reported.

Correspondence: Fran DePeter reported a thank you note was received from the Wounded Warriors

Standing Committee: No Report

Missions & Charities: Sean Moore reported that a thank you note was received from Conway Mill.

Unfinished Business: Jim Gallagher reported there was an issue and was unable to show films during events.

The music event at Waterford Library had 7 people in attendance and the music event at the Groton Library had approximately 50 people that attended

Jim Gallagher gave a talk on Irish History

The Irish Coastal Club had an Irish Language Presentation with approximately 50 people in attendance.

President Moriarity reported that the event at the Otis Library had a good turnout – 200 kids and the music event depicted Irish History through song with 50 people in attendance.

Mark Stapleton noted that there was no advertising of the New London Parade in the Resident Newspaper

Jim Gallagher noted that we should try to build upon what was accomplished this year during Irish Heritage Month.

Rick Connell reported that he would be continuing to do the monthly newsletter.

It was reported that Mike Gallagher had good pictures of both parades. The upcoming Mystic Parade steps off at 1300 Hrs., two vehicles will be available for members. All participating should muster in the parking lot across from Mystic Seaport.

Russ Carr noted that we should consider minimizing the number of vehicles due to the size of our marching contingent.

New Business: Fran DePeter expressed his concern regarding the currach's and the material condition and accountability of the same.

It was noted that donations drove the funding for the project etc. and there is concern regarding what is now becoming of the boats.

It was voted that a three-man committee be formed to attempt to interact with the Currach Club and respectfully express our concerns.

Jim Gallagher, Fran DePeter, and Jim Shake were voted to be on the committee.

Rick Connell reported that on 4/3/2018, George Mitchell, the Irish Ambassador, and Chris Shea will be giving a talk at Quinnipiac University.

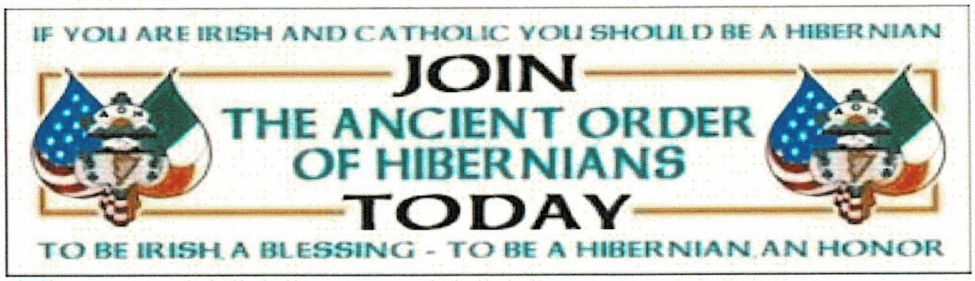
Sick Committee: It was reported that Peter Moore is up and walking around and, on the mend, Rich Havens is reportedly doing well.

Director of Special Events Bill Lacey was congratulated on setting a record of 343 dinners served at the St. Agnes Lenten Fish Fry.

Meeting adjourned at 2008 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Shake
Recording Secretary



Regular Division Meeting – 4/17/2018

The meeting was Called to Order at 1909 Hrs. by President Moriarity.

Opening prayers were offered and the Roll Call of Officers showed the following to be in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, VP/Immediate Past President Rick Connell, Financial Secretary Bob Curry, Recording Secretary Jim Shake, Division Social Secretary Jim Wasniewski.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

The Financial Secretary's and the Treasurers Report were both read and accepted.

Bob Curry advised that he is still taking dues – most members have paid.

Standing Committee: No Report

Missions & Charities: Sean Moore distributed some information on Conway Mill along with the Irish American Partnership.

Sick Committee: Sean Moore reported that Bridie Linicus suffered a TIA and is now reportedly doing fine.

Old Business: The AOH State Board will be meeting on Sat. 4/21/2018 – Moriarity and Gallagher will be attending.

President Moriarity discussed the upcoming fundraiser for the New London Currach Club that is being held at the Birdseye Café on Wed. 5/16/2018. There will be members of the division that are attending. Tickets are $25.00. Moriarity

advised that it would be good to show our support, and that it would be good to meet with the members of the Currach Club prior to the event if possible.

President Moriarity advised that we would be participating in the Norwich Rose Arts Festival on 6/30/2018. Volunteers will be needed. Jim Gallagher, Jim Wasniewski, and President Moriarity will be in attendance.

The Annual Division Picnic will be held on 9/8/2018. Jim Gallagher brought up the possibility of doing something to bolster attendance at the event.

Past President Rick Connell reported that he, Sean Moore, and Peter Moore attended an event at Quinnipiac University where George Mitchell, The Irish Ambassador, and Chris Murphy and the North/South Brexit Issues and Good Friday Agreement was discussed.

Bob Curry will be emailing out a list of members and contact phone numbers.

PP Rick Connell reported that an email is being sent out to benefit the Notre Dame Club - $10.00 donation.

Jim Gallagher brought up the possibility of resurrecting the Annual Green Mass.

The meeting was adjourned at 2037 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Shake Jr.
Recording Secretary

Regular Division Meeting – 5/15/2018

The meeting was called to order by President Moriarity at 1909 Hrs.

Opening prayers were offered and the following officers were found to be in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, Treasurer Vic Dowling, Financial Secretary Bob Curry, Recording Secretary Jim Shake, Director of Special Events Bill Lacey.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

The Financial Secretaries Report was read and accepted.

Treasurers Report was read and accepted and confirmed that all bill have been paid to date.

Correspondence: Usual donation solicitations – filed

Missions & Charities: No Report

Old Business: Currach Fund Raiser at the Birdseye – head count for the event so far shows 10 members are scheduled to attend.

A discussion was held regarding out interactions with the Currach Club in regards to shape of the boats, storage, insurance, and if any of the boats were in need of repair or restoring.

A Hunger Mass is being held on Sunday 5/20/2018 at 0900 at the Irish American Home Society in Glastonbury CT – all members are welcome and urged to attend.

A discussion was held regarding possibly resurrecting the Green Mass – President Moriarity suggested that a committee be formed to approach Bishop Cote.

A discussion was also had as to what if any activities could be planned for some type of a Half Way To St. Patricks Day Event.

The division will be having a table and will be participating in the Norwich Rose Arts Festival. $25.00 was approved for the table space, and $50.00 was approved for a half page ad in the program.

The Annual Family Picnic will be held at McCook's Point Park in Niantic on 9/8/2018 – a discussion was held as to if we might consider some type of entertainment at the event.

New Business: The AOH National Convention will be held in Louisville, KY in August 2018

On 12/21/2018, Cherish The Ladies will again be performing at the Garde Arts Center.

Sick Committee: No report

Respectfully submitted

Jim Shake
Recording Secretary - AOH

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Regular Division Meeting – 6/19/2018

The meeting was called to order at 1908 Hrs by President Moriarith

Opening prayers were offered and the Roll Call of Officers showed the following to be in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, Recording Secretary Jim Shake, Sentinel Joe Kelly, and Director of Special Events Bill Lacey.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

The Financial Secretaries Report was read and accepted.

The Treasurers Report was read and accepted.

Correspondence: No Report

Standing Committee: No Report

Missions & Charities: No Report

Old Business: President Moriarity reported that the Currach Club Fund Raiser went very well and was well attended and a great steak dinner was enjoyed by all.

Fran DePeter, and Jim Shake spoke to some of the Currach Club Officers regarding our interaction with the club. The Currach Club advised that they would like to set up a committee with members of the Currach Club, the Mystic Coastal Irish Club, and the AOH.

President Moriarity reported that we would be participating at the Norwich Rose Arts Festival on 6/30/2018 from 0900-1800 at Chelsea Parade. LAOH personnel will be on hand to recruit as well.

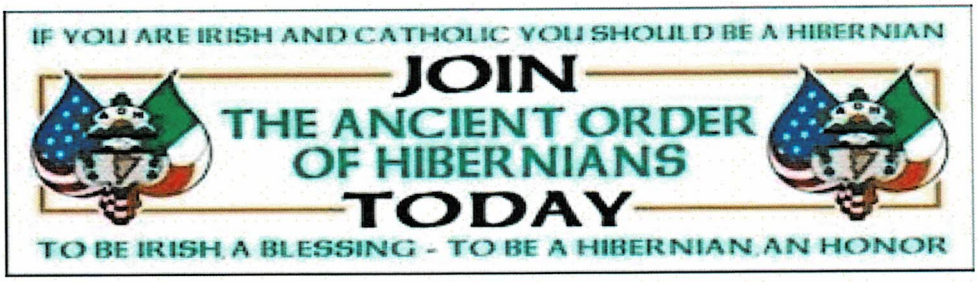
New Business: The Currach Regatta is scheduled to be held on 7/28/2018. We will be setting up a tent at the location and assisting with the races etc. as requested.

The Feast of the Assumption will be held on 8/15/2018

Sick Committee: No Report

Respectfully submitted

Jim Shake
Recording Secretary - AOH



Regular Division Meeting – 9/18/2018

The meeting was called to order at 1906 Hrs. by President Moriarity.

Opening prayers were offered and the following officers were shown to be in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, Treasurer Vic Dowling, Recording Secretary Jim Shake, Marshall Brian Moore, Division Social Secretary Jim Wasniewski.

The minutes of the last meeting were unavailable.

The Treasurer Report was read and accepted.

Financial Secretary: No Report

Correspondence: None of note

President Moriarity brought up a discussion of the Monthly Meeting Reminder that all usually receive via email. It was believed that Past President Rick Connell generated the reminder. To be looked into.

Jim Wasniewski reported that the 1st Friday efforts for the food shelter went well.

Missions & Charities: No Report

President Moriarity reported that the Annual Picnic went well – 32 people were in attendance. It was reported that Jim Wasniewski did a great job with the chowder and it was enjoyed by all.

President Moriartiy read a letter that was received from the Currach Club regarding taking possession of one of the currachs. The tone of the letter made it

clear that there was a communication problem that existed within the ranks of the Currach Club and that there was no intention of them giving up the currach at this time. A discussion followed, and it was decided not to respond to the letter and to table the issue at this time.

Fran DePeter reported that all is going well for the Annual Bob Butler Golf Tournament that will be taking place on 10/8/2018. Business donations and Tee Sponsors are still being sought.

Cherish The Ladies will once again be performing at the Garde Arts Center on 12/21/2018. The division is receiving (2) free tickets for the event and discount tickets are available by giving the code: Celtic Friends.

The Communion Breakfast will be held at the Coast Guard Academy once again. Speaker for the event will be Ron Mahoney. Division members are planning on attending mass at St. Joe's prior to the event.

The Seton Scholarship Dinner is being held on 10/28/2018 at the Mystic Marriott. Fr. Mark O'Donnell will be one of the honorees. The division voted to appropriate the sum of $300.00 to have President Moriarity and his wife attend.

Sick Committee: No Report

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Shake Jr.
Recording Secretary

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Regular Division Meeting – 10/16/2018

The meeting was called to order by President Moriarity at 1908 Hrs. Opening prayers were offered and the following officers were found to be in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, Division Social Chair Jim Wasniewski, Director of Special Events Bill Lacey, and Recording Secretary Jim Shake

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

Financial Secretary – no report

Treasurers Report was read and accepted. $1600.00 was received from the proceeds of the golf tournament.

Correspondence – a thank you note was received from the Irish Coastal Club for the tee sponsorship for their golf tournament.

Fran DePeter reported that the Annual Golf Tournament went very well – fewer golfers this year – reported to be a great day of golf. Fran DePeter thanked all for their help to make the event a success.

Standing Committee Report – Jim Wasniewski reported that the First Friday Food Distribution went well. Covenant Shelter received some food as well

Missions & Charities – no report

Old Business – Cherish The Ladies Tickets are available for sale at a $7.00 discount by using the code words of "celtic friends"

A pair of tickets were raffled off at the Golf Tournament and another pair will be raffled off at the Communion Breakfast.

The Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday 11/19/2018. The division will gather for mass at St. Joe's at 0900 Hrs., and then head to the Coast Guard Academy. Event to begin at 1030 Hrs.

The Annual Graveside Ceremony will take place on Saturday 11/17/2018 at 1000 Hrs at St. Mary's Cemetery in New London. All are urged to attend.

It was motioned and regularly voted in the affirmative to appropriate the sum of $100.00 for a donation to the Quinnipiac University Hunger Museum.

New Business – President Moriarity noted that it is time to consider nominations for a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. It was voted upon and approved that the Past Presidents of the division will act as the Nominating Committee.

It was noted that brother Diarmud Hannafin will be remaining in CT and will be opening an Irish Pub in Groton at the site of the former Norm's Lounge.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted

James G. Shake Jr.
Recording Secretary

Regular Division Meeting Minutes – 11/20/2018

The meeting was called to order at 1909 Hrs. by President Moriarity. Opening prayers were offered and the following Division Officers were found to be in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, Vice President and Immediate Past President Rick Connell, Financial Secretary Bob Curry, Recording Secretary Jim Shake, Marshall Brian Moore, Division Social Chair Jim Wasniewski, Director of Special Events Bill Lacey.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurers Report: $6083.00 in Checking, $3955.00 in CD, and $281.00 in Operating. $1955.00 received from the Golf Tourney and $1645.00 taken in from the Communion Breakfast. A discussion was held regarding on if in fact St. Joe's is still due a mass stipend.

Bob Curry reported that our assessment is due to National. Currently going through our membership rolls to update prior to the end of December 2018. The 501C3 Tax Status will be filed with the IRS.

Correspondence: no report

Standing Committee: Jim Wasniewski reported that the usual food distribution took place at the homeless shelter.

The Division Christmas Party will be held at the next regular meeting/

New Business: President Moriarity advised that the installation of Division Officers will take place at the January 2019 Meeting.

The slate of officers was read from the Nominating Committee and will be voted upon at the December 2018 Meeting.

Missions & Charities – The Alliance for Living to be added to the list – to be voted on for approval at the December 2018 Meeting

A discussion was held regarding the Communion Breakfast and it was decided that it would be beneficial to set up on the Saturday prior to the event.

Brian Moore will be researching information on a sound system and a projector.

A discussion was held regarding electronic communication from the division. Currently Bob Curry does the monthly reminders for the meetings as it is all set up as part of our website. Rick Connell will transition email files etc. for future distribution. Bill Lacey will also be involved. Paul Moriarity will get a distribution list.

Reminder that Cherish the Ladies will be performing at the Garde Arts Center on 12/21/2018.

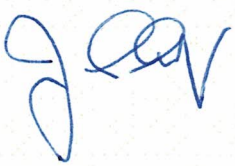
The Division Library is to be transferred to Diarmuid Hanafin's new establishment when he opens.

J.B Holland Club National Board has been in contact with the Naval Submarine Base regarding a possible memorial or statue.

A discussion was held regarding if in fact a Cemetery Committee exists or if we need to form one

Sick Committee: Bernie Shea is having surgery at Yale

Meeting Adjourned at 2018 Hrs



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Regular Division Meeting – 12/18/2018

The meting was called to order at 1918 Hrs by President Moriarity.

Opening prayers were offered and the following officers were found to be in attendance: President Paul Moriarity, Treasurer Vic Dowling, Financial Secretary Bob Curry, Recording Secretary Jim Shake, Marshall Brian Moore, and Division Social Chair Jim Wasniewski.

The minutes of the last Regular Meeting were read and accepted.

Financial Secretaries Report: $6133 in Checking, $3957 in CD, and $281 in Operating

Treasurers Report: Figures concur with the Financial Secretary and all bills are paid to date.

Correspondence: Usual mailings from our benefactors – Thank You not from Joe Colemans wife regarding the Communion Breakfast.

Standing Committee: Round of applause given to Division Social Chair Jim Wisniewski for the bountiful Holiday Buffet that was assembled for the Christmas Celebration.

President Moriarity requested members to the Garde Arts Center on 12/21/2018 to bring one of the currachs into the building for display prior to the performance of Cherish The Ladies. Sean Moore, Fran DePeter, Jim Shake to assist

The 2019 Slate of Officers was read to the membership from the Nominating Committee. Motion by Sean Moore, Sec. by Bob Curry that they be accepted as read. Secretary cast one ballot for the proposed slate of officers.

Past President Jim Gallagher will perform the ceremony for the Installation of Officers at the January 2019 Meeting.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade(s) are set New London on 3/17, Mystic 3/24, and Norwich on 3/10 or 3/3.

Attempting to assure that Fr. Mark's Band will be available to play at the Elks after the New London Parade on 3/17.

Lyman Allen Museum is hosting an exhibition of John F. Kennedy

It was reported that the Irish Musical Group "The High Kings" will be performing at the Garde Arts Center on 3/2/2019

Meeting was adjourned at 1935 Hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

James G. Shake Jr.
Recording Secretary - AOH