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

THE CROPPY BOY

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PLAY BALL!!!! FROM THE FATHER JOHN MURPHY DIVISION

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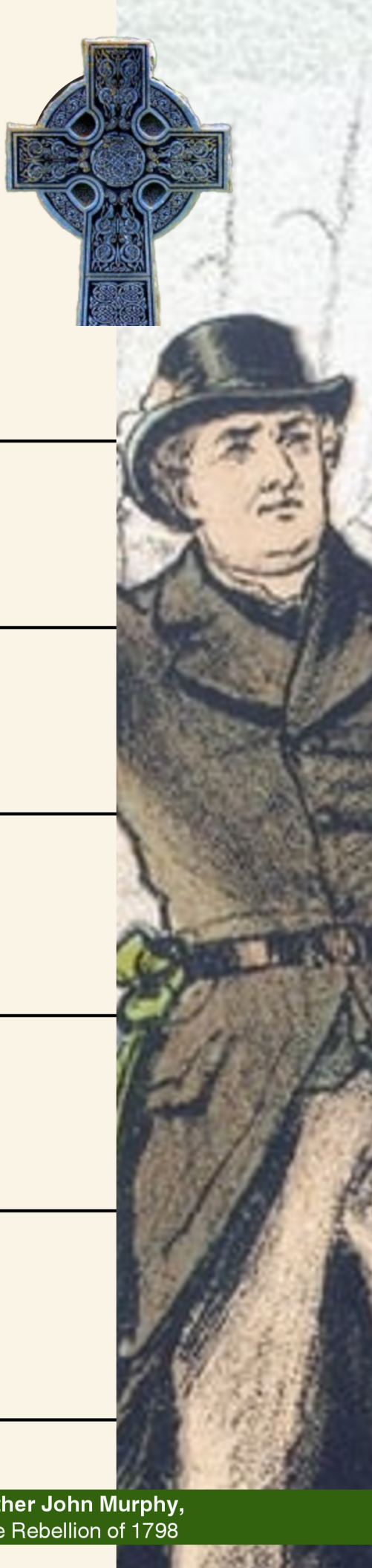
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NEW MEMBERSHIP

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

MAJOR DEGREE

A Major Degree ceremony is scheduled to occur at the Worcester Division on Saturday, October 4th. The Major Degree is required to hold any office within the Order and is the next step in being a Hibernian.

The cost is $50/person to cover food and travel expense for the Degree Team.

Let us know if you plan on participating.



POLO SHIRTS

Dear Brothers,

For anyone who submitted a division polo shirt order with John Travers please bring payment with you to the Thursday meeting.

John has used his own funds to put the order in and it should be arriving soon and we will schedule a pickup date prior to the boat cruise.

calendar of events



7 **August Meeting**
7:00pm, Hibernian Hall
36 Cordage Park Circle
Plymouth, MA

24 **Annual Sunset Cruise**
5:30pm, Onset Town Pier
184 Onset Avenue
Onset, MA

Looking Ahead:
September.....

6 **September Meeting (Saturday)**
11:00am, Hibernian Hall
36 Cordage Park Circle
Plymouth, MA

LAOH Info Meeting
1:00pm, Hibernian Hall
36 Cordage Park Circle
Plymouth, MA

20 **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day**
All Day, Tinker's Son
700 Main Street
Norwell, 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

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

MONTHLY TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

IPC PRESENTS: MONTHLY IRISH MUSIC SESSION

540 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, MA
Sunday, August 17th, 3pm



Wolfhounds Baseball at the Brockton Rox

On Saturday, July 19th the Father John Murphy Division participated in the opening ceremonies of the first baseball game of the Irish Wolfhounds to take place at the home of the Brockton Rox. Members were on the field for first pitch as well as the national anthems. Dear friend of the division, Mairin Ui Cheide, was the anthem singer for the event. The AOH had a prominent role in the game as the national organization has inked a partnership with the Irish American Baseball Society. The Wolfhound jerseys are adorned with an AOH patch. Our hope is that this relationship will continue to next season and include several Wolfhounds games at the Rox stadium.









Annual Sunset Cape Cod Canal Cruise

Brothers, if you plan on attending the Annual Sunset Cruise please attend the meeting Thursday night so that you can purchase your tickets. All tickets need to be paid in advance to ensure we have sold the proper amount of tickets. In addition, if you would like to donate any items please let us know and we can coordinate pickup of the raffle items.



Plymouth LAOH Informational Meeting

On Saturday, September 6th at 1pm we have coordinated to have the LAOH Massachusetts State President as well as AOH Massachusetts State Organizer Dick Wall to provide a presentation and informational meeting on organizing a new division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. This meeting will be open to prospective women members.

Please be aware that in addition to the typical requirements the LAOH also allows women whose husbands that are members of the AOH to join even if they are not of Irish descent.



POLITICAL EDUCATION

LAUNCH OF FIRST GLOBAL IRISH SURVEY

By Irish Echo Staff
irishecho.com

Submissions are being requested from Irish communities across the United States into Ireland's on-line consultation for the Irish diaspora: The Global Irish Survey, the first survey of its kind.

The survey was launched by Minister of State for International Development and Diaspora, Neale Richmond as part of the Irish government's commitment to deliver a new Diaspora Strategy.

Minister Richmond, according to a release, has been engaging with diaspora communities in a series of in-person consultations across the world, including sessions in Boston and Philadelphia. Further consultations are planned for across the United States in the coming months.

The Global Irish Survey will support this work and will provide an opportunity for members of the Irish diaspora who are not able to engage in in-person consultations to feed into the government's new
Minister Richmond said: "Over the last six months, I have heard first hand from many remarkable members of our diaspora on the challenges and opportunities of being Irish overseas.

"However, I am also conscious that the Global Irish are truly global. I am launching the first ever Global Irish Survey so we hear from as many voices as possible to ensure our new diaspora strategy reflects our contemporary diaspora. I hope that those abroad and those who have recently returned home will share their views through the Global Irish Survey so they can have their voice heard and help shape our new policy."

Speaking about his continued engagement with the Global Irish, the Minster welcomed the real interest among the diaspora in engaging on the new strategy.

"I am always pleased at the positive approach these conversations take. We have a shared focus on working together to support long-standing emigrants and newer arrivals and, importantly how we can strengthen the links – be they social, cultural, business, sporting or educational - between our overseas communities and Ireland.

"I have had a chance to hear from Irish-born, second or third generation Irish, underrepresented group and the affinity diaspora who through familial, work or education connections hold a deep appreciation for our people and culture. All their insights are actively shaping our thinking on the new strategy.



in an ever changing world, where the economic environment is experiencing significant transition, the Irish diaspora and affinity diaspora provide a significant opportunity for Ireland in relation to trade and investment. We know that the Irish abroad have a vast network of business contacts and a large amount of the diaspora are in very influential and powerful positions across the globe.

“This network presents the opportunity to continue to diversify and expand trade and investment links as the world economy experiences a period of flux.”

The survey can be found on www.ireland.ie and is open until the end of August.



Freedom For All Ireland

GERRY ADAMS: Parnell's words of wisdom echo through the years

By Gerry Adams
irishecho.com, August 4th, 2025

IT was Charles Stewart Parnell who said: “No man has the right to say to his country, ‘Thus far shalt thou go and no further.’” This was in the 19th century. He also declared: “Let no one set a boundary to the march of a nation.”

Parnell was clearly setting out the right of the people of Ireland to self-determination. Interestingly, he chose Cork to make this declaration. That was January 21, 1885. One of the current Cork TDs and the current Taoiseach Micheál Martin has a contrary view. Our right to self-determination is contained in the Good Friday Agreement, so that right has been won. We now need to exercise it. There is an irony that An Taoiseach has set his face against this and that he refuses to plan for the certain day when the Good Friday Agreement referendums will be held.

Micheál Martin is out of step with nationalist opinion in the North as expressed by the SDLP and Sinn Féin. He is in contravention of Fianna Fáil’s policy and the policy of all other political parties in the South, the Irish constitution and the Good Friday Agreement.

He is also at odds with many in the South who are for Irish unity and see the merits of preparing for it.

Earlier this year, the Amárach Research poll for the European Movement Ireland, found that a majority of people in both parts of Ireland – 67 per cent in the North and 62 per cent in the South – now support a united Ireland within the EU. And we already know that with reunification the entire island of Ireland would automatically re-enter the European Union.

lAt the beginning of July a report published by Professor John Doyle, on behalf of the Ulster University and Dublin City University, confirmed that there are no economic barriers to Irish unity.

Micheál Martin has no right to tell us not to talk about unity or plan for it. The Taoiseach should establish a Citizens’ Assembly or Assemblies on Irish unity and to begin in earnest the detailed and painstaking planning that needs to happen to realise reunification. Constitutional change is the biggest challenge facing the people of Ireland at this time. That, of course means we have to plan.

It’s common sense.



Irish History

The Irish Olympian, forced to compete for Britain, who smuggled in an Irish flag

By Frances Mulraney
irishcentral.com, August 5th, 2025

Irish man Peter O'Connor was not willing to stand on the winner's podium under the British flag, so he took matters into his own hands



Peter O'Connor showed real Irish pride and daring at the 1906 Greece Olympics.

It was a full decade before the **1916 Easter Rising in Dublin**, but by 1906, the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), founded in 1884, had instilled in its members a nationalist pride, a pride that would see one of its most famed long-jumpers take matters into his own hands when forced to stand below the British flag.

In 1906, Peter O'Connor, Con Leahy, and John Daly were put forward for the Olympics [the 1906 Games were official at the time, but are no longer recognized by the IOC] by the GAA and the Irish Amateur Athletic Association (IAAA).

The three Irishmen traveled to Greece in green blazers and shamrock-emblazoned caps, and they had with them their Irish flag, the old 'Erin Go Bragh' flag with a golden harp showing on a green background.

When they arrived, however, a technicality in the rules meant that they were not able to compete as Irish since Ireland did not have its own Olympic Council to nominate them to compete.

Worst of all, the Olympians were now to be classed as British, a nationality that none of them was too happy to be representing.

O'Connor was a favorite for gold in his jumping events. He

had already broken the world record held by his main rival, American Myer Prinstein. He competed in the long jump and the triple jump (then called the hop, step, and jump). He arrived in Greece with ten years of consistent victories over British competitors in his back pocket. He had also previously refused to compete at the 1900 Olympics on the British team.

Although born in England where his father was temporarily employed, O'Connor was raised in Co Wicklow in Ireland. He joined the GAA two years after its inception and won many All-Ireland titles. He was the first person ever to set a long jump world record with the International Association of Athletics Federations on August 5, 1901. His record remained unbroken for 20 years and remained an Irish record for an outstanding 89 years.

And so with this track record, it could be said that O'Connor was confident going into his long jump competition until it was revealed that the only judge was to be Matthew Halpin, manager of the American team.

Although O'Connor protested, his claims of bias were overruled and in the end, he finished second. The distances jumped were announced by Halpin only at the end of the entire competition and he declared his American athlete the victor.
To add insult to injury, the Irishman was now going to have to stand under the British flag as he was honored for the silver medal, a sign of disrespect that, it turned out, he would not tolerate.

As the Union Jack was raised, O'Connor used his jumping prowess to scale up the flagpole, holding out the Erin go Bragh flag to replace its British counterpart and becoming one of the first people to ever bring politics into sports in such a manner. He was protected from the ground by his teammates from Ireland.

O'Connor would go on to win gold in his second event, the triple jump, against his fellow Irishman Con Leahy, who had stood by his side during the flag protest. He did not make a second attempt at a flag jump at the ceremony for his gold medal, however. Nonetheless, O'Connor made one of

Nonetheless, O’Connor made one of the most historic sporting event protests Ireland has ever seen and is heralded for his defiance of the British team.

He would never compete in another Olympic event and unfortunately, as the 1906 Olympics came to be later recognized as Intercalated Games, his medals are not officially recognized now.

O'Connor would return to the Games in later years as both a judge and a spectator but while still a fan of the sport, he set his sights instead on his law practice Peter O’Connor and Sons instead, which still operates in Waterford and Dublin to this day.

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!