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

THE CROPPY BOY

JUNE 2025

HAPPY SUMMER FROM THE FATHER JOHN MURPHY DIVISION

See inside for all the events and goings ons from the Plymouth division of The Ancient Order of Hibernians

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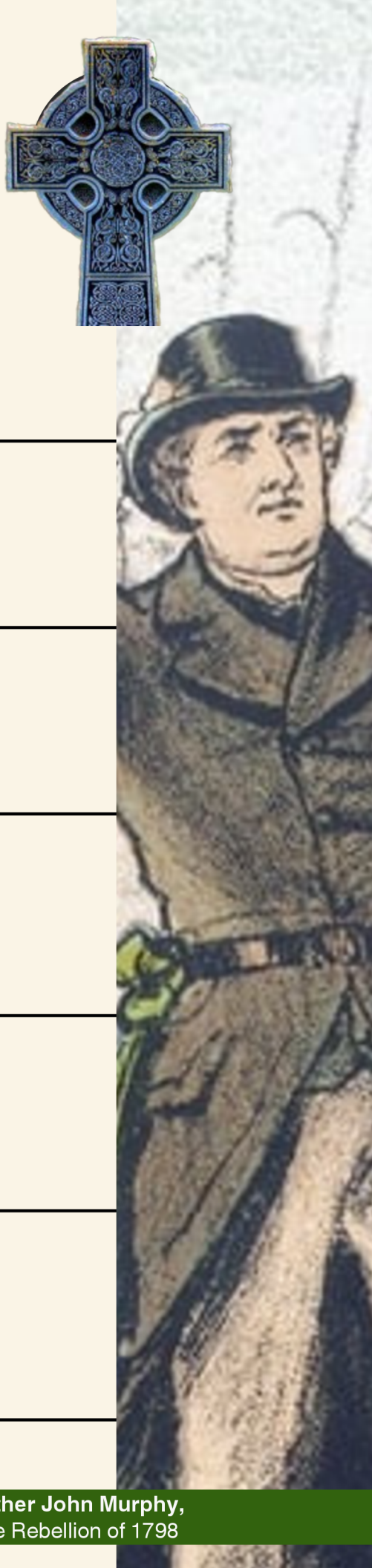

Father John Murphy,
The Rebellion of 1798

2025 DIVISION 9 OFFICERS

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Standing Committee Chairman

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.

Which have you heard we have moved to Cordage Park?! Come see the new space……and bring your dues along.

BOAT CRUISE

Dear Brothers,

Reminder that tickets for our Annual Sunset Canal Cruise will be available at the July meeting for $35 each. Please email us if you wish to buy tickets and how many before we release to the public. The boat has sold out the last two years.

calendar of events

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John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial
11:00am, Holyhood Cemetery
584 Heath Street
Chestnut Hill, MA

22

Whitman Parade
1:00pm, 540 South Ave.,
Whitman, 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, June 22nd, 3pm

Whitman 150th Celebration Parade

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

On Sunday, June 22nd the Father John Murphy Division will be participating in the 150th Celebration Parade in the Town of Whitman. Forecast right now is for beautiful weather and we encourage members and their families to participate.

We are in Division 2, all participants will meet at our spot at noontime at 356 South Avenue (the Old Regal Show Complex) Whitman, MA. Parking is available across the street at the Whitman Commuter Rail Station. Please email us at AOHPlymouth@gmail.com so we can get a head count for marchers.

Also take note, with the forecasted weather we are hoping to look put together as a group and therefore we are asking that all marchers where **white polo shirts with khaki shorts or pants along with their parade sashes**. If you do not have a sash we will have several available. We will email more details by the end of the week.

John Boyle OReilly Memorial

Saturday, June 21st, 2025

The Annual John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Exercises will take place on Saturday, June 21st, 2025 at 11am. This will take place at Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline/Chestnut Hill
Mass will be held at the gravesite of John Boye O'Reilly and be celebrated by State Chaplain Fr. Thomas Sullivan with Collation to follow at Watertown Hibernian Hall.

Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA

If any brothers are planning on attending please email us at AOHPlymouth@gmail.com and we might be able to coordinate car pooling for the event.

Donegal Reception Dinner & Award Ceremony

Below are photos from the Donegal Reception Dinner & Award Ceremony. It was a tremendously successful event and the awarding of the inaugural Claire Cronin Award along with the Irishman and Irishwoman of the Year were amzing. Thank you to all the brothers who showed up for the event.

Brockton Firefighte

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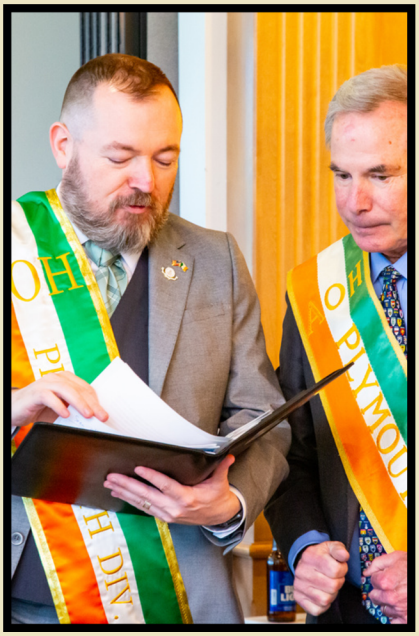


Hibernian Hunger Walk

Below are photos from the Hibernian Hunger Walk along with photos from our reception with President Michael D. Higgins and the subsequent Conference on the Great Hunger in Strokestown, Roscommon.

Sli Náisiúnta
Bealach na nGaeil

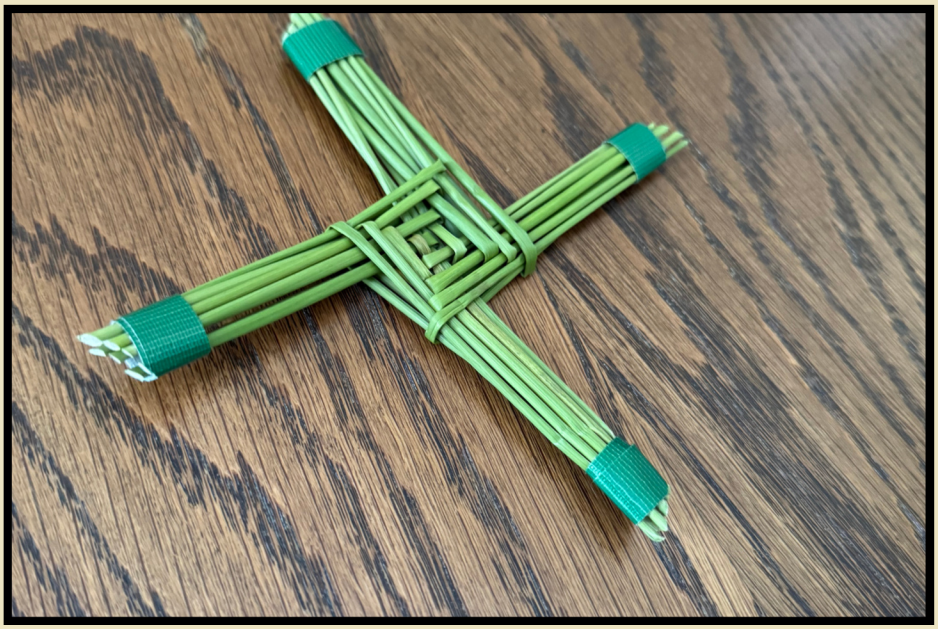
Fáilte – Welcome
Tearmanbearaigh
TERMONBARRY

RESTAURANT
KEENANS
Bar & Restaurant

Sli Náisiúnta
National Famine Way

STROKESTOWN PARK
In Memory Of The Largest Known Group To Have Walked
The Full Length Of The Royal Canal
The 1490 Strokestown Famine Emigrants In May Of 1847

Frances' Cottage
At Savage Bridge on The Royal Canal
Killashee, County of Longford.
Built around 1840 at a cost of 45 pounds.
Restored in 1990
by Frances K. Kelly
of Forest Hills, New York, U.S.A.
She always loved old buildings and
the history that went with them.
Thank You Frances.
We love you so and you will always live in our hearts.
R.I.P.



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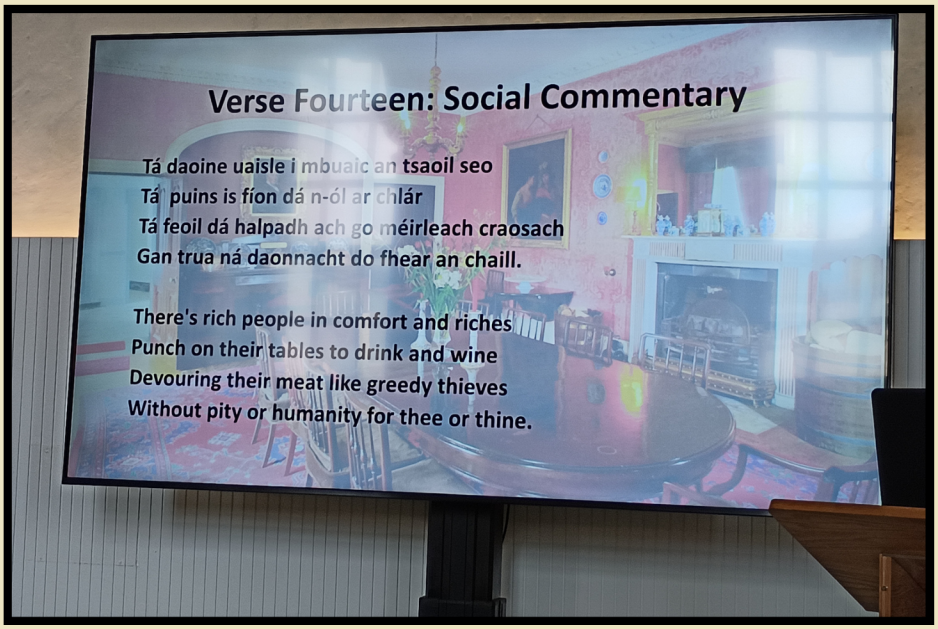
Droichead Mhaigh Bhealaigh
MOYVALLY BRIDGE

GUINNESS
CUAIRTEOIR
VISITOR
Paul McAuliffe
Ken Miller
28/05/2025
CUAIRTEOIR
VISITOR
Paul McAuliffe
John Sullivan
28/05/2025
CUAIRTEOIR
VISITOR
Paul McAuliffe
Geraldine Kerrigan
28/05/2025
CUAIRTEOIR
VISITOR
Paul McAuliffe

Irish Heritage Trust
THE NATIONAL FAMINE MUSEUM
STROKESTOWN PARK
Famine Summer School 2025
Vaulted Stables

Fire Point

HUNGER & HOPE
PASSPORT
My
NATIONAL FAMINE Way
Journey Starts Here!
End of Trail Booklet
#GlobalIrishFamineWay


Verse Fourteen: Social Commentary
Tá daoine uaisle i mbuaic an tsaoil seo
Tá puins is fíon dá n-ól ar chlár
Tá feoil dá halpadh ach go méirleach craosach
Gan trua ná daonnacht do fhear an chaill.
There's rich people in comfort and riches
Punch on their tables to drink and wine
Devouring their meat like greedy thieves
Without pity or humanity for thee or thine.

POLITICAL EDUCATION

EDWARD WALSH CONFIRMED AS NEW US AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND

By Kerry O'Shea
irishcentral.com

Edward Walsh was confirmed as the next US Ambassador to Ireland in a roll call vote in the US Senate on Wednesday evening, June 4.

Walsh's nomination was confirmed by a vote of 57 to 38.

The vote comes after the US Senate's Foreign Relations Committee held Walsh's confirmation hearing on May 1 and approved his nomination 12 - 0 on May 8.

All ambassadorial nominations must be confirmed by the US Senate.

US President Donald Trump announced Walsh as his choice to be the next US Ambassador to Ireland in December.

"Edward is the President of the Walsh Company, a very successful nationwide construction and real estate firm," Trump said in his December 14 announcement on Truth Social.

"He is a great philanthropist in his local community, and previously served as the Chairman of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority Board.

"He is also a Champion Golfer, a very good asset for the Ambassador of Ireland to have.

"Do well Ed!"

Walsh is a resident of Bedminster, New Jersey, where the US President's Trump National Golf Club, of which Walsh is a member, is located.

According to the Washington Post, Walsh donated $25,000 to Trump's 2024 election campaign, while his wife Lynn Walsh also donated $25,000.

Introducing Walsh during his confirmation hearing on May 1, Senator Lindsey Graham made note of Walsh's friendship with Trump.

"He's a very close friend to President Trump, so to our friends in Ireland, you're getting one of the closest friends that President Trump has, and that will benefit you because when Ed picks up the phone, President Trump will answer."

He went on to reiterate: "To the people of Ireland, again, you'll be getting one of the closest friends that President Trump has and in this business, that matters."

Later in the confirmation hearing, Walsh was pressed several times on how he would manage Ireland's stance on Israel.

"I look forward to working constructively to engage on the

issues that are contributing to the tensions between Israel and Ireland," Walsh said in response at one point.

Meanwhile, in the testimony he submitted ahead of his confirmation hearing, Walsh said that one of his "foremost priorities will be to enhance the economic partnership between the United States and Ireland."

He also said that he would be "committed to expanding the cultural and educational exchanges" between the US and Ireland.

After noting the recent anniversaries of Ireland-US diplomatic relations as well as the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, Walsh said: "And still, there is much work to be done."

He added: "I am also fortunate that I can exercise diplomacy from the green lawns of Ireland's golf courses."

Freedom For All Ireland

"Step forward" for Pat Finucane murder inquiry as chairperson appointed

By Kerry O'Shea
irishcentral.com, June 13, 2025

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Hilary Benn announced on Friday, June 13, that Sir Gary Hickinbottom has been appointed Chair of the Patrick Finucane Inquiry.

Hickinbottom is the current President of the Welsh Tribunals. He is a solicitor and a retired Court of Appeal Judge, who undertook the statutory inquiry into corruption and governance in the British Virgin Islands.

Benn also announced on Friday that he had appointed Baroness Nuala O'Loan Francesca Del Mese as Assessors to the Inquiry. Both will provide advice to the Chair on their relevant expertise in regards to the Inquiry, while also giving further assurance about the Inquiry's independence.

The announcement of the Chair and Assessors comes about nine months after Benn told British Parliament that he would be establishing an independent inquiry into Finucane's 1989 murder under the 2005 Inquiries Act.

The murder of Pat Finucane

On February 12, 1989, Pat Finucane, 39, was shot and killed by members of the Ulster Defence Association (UDA), a loyalist paramilitary group, at his Belfast home in front of his wife, Geraldine, and their three children.

His family has campaigned for truth and justice ever since.

In 2012, then-British Prime Minister David Cameron apologized to the Finucane family after Sir Desmond de Silva's report found "shocking levels of collusion" in the lawyer's murder.

In 2020, the British Government announced it would not be pursuing a public inquiry into the murder of Finucane.

That, however, changed with Benn's announcement in September of an independent inquiry.

"This inquiry will provide answers"

Benn said on Friday: "The murder of Mr. Finucane was a barbarous and heinous crime

and one which continues to highlight the legacy of the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

"I commend and support the tireless campaign of Mrs. Finucane and her family in seeking answers to the brutal murder of their loved one, and I am confident that this Inquiry will provide answers to the family who have suffered so terribly."

Benn said the Chair and Assessors' "valuable knowledge, experience and professionalism will be of great benefit to the work of the Inquiry."

The Northern Ireland Office noted on Friday that as required by the Inquiries Act 2005, Benn will undertake a consultation exercise with the Chair on the proposed Terms of Reference for the Inquiry. These will be agreed and published in due course.

"Proceed with fierce independence"

majority of people in Ireland and Northern Ireland choose otherwise.

Responding on Friday, MLA Deirdre Hargey, Sinn Féin's justice spokesperson, said: “Nine months after the announcement of a public inquiry into the killing of human rights lawyer Pat Finucane, it is welcome that a chairperson has finally been named.

“It is now vital that the inquiry begins its work at pace and is allowed to proceed with fierce independence.

“36 years on from his murder, Pat Finucane’s family continue to show immense courage in their pursuit of truth and justice, seeking to uncover the full circumstances around his killing.

"After decades of tireless campaigning, this process must deliver the answers the Finucane family have long fought for, and the inquiry must work closely with them to help secure these."

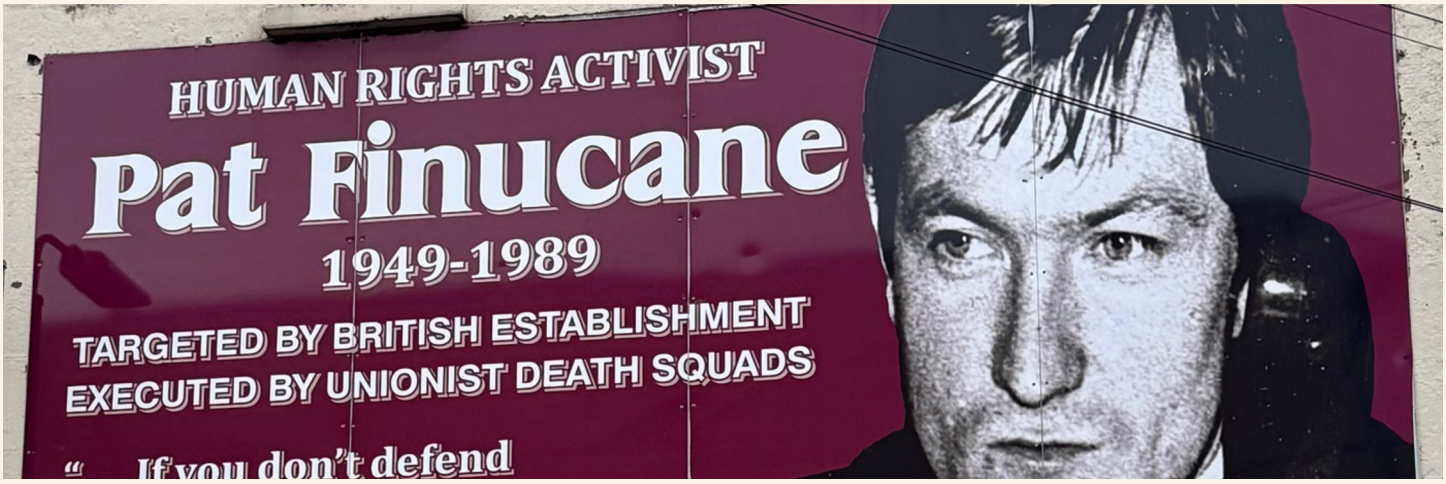
"Step forward"

Also responding on Friday, TD Mary Lou McDonald, the President of Sinn Féin, said: “It has now been 11 long months since the court ruled in favour of establishing a proper independent public inquiry, and nine months since the British Government finally conceded, under significant legal and political pressure, that a public inquiry into the murder of Belfast solicitor Pat Finucane would be established.

“Today’s appointment of the Chair and assessors is a necessary, if overdue, step forward.

“The British Government must now allow the inquiry team to get on with its work — independently, transparently, properly resourced and without political interference.

“Sinn Féin will continue to stand in full solidarity with Mrs. Geraldine Finucane, her



children, and the entire Finucane family. We pay tribute once again to their determination having campaigned vigorously with great courage and dignity for almost four decades since Pat’s murder in February 1989.”

"Important and substantive work"

Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Simon Harris welcomed Friday's announcement.

"This is the final outstanding inquiry from those that were recommended by Judge Cory in 2004, and it is positive that it can now move to beginning its important and substantive work," Harris said.

"Today’s announcement highlights the importance that a way forward is found to comprehensively address all the outstanding cases of the Troubles, in a way that is human rights compliant and that has the needs of victims and families at its heart.

"I continue to engage closely with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland with this objective."

Irish History

The Famine Memorial – a poignant must-see in Dublin

By Irishcentral staff
irishcentral.com, June 13th, 2025

Top on the list of tourist attractions for many Americans visiting Dublin is the Famine Memorial near the Custom House, a heartbreaking and poignant work that reflects the most tragic period in Irish history that changed the country forever.

But what exactly is the Famine Memorial in Dublin? We look at the story and history behind it and why it's so important.

What is the Famine Memorial in Dublin, Ireland?

The Famine Memorial in Dublin Ireland is a collection of statues designed and crafted by Dublin sculptor Rowan Gillespie and presented to the city of Dublin in 1997.

The statues depict the starving Irish people walking towards . ships to bring them overseas to escape the hunger and poverty of the Irish famine; the women, men, and children shown in the memorial as skeletal figures wearing nothing more than rags

"Famine" (1997) was commissioned by Norma Smurfit and is a commemorative work dedicated to those Irish people forced to emigrate during the 19th-century Irish Famine.

What is the Famine Memorial in Dublin's history?

In 1840s Ireland, many of the country's poor population had come to rely on the potato in their diet. In 1845, however, a late blight caused by the water mold Phytophthora infestans is believed to have been accidentally imported from North America and began to appear throughout the country's potato crops. The first year only saw partial crop failure but the returning blight from 1846 to 1849 resulted in the nation's potato crops being almost completely destroyed.

With the potato crop destroyed, the Irish suffered years of mismanagement and mistreatment from their colonial power, England, which saw other food products shipped off the island while the people there remained starving. Little else was done to protect the Irish people from hunger and as a result, a million and a half people died and a further million emigrated from the country.

The lack of aid from the British during this time has led some to question whether it can, in fact, be called a famine, although many of the main historians specializing in the area continue to call the dark period of Irish history "the Irish famine" or "the Great Hunger."

In an attempt to commemorate a tragic event that changed Ireland forever, memorials such as this one in Dublin have been established around the world, often depicting Irish figures traveling toward emigration or the ship that carried them there

What is the Famine Memorial in Dublin, Ireland's location, and address?

The Famine Memorial in Dublin is located on Custom House Quay in the Dublin Docklands. Its address is the North Dock, Dublin, Ireland.

This location of "Famine" within Dublin is particularly appropriate and historic as one of the first voyages of the Famine period was on the "Perseverance," which sailed from Custom House Quay on St. Patrick's Day 1846.

The crew and 210 passengers captained by Captain William Scott, a 74-year-old native of the Shetland Isles, all arrived safely in New York on May 18, 1846. This is a tale of survival very different from that of the further ships which left Ireland for America, which came to be branded "coffin ships" because of the death and disease suffered by those who traveled aboard.

The ships were so named because the brutal passage aboard these ill-equipped vessels often meant death for passengers. The coffin ships ferried some 1.5 million Irish to North America during the later years of the 1840s as they fled famine and poverty in their native isle. With a further

million dying of hunger in Ireland, Irish of all ages took their chances on passage to Canada or the United States in a quest /for refuge.

In June 2007, the second series of famine sculptures by Rowan Gillespie was unveiled by President Mary McAleese on the quayside in Toronto's Ireland Park to remember the arrival of Irish famine refugees in Canada.

Just a few steps away from the sculpture on the Quays is also a tall ship moored in the water that is set up as a famine museum. The Jeanie Johnston is a replica famine boat and is more than a fitting backdrop to the memorial statues.

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!