

# Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

Brothers of St. Patrick - Division One  
Orange County, California



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### Smithsonian's New John F. Kennedy Exhibit

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the first Irish Catholic U.S. President, is the subject of an exciting new traveling exhibit.

From May 3, 2017 to September 17, 2017, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, home to one of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world, will exhibit *American Visionary: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times*.



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According to the museum, the exhibit “brings together seventy-seven images culled from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Getty Images, private collections, and the Kennedy family archives. The dramatic scope of Kennedy’s life is evident in these photographs—from his first congressional bid as a decorated war hero in 1946, his fairytale marriage to Jacqueline Bouvier in 1953, his run for the White House in 1960 and role as commander in chief, to the tragedy of his death in Dallas in 1963. These images remain as indelible evidence of John Kennedy’s personal charisma and political accomplishments.”

The Museum’s presentation of American Visionary is the premiere event in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum’s year-long, nationwide celebration that commemorates Kennedy’s centennial year. The exhibition opens in time for what would have been Kennedy’s 100th birthday on May 29, 2017.

For more information: <http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/archive/2017/jfk/>



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## April 24th Marked the 1,003 Year Anniversary of the Battle of Clontarf and the Death of Brian Boru, the High King of Ireland 1002-1014 A.D.

On Good Friday, April 24, 1014 A.D., the High King of Ireland Brian Boru along with his armies, confronted and defeated the armies of Leinster, Dublin and the Norsemen. The battle took place north of the mouth of the River Tolka where Brian and his troops advanced to Tomars Wood, the scene of savage fighting. Once Brian gained the upper hand the opposing armies were forced to retreat requiring them to cross the river at high tide where many of them drowned.

Although many nobles of Ulster including Irish Kings, Norse Gaels, Scotsmen and Scandinavians were killed that day, Brian and his son Murchad lost their lives. Brian's body being taken that evening to Swords Abbey in Dublin on its way for burial in Armagh.

*A Wee Bit of Trivia: The Brian Boru harp is the symbol of Ireland as well as on every Guinness glass, bottle and can.*

### Test Your Knowledge

- 1) How old was Brian Boru at his death?
- 2) What is Brian Boru's current burial place?
- 3) Which James Joyce novel, published in 1939, makes multiple references to Brian Boru?
- 4) What modern day surnames descend from Brian Boru?

See the answers on the next page.

Recorded as "the battle of the fishing weir of Clontarf, one thousand years ago, Clontarf was known as Cluan Tairbh, or the Plain of the Bull, due to the rumbling of the sea that could be heard in this coastal village.



Béal Boru (Real Boru) or Brian Boru's Fort lies outside the town of Killaloe on the road to Scariff in County Clare. Archaeological excavations have shown that the fort was a simple homestead or ring fort which was occupied in the 10th and 11th centuries. It was originally the site of an Iron Age Ring Fort at the head of Lough Derg. What remains today is a large circular structure consisting of two built up rings, situated in a spectacular setting overlooking Lough Derg on the River Shannon just one mile from the village of Killaloe.

## AOH Division One Member Jim Hart Receives Award for Irish and Irish-American Executives' Impact on Technical Innovation.

Jim Hart is a Past President of Orange County California Division One, Past President of AOH Orange County Board and Past Vice President of AOH California.



“Mirror Image®, the leading provider of content delivery, streaming media and edge computing solutions, announced that Jim Hart, Global Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Mirror Image, has been named to the Irish Technology Leadership Group’s “Silicon Valley Top 50” list for the second consecutive year.

The ITLG compiles the list annually to identify the top 50 Irish and Irish American leaders shaping technology in the world today. Mr. Hart received his recognition at the March 16th, 2017 Silicon Valley Global Awards at Stanford University from presenters Craig Barrett, former CEO and Chairman of Intel, and John Hartnett, CEO at SVG Partners and Founder of the ITLG. Frances Fitzgerald, Deputy Prime Minister of Ireland, provided the ministerial greeting and Shane Wall, Chief Technology Officer at Hewlett Packard, provided the evening’s keynote address.

“I’m honored by this recognition and very excited to be able to present emerging technologies into the Irish marketplace as well as other key international markets around the globe,” said Hart, who has been with Mirror Image since 2001. “On a personal note and as a proud Irish American, it’s been a true highlight being able to successfully develop key partnerships with many of the leading broadcasters and media organizations throughout Ireland.”

Former United States Ambassador to Ireland Michael J. Sullivan said, “Jim represents some of the finest qualities that Irish America has to offer and I find it appropriate to see him playing a leading role in the technology collaboration between the United States and Ireland.”

ITLG’s Hartnett added, “Jim remains a steadfast technology leader as he continues to introduce the latest streaming media technologies to organizations all throughout Ireland. It’s a well-deserved honor to recognize him as part of this year’s Silicon Valley Top 50.”

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/mirror-image-executive-jim-hart-120000179.html>



### Upcoming Local Appearances:

4/23/17 @ 2pm  
Muldoon's Courtyard Concert  
Newport Beach, CA

4/29/17 @ 7pm  
Ojai Concert Series  
At Dancing Oak Ranch.  
Ventura, CA

5/13/17  
John J Hegarty Memorial  
Golf Classic  
Tustin, CA

5/19/17  
St Edward's Fiesta  
Dana Point, CA

6/04/17  
Tustin Street Fair  
Old Town Tustin, CA.

6/10/17 & 06/11/17  
Irish Fair and Music Festival  
El Dorado Park.  
Long Beach, CA.

6/24/17  
Fountain Valley Summerfest  
Fountain Valley, CA.  
6pm to 8pm.

Check Website for more dates:  
[www.thefenians.com](http://www.thefenians.com)

4) O'Brien and O'Brian.

3) Finnegan's Wake

Armagh.

2) St. Patrick's Cathedral in

1) 73 years of age.

Knowledge:

Answers to Test Your



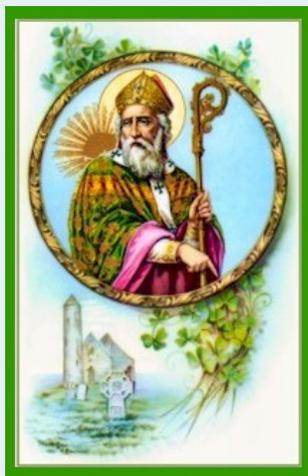
## Brother Matthew Regan, FSP.....or was he Donald?

On April 26, 2017, Brother Matthew Regan, FSP of the Brothers of St. Patrick novitiate in Midway City, CA, passed from this life to join his family in heaven.

Ever the proud New Yorker, Brother Matthew was born in 1932 in the "Big Apple", where he attended the local Catholic grammar school, then on to St John's Prep in Brooklyn and finally, Manhattan College where he majored in Electrical Engineering.

He later joined his family, who better knew him as 'Donnie', after they relocated to Southern California and worked for several years as an Engineer.

*"Don't be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine." Isaiah 43.1*



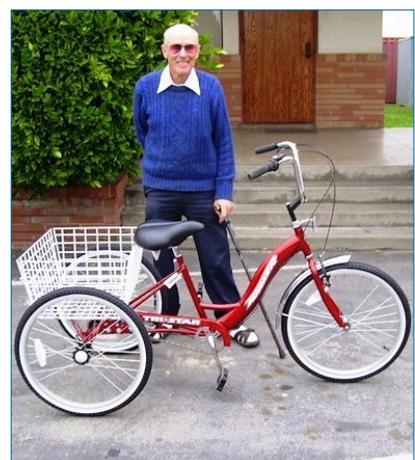
**Br. Matthew  
Donald Regan**  
October 21, 1932  
to  
April 26, 2017

According to his Nephew, who gave a tremendous, loving eulogy at Brother Matthew's funeral, "after sustaining incredible and life-threatening injuries from an automobile accident, he decided that his survival was the very hand of God at work and decided to dedicate himself to God for the rest of his life". He also reflected back on how he would just show up for a visit at the bus station unannounced which would drive his Sister crazy!

In 1965, Brother Matthew joined the Brothers of St. Patrick, was professed in 1966 and made his final vows in 1972. Most of Brother Matthew's Religious life was spent at the novitiate in Midway City where his responsibilities included that of mailman, bingo caller, sacristan and guest master.

Known for being ever cheerful and positive, Brother Matthew suffered a serious fall in Dec. of 2014 which resulted in a broken bone in his good knee. He underwent surgery from which he never fully recovered and spent the rest of his life in a nursing home in Huntington Beach, CA.

He will be greatly missed.

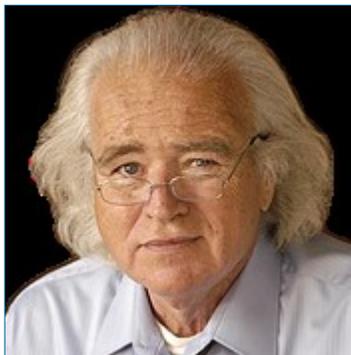


## Remembering AOH, Division One Vice President and Noted Actor, Joseph Flood.

On March 30, 2017, we lost a wonderful Past-Vice President of Division One, a highly accomplished Actor and a great and loyal friend.

According to Joe's own fan website:

"After spending 10 years at sea, Joe Flood dropped anchor in San Francisco to get work on a fishing boat. The fishing was minimal, but he made many friends around town. Joe became friends with Cleavon Little who was doing a stage production of "Sly Fox".



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*"I can still hear Cleavon's chuckle on the other end of the phone when I told him I was cast in my first role as The Cowardly Lion in "The Wizard of Oz" at The Attic Theatre". - Joe Flood*

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One night, while bouncing around with Cleavon and some pals, Joe got up at his local hangout and sang Weila Wallia, an Irish children's folk song.

Afterwards, Cleavon told Joe to get in an acting class. One month after the go ahead from Cleavon, Joe was cast in his first play. The hook was set and the die was cast..."

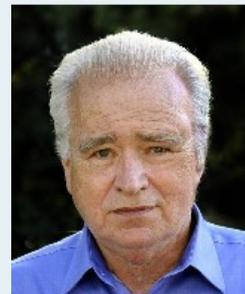
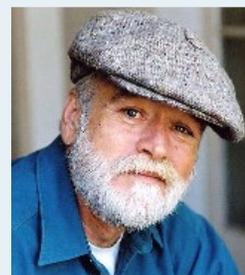
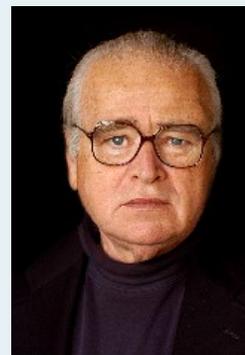
Joe had a long TV career to include co-star or reoccurring roles on The Black Donnellys, Mad About You, Brooklyn South, Jake and The Fatman, Father Dowling Mysteries, Amen, Crazy Like A Fox And 1st & Ten.

He also was no stranger to the silver screen with roles in the feature films entitled Waiting, Naked Gun 33 1/3, Switch, Relentless, Tucker, A View To A Kill, Sudden Impact, Twice Upon A Time, Student Bodies and E-Z Streets.

Joe was active and enjoyed playing billiards, boating, cycling, swimming, snorkeling, shooting, handball and frisbee, just to name a few. Besides doing stunts, he could sing and play wind instruments.

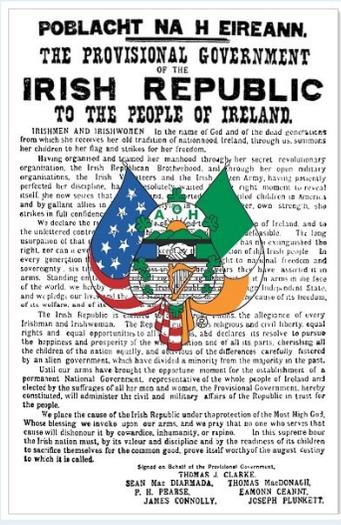
He will always be thought of warmly.

### The Many Faces of Joe Flood



Check Out Joe's Website:  
[www.joefloodactor.com](http://www.joefloodactor.com)

# Who We Are - The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.



The Ancient Order of Hibernians evolved out of a desperate need in the early 1600's to protect the lives of Priests who risked immediate death and dismemberment to keep the Catholic Faith alive in occupied Ireland after the reign of England's King Henry VIII and the implementation of the dreaded Penal Laws in Ireland. Various secret social societies were formed across the country to aid and comfort the people by whatever means available.

Similarly, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was founded on May 4, 1836 at New York's St. James Church, to protect the Clergy, and Church property from the "Know Nothings" and their followers. Vast influx of Irish Immigrants fleeing famine issues in Ireland in the late 1840's, prompted a growth of various social societies in the USA – the largest of which was, and continues to be, the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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