

Ancient Order of Hibernians in America
Brothers of St. Patrick - Division One
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AOH CA State Convention - A New Direction.

Growing one's membership is the lifeblood of any organization. AOH National President Jim McKay, formed a diverse committee on marketing, branding, promotion and advertising for the AOH's first advertising campaign designed to recruit around the country, as well as to promote the tremendous works of all Members.

Our own Division One Financial Secretary, Ed McLaughlin, has been serving on the branding subcommittee tasked with updating our logos and national identity and made a report to the convention on behalf of National Vice President, Danny O'Connell.

Social media will play a much more prominent role in the recruitment effort with a focus on "Why I am a Hibernian" including videos and action photos by Members. The best responses will be used in various social media campaigns, on our national and state websites, and in other media.

Division One had one of the strongest presence of any California division with 6 of its members in attendance to vote in our State Officers.



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Irish Ambassador Dan Mulhall with President Donald Trump.

New Irish Ambassador to the United States

Ireland's new Ambassador to the US, Dan Mulhall, succeeds Anne Anderson in the post, and was previously the Irish Ambassador to the UK, held previous postings in Germany, Malaysia and Belgium, and was the Director-General for European Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2009. The Waterford native studied at the University College Cork and entered the civil service in 1978.

Like Trump, Mulhall is a fan of Twitter, where he frequently tweets poetry to his followers. However, as Mulhall recently told The Irish Post, "what I found is that most people out on Twitter are living lives of quiet satisfaction – the angry ones get a lot of attention but you can probably ignore them most of the time." Mulhall arrives at a challenging time for US-Irish relations as President Trump cracks down on illegal immigration, potentially affecting thousands of undocumented Irish living in the US.

A Wee Bit of Trivia: Trump's Hotel Doonbeg Golf Resort sits on over 400 acres of Ireland's coast land was named the #1 Resort in Europe by Conde Nast Traveler.

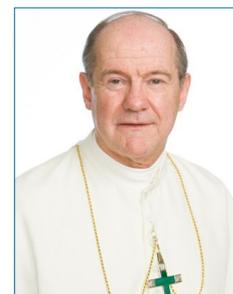
Test Your Knowledge

- 1) On what day of the week was it regarded as being unlucky to cut your fingernails?
- 2) What feast day is celebrated on February 1st?
- 3) What birds flying directly over a house were considered an omen of death?
- 4) What is meant by the term 'keening'?

Answers are on the next page.

AOH OC Division One Member Spotlight

The Right Reverend Eugene J. Hayes, O.Praem., JCD of St. Michael's Abbey in Silverado, CA has been an inspirational member of the AOH for over 20 years.



Born in 1951 in Brooklyn, New York, he is the second of six children. In the paternal line he comes from the county of Tipperary, Ireland. He attended the preparatory high school seminary for the Diocese of Brooklyn and also its college-seminary. In 1973 Eugene Hayes joined the Norbertine Fathers at St. Michael's in Orange County.

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1977, Fr. Eugene continued the Norbertine tradition of teaching. A decade later and with a doctoral degree in canon law, Fr. Eugene was elected to help the Norbertine Order on the international level. He moved to Rome, Italy where he worked closely with officials in Vatican City on behalf of Norbertines from around the world.

In June 1995, Fr. Eugene was elected by his confreres as Abbot of St. Michael's Abbey and continues this task to today. Currently, Abbot Eugene's focus is building a new abbey monastery and church necessitated by the growth of the community from the original seven founding fathers to now almost 80 members of which 33 are seminarians. This building project is an important milestone in Catholic Church history for Southern California.

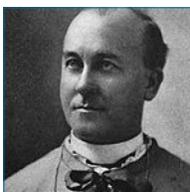
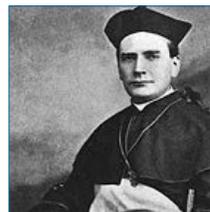
The Irish and the First U.S. Catholic Church.

This past September 8th marked both the 425th Anniversary of the founding of America's oldest city, St. Augustine, Florida as well as the first permanent Catholic church being the Saint Augustine Cathedral. It was completed and dedicated on December 8, 1797, the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception, with **Father Michael O'Reilly**, the first pastor of what is now the Cathedral Basilica, carrying the Blessed Sacrament from the old bishop's house to the new church with the parishioners following him in the procession. St. Augustine is the origination point of the famed Santa Fe Trail, where the Franciscan missionaries began the trek North and West to evangelize and where the first schools and hospitals were also established.



Fr O'Reilly, who served from 1797 to 1812, was not the only Irishman to ensure the success of the Basilica, **Bishop John Moore** of County Westmeath served as the second Bishop of St. Augustine (1877-1901), **Bishop William John Kenny** nicknamed the last "pioneer bishop" of Florida (1902-1913), **Bishop Michael Joseph Curley** of Athlone (1914-1921), **Bishop Patrick Joseph Barry** of County Claire (1922-1940), **Archbishop-Bishop Joseph Patrick Hurley** (1940-1967) and Bishop Paul Francis Tanner, *who was half-Irish* (1968-1979).

In 1887, Bishop Moore undertook massive repairs to St. Augustine's Cathedral after it was gutted by fire. He raised a great deal of money for the venerable old Cathedral from Catholics and non-Catholics alike, among them Florida railroad magnate Henry Flagler.



Bishop Kenny expanded the recruitment of Irish priests and sisters and showed extraordinary solicitude for Florida's African-Americans. Bishop Kenny built the first African-American parish in the state, St. Benedict the Moor in St. Augustine. (1911).



Upcoming Appearances:

9/10/17 @ 2:00 pm
Muldoon's Courtyard Concert
Newport Beach, CA

9/16/17 @ 9:30 pm
The Harp Inn
Costa Mesa, CA

9/29/17 @ 7pm to 10pm
Sts. Simon & Jude Fall Festival
Huntington Beach, CA

10/11/17 - 10/22/17
Hooley Holiday in Ireland

10/13/17
The Quays
Galway, Ireland.

10/15/17
The Trident Hotel
Kinsale, Ireland.

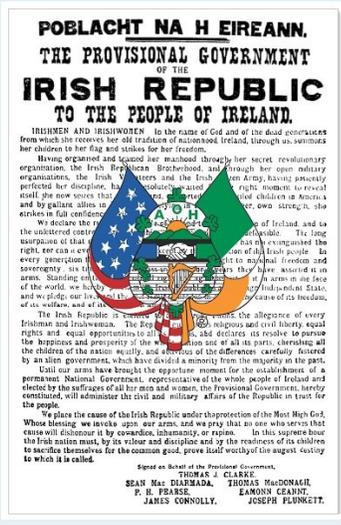
10/19/17
Matt the Miller's
Kilkenny, Ireland.

Check Website for more dates:
www.thefenians.com

- 1) Sunday
2) Saint Bridget's Day
3) Crows
4) When women family members would cry and wait over a relative who had died.

Answers to Test Your Knowledge:

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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