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Irish American Solidarity and the Rise of the Irish American Press (by Dave Sutton)

No other American ethnic group has continued a sense of solidarity while helping its people raise themselves to the upper levels of a society as Irish Americans have. Much of this solidarity may be attributed to the rise of Irish American newspapers in this country, which begins during the 1840's. The newspapers supported Irish American economic growth, called for collective action in politics and in efforts to combat discrimination while providing a conduit of information between separated family members and supplying information on current events in Ireland.

Before the 1840's there were two Irish American newspapers; the *United States Catholic Miscellany* and the *Truth Teller*. These papers tended to be more Catholic than Irish and had a limited circulation. Two forces that occurred in Ireland during the 1840s, the Irish Famine and the Young Republican movement, would lead to the growth of Irish American newspapers in the U.S. Whether it was dire poverty and famine, or political repression and death sentences, many Irish would emigrate to the U.S. and bring their experiences and expectations for political and economic freedom with them.

It was the *Nation*, a Dublin newspaper founded in 1842 by six young, educated, middle-class Irishmen, among them Thomas Davis and John Blake Dillon, that would begin this newspaper movement. The *Nation* was a hit and is recorded as the largest selling newspaper. With this success other contributors such as Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Charles Gavan Duffy and Thomas Francis Meagher would join and also become a driving force behind the Young Republican movement which ended in a failed revolution in 1848. As they were exiled or escaped Ireland, they brought their editorial and political fervor to the U.S.

The *Boston Pilot*, a stagnating Boston newspaper owned by Patrick Donahue, was first to adopt the editorial direction and reap the rewards of the *Nation*. In 1838 its circulation was 680 but jumped to 7000 in 1844 by following the lead of the *Nation*. In 1848 when McGee fled Ireland after the failed revolution, he started the *New York Nation* in order to continue the cause while furthering contact and culture between the two continents. Unfortunately, McGee's editorials attacked the Catholic clergy who he believed were responsible for the failed revolution of 1848. New York Archbishop John J. Hughes reacted by urging every church in every parish not to buy the *New York Nation*. The archbishop then supported the publication of the *Freeman's Journal* as an alternative newspaper, which would follow the church's editorial direction. By 1850, the *New York Nation* was becoming bankrupt and McGee relocated to Boston and started a weekly newspaper entitled the *American Celt*. In 1854 John Mitchell a former editor of the Dublin *Nation* with Thomas Francis Meagher who had escaped from Van Diemen's Land where he was exiled, started the *Citizen* which was a secular and republican newspaper. In 1856 Meagher would move on and start the *Irish News*, which enjoyed a spectacular success. The *Irish News* focused on Democratic Party politics, southern states rights and a policy of neutrality regarding slavery. Ever the adventurer, Meagher left the newspaper to pursue possible business ventures in Costa Rica and would later be commissioned a Captain in a company of Irish Zouaves of the 69th New York Regiment.

1852 would be a turning point in the rise of the Irish in New York. Eighteen Irishmen would be elected to various New York State positions. Irish born Michael Walsh, a former newspaperman from New York, would be elected to the House of Representatives and lead the Irish cause. Politics would shift to a popular mass basis with political parades and mass meetings, techniques brought from Ireland that would rally the power of the Irish voters creating a powerful political machine in Tammany Hall and the Democratic Party. Most of this was inspired by a new paper, the *Irish American* (1849-1915), which would become the leading Irish American paper at that time.

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A (final) message From the AOH Division 2 President		Upcoming Events (subject to change)
<p>Dear Brothers and Friends,</p> <p>I cannot believe two years have gone by since I took office, but it is time to turn over the reigns of the Division to its new officers. I invite all of our members and friends to support the new Division Officers. I know that all of you will show them the same support you have shown me over the last two years.</p> <p>In our Motto, Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity</p> <p>Kevin P. Moore</p>		Jan 13 Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.
		Jan 16 Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
		Feb 3 Super Bowl XLVII Party - Hall: 1 pm.
		Feb 20 Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
		Mar 2 Annual Dinner Dance -Anthony's Pier 9.
		Mar 10 Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade - Goshen: 2 pm.
Election Results...Read All About It!!		Congratulations!!!
<p>Division elections were held at the December monthly meeting with the following results: President-Raymond Fitzgerald, Vice President-Michael Shannon, Treasurer-Patrick Finn, Financial Secretary-Michael O'Keefe, Recording Secretary-John Greehy, Marshal-James Kiernan, Sentinel-Donald McClellan. The Standing Committee Chairman position is vacant and will be filled by the president when a suitable candidate it found. Congratulations to the new Board; they will be sworn in at the January monthly meeting on the 16th. Please support them as they lead the Division through 2013.</p>		<p>Orange County AOH was selected as the best AOH marching unit in the 2012 N.Y.C. St. Patrick's Day parade. Great job to all those who marched!! The trophy (quite big) is in the hall for all to see. Maybe that will get you motivated to march this year. The NYC parade is on Saturday the 16th as the 17th falls on a Sunday.</p>
Thank You	Irish American Press (continued from page 1)	
<p>★To Santa (Chris Miller), Tina Malone, Sioban Wynne, our friends at the Mountainville firehouse and everyone else who helped make the packed children's Christmas party such fun.</p> <p>★To everyone who donated Christmas gifts for the AOH families affected by Hurricane Sandy. Your gifts now call Brooklyn their new home.</p> <p>★To Dennis Malone for chairing the election committee.</p>	<p>Since then we have seen the rise of many Irish American newspapers such as the <i>Irish Echo</i> which is now the oldest currently in print. Others such as the <i>Irish Voice</i> and the <i>Irish Examiner</i> continue the tradition into the 21st century. Besides the newspapers, there have been several notable Irish American journalists who have made significant contributions. In 1850 Charles Graham Halpine wrote for the <i>Boston Post</i> and the <i>New York Herald</i>; James J. O'Kelly and Joseph I.C. Clark also wrote for the <i>Herald</i> during the 1870s; Peter Doone with his <i>Mr. Dooley</i> wrote for the <i>Chicago Evening Post</i>; William Barclay Masterson (aka Bat Masterson) wrote about sports for the <i>New York Morning Telegraph</i>; and in later times Thomas Cannon wrote for the <i>New York Journal American</i> and the <i>Post</i>; Jimmy Breslin for the <i>Journal American</i> and <i>Post</i>; and finally Pete Hamill with the <i>New York Post</i>, <i>Daily News</i> and, <i>Newsday</i>.</p> <p>The written word as well as the spoken word is a forte of the Irish. Born out of hard times and revolution, the Irish American newspaper tradition has lead our ancestors to good times and much success in our homeland, the United States.</p>	
Save the Date(s)		
<p>Mark your calendar and save these dates for upcoming Division events:</p> <p>★Saturday March 2nd-Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at Anthony's Pier 9. More info to follow.</p> <p>★Sunday March 10th-Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's parade in Goshen. Step off at 2 pm. More info www.mhspp.org</p> <p>★Saturday March 16th-NYC St. Patrick's Parade. Bus sign-up sheet (\$35 each for members and guests) and more info at the hall. This bus <u>always</u> fills up.</p>		
Irish Breakfast		
<p>Come Enjoy an Irish Breakfast Sunday January 13, 2013</p> <p>Come down to the hall on a cold winter Sunday morning for a warm and delicious Irish Breakfast: eggs, Irish bacon & sausage, black and white pudding, home-fried potatoes, pancakes, grilled tomato, soda bread, juice, coffee & tea.</p> <p>Serving from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. \$7 per person, \$3 for children</p>	Super Bowl Pool and Party	
	<p>The Super Bowl pool is "open" and boxes are still available, but they are going fast-check at the bar! Join us at the hall on Feb 3rd at 1 pm for pre-game fun (darts, cards). The bar will be open. At 3 pm there is a \$10 p/p cover charge for the rest of the day that includes pre-game snacks and appetizers. Halftime will feature a dinner (ziti, chicken, shrimp and pasta, sausage and peppers). Beer by the bucket specials. Tickets are available at the bar.</p>	