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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.



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.

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.

As the deadline approached it became clear that Kevin Barry would be executed. A planned rescue by Michael Collins came to

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(The next Irish Breakfast will be held on January 10th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

November 2009

The holiday season is coming quickly as we are reminded by the stores with all the Christmas decorations being put up. On the topic of Christmas (a bit early maybe) if we all get together and greet everyone with "MERRY CHRISTMAS" some of the real feelings of the birth of our Lord will come back.

Don McClellan gave us a bit of a scare a few weeks back, but thank God all is better and he is his ol' self again.

With the new year coming we need some new blood and ideas to keep and more importantly better the club. Committees for the St. Patrick's Dance, Raffle and members for the Division board are needed. The old folks will promise not to drop the whole thing in your lap but we are tired and need new ideas and voices.

Nominations for any office on the Division 2 Board will be presented at the November meeting.

I would be out of order if I did not thank Tina Malone and Sioban Wynne for the great Halloween party they had for the kids .A good day was had by all.

God bless and stay well and have a **Bountiful Thanksgiving!!**

John B. Greehy,
Division 2 President



Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Nov 18 Monthly Meeting - Hall -7 PM—Nominations for Office**
- Nov 27 The Hall will be open for a regular Friday Night**
- Dec 12 Children's Christmas Party— 3:00 pm—6:00 pm**
- Dec 13 Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall**
- Dec 16 Monthly Meeting - Hall -7 PM—Division Elections**
- Dec 19 Children's Christmas Party— 3:00 pm—6:00 pm**

Hibernian History Calendars

NYS AOH Fundraiser—Daily Number Calendars — \$25 each. Each day brings a chance to win. Great source for Irish history and they make great gifts too! Call Kevin Cummings at 845-562-8651 to purchase yours today.

Irish Set Dancing for Couples & Singles

Learn how to "dance at the crossroads"—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.

For more information call Kevin at 562-8651 or John at 534-9315. Your first lesson is free!!! — Lessons are \$10.00 per person thereafter. Come on down to the hall on Tuesday nights—it's fun!!!

Lend A Helping Hand!

Our ever-popular **Weekly Family Nights** and monthly **Irish Breakfasts** have started up again. Help with setting up and cooking is sought. If you can spare a few hours once a month—it would be very helpful and much appreciated. Stop by the hall and sign up or just show up on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 AM. A few hours is all we ask. Thank you!

A Happy and Plentiful Thanksgiving to All Our Members and Friends

AOH Membership Drive

We are actively seeking new members for our Order. We urge all members to recruit a family member or friend. We need the help of all members to increase the size of our Order and our Division. Please consider helping with one of our membership drives—for applications—please call the Hall at 534-2528.

Hibernian Hall Rental

Hibernian Hall Rental - Do not forget the great benefit of belonging to Division 2—namely our Hibernian Hall. The hall, grounds and facilities make the Hibernian Hall perfect for all your party needs—christenings, communions, confirmation graduations, birthdays parties, family reunions and retirement parties. The calendar is filling quickly so call the hall at 534-2528—leave a message for Kevin Moore, Hall Rental Chairman and reserve the date for your special event soon. Accepting dates for 2009!

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Purchase a 3"x 3" bronze shamrock in memory of a loved one. For a \$44 donation your shamrock will be expertly engraved with the names of parents or other beloved departed and be permanently mounted on the Hibernian Hall Shamrock Memorial Wall.

For additional information or to order a Shamrock Memorial leave a message at the hall or contact John Greehy at 534 - 9315



Children's Christmas Party with Santa



**Saturday,
December 12, 2009
3:00 PM—6:00 PM**



Santa arrives on a fire engine!!!

Please bring a wrapped and clearly labeled gift for Santa to give to your child.

Your hosts for the day are Sioban, & Tina.

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

Admission—please bring one can or non-perishable item which will be donated to the food pantry.

Monetary donations also accepted.

Piñata ~ Games ~ Prizes ~ Snacks

Adult Christmas Party and Dinner



**Saturday,
December 19, 2009
7:00 PM—11:00 PM**



**Pot Luck Dinner
Bring out your best!**

There will be a sign-up sheet at the bar for those who will be bringing something for the sharing table. Money donations accepted in place of food donations.

Dancing ~ Good Times ~ Drink Specials

Thanks and More Thanks

A **Giant Thank You** to Sioban Wynne and Tina Malone for again hosting this year's Children's Halloween party. The kids (and the adults) had a great time!!! **Additional Thanks** to Kevin Moore, John Greehy and John Walsh for helping out during the kid's party. **Special Thanks** to Ray Fitzgerald for holding the Great Annual Chili Cook-off. **More Thanks** to all the chili cooks and guests—a great time was had by all and there wasn't a bad chili recipe to be had!!! A **Very Special Thank You** to Alice Ryan and her helper cooks (Margaret, Ann, Cathy, Mary Ellen, Karen and others) and all her helpers who did a fantastic job cooking the Irish Spaghetti Dinner. **Additional Thanks** to the Friday Night cooks—hang in there help is on the way!! A **Hardy Thanks** to our monthly Irish Breakfast cooks, John Halpin, Neil Halpin, Kevin Cummings and all their helpers. **Extra Special Thanks** this month to Pat Finn (who does all the shopping) and John Walsh, it was lonely in the kitchen this month — good job to all! Let's not forget our bartenders: Pat Healey, John Greehy, Kevin Moore, Mike Shannon, John Masterson and Kevin Cummings for putting up with the long hours, zero pay and the rowdy Friday night crowds!!!! A **Big Thanks** to all those who work behind the scenes (so many of you)—your hard work does not go unnoticed. Go raibh maith agaibh—An Irish Thanks!

Save-the-Date!!

Division 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians
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