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

THE CROPPY BOY

SEPTEMBER 2024



SEPTEMBER FEATURE: ANNUAL SUNSET CAPE COD CANAL CRUISE

THE FATHER JOHN MURPHY DIVISION SIGNALS THE END OF A GREAT SUMMER

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

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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.

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



SOCIAL

Brothers, we are looking for one of our Cape Cod members to help coordinate a Saturday field trip to The Auld Triangle pub in Hyannis sometime during the fall. If any of the members are interested please contact President Michael Schilling. He can be contacted via phone or text at 781-706-6209

calendar of events



5 **General Meeting**
7:00pm, Cordage Commerce Center
Monthly meeting of the Father John Murphy Division

17 **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day**
However you celebrate.....enjoy!

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

BROTHER DENIS O'GORMAN

nothing local schedules for
September

WEEKLY TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

THE SNUG PUB

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

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



Ancient Order of Hibernians

Join us in the fight against hunger



Help us support the Hibernian Hunger Project by donating non-perishable food items to our annual food drive. Your contribution can make a difference in the Plymouth community!

Saturday, November 2nd
9am - 3pm
Market Basket
1 Commerce Way,
Plymouth, MA

MARKET BASKET
"MORE FOR YOUR DOLLAR"



THE FATHER JOHN MURPHY
DIVISION, 9
OF
THE ANCIENT ORDER
OF HIBERNIANS

INVITE YOU
TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE

MEMORIAL MASS

FOR THE
175TH ANNIVERSARY
OF

THE WRECK OF THE BRIG ST. JOHN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2024
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Brig St. John Commemoration

Dear Brothers, we are in the final planning stages of this year's commemoration for the 175th Anniversary of the Brig St. John. It is shaping to be an extraordinary weekend with knowledgeable speakers both from the United States and Ireland. The event will be split into two days with Saturday including a walking tour of the historic locales regarding the shipwreck and where the survivors and victims were subsequently brought. Three panel discussions will take place during the afternoon at the Cohasset Historical Society giving context to not only the day but how it is remembered both here and in Ireland. The third panel will be a discussion on how important it is to educate about the backdrop of the Shipwreck, the Great Hunger, and how it should be part of the world history curriculum in our schools.

A final panel will take place at the Unitarian Church Hall which will include an evening of traditional Irish music, storytelling and refreshments featuring visitors from Lettermullan, Ireland.

Over the next two weeks we will start to publicize the event through social media and other Irish Community outlets. Please share the news of the event with others and the importance of the commemoration.

In the meantime, we will need at least 15 Brother Hibernians as volunteers for different portions of the Memorial Mass on Sunday. Greeters at the church entrances, readers and everything in between. In addition, the plan is for all Hibernians in attendance to process with Monsignor Bergin into St. Anthony's Church. This we are looking for as much participation as possible and as that division members be there to be part of this great experience.

Please submit your name as a volunteer for the Mass no latter then September 20th so that we can plan accordingly.

annual sunset cape cod canal cruise

This year's Cape Cod Canal Cruise was another rounding success thanks to the efforts of our Brother Hibernians who every year come together to make this a great event. The turnout by both the public and division members was exemplary. The weather cooperated nicely and it was another grand cruise to end the summer.

Great thanks go out to Previte's Marketplace in Hanover for donating the sandwiches. We also thank division members who donated raffle prize items along with local establishments who donated or discounted raffle prize items; JP Ryan's, Bridget's and the Galway Girl Irish Shoppe. Without this and the efforts by our brother Hibernians we could not put on such a great event.

And as always a thanks to HyLine Cruises for always being professional and great to work with!

















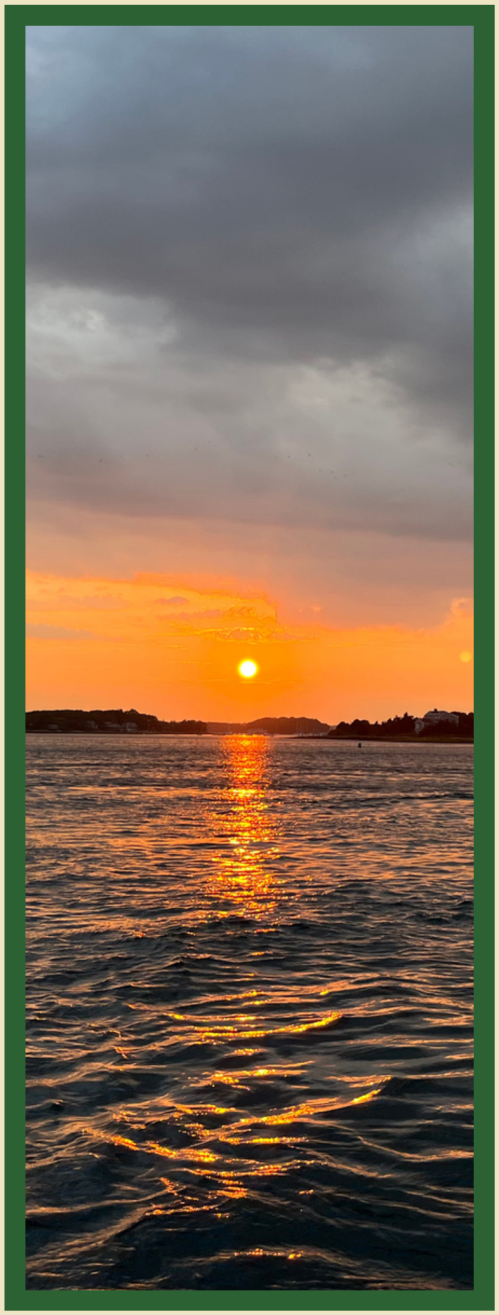







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Political Education

US Irish must make sure Harris is aware of their issues, including Good Friday Agreement

By Niall O'Dowd
irishcentral.com, August 16th , 2024

Kamala Harris, if elected as President, needs to be aware of Irish issues including the Good Friday Agreement and immigration.

Congressman Brendan Boyle made a very important point when he took part in the highly successful Irish Americans for Harris-Walz national organizing call on Tuesday night, which was attended by thousands virtually.

He pointed out that it is vital that Kamala Harris, if she is elected, plays a significant role in ensuring the future of the Good Friday Agreement, just as President Joe Biden has.

Some may think there will be little reason to worry as the Agreement is solid as a rock.

There is a clear danger of such a judgment.

Who could have suspected that successive British Prime Ministers would make every attempt possible to rewrite the provisions of the Good Friday Agreement and make it more favorable to Unionism?

At several key moments, the British almost succeed by using the Good Friday Agreement as a pawn in their Brexit negotiations with the Irish,

Unfortunately for them, one man, Joe Biden, stayed resolute in the gap and warned about the wrath of the United States if a single word was changed.

Scranton Joe, a pure Irish American, realized the danger and served notice accordingly.

In other words, Biden played a major role in seeing the Good Friday Agreement through a major crisis.

Harris has no such background in Irish affairs, which should be no surprise. But what if we encounter another attempt to undermine the most important legal document of this and the last generation?

So it is important that Irish Americans for Harris-Walz not behave as just a cheerleading arm of the Harris political steamroller and nothing more.

Likewise, the Irish need to insert themselves into the immigration issue. The Irish have been blocked from coming to America since the 1965 immigration act. Whatever coalition forms after the election if Harris wins, it needs to have an Irish component on the issue of immigration to the country they gave so much to.

In conclusion, there is nothing won yet, and Trump remains a huge obstacle. However, the sooner the Democratic party Irish reach out to the Harris campaign and help in whatever way they can, the better.



FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

TROUBLES VICTIMS 'FELT IGNORED' DUE TO LEGACY ACT, SAYS NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY HILARY BENN

By Cillian Sherlock
www.belfastlive.co.uk

The Act brought in by the Tories, aimed at addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past, has been almost universally opposed by political parties and victims' groups

Victims and survivors will "be central to the Government's approach", the Northern Ireland Secretary has said, as he commenced consultations on repealing and replacing the controversial Legacy Act.
The Act, aimed at addressing the legacy of Northern Ireland's past, has been almost universally opposed by political parties and victims' groups.
Legislative provision introduced by the last Conservative government offered a form of conditional immunity to perpetrators of crimes during the Troubles.

Immunity was to be given to those individuals who cooperated with a new truth recovery mechanism designed to provide bereaved families with answers about the circumstances of their loved ones' deaths.

Labour has also committed to reversing the Legacy Act's contentious ban on civil cases and inquests related to Troubles incidents.

Northern Ireland Secretary Hilary Benn held meetings with the South East Fermanagh Foundation, and the Victims and Survivors Forum, in Belfast on Wednesday.

Speaking after the meetings, Mr Benn said: "I know that many victims, survivors and families felt ignored by the previous government's approach to legacy. Indeed that is part of the reason why the Legacy Act was so widely opposed.

"In my meetings with the Victims and Survivors Forum and the South East Fermanagh Foundation today, I reiterated that the views of victims and survivors will be central to this Government's approach to legacy.

"I am grateful to all those with whom I have spoken today, many of whom shared very personal stories about the loss of loved ones during the Troubles. I look forward to continuing discussions in the period ahead."
The Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act passed into law last September. From May 1 this year, all civil cases and inquests that were not at their findings stage were halted.
Responsibility for investigating all legacy cases was transferred to a new truth recovery body, the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (ICRIR).
The Government has committed to finding a path on legacy that is supported across communities in Northern Ireland.



However, the Labour Government has indicated it will not scrap the commission and instead work to make changes to its structures.

In July, the Secretary of State began the process of repealing the Legacy Act's conditional immunity scheme.

The Government has also pledged to reverse the current prohibition on bringing new civil proceedings and to propose measures to allow inquests previously halted to proceed. While recognising different groups hold different views on how to progress, the Secretary of State has also committed to consulting widely on further changes, including strengthening the ICRIR's independence.

Irish History

The Antrim woman who gave us the Ballad of Roddy McCorley

By Pauline Murphy
irishcentral.com, August 19th, 2024



A political and cultural activist, Ethna Carbery left much work behind her when she died young, including this famous ballad recorded by The Dubliners and The Pogues.

Ethna Carbery was born as Anna Johnston in Ballymena, County Antrim, on Dec 3, 1866. Her father was a timber merchant and her mother was a native of Donegal, which is just one strand of the connection she held to Tir Chonaill.

From an early age, she was well aware of the political situation in Ireland and the articulated young woman became a regular contributor to nationalist newspapers under the name Ethna Carbery

In 1901, she cemented her connection to Donegal when she married poet and author Seamus MacManus and the couple lived in Revlin House, Mountcharles, Donegal.

Ethna Carbery joined Maud Gonne's lecture tour of Ireland in 1898 to mark the centenary of the 1798 Rebellion. In 1900 she became a founding member of Inghinidhne na hEireann and served as its Vice President and publisher of its monthly mouth organ the Shan Van Vocht.

Carbery's life of political and cultural activism would be tragically cut short when at the age of just 35 she succumbed to gastritis and died in her husband's arms on April 21, 1902 at their Donegal home. She was laid to rest in nearby Frossas Cemetery.

Ethna Carbery left much work behind and her devoted husband succeeded in getting them published posthumously, including many poems and ballads still popular today.

Among Carbery's work published posthumously were two large volumes of stories and a collection of poems and songs including The Ballad of Roddy McCorley. She went back to her Antrim roots to write this popular ballad of the young rebel hanged at the bridge of Toome.

Roddy McCorley was a Presbyterian from Duneane Co Antrim whose political convictions arose from the treatment dished out to his family by landlords.

McCorleys father had been hanged for sheep stealing and as a consequence, the rest of the McCorley family were evicted from their smallholding.

In Ethna Carberys ballad she puts McCorley in the thick of the action during the 1798 rebellion at the Battle of Antrim. McCorley is credited with leading a band of rebels at Toomesbridge and leading them in the capture of Randalstown.

In the aftermath of the defeat of the United Irishmen those who were not killed or captured went on the run, including McCorley. He joined the Archer Gang, a group of rebels led by Thomas Archer who lived the outlaw life in the valleys and glens of Antrim. McCorley's exploits against the authorities gained him a folk hero status but like all true romantic outlaws, he was finally caught when an informer betrayed him to the dreaded red coats.

McCorley was court-martialed in Ethna Carbery's birthplace Ballymena and was subsequently found guilty. From there he was marched to Toomesbridge and on Feb 28, 1800, young Roddy McCorley was hanged near the bridge and his body buried beneath the gallows.

Fifth two years later the remains of the young rebel were recovered by his nephew Hugh McCorley who was the foreman of works at the new Toome bridge on the River Bann. Hugh recovered his uncle's remains and on Jun 29, 1852, they were reburied in an unmarked grave at Duneane cemetery.

His grave may be unmarked and his exploits may have fallen into the ages but thanks to Ethna Carbery the story of Roddy McCorley survives through a ballad that has been recorded throughout the years by the likes of the Dubliners, The Clancy Brothers, and The Pogues to name a few.

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.....

Ginny Davis

Please email any other requests for prayers to AOHPlymouth@gmail.com or at the next General Meeting



Gaeltacht Corner

Initial	Reply
English - Excuse me?	*English* - Kiss my arse!
Irish - Gabh Mo Leithscéal?	*Irish* - Póg mo thóin!
'Go muh lesh-kale'	'Pogue mahone'

"boolavogue"

At Boolavogue as the sun was setting o'er the bright May meadows of Shelmalier
A rebel band set the heather blazing and brought the neighbors from far and near
Then Father Murphy from old Kilcormac spurred up the rock with a warning cry
"Arm, arm," he cried, "For I've come to lead you, for Ireland's freedom we'll fight or die."

He led us on against the coming soldiers and the cowardly yeomen we put to flight
'Twas at the Harrow the boys of Wexford showed Bookey's regiment how men could fight
Look out for hirelings, King George of England, search every kingdom where breathes a slave
For Father Murphy of County Wexford sweeps o'er the land like a mighty wave.

We took Camolin and Enniscorthy and Wexford storming drove out our foes
'Twas at Slieve Coilte our pikes were reeking with the crimson blood of the beaten yeos
At Tubberneery and Ballyellis full many a Hessian lay in his gore
Oh, Father Murphy, had aid come over, the Green Flag floated from shore to shore.

At Vinegar Hill o'er the River Slaney our heroes vainly stood back to back
And the yeos of Tullow took Father Murphy and burned his body upon the rack
God grant you glory brave Father Murphy and open heaven to all your men
The cause that called you may call tomorrow in another fight for the Green again.

Father John Murphy was the parish priest in Boolavogue, a small town in County Wexford in Ireland, who led his parishioners in battle during the 1798 uprising. For his participation, Father Murphy was tortured, flogged, decapitated, burned, and ultimately, had his head put on a stake to warn his countrymen against further rebellion. The song "Boolavogue" was written in his honor in 1898 by Patrick Joseph McCall, who set the lyrics to an ancient Irish air called "Eochaill."