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The Carmelites in Ireland – A Brief History

The first mention of the Carmelite Order in Ireland is in a Charter of 1271 giving royal protection for five years. The Order's first foundations in Ireland were at Leighlinbridge, Co Carlow and in Dublin (very near the present site of White Friar Street Church) from 1274-1278. There followed a period of great development and by 1500 there were 25 monasteries in the country. The Act of Dissolution of Henry VIII took a heavy toll and by 1539 many of the monasteries were either closed or destroyed. However, some of them escaped, particularly those in the West and North because of their distance from Dublin. On account of this the administration of the Order moved to Donegal where the O'Donnells still ruled. Red Hugh O'Donnell was a frequent visitor to the Carmelite Friary at Rathmullen, and the Flight of the Earls in the early seventeenth century took place in the shadow of its walls. From this difficult period we learn, for example, of the narrow escape of a Fr Dillon who was within an inch of being captured by a priest-hunter and of a Fr Egan who was betrayed by his Mass server and had to leave the country under pain of death. Despite the hardships of the reign of Henry VIII and the cruelties of the Cromwellian era the Order never died out. Indeed, as always in times of persecution there was great vitality and the Order actually increased in numbers. It was precisely in these years of persecution (1684-1737) that the harassed friars re-established the Irish Province. From about 1720 they made foundations in Ashe Street and French Street in Dublin. They named fourteen superiors for 14 foundations in 1741 - among these were Kinsale, Knocktopher, Kildare and later Moate.

Recent Times

In the last two centuries some names were outstanding. Fr Bennett was President of All Hallows College, Dublin and taught there. He founded secondary schools in Dominic Street and Terenure (now the oldest educational establishment the Order has) and was chaplain to the South Dublin Union (later St Kevin's and now St James' Hospital). Fr John Francis Spratt founded a number of schools in Dublin including a School of Industry. He was deeply involved in charitable activities in Dublin, especially the Sick and Indigent Roomkeeper's Society. He built the church in Whitefriar Street in 1827 and salvaged the statue of Our Lady of Dublin which today is found in the Church. He opened St Joseph's Night Refuge and was responsible in large part for the Home for the Blind in Merrion. *(continued on page 2)*

Delicious Fish & Chips Dinner!!!

Friday, March 30, 2012

Serving 6:00 pm till 8:30 pm. Lightly battered Atlantic white fish, a generous portion of traditional Irish cut potatoes and creamy coleslaw. All perfectly prepared to order and served piping hot to your table along with homemade Irish Soda bread and butter.

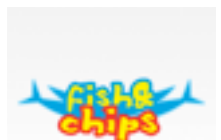
\$10 per person


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A message From the AOH Division 2 President		Upcoming Events (subject to change)
<p>Dear Brothers and Friends,</p> <p>I'd like to thank the Dinner Dance Committee for their hard work. It was a wonderful night. We were blessed with great weather around St. Patrick's Day and marching up Fifth Avenue was a proud moment for all AOH members. Television coverage was great. See Kevin Cummings for a YouTube clip showing the Orange County members. Check the newsletter for upcoming events and please support your division.</p> <p>In our Motto, Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity</p> <p>Kevin P. Moore</p>		Mar 30Fish & Chips Dinner - Hall: 6 pm
		Apr 7Easter Egg Hunt - Hall: noon
		Apr 8Happy Easter To All
		Apr 22West Point Tattoo - Trophy Point, W.P.: Noon. Bagpipe bands. Free. Note-rescheduled from April 15th.
		Apr 18Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. Members encouraged to attend.
		May 5NYS AOH Semi-annual spring meeting - East Durham: 10 am.
The Carmelites in Ireland – Continued		
<p>Since 1881 the Irish Province of Carmelites has taken on programmes of unprecedented expansion. In 1881 a group of five Carmelites left Dublin for Australia where they made their first foundation at Gawler, near Adelaide. Today a flourishing Australian Province, which was established in 1933, is a testimony to their zeal. In 1889 another group of Carmelites left Dublin for New York at the invitation of the City's Archbishop. This is now the Province of St Elias.</p> <p>It had been the hope of succeeding generations of Irish Carmelites to restore the old English Province, which had disappeared in the suppression of Henry VIII. It was not until 1926 that the realisation of this ambition began when Irish Carmelites took charge of the parishes of Faversham and Sittingbourne in Kent. To these were added a foundation in Wales in 1935. In 1949 their greatest dream was realised when the most famous of all Carmelite monasteries in England was returned to the Order - the ancient Monastery of Aylesford on the Medway in Kent.</p> <p>Probably the most outstanding achievement was the establishment of missions in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, in 1946, where there is now a strong and active mission.</p>		
Thank You	2012 Building Fund Raffle	
<p>...to John Enke, John Geehy and the rest of the Dinner Dance Committee. Great food, music and company! ...to everyone who helped make all our St. Patrick's events a success (bus trip, parades, Irish Day...)</p>	<p>Tickets for the 2012 Building Fund Raffle are now available. Donation is \$100 for a chance to win one of 33 great cash prizes with the proceeds supporting the maintenance of Hibernian Hall. The early bird drawing will be held after the Mother's Day Irish Breakfast. Turn in your paid ticket by then and you're eligible for one of three \$500 early-bird prizes. The remaining 30 prizes will be awarded at the June 16 celebration at the hall and on the grounds.</p>	
Save The Date-National Convention		
<p>The 2012 AOH National Convention will be held from July 9th to 12th at the Turning Point Resort and Casino in Verona, New York (just west of Utica). This is a great opportunity to attend a national convention so close to home. More information on the division website and in upcoming newsletters.</p>	Member News	
	<p>A warm welcome to Francis Murphy, our newest member-St. Thomas of Canterbury. Salisbury Mills.</p>	
Membership Dues Are Past Due!	A Break From Breakfast	
<p>Kindly keep your dues current by remitting \$50.00 for 2012. If you've already done so, we thank you for your quick response. Dues should be sent to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AOH Division 2 Attn: Timothy Hogan, Financial Sec. PO Box 206 Cornwall N.Y. 12518-0206</p>		<p>There will be no Irish breakfast during April (Easter). Our next breakfast will be on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th. Flowers for all moms who attend! Come to the hall and enjoy a delicious meal.</p>



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