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85th Anniversary of Kevin Barry's Death

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Kevin Barry was 18 years old when he was hanged in Mountjoy Jail in 1920 on Monday, November 1st 1920. His death at such a young age is possibly the most poignant in recent Irish history.

He was born in 1902 in Dublin and grew up both in the capital and in County Carlow. He enrolled in Belvedere College in 1916 and joined the Irish Volunteers, a nationalist organization. In 1919 he enrolled in Dublin University to study medicine. The Michael Collins led War of Independence was developing and Barry, as Section Commander, played his part in various raids around Dublin city. On September 20th 1920 he took part in one such raid that went badly wrong. A street gun battle ensued and three British soldiers were killed.

This was very significant in that these were the first British soldier deaths in Ireland since the 1916 Easter Rising led by Pearse and Connolly. Barry hid under a truck as the British searched for him but was discovered when a passer-by, concerned for his safety underneath the huge vehicle, inadvertently warned the soldiers of his whereabouts.

Reports of his torture in Mountjoy Jail soon circulated but

Barry refused to name his comrades. He was given a death sentence but it was widely believed that this sentence would be commuted, and that the British authorities would not dare to execute an eighteen year-old.

As the deadline approached it became clear that Kevin Barry would be executed. A planned rescue by Michael Collins came to nothing when reinforcements from Dublin Castle were ordered to the prison because of the large crowds that had gathered outside. It was reported that Barry had requested to be shot by firing squad rather than hanged, which he viewed as a death not befitting a soldier. The hangman, Ellis, had to be brought into the country from England, as no-one in Ireland could be found for the job. The calmness and bravery the young Barry showed in the hours leading up to his execution has become the stuff of legends. Despite protestations from clerics and politicians alike he was hanged in Mountjoy Jail on November 1st, 1920.

Just as in the aftermath of the 1916 Easter Rising the British military in Ireland had badly misjudged the situation. Had they simply imprisoned the leaders of 1916 it is likely that

the huge upsurge in support for Irish nationalism would not have taken place. By executing someone as young as Kevin Barry in 1920 they handed the Irish Republican Army a huge propaganda victory. Young recruits flocked to join the IRA in the War of Independence, which in turn led to the Treaty, The partition of Ireland, the Civil War, Independence and all that has occurred since.

It was reported that, for the rest of his life, Michael Collins bitterly regretted not being able to save the young soldier.

The famous song 'Kevin Barry' was penned shortly after his death and is still revived in ballad sessions in Ireland to this very day:

*In Mountjoy jail one Monday morning
High upon the gallows tree,
Kevin Barry gave his young life
For the cause of liberty.
But a lad of eighteen summers,
Still there's no one can deny,
As he walked to death that morning,
He proudly held his head on high.*



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November 13, 2005

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(Next month's breakfast will be held on December 11th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

November 2005

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that we have a new Division Chaplain. Father John McCarthy of Sacred Heart Parish in Newburgh has accepted our invitation to replace Msgr. Duffy who retired earlier this year. Fr. McCarthy is no stranger to the AOH as he is already a member of Division 9 in Manhattan and is eager to maintain his ties to the Order while serving in Orange County. We look forward to a long tenure with Farther McCarthy and I ask that all members extend a *Cead Mille Failte* (a hearty welcome) when he joins us in November.

I am deeply moved and extremely proud of our members and division friends in reporting that we have turned over to the Hibernian Disaster Relief Fund (HDRF) the sum of \$850. The money, which was raised at various events and memorials, will assist Brother and Sister Hibernians in the Gulf States hard-hit by Hurricane Katrina. Additional funds are still being accepted. A sincere thank you to all of you!

It is November and we are entering the frantic holiday season, but I would be remiss if I didn't take time to wish a Happy Veteran's Day to all our Brother Vets. All too often their service is taken for granted, ignored or outright forgotten. Thank you for your service and your sacrifices.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Annual Adult Christmas Party with entertainment by Cahal Dunne. A great time is in store and a good meal with good friends is guaranteed.

All the best!

Kevin Cummings,
Division President

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

*We have much to be thankful
for...*



Upcoming Events (subject to change)

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| Nov 8 | LAOH Holiday Dinner Fundraiser—Hall 5:30 pm |
| Nov 9
(note day change) | Irish Set Dancing Lessons. Hall—7 PM. Open to all. Call 562-8651 for info. |
| Nov 13 | Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids. |
| Nov 15 | Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Hall—7 PM. |
| Nov 16 | Monthly Meeting - Hall -7 PM—Nominations for Division Office |
| Nov 18 | Great Irish American Pub Quiz - Hall 7:30-9:00 PM. |
| Nov 27 | AOH Orange County Board Meeting—Monroe-2 pm |
| Dec 10 | Adult Christmas Party |
| Dec 11 | Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall |
| Dec 17 | Children's Christmas Party |
| Dec 21 | Monthly Meeting - Hall -7 PM—Division Elections |

An **AOH County Board Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 27th Division 1, Monroe at 2 pm. Dennis Browne, District Director will speak immediately following the meeting.

The next **Division Meeting** will take place on November 16th at 7 pm. Nominations will be accepted for officers. If you wish to run for office contact Jack Mullarkey at 562-2792.



Please pray for our
Brothers who are ill:

Jim Ryan
Rich Maloney



Division 2 ~ Adult Christmas Party

Entertainment provided by Cahal Dunne

Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller, Comedian

Saturday, December 10, 2005

Dinner from 6:00 pm till 7:30 pm

Entertainment from 7:30 pm till 11:00 pm

Holiday menu to include:

Tossed Green Salad with AOH Holiday Dressing

Full Ham and Turkey Dinner

Seasoned Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans with Toasted Almonds

Assorted Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea

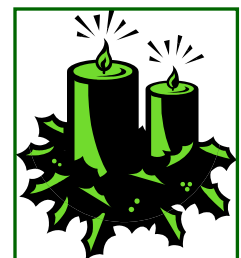
Tickets \$25.00 prepaid ~ \$30.00 at the door

Cash Bar—Dancing

For more information or to purchase tickets call the

Division Hall at 534-2528, John Greehy at 534-9315 or Kevin Cummings at 562-8651.

Nollaig Shona Duit ~ Merry Christmas!





Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17, 2005
12:00 Noon—3:00 PM



**Santa will arrive on
a fire truck to distribute presents!**

(Parents, please bring a gift with your child's name clearly printed on it.)



**Fun for the whole family! Get a picture taken with
Santa!**

**Games ~ Prizes ~ Candy ~ Piñata
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**Call the Division Hall at 534-2528 for more
information**

Hosts for the Day are:

Tina Malone, Sioban Wynne and Colleen Morris

The kids love it! Don't let them miss all the fun.

Free Admission ~ Donations Accepted

A Message from the AOH-DJW Corp President

The Officers of the AOH-DJW Corp held a board meeting to discuss several concerns of the Board and other members. The following changes have been instituted:

1. The cost of renting the hall has increased as well as the designee of all payments (AOH-DJW Corp)
2. Using the kitchen to cook for a private function was discussed and final figures were reached
3. The contract for the soil removal has been finalized and will be signed shortly by all parties involved.
4. Some land (50 x100 ft) has been leased and the rental payment will be through in-kind services or cash.
5. A new bar committee will be formed consisting of the Division and Corporation Presidents, Bar Chairman (Pat Healey), the Ceard Failte Bar license holder and the bartender will meet shortly to discuss policies.

A final and more thorough report will be forthcoming from the Board once all matters have been completed and will be presented to the corporation membership.

William Kirnan,
President, AOH-DJW Corporation

Thanks and More Thanks! Thanks to Jim Ryan for toughing it out while in such pain. Get well soon Jim! **Special Thanks** to the wonderful ladies Tina, Colleen and Sioban and to Kathleen and Dirk for all their help with the Halloween parties (the hall looked great!). **More Thanks** to Sioban, great Shepard's Pie!! Ann Simoni (another great, yet spooky cake!) and the many cooks for all their delicious party foods and goodies. **Thanks** to Mike Shannon for working the bar, to Pat Finn and Mary Ellen and Dennis Malone for working the door and to all those who helped before, during and after the parties!

Friendly Reminder - Annual dues for 2006 in the amount of \$50 are payable in January. The livelihood of the division depends on your timely payment. Please make your payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Irish Set Dancing for Couples and Singles



Learn how to "dance at the cross roads"—impress your friends at the next division dinner dance or family wedding! Just a few of the Set and Ceili dances you will learn include the: Clare Lancers; Connemara Corofin Plain; Fermanagh; West Kerry and Williamstown sets. Learn to dance Jigs, Reels, Hornpipes. Do the Stack of Barley, Siege of Ennis, Walls of Limerick. Lessons are on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For more information call Kevin 562-8651 or John at 534-9315. Lessons are \$10.00 per person. Come out—it's fun!!!



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