

THE CROPPY BOY

SEPTEMBER 2025



PLAY BALL!!!! 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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Marshall

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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

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 ordered a division polo shirt from John Travers they will be available at the September Meeting.

If you have not submitted payment for the order please bring it with you to collect your shirt.

Thank you!

calendar of events

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 
7 	8	9	10	11	12	13 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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September Meeting (Saturday) LAOH Info Meeting

11:00am, Hibernian Hall
36 Cordage Park Circle
Plymouth, MA

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

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AOH State Board Mtg

10:00am, pm, Watertown Division
1151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA

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Fenian Denis Cashman

Headstone Unveiling
Holyhood Cemetery
584 Heath Street
Brookline, MA

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Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

All Day, Tinker's Son
700 Main Street
Norwell, MA

Looking Ahead:

October.....

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October Meeting

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

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Brig St. John Mass

2:00pm, St. Anthony's Parish
129 S. Main Street
Cohasset, 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 - 10pm

CJ'S BAR & GRILL @ JOHN CARVER INN

225 Summer St., Plymouth, MA

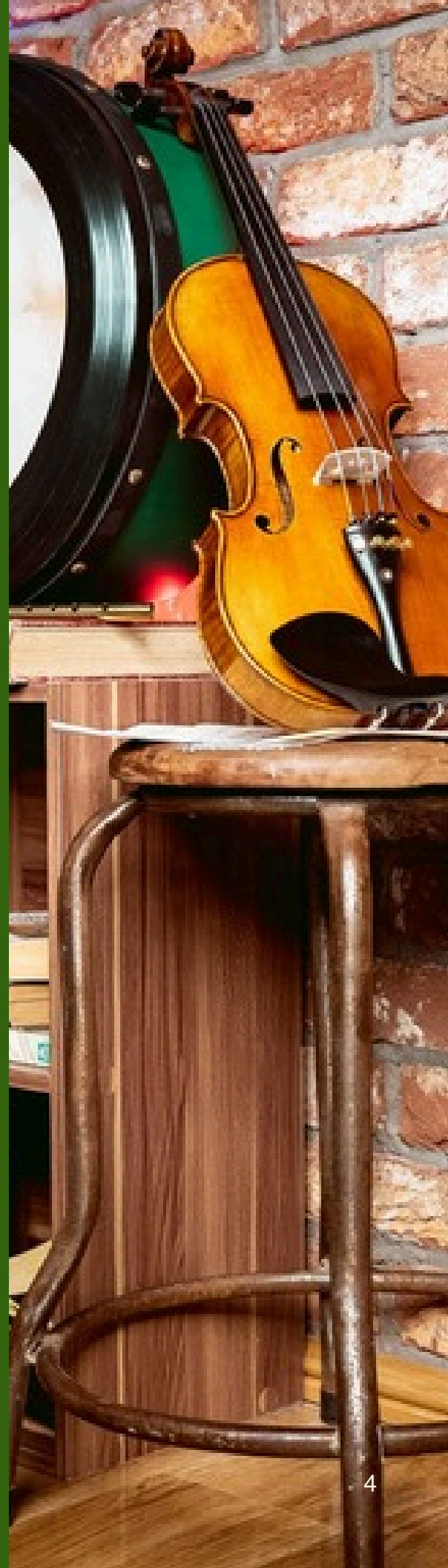
Saturdays, 6pm - 9pm

MONTHLY TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

IPC PRESENTS: MONTHLY IRISH MUSIC SESSION

540 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, MA

Sunday, August 17th, 3pm



Annual Sunset Cape Cod Canal Cruise

The Annual Sunset Cruise was a tremendous success, and we are deeply grateful to all our Hibernian brothers who made it possible. Thank you to those who attended the event, to the brothers who helped run the raffle table and the Sandwich Station, and to everyone who generously donated items for the raffle prizes. Because of your efforts, teamwork, and dedication, we raised over \$3,000 toward the Plymouth 'Dublin' Memorial Sign Project. This success is a true reflection of what we can accomplish together as Hibernians, and we look forward to building on this momentum for our future endeavors.



Annual Sunset Cape Cod Canal Cruise



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.

NEW PLYMOUTH COUNTY L.A.O.H DIVISION



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Saturday, September 6th at 1pm

Father John Murphy Division

36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 220A, Plymouth, MA

Brig St. John Memorial Mass

We are excited to announce that the Brig St. John Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00 PM. The Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Kevin O'Leary, with our beloved vocalist Máirín Uí Chéide once again lending her beautiful voice to the service. This year's Mass will feature a deeper incorporation of the Irish language, honoring our heritage in both prayer and song. Following the liturgy, the speaking program will be highlighted by a special presentation from Amy Elisabeth Day on her acclaimed Irish folk musical *In the Midst of Plenty*. Students from the Berklee College of Music will also perform selections from the show. Our connection to this powerful musical began during our journey along the National Famine Way in Ireland, where we first learned of its resonance with our mission. Since then, we have had the privilege of hosting Amy on our *Craic on the Coast* podcast, and we are thrilled to bring her work into this year's commemoration.

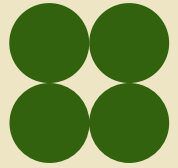
We are also looking for Hibernian brothers to volunteer in the celebration of the Mass itself, as well as to help with setup and preparations for the speaking program in the Church Hall afterward. Your participation and support will help make this memorial a meaningful and successful event.



POLITICAL EDUCATION

TAOISEACH BACKS JIM GAVIN'S ÁRAS BID AS GAA LEGEND CONSIDERED 'SERIOUS' CANDIDATE

By John Lee
irishcentral.com



Jim Gavin's name entered the fray late last week as a potential Fianna Fáil candidate as the pressure mounted on Taoiseach Micheál Martin to declare his preferred nominee.

The Fianna Fáil leadership was contacting members of the parliamentary party last night to rally support for Jim Gavin in the Presidency race, Extra.ie can reveal.

It is understood Taoiseach Micheál Martin favours the former Dublin football manager as his party's candidate, and ministers have met the GAA legend about a possible tilt at the Áras. It is also understood that Mr. Gavin is keen to run.

Earlier in the week, Extra.ie reported that the former Dublin boss was viewed as a 'serious candidate' by Fianna Fáil's leadership for the upcoming Presidential election.

Fianna Fáil will meet next week to discuss the process of selecting a candidate, and by then, the leadership hopes to have secured the necessary support from members of the parliamentary party.

Extra.ie also understands MEP and former minister Billy Kelleher is sounding out members of the parliamentary party about supporting him in a run for the Presidency.

However, the emerging support from Mr. Martin and ministers is expected to give irresistible momentum to Mr. Gavin.

Sources have said that Mr. Gavin is viewed as a 'strong contender' by the Taoiseach and has been contacted by Fianna Fáil officials in relation to the race for the Áras this autumn. However, a senior party source pointed out earlier this week that a deal between the GAA legend and the party "is not yet over the line."

Mr. Gavin's entry into the contest came after Mr. Kelleher last night was also set to enter the race. Mr. Gavin's name entered the fray late last week as a potential candidate for Fianna Fáil as the pressure mounted on Mr. Martin to declare his preferred nominee.

Sources in the party noted the floating of Mr. Gavin's name conveniently came just as speculation around Bertie Ahern was reaching its height.

There was speculation that his name was strategically leaked to send a clear message to Mr. Ahern that the party had a preferred candidate. However, Mr. Gavin, a former Defence Forces officer and now the chief operations officer of the Irish Aviation Authority, has still not commented on whether he wants to run.

Mr. Gavin left the Dublin GAA role in 2019 after seven years at



the helm, during which he won six All-Ireland titles, including the historic five-in-a-row. Since then, he has continued to play an active part in the GAA and led the internal body which revised the rules of Gaelic football.

The rule changes, including two points for a long-range score, have been largely viewed as a success since being implemented this season.

Mr. Gavin was also chairman of the Citizens' Assembly on Dublin, which recommended a directly elected mayor for the capital. He appeared before an Oireachtas committee to advocate for the implementation of the recommendations.

The 54-year-old was also appointed as the chairman of the North East Inner City

Implementation Board. He took up the role on a pro bono basis after businessman Michael Stone stepped down when it emerged that a donation from Mr. Stone to Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe had not been declared.

Mr. Gavin's current job as chief operations officer with the Irish Aviation Authority follows on from his role in the Air Corps, where he served with the UN.

Fianna Fáil now looks like it has three candidates set to formally enter the race for the Presidency. Mr. Kelleher is also expected to throw his hat into the ring, with Mary Hanafin, a former Cabinet minister, also intent on pushing for a nomination.

However, sources in the parliamentary party yesterday said they were simply waiting for

the nod from Mr. Martin as to which candidate the party should back.

Earlier this month, Mr. Ahern emerged as the most popular choice within Fianna Fáil to contest the Presidential election.

Almost a quarter, or 24%, of those polled believe he would be the ideal candidate to represent the party, five points ahead of Mr. Martin.



Freedom For All Ireland

Archbishop Eamon Martin: I believe in a United Ireland

By Robert Cox

irishcentral.com, September 1st, 2025

The Primate of All Ireland Eamon Martin says he believes in a United Ireland and that a conversation around the steps to reunification needs to begin immediately.

The Archbishop of Armagh was speaking to Extra.ie during a wide-ranging interview on the general topic of the Catholic Church's interactions with the Irish State.

Speaking about a border poll on the eve of the 31st anniversary of the Provisional IRA's 1994 ceasefire announcement, Archbishop Martin said he believes a vote on Irish unity will be held "within his lifetime".

But he stressed the conditions need to be right to ensure a poll would not be overly divisive. The leader of the Catholic Church in Ireland said that when the poll does happen, the

Church – which is organized on an all-island basis – will not "take a back seat".

Asked directly if he believes in a United Ireland, he answered: "Yes, yeah. I mean, like, I'm very clearly a nationalist. I've never been, under any circumstances, in favor of the use of violence in order to achieve that goal.

"I believe that even as I have, I think, grown in my understanding of what do we actually mean? Does it just mean removing a line on the map, or is it about building something new? And I do feel that I would like to become involved with others in church, in the Catholic Church, and indeed in other churches, in actually reflecting and debating.

"What is it we would want to stand for in a United Ireland or a united island? And united

islands? Because we cannot exist without relationship to Britain.

"We cannot exist without relationship to Europe and the wider world. We're in a very global society, and therefore our position, our role, our standing, is very important," he said.

Asked about the timeline of a potential United Ireland, the Archbishop replied: "I personally feel in my lifetime.

"I'm talking about the border poll, what the results of that border poll would be is a different issue."

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Polls published this year show that, while support for Irish unity has grown significantly in the past three years in the North, a clear majority still remains in favor of remaining part of the UK. Most recent surveys indicate a border poll would be soundly defeated in the North and passed comfortably in the South.

But support for Irish unity has been gaining ground in the North since Britain's exit from the EU.

Reflecting the mood change, Archbishop Martin said: "I do feel that there is a desire, particularly at this time, when you see how difficult it is for Northern Ireland to operate and to operate successfully, I think a lot of people are saying, 'look, what are the other possibilities?'

"And I think that I wouldn't be for putting this off. I definitely feel it's something which – the conversation – I think needs to be immediate; the actual border poll needs to be at a time when it won't be divisive, you know or overly divisive."

Asked if he thought – in the context of loyalist sentiments and the recent interactions between loyalism and far-right,

anti-immigrant sentiment – whether a United Ireland could be achieved without a return to violence, Archbishop Martin said: "I think it ought to. I do not think that violence is inevitable. And certainly, large-scale popular support for violence.

"You know, if that's what it is, I don't think a border poll is ready. You know what I mean? I think a border poll needs to happen at a time when the issues have been aired, when there is a large degree of support for the border poll.

"Of course, there will be people who will manipulate the situation.

"But I mean, that is a problem in society, more generally, not just in Ireland."



Irish History



Fenian friend of John Boyle O'Reilly to be honored with grave marker

By Wes Cipolla
Boston Pilot, August 29th, 2025

To some, Jack Sheehy's great-great grandfather was a criminal but to others, including Sheehy, he was a hero.

Sheehy, of Tewksbury, is a descendant of Denis Cashman, an Irish freedom fighter and business manager of The Pilot whose tumultuous life took him from Dungarvan, County Waterford to an Australian prison to an unmarked grave in Chestnut Hill's Holyhood Cemetery.

"It's pretty fascinating, the various things he did," Sheehy said.

Cashman will receive a gravestone from the National Graves Association of Ireland, an organization dedicated to maintaining the graves of Irish patriots. The new stone, whose design is such a closely guarded secret that not even Sheehy knows what it looks like, will be unveiled with a ceremony at



Holyhood Cemetery on Sept. 13. Over 20 of Sheehy's relatives are coming across the country for the occasion. "It's nice to have closure there," he said. "My family has some interest in history in general, and to have some of our own direct ancestors involved in a story like this is a really fascinating thing. It makes you feel proud that there is enough interest for people over in Ireland that they would go through this whole process for him."

Cashman was a member of the Fenian Brotherhood, a group of secret societies in Ireland and the U.S., which fought British rule. The term Fenian came from the Fianna, legendary warriors of Irish folklore.

On Jan. 12, 1867, the same day his third child was born, Cashman was arrested. His alleged crime was manufacturing rifle cartridges and providing weapons to the Fenians. The 25-year-old was subsequently found guilty of treason against the British Crown. Due to his youth, the court offered a plea deal that would reduce his sentence. He refused.

"If I had my life to live over I would do it all again," he reportedly said. "I am willing to die for Ireland."

He was taken to Australia aboard the Hougoumont, the last ship that transported prisoners to Britain's Australian penal colonies. He and other Fenians on board founded the ship's newspaper, The Wild Goose. Cashman wrote a diary detailing his experiences on the Hougoumont. The original handwritten journal made its way to his granddaughter, Sheehy's grandmother. Her possession of the diary was a secret she revealed only to a precious few. After her death, Sheehy's uncle received the diary and donated it to East Carolina University, where it was researched and published. That was when most of the Sheehys found out about their ancestor.

"He was someone who held very strongly to his ideas," Sheehy said, adding, "You do have to be impressed with his determination to follow his beliefs, even in peril to himself."

Cashman was pardoned in 1869 and sailed to San Francisco, then went to

Boston to reunite with his family. He worked as business manager for The Pilot alongside editor John Boyle O'Reilly, himself a Fenian who had been imprisoned in Australia before escaping to the U.S. The two men helped plan the Catalpa Rescue, an 1876 plot in which six Fenians escaped from an Australian prison with the help of a New Bedford merchant ship purchased by O'Reilly and Cashman's co-conspirators. Cashman was a pallbearer at O'Reilly's funeral.

Along with being business manager, Cashman wrote articles for The Pilot and was an outspoken voice for Irish independence. After leaving The Pilot, he worked as superintendent of Boston's Waste Water Department and as a salesman for Donahoe's, a Catholic magazine. He died in 1897.

Sheehy family lore held that Cashman was buried in Holyhood Cemetery, perhaps next to O'Reilly, but the exact location remained unknown.

Sheehy's aunt Mary and her daughter Susan O'Sullivan "did most of the legwork" to give Cashman his stone, he said. The NGAI researched the matter and pinpointed the exact location Cashman, his wife Catherine, and his five children were buried (the location of his son William Patrick's grave is still unknown). A fundraiser by the NGAI raised 4,822 euros (\$5,611) for the stone. It will join two other markers of the spot where Cashman is buried: a U.S. flag, and an Irish one.

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.

PRAVERS 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!