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Message from the President

Brothers,

Congratulations to our three members, Kyle Andrews, Cathal Nicholas and Joe Plunkett upon their attainment of status as Fourth Degree Hibernians on April 19, 2009. Their participation and achievement demonstrates their dedication to the Division and hopefully they gained a better understanding of what it means to be a Hibernian.

As a vehicle to build on our tradition, Division #65 is planning our 3rd Annual *Fleadh an Earraigh*, established to recognize Brothers of our Division who have worked tirelessly, but proudly in advancing the Irish Catholic principals of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at the National, State, Local and even International levels. The Inaugural Recognition of Brother Joseph Montgomery, our Division's namesake, was a rousing success and fitting Tribute to the man that epitomizes the traits of our AOH motto.

Last year's event was also a success as we recognized Brothers Jim Kilgallen and Paul Phillips. This year we are honoring two equally deserving Brothers, Jack McNamee and Tommy Moffit. In order to make this event a success we need the help and support of ALL our Division Brothers dedicated to advancing and enhancing the Joseph E. Montgomery Division's tradition.

Additionally, this year we will also be presenting the 2nd Annual **Joseph E. Montgomery Award** to the renowned Irish Band **Blackthorn**, for their profound dedication to all that is Irish as a testament to the great Hibernian for which the award is named.

I thank all who have already donated in any way to this event and I extend an invitation to those Brothers not previously involved to assist **your** organization by attending our major annual fund raiser, May 3, 2009 at the K of C, Springfield from 4 PM to 8 PM. All tickets at the door will be \$35.

Slainte!

Patrick J. Mulhern, President



The division meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Trinity Knights of Columbus in Upper Darby at 8:00 PM.

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Advertising

If you have a business or a service that you provide and would like to advertise in our newsletter please let me know and we can place it in September's edition. The ads are \$25 per quarter or \$50 for the full year. This is a good way to let others in the division know what you do. If you know of a business that would like to advertise with us we will gladly place their ad in the newsletter too.



Fleadh an Earraigh

Sunday the 3rd is finally here and everything is set and we are expecting a great turnout as we honor our brothers Jack McNamee and Tommy Moffit and Joseph E. Montgomery Award Recipient, Blackthorn. The committee has been hard at work and through their efforts have received some great Chinese and Silent Auction items. For all you Phillies fans we have an autographed Ryan Howard and a Cole Hamels jerseys. We will be raffling off 2 baskets of cheer and a few bottles of Irish Whiskey too.

Don't forget, we start at 4:00 P.M. See you there.

May your neighbors
respect you, trouble
neglect you, the
angels protect you,
and heaven accept
you.



Hibernian Hunger Project

Pat Mulhern and myself went to the Hibernian Cook-In on April 4th. Divisions and organizations from the Philadelphia area helped in preparing 8200 meals for Aid for Friends. It was a day well spent. The next fundraising event will be held at Keenan's Pub in North Wildwood. As the date is finalized I will let everyone know.

Jim Mullen

Irish History

Timothy O'Sullivan

The role of those who brought the beauty of the West to 19th Century America is truly an epic of heroic dimensions, not only for the scale and artistry, but because these areas were virtually unexplored. As artist Paul Kane and Thomas Moran left their mark on Canvas, Timothy O'Sullivan did with a camera lens.

The O'Sullivan family emigrated to America in 1842, Timothy was an infant. As a young man, he was trained by the renowned Matthew Brady, and many of the Civil War photographs attributed to Brady, were actually O'Sullivan's, a fact that Brady insisted upon, but overlooked by the press. Of his work, three scenes are indelibly etched as the horrors of that great conflict; "The Harvest of Death", the casualty scene of the 24th Michigan at Gettysburg, "Rocks could not save him", the scene of a dead sniper, and the absolute desolation of Richmond. The poignant scene of Father Mooney, saying Mass before the Battle of Bull Run, needs no written description.

After the war, O'Sullivan accompanied the King expedition into the Sierras, the Mojave Desert, Shoshone Falls, and the Great Salt Lake Desert. In 1870, he dragged his equipment across the jungles of Panama, photographing the Indian workers, while the Darien surveying expedition searched for a potential route for a canal.

For the next five years, with the Wheeler expedition to the Southwest, his greatest work was accomplished, as he photographed some of the most accurate scenes in terms of history and exploration. His portrayals of the Native American tribes of that area, the Pueblo cultures, the Grand Canyon, and the spectacular Canyon de Chelly were a new world to an eastern public.

O'Sullivan died on January 14th, 1882, at the age of 42 on Staten Island. In that short span of time, an everlasting legacy to America was formed.

Source:

I would recommend "Timothy O'Sullivan, America's Forgotten Photographer". By the award winning James D. Horan, as required reading for anyone studying the exploration of the West.

Bill Brennan



There are
good ships,
and there are
wooden ships,
the ships that
sail the sea.
But the best
ships are
friendships,
and may they
always be.

**Don't forget we are meeting at the Knights of Columbus
in Upper Darby at 8:00 P.M.**

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Schedule of Events

- 5/3 Fleadh an Earraigh
- 5/6 Division meeting
- 5/16 AOH PA State Board Presidents Dinner

Division Member Profile: Jim Kilgallen

Jim Kilgallen was born in West Philadelphia to the late Bridget (Callaghan) and James Kilgallen from Co. Mayo, Ireland. Jim attended St. Rose of Lima Grammar School. He graduated from St. Thomas More High School in 1950. He served in the US Army from 1952 to 1954 and married the former Margaret “Peggy” Philbin in 1955.

Jim and his wife Peggy are members of St. Denis parish, Havertown, and have four children: Jimmy, Maureen, Teresa, and Kevin. They also have eleven grand children and one great-grand son.

Jim is an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Joseph E. Montgomery Division 65. He was the founder of The Irish of Havertown organization, and first treasurer of The Irish Immigration Reform Movement, which was instrumental in getting the Morrison and Donnelly Visa, passed in the US Congress. In 2002 he was named by the Haverford Township Commissioners as “Honorary Mayor of the 33rd County of Ireland – Havertown”. Jim is also an active member of the Mayo Association. Since 1990, he served on the Executive Board of the St. Patrick’s Day Observance Association and was President of the Parade in 1999 and 2000. In 2004, he was named Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Jim is also a member of the St. Thomas More Alumni Association and the Knights of Columbus – San Domingo Council.

Following in his father’s footsteps, Jim has worked in the tavern business for over 50 years, starting in North Philadelphia, and presently owns and operates Kilgallen’s Tavern in Havertown. While in North Philadelphia, Jim coached football at Cardinal Dougherty High School, Roman Catholic High School and the Olney Vets semi pro team. While managing Kilgallen’s Tavern, Jim also worked at Kewanee Oil Company and was the Maintenance Director at Immaculata College for nineteen years.