



# Hibernian News



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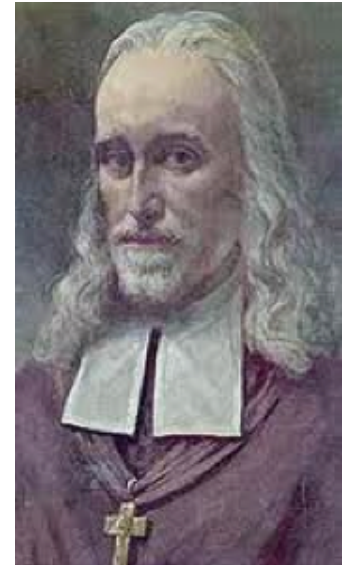
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## St. Oliver Plunkett: Patron Saint of Peace and Reconciliation in Ireland

On October 10, 1975, Oliver Plunkett was canonized a saint by Pope Paul VI. St. Oliver was born in Loughcrew, County Meath on November 1, 1629 and was educated by his cousin Patrick Plunkett the abbot of St. Mary's in Dublin. In 1647, St. Oliver went to Rome to continue his studies and was ordained in 1654. Due to Cromwell's conquest of Ireland from 1649-1653, it was impossible for St. Oliver to return to Ireland so he taught Theology in Rome. Constantly pleading the cause for Ireland over the next decade and being a leading intellectual and academic, St. Oliver was appointed the Archbishop of Armagh, the primate of the Irish church in 1669 and returned to Ireland in 1670. He quickly went to work reorganizing the church and the priests in an attempt to repair what Cromwell had destroyed. As the Archbishop he had to constantly move undetected, suffering much from cold and hunger, in order to be a faithful shepherd to Irish Catholics. Seen as a threat to the English crown, St. Oliver was falsely arrested in 1679 on the grounds of treason and was brought to Dublin Castle and put on trial at Dundalk. The prosecutors for the Crown did not have a case and St. Oliver was found innocent. Nevertheless, the British did not want to release him and had him shipped to Newgate Prison in London. In June 1681, the first grand jury also found no evidence of crime and did not indict him, but relentless in their persecution the crown officers put him on trial a second time. Using the false testimony of known criminals and an all Protestant jury, St. Oliver was found guilty and sentenced to death. On July 1, 1681, St. Oliver was hanged and then his body was drawn and quartered. St. Oliver became the last of 264 Catholic martyrs recognized by the church to have lost their lives to the persecutions in England. His body was exhumed and his head preserved by the Benedictine Order in Germany. This relic was returned to Ireland in 1921 and is now held at St. Peter's Church in Drogheda. St. Oliver in 1975 became the first Irish saint canonized in over 700 years. Pope John Paul II in 1992 also canonized 17 other Irish martyrs. The feast day for St. Oliver is July 11. Even though St. Oliver only had a short administrative period in Ireland, he did confirm 48,000 Catholics, rebuilt many churches and reformed the clergy who were leaderless for many years during Cromwell's vicious program of exterminating Catholicism in Ireland.



## Join us for a Veteran's Day Event

**Saturday November 10, 2012**

Come down to the hall and enjoy a night of food, fellowship and fun, all in the name of raising funds for our veterans at Castle Point. \$20 donation includes music and food; cash bar. Music by the Latimer Brothers. Please support this event and consider bringing a guest, perhaps a veteran or someone who has served honorably. For information contact John Greehy at 845.534.2528.



**A message From the AOH Division 2 President**

Dear Brothers and Friends,

I hope that our members and their loved ones are doing well after hurricane Sandy. If you or another member need assistance please let me or one of the other officers know. Division elections will be held in December. Please see Dennis Malone our election chairman for more information. Please step up and bring new leadership and ideas to the Division. Please read the newsletter for upcoming events, and may you enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

In our Motto,  
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Kevin P. Moore

Upcoming Events (subject to change)	
Nov 10	<b>Veterans Day Party</b> - Hall: 7 pm. Profits to benefit Castle Point VA Hospital.
Nov 11	<b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.
Nov 14	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend. *****Meeting date changed to 11/14*****
Dec 16	<b>AOH County Board Meeting</b> - Division 2: 2:00 pm.
Dec 19	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend. <b>Election night.</b>
Dec ??	<b>Bus Trip to NYC/Rockefeller Tree</b> - Sign up in the Hall if interested. On/ about Dec 8th. Cost-about \$30.

**Irish Breakfast**

**Come Enjoy an Irish Breakfast on Sunday November 11, 2012**

Come down to the hall on a fall 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.


**Serving from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. \$7 per person, \$3 for children**

Bring your family and friends. If you miss this month's breakfast you'll have to wait until Sunday December 9th.

**Thank You**

Thanks to everyone who either participated in or donated to Irish Night. A total of \$370 was raised (with some other promised donations) to help buy Christmas dinners for the less fortunate. A special thanks to the cooks: the Malone's, McClellan's, Kiernan's, Walsh, Fulton's, Fanning, Shannon, and Greehy. If I missed anyone I am sorry. John Greehy.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



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May you and your loved ones gather on November 22nd and give thanks for this great country and our great heritage. Remember those less fortunate who may not be able to enjoy a nice meal with their family. May we take some time this holiday season and give thought to what true Christian Charity really means, and strive to live the AOH motto each day of our lives.

**Division Elections**

Nominations for Division 2 officers will be read during the November monthly meeting (Wednesday the 14th). Elections will be held during the December meeting (Wednesday the 19th). Please see Dennis Malone, election chairman, for more information or to submit your name or another member for nomination. This is a great time for some new blood on the board and for those who have ideas for the future of the Division to come forward.

**County Meeting**

AOH Orange County Board will hold its quarterly meeting at Division 2 Hall on Sunday December 16th. All division/county members are encouraged to attend. The 50/50 raffle drawing will take place.

**County Board 50/50**

Tickets for the Orange County AOH Board fundraiser are available at the bar. Tickets are \$5 each with the funds raised going to to support all of the efforts of the County Board. The drawing will be held on December 16th at Division 2 Hall during the County Board meeting. Winner need not be present.

**NYS AOH Calendars**

NYSAOH fundraiser calendars (\$25) are available (so far in 2012, Orange County had 15+ winners of prize money!!): 365 CHANCES TO WIN--more than \$10,000 in prizes. The New York State Board's largest charitable fundraiser is the Irish History Calendar Contest, where 999 numbered calendars are sold and winners are based on the EVENING 3-Number of the New York State Lottery.