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The Hill of Slane

What is the Hill of Slane and why would St. Patrick light a fire on it?

Moreover, why would it be a tradition to relight that fire every year since 433 A.D.? According to the plaque on mounted on the front of this statue of St. Patrick:



“Long established tradition tells that St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire on this Hill of Slane in 433. In doing so, he unwittingly disobeyed King Laoghaire at nearby Tara. The inevitable confrontation had a happy outcome: Laoghaire’s druid, Erk, became a Christian (later, first Bishop of Slane) and the King was pacified.”

Here, at the burial place of a Fir Bolg king called Sláine, overlooking the prehistoric passage-mounds of the Boyne Valley, St. Patrick is credited with lighting the first Pascal Fire bringing Christianity to Ireland.

The hill remained an eminence of Christian significance long after St. Patrick appointed Erk as the first Bishop there. A monastery survived on the Hill of Slane even after successive raids by the Vikings.



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102ND ANNIVERSARY
AOH 1916 EASTER COMMEMORATION



Saturday, March 31, 2018, 1:30pm at VFW, Anaheim
This event is held to honor all those who, in 1916 and in every generation, gave their lives for Irish Freedom

Sponsored by the Michael J. Farrell Sr. Division,
Jerry O'Keefe Division and the Plunkett-McDonnell Division
of the California Ancient Order of Hibernians

"Ireland unfree, shall never be at peace"

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1916 Easter Rising Commemoration

This year's 1916 Easter Rising Commemoration was a wonderful family event, hosted by many California Divisions of the AOH and featuring the 3rd West Cork Brigade Color Guard.

Attendees were treated to a procession of the flag of the Republic, the flag of the four Provinces of Ireland as well as the U.S. flag, plus a reading of the Easter Proclamation by Captain Tristan Wolffe.



Our OC Division One's Emmet MacRaghnaill received an enthusiastic round of applause for his emotional and inspirational reading of *The funeral Oration of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa*.

Test Your Knowledge of St. Patrick?

- 1) Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th?
- 2) What was St. Patrick's father's name?
- 3) How old was St. Patrick when we was abducted?
- 4) What was St. Patrick's Grandfather's name and occupation?

See the answers on the next page.

AOH State President Dan McGowan lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance while AOH State Vice President, Dave McKenna served as a very entertaining Master of Ceremonies.

Musical performances and sing a longs included "The Boys of the Old Brigade", "Foggy Dew" and the "Ballad of James Connolly" were enjoyed by all.

Our own Orange County Division One, Brothers of St. Patrick President, Ed McLaughlin, had the honor of delivering this year's Keynote Address in which he encouraged all to:

"Let us welcome other worthy Irish Catholic men and women into our ranks, to keep our culture alive and to give them opportunities to become our brothers and sisters in this great American Irish Family."



AOH and Special Olympics

AOH Division One, Brothers of St. Patrick had their first opportunity of 2018, to show their true Christian Charity by volunteering at the Special Olympics of Southern California's Regional Floor Hockey Competitions which was held on Saturday, February 10, 2018.



Division One Vice President Brian Gallogly and his wife Angela, Past President Ronn Knowles and his wife Priscilla, Marshal John Gallagher, Historian Emmet MacRaghnaill and Sentinel Kevin Fitzgerald served as Food Attendants to feed the wonderful and appreciative Special Olympics athletes.



From left: Kevin Fitzgerald, Emmet MacRaghnaill and Brian Gallogly



Upcoming Local Appearances:

4/15/18
Muldoon's
Newport Beach, CA.

5/12/18
John J Hegarty Memorial Golf
Classic
Details TBA

6/09/18 - 6/10/18
Irish Fair and Music Festival
Irvine, CA

6/16/18
Lake Arrowhead Concert Series
Lake Arrowhead Village, CA

6/30/18
Silky Sullivan's
Fountain Valley, CA
9:30pm - 1:30am

Check Website for more dates:
www.thefenians.com

- 1) It is the day of his death
- 2) Calpornius
- 3) About 16
- 4) Potitus, and he was a Priest

Answers to Test Your
Knowledge:



The Nellie Cashman stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service

An Irish American Angel in America's West

Of the many Irish women among the settlers of the American West, one of the best known in her time was a lady from County Cork named Ellen Cashman.

Ellen came to America, fleeing the Great Hunger and arrived in Boston in 1850 with her mother, Fanny, at the tender age of five where she grew up caring for a younger sister. By 1872, she'd saved enough money to open a miner's boarding house in Nevada. In this male-dominated arena, she relied on her courage, faith and a formidable pride in her Irish roots to survive. Described as Pretty as a Victorian cameo and, when necessary, tougher than two-penny nails, the extraordinary Nellie Cashman wandered frontier mining camps of the 1800s seeking gold, silver and a way to help others. A devout Catholic, she set up a boarding house for miners, asking for donations to the Sisters of St. Anne in British Columbia in return for the services available at her boarding house.

On a trip to Victoria to deliver \$500.00 to the nuns, she heard of 26 miners trapped by a snowstorm in the Cassiar mountains who were suffering from scurvy. Nellie immediately organized an expedition with six men and collected food and medicines and after 77 days of trekking through stormy weather, she and her team, pulling 150,000 pounds of food often through 10 feet of snow, found the sick men, but instead of the 26 reported, there were 75. She nursed them all back to health with a vitamin C diet and endeared herself to the entire mining community earning the first of her many titles, Angel of the Cassair.

Nellie moved to Tombstone, Arizona and decided that the most lawless town in the west needed a dose of religion, so she befriended John Clum, editor of the Tombstone Epitaph and he helped her champion the construction of a Catholic Church and Hospital.

Noting that almost 600 of Tombstone's residents were native Irish, Nellie organized that town's first St. Patrick's Day celebration. It was a grand Ball held on March 17, 1881 and she is remembered today by historians as the Angel of Tombstone, Angel of the Cassair, and Saint of the Sourdoughs.

Besides her philanthropic fame, she was an astute businesswoman, a fair miner and even competed in an arctic dog-sled race while in her late sixties. Her last stop was Victoria, British Columbia, where, on January 25, 1925, she died of pneumonia. When asked by a reporter why she never married she said: *Why child, I haven't had time. Men are a nuisance anyhow, now aren't they? They're just boys grown up.*

AOH OC Division One Member Spotlight

We doubt that many members can trace their family roots within the Ancient Order of Hibernians over 100 years back as our own Division One's Vice President, Brian Gallogly can.

Brian's Grandfather, John J. Gallogly (or JJ as he was known) was the third child born to John Gallogly and Ann Murray on January 24, 1878 in County Leitrim, Ireland.

JJ and his parents emigrated to Providence, R.I., in March of 1900, where his father and mother lived until their passing at the fine ages of 92 and 93 respectively. JJ worked for the Providence Gas Company digging ditches and later opened his own liquor business as well as 3 thriving bar saloons. He was instrumental in bringing over 3 sisters and 5 of his brothers, setting them up in the liquor business.

Due to his popularity within the AOH and the community, JJ was Grand Marshall of the annual Irish Parade in Providence and asked to run for Lt. Governor of R.I. Ultimately he refused to run because he felt that his lack of education past grade school in Ireland, would be a detriment to the Governor of R.I.

JJ's Presidency was memorialized by the medal (pictured to the right) which Brian proudly wears to each AOH event, some 100 years later. We know that his Grandfather is proud!

Back to Brian!!! He enjoys the comradery of the AOH and is also a tireless member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's by the Sea in Huntington Beach serving his parish community alongside our AOH Past President, Dr. Ronn Knowles.

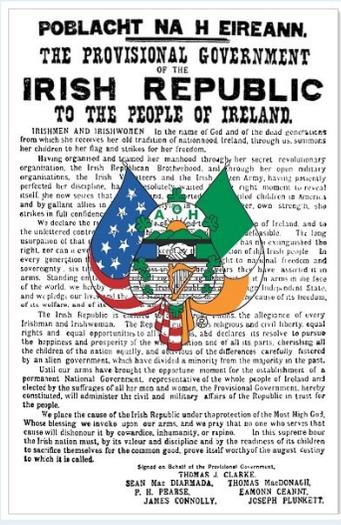
Brian's driving interest within the Division is to help give back to the Brothers of St Patrick in Midway City, who have been teaching at the local Catholic High schools, since the 1950's, by improving their novitiate.



When you ask for a volunteer, Brian's the first in line to offer help, offer heartfelt input and makes each event more fun with his Irish wit and contagious smile. He is happily married to his wife Angela (another energetic volunteer) and together they have 4 children, Kathleen, Brian, Christopher and Shannon.



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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