The Monthly Newsletter of the Father John Murphy Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

THE CROPPY BOY

MARCH 2025



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY FROM THE FATHER JOHN MURPHY DIVISION

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NEW MEMBERSHIP

If any current members are aware of fellow Irish Catholics interested in joining the cause of the Ancient Order of Hibernians please invite them to a monthly meeting. New Membership Applications are readily available.

There is strength in numbers and increasing membership is the first step in maximizing our charitable efforts and performing our call to action!

FROM THE OFFICERS' DESK

DUES

Dear Brothers, it is that time of year again. Dues help support the division by paying for per capita to both National and State. As well as help pay for our space that we hold our meetings.

Payment can be made via cash or check or via Venmo with a $2 processing fee.

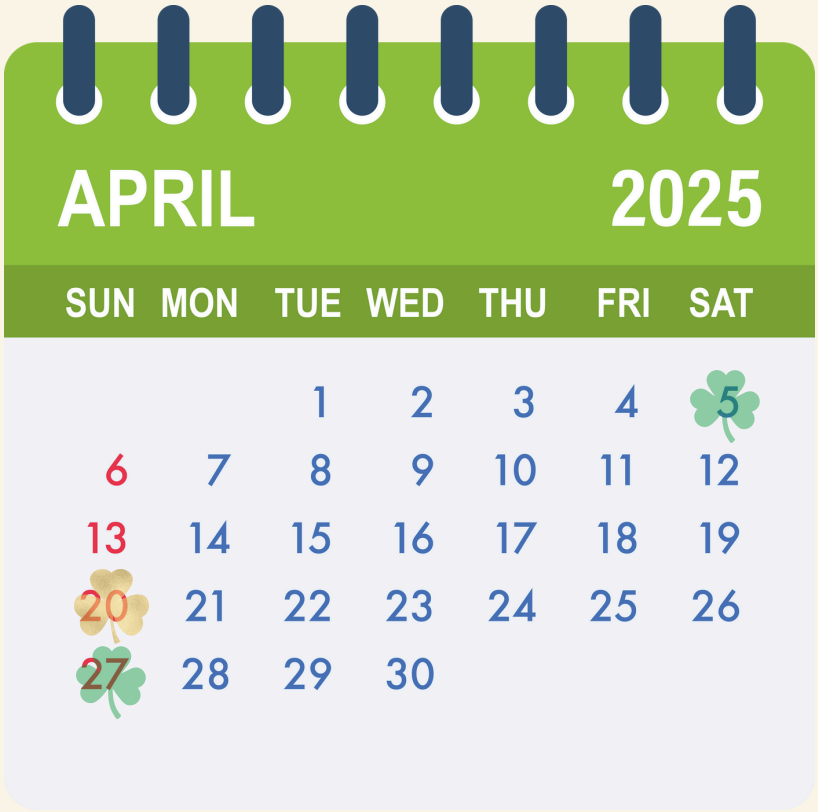


RAFFLE

The results of the raffle were great as usual and in line with what we have raised previous years.

We will be proposing a committee again for this year to put together a list of worthy causes for the division to donate to with the monies we have collected from this year's raffle. If any brother wishes to be part of this committee, please contact an officer.

calendar of events



5 **General Meeting**
11:00am, Cordage Commerce Center
Monthly meeting of the Father John Murphy Division

20 **Easter Sunday**
The Father John Murphy Division wishes its members and their families the holiest of Easters

27 **Annual Easter Rising Commemoration**
1:00pm, St. Mary's Parish Hall
Scituate, MA

musical calendar

Dates, locations and times where you can find Hibernians or Friends of the Division playing in the Plymouth County area.

BROTHER STEVE KERR

Traditional Sessions

The Snug Pub - Hingham, MA, Mondays 5:30pm
The ICC Pub - Canton, MA , Fridays 7:00pm
Malachy's Saloon - Quincy, MA. Wednesdays 6:00pm

WEEKLY TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

THE SNUG PUB

116 North St., Hingham, MA
Mondays, Starting at 5:30pm

DILLON'S LOCAL (FEATURING STEVE LINDSEY)

21 S. Park Ave., Plymouth, MA
Third Monday of the Month, 5pm - 8pm

MARTINI'S BAR & GRILL (FEATURING STEVE LINDSEY)

50 Court St., Plymouth, MA
First Monday of the Month, 5pm - 8pm

THE TINKER'S SON

707 Main St., Norwell, MA
Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

THE COTTAGE BAR

26 Union St., Weymouth, MA
Thursdays, Starting at 6:30pm & Sunday afternoons

THE AULD TRIANGLE - WEEKLY IRISH MUSIC

42 Main St., Hyannis, MA
Saturdays, 7pm - 10m

CJ'S BAR & GRILL @ JOHN CARVER INN

225 Summer St., Plymouth, MA
Saturdays, 6pm - 9pm



Craic on the Coast Podcast

The first episode of the ‘Craic on the Coast’ podcast released on Friday, February 21st. The podcast is available on Apple Podcast, Spotify and Youtube. A link to the podcast has been sent in the body of the email with this month’s Croppy Boy newsletter. The first episode included an introduction to the show and the Father John Murphy Division along with an interview of Patrick McDonough, organizer of the Cape Cod Irish Festival.

On our 3rd episode we had Brothers John Sullivan and Greg Shanahan as part of our “Talk of the Trail” segment. We talked about the first stop on the trail, Weymouth, and the two stories of heroism in Jeremiah Quinn and Frederick Murphy. Tune in and share with your friends!



St. Patrick's Day Activities

Another St. Patrick's Day season has come and gone and as usual the Father John Murphy Division was abuzz with activity. Our month started out with the Cape Cod Irish Festival at the Irish Village in Hyannis. We helped recruit and bring awareness of group with State Organizer Dick Wall.

Brothers Greg Shanahan and Mike Schilling attended the Annual Gala for the Irish Network Boston. Some familiar faces were seen, and some new connections were made. It was a great night for the Irish Network and congratulations to them on a great event.

On Sunday, March 16th, we participated in the Abington St. Patrick's Day parade for the very first time. While we missed Scituate, the crowds and the weather was great in Abington. We look forward to alternating between the two parades in the future. Thank you to the Brothers that participated in the parade festivities. Also a big thanks to Brothers Steve Cohan and Mike Faut for manning the raffle table at the East Bay Grille while the parade was ongoing.

On Monday, March 17th, we were set up at East Bay Grille again for the day selling raffle tickets and enjoying the music and celebrations. Again, thanks to Brother Steve Cohan for doing both days at the table and Brother john Travers for going the distance as usual on the Feast day of St. Patrick. The winning ticket was pulled that evening and our very own Brother Ken Miller was the big winner this year. Congrats to Ken! In addition, Brothers John Sullivan, James O'Sullivan and Matt Moore attended the Mass at the Cathedral and took on the role as ushers for the Mass along with other Hibernians.

Then on March 26th a contingent of our division attended a fundraiser for the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail at Tinker's Son in Norwell. Thank you to the Brothers that attended, the trail has been a positive asset to not only the South Shore but also a great partner with the Division.

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To be a Hibernian is an Honor
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PRESENTS

THROUGH SONGS AND STORIES, WE REMEMBER 1916

A journey through the literary works and music that inspired and was inspired by the Easter Rising

The 2025 Annual Commemoration of the 1916 Easter Rising will take place on Sunday, April 27th 1:00pm

St. Mary's Parish Hall
Scituate, MA

TOGETHER, WE CAN END HUNGER.

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sponsors to donate
per mile for their

WALK for HUNGER

a fundraiser for the
HIBERNIAN HUNGER
project

100 miles in 6 days

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POLITICAL EDUCATION

IRISH AMERICAN GROUP REJECTS TRUMP'S TARIFFS, PROPOSES NEW POLICY

By Kerry O'Shea
March 27th, 2025, irishcentral.com

The largest Irish American fraternal organization in the US has proposed a new US-Ireland trade policy after Trump announced auto tariffs.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), the largest Irish American fraternal organization in the US, has issued a statement after US President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday, March 26 that the US will be imposing a 25% tariff on imports of automobiles and certain automobile parts.

The AOH has spoken out against the tariffs and put forth what it calls a "pro-growth alternative" - the US-Ireland Fair Trade & Talent Agreement.

The Agreement, the AOH says, "will support American jobs, strengthens economic ties, and reflects the deep bond between both nations."

The AOH said on Wednesday evening that it was compelled to weigh in after recent comments by Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, who characterized Ireland as a "tax scam." The organization strongly rejects that "defamatory misrepresentation."

"Ireland is not a tax scam," said AOH Political Education Chair Neil F. Cosgrove. "It is a forward-looking, pro-business country.
"President Trump himself acknowledged this in his March 12, 2025, meeting with Irish Taoiseach Micheál Martin, noting, 'I have great respect for Ireland and what they did, and they should have done just what they did.

"The President correctly identified the real issue behind the trade imbalance when he went on to say, 'But the United States shouldn't have let it happen.'

"Tariffs only punish American small businesses and families today—they don't fix bad decisions made by past administrations that continue to persist."

The AOH says its proposal "outlines a forward-looking alternative rooted in shared values and mutual economic opportunity."
Instead of tariffs—which the AOH warns "would devastate Irish American small businesses such as family-owned pubs, restaurants, importers, and specialty retailers," the AOH calls for:

- A US–Ireland Economic Growth Fund to encourage cross-border investment in key sectors like biotech and advanced manufacturing
- Targeted tax incentives to boost US competitiveness and encourage reshoring without severing ties with key allies
- A reciprocal professional visa program to support US industry reinvestment in America by allowing employers to leverage skilled Irish personnel already



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embedded in their operations—and to help Irish businesses expand into the US market, creating US jobs, more efficiently.

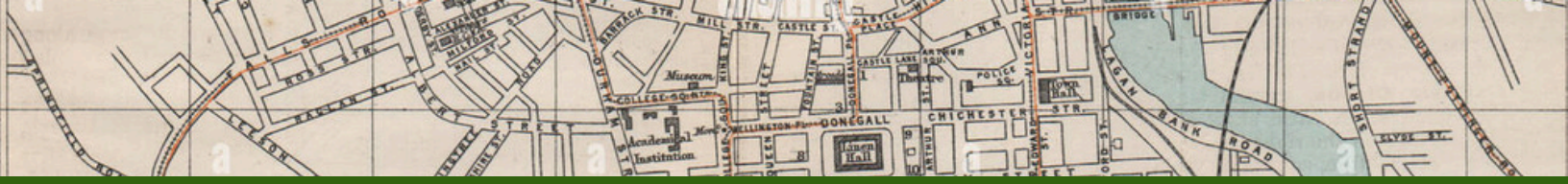
Cosgrove said: “Trade policy isn’t just ivory tower theory; it’s about real jobs, real families, and real impacts.

“The Irish and the Irish Diaspora know all too well the cost of economic models that ignore the human element.

"Ireland is the United States’ most culturally and historically aligned and economically integrated partner within the EU. Smart policy builds bridges on that foundation—not barriers.”

The AOH said on Wednesday that copies of its full proposal have been forwarded to key members of Congress and Secretary Lutnick, with a call for dialogue over disruption.

The AOH said it hopes this alternative approach can serve as the basis for smarter, more collaborative US–Ireland trade policy.
The full proposal, "Toward a US–Ireland Fair Trade & Talent Agreement," is available online at AOH.com



Freedom For All Ireland

NYC Bar Association urges repeal of UK's Northern Ireland Legacy Act

By Irish Central Staff
irishcentral.com, March 19th, 2025

The New York City Bar Association is calling for the rapid repeal of the Northern Ireland Legacy Act, and is urging US politicians to speak out.

In a new report, the New York City Bar Association strongly opposes the UK's Northern Ireland Troubles Act 2023 ("The Legacy Act") and asks members of Congress and the State Department to urge Parliament to rapidly repeal the legislation in its entirety.

In a statement issued on Monday, March 17, the City Bar said that according to the new report, the Legacy Act violates "the European Convention on Human Rights (which was codified in the UK's domestic law as part of the Human Rights Act of 1998), transitional justice norms, the Good Friday Agreement, and subsequent agreements."

In the report, "the City Bar commends UK's courts for disapplying many parts of the Legacy Act and urges the courts to do even more to increase transparency and justice for victims.

"The City Bar also supports Ireland's pending interstate case in the European Court of Human Rights challenging the Legacy Act which should remain pending while the UK government works to repeal the Legacy Act and provide suitable mechanisms for resolving outstanding Legacy issues."

The report further says: "As an essential part of the resolution of legacy cases, the City Bar also reiterates its prior calls for a full and fair inquiry into the death of solicitor Patrick Finucane. The City Bar welcomes the UK's decision to comply with the Court of Appeal's July 2024 ruling in the Finucane family's case and expressed willingness to conduct a full and fair investigation into the Finucane murder that will comply with European Human Rights Article 2 requirements."

In its statement on Monday, the City Bar noted that it has a long and active history with the conflict and subsequent peace process in Northern Ireland since 1987 when it sent the first of four blue-ribbon fact-finding missions to Northern Ireland. The City Bar's history is detailed in the report.
You can read the New York City Bar Association's full report on the Legacy Act nycbar.org.



Irish History

It's vital Irish America remembers the Irish Famine

By Niall O'Dowd
irishcentral.com, March 30th, 2025



"We are the children and grandchildren of those brave souls. The Irish in America would never have existed but for them."

Niall O'Dowd speaks to America's oldest and most prestigious Irish organizations on the importance of recalling Irish America's ancestors' journey to the US.

I had the great honor of addressing the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick dinner in New York City on March 16, 2023, at Cipriani 42nd Street.

As one of America's oldest and most prestigious organizations, the New York chapter of the Friendly Sons has a long and storied history.

Since 1784, the Friendly Sons have endured and built their vision of helping the Irish in need, tracing back to destitute emigrants around the times of the American Revolution.

Past dinner speakers include presidents John F. Kennedy and Harry Truman, so it was with a deep sense of occasion and pride that I accepted the invite.

What follows is an abridged version of the speech:

I want you to think tonight of the people who got you here.

I am talking about those who came before us, who lifted us up from fleeing the Famine to the No Irish Need Apply signs to the prominent positions we hold now.

The last "No Irish Need Apply" sign was discovered in upstate New York in 1932, within the lifetime of people still alive, so it is no abstract consideration. They were certainly around in your grandparents' generation.

You also know 100 years ago the only Irish allowed in a place like this would be a servant, a toilet cleaner or a waitress. At night those workers went home to hovels in the Five Points neighborhood Simply put they were people scraping out a desperate living, the victims of ethnic cleansing, not long off an emigrant ship known as the coffin ships because one-third of the passengers died even before seeing the promised land of America.

I want you to remember tonight those people who made it through it all, through the worst famine of the 19th century, the ethnic cleansing, the coffin boat voyage from hell and arrived here to face more prejudice. Yet they survived.

Remember tonight that's where you came from and know who brought you, whose shoulders you stand on. When they took that first brave step and boarded the ship for America you traveled with them, and in America, they were victims of nativist hatred and every adversity known to man. What drove them is they sought a chance not just for them but their children and children's children who would come after.

Wherever it got bleakest in Famine times there was only one way to escape, a whispering hope carried on every tide that America would truly be a land of the free for the huddled masses if they could only get there. They did and that's how you got here tonight.

They would be so proud, astonished even, to see how far you have come, how high we have lifted our heads and how remarkable the change has been in a few generations. Your success is the result of their sacrifice.

They left very little of a written record – it was too painful to look back – so they kept what seemed an eternal silence about what happened to them. The Famine became something to hide in the deepest recesses of your mind – too much pain, too much sorrow. "Banished Children of Eve" as writer Peter Quinn called them.

That is now changing. It is wonderful to report that since about the mid-1990s the Irish in Ireland have begun to grapple with the Famine and how it transformed both Irish and American history. The sound of silence is no more, either there or in Irish America.

Without the Great Hunger, many of you would not be here tonight. Someone from your family took their lives into their hands and embarked on a perilous six-week coffin ship ride across an often angry ocean. Before they left home they held an American wake, a final goodbye to the family and friends they would never see again.

We are the children and grandchildren of those brave souls. The Irish in America would never have existed but for them.

Good & Welfare



Division 9 Scrapbook

From all the items that have turned up in the moving of the hall we have decided to create a division scrapbook. We are looking for a volunteer to put this together. Anyone interested please let Mike Schilling know at the next meeting.

PRAYERS FOR.....

This area is to share names of the sick and deceased for which Brothers would like the division to keep in their prayers. Please submit via email or at the next meeting.



Gaeltacht Corner

Initial

English - Happy St. Patrick's Day

Irish - Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit!
/laa ey-lu paad-rig soh-na ghit!

Reply

English - Happy St. Patrick's Day

Irish - Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh
/ ban-ock-tee na fay-lah paw-rig ur-iv!