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Meeting Night

3rd Thursday

St. Theresa Church Hall

6:00 PM

Major Degrees of the Order

The Major Degrees of the Order will be exemplified on Saturday May 17 in Savannah, GA at 2 PM. Registration will begin at 1 PM. A van will be leaving St. Theresa parking lot in Spring Hill at 6:30 AM. The Degree will cost \$50 per Candidate + Gas & tolls. Members will be staying at the Econolodge Midtown 7500 Abercorn Street in Savannah. Most are sharing rooms. So far approx 10 members are attending. Degree Money Due Thursday May 15.

AOH/LAOH Picnic

We are in the planning stages for an AOH/LAOH Picnic. It will be held at the Picnic pavillion at the Slavic-American Hall on County Line Road. The Picnic will be held from 11AM to 4 PM. The cost is \$5 per person for both Members & guests. Hot Dogs and Burgers will be supplied BYOB. We will be meeting with the LAOH prior to our meeting on Thursday. To clarify specifics.

AOH Shirts and Patches

AOH shirts and patches will be available at the meeting on April 17. Shirts and patches are \$25 for M to XL \$27 for 2X \$30 for 3 and 4X Patches are to be ironed on or sewed on the pocket.

Upcoming Events

Thursday May 15th Monthly Meeting Saint Theresa Church Hall 6:00 PM.

Saturday May 17th Exemplification of the Major Degrees of the Order in Savannah, GA by the South Carolina Major Degree Team.

Saturday June 7th First Annual AOH/LAOH Picnic 11AM – 4 PM at Slovene American Club, County Line Road, Spring Hill.

Thursday June 19th Meeting Saint Theresa Church Hall 6:00 PM

LAOH NEWS

Our first annual Krazy Hat Contest took place at our last meeting and was enjoyed by all. Six ladies used their creative talents to design their bonnet and to the tune of Easter Parade, strutted their stuff. Winner of the prettiest hat went to Carmen Clooney, funniest creation awarded to Bridget O'Reilly. Thanks ladies-we all enjoyed ourselves.

A combined Aoh and Laoh picnic is scheduled on June 7 at the Slavic Center off County Line Rd. We will gather at the outside pavillion, rain or shine (covered).

Time will be 11:am . There will be a charge to cover the cost of the burgers, hot dogs, rolls and paper goods. We are planning some entertainment and of course, anyone with some talent can join in. We are still in the planning stage and will have definite information at our upcoming meeting. I will then contact our members as to details.

Hope to have a nice turnout, for this , our first picnic and a nice opportunity to mingle with our brothers and sisters.

Please keep in your prayers, the speedy recovery of Father King who is doing well after his knee surgery. Saw him at Mass this Sunday in his mobilized wheelchair and is in good spirits. Hope Mothers Day was special to all.

In our Motto, Nancy

Now Taking orders AOH Blazers

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So far we have orders for 10 Blazers we need 12 to complete the order.

2014 National Convention Information

The 2014 National Convention will take place in St. Louis, Mo. All information will be on the website www.AOH2014STL.com.

JULY 30 – AUGUST 3, 2014

Location:

All registration, events and convention sessions will take place at:

[Renaissance St Louis Grand Hotel](#)

800 Washington Ave

St. Louis, MO 63101

The limited special rate of \$120 a night plus taxes (King or 2 Double). This special rate will apply until the cut-off date or when the room block is filled; at that point other rates may apply

Items of Interest

Our own AOH member Kenn E. Grube. Florida's best Elvis will be appearing after our Picnic on Saturday June 7 at 7 PM at the American Legion Post 186 12091 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville 352-597-9995. Also on Sunday June 8th 1 to 4 PM at the VFW Post 10209 14736 Edward Noll Drive for a Blue Hawaii Luau with Elvis tickets are \$15 352-796-0398. Lets reserve a Table.

Presidents Message

Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and in great spirits! We are getting ready for our trip to

Georgia to make our Major Degree! Please wish us a safe journey. Our Board members have met this month and are discussing upcoming events and goings on. We will be trying to place our orders for our blazers, Brother Jim Cahill should have a demo for our meeting. Starting price is 89.00\$. Sash's are still being worked on. Our combined picnic with the LAOH is scheduled for June 7th. please sign up at the meeting. Cost is nominal at \$5.00 for adults \$3.00 for children. We NEED members! I encourage you all to invite a friend to our organization. I thank everyone for their continued support .I will see you all at the next meeting and look forward to updating our lotto results! Slainte'

Dr. Mike

The Nine Great Irishmen

Guest Author - Tony King

When the Great Irish Famine devastated the country in 1845, the only recourse the native Irish had was to flee the disaster and emigrate around the world.

The potato blight hit so suddenly and with such horror that people were left almost overnight with nothing to eat and no way to make money to support themselves and their families. By the end of the worst years of the famine, 1847-1849, more than one million Irish men, women and children had died from starvation or a myriad variety of accompanying diseases.

More than another half a million were evicted by their landlords and most of these were shipped off in overcrowded "death ships" to Canada with no food, little water and no type of medical supervision. Already weak from malnutrition and sick from the many diseases, more than half of these died long before the voyage was complete. The death toll on these ships was so great that it was reported that sharks could be seen following the ships as the bodies were continuously thrown overboard.

Although Ireland was ruled from London and the people were ostensibly British subjects, the English government washed its hands of the "Irish problem" and the burden for the cost and responsibility of famine relief fell upon the shoulders of the Irish property owners. They immediately closed down the public assistance programs and soup kitchens which had been established as a "temporary solution" after the first crop failure.

A Society of Friends Quaker, William Forster, had maintained his church's relief for the poor in opposition to the Government's declaration of the passing of the "Poor Law" by which anyone seeking relief who owned more than a quarter acre of land had to forfeit the land in order to get help ---even from private organizations. People could only get relief if they went as destitutes to workhouses already overflowing with widows, children, the elderly and the sick and dying. People were turned away in huge numbers and simply wandered the countryside, living mostly in caves and under bridges. Those who died were left by their relatives or friends just where they lay to be devoured by wild animals and the carrion birds of the air.

Forster reported that "ten thousand persons were found living in a state of degradation and filth which it is difficult to believe the most barbarous nations ever exceeded."

With all the stupidity demonstrated by careless and greedy governments, the British Parliament called for additional efforts to be made in the collection of taxes with the result that tax collectors seized livestock, furniture, clothes and tools from homeless paupers.

It was quoted at the time that "The Almighty indeed sent the potato blight but the English created the famine."

Yet as always--- out of man's inhumanity to his fellow man often come stories of great achievement and success. The most famous "Famine" story is the tale of "The Even if it is square --but the normal is round
Nine Famous Irishmen" which has been reprinted in various forms around the world.

In the 1848 revolt by the Young Irishmen nine men were captured, tried, and convicted of treason against Her Majesty, the Queen, and were sentenced to death: John Mitchell, Morris Lyene, Pat Donahue, Thomas McGee, Charles Duffy, Thomas Meagher, Richard O'Gorman, Terrence McManus, Michael Ireland.

Before sentence was passed, the condemned men were asked if they had any final words for the court. Thomas Meagher, speaking for all of them said, "My lord, this is our first offense but it won't be our last. If you will be easy with us this once, we promise, on our word as gentlemen, to try to do better next time. And next time - sure we won't be fools enough to get caught."

Immediately the indignant judge sentenced them all "to be hanged by the neck until dead and drawn and quartered" ----the normal "civilized" punishment for anyone offending the English crown at that time. Passionate protests from all over the world forced the sentence to be commuted to transportation for life to the wretched penal colonies of Australia.

Fortunately, the hand of the Almighty often over-rules the plans of even the British Government.

In 1874, word reached England that Charles Duffy who had been elected Prime Minister of Australia was the same Charles Duffy who had been transported 25 years before. On the Queen's demand, the records of the rest of the transported men were revealed and this is what was uncovered.

JOHN MITCHELL, prominent New York politician. This was the father of John Purroy Mitchell, Mayor of New York, at the outbreak of World War I.

MORRIS LYENE, Attorney General of Australia, to which office

MICHAEL IRELAND succeeded him

PATRICK DONAHUE, Brigadier General, United States Army

THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE, Member of Parliament, Montreal, Minister of Agriculture and President of Council Dominion of Canada

THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER, Governor of Montana

TERRENCE MCMANUS, Brigadier General, United States Army

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Governor General of Newfoundland

Often as we go through the heartaches and sufferings that life brings our way, it might be good for all of us to remember these nine men and the sentence of death that hung over them. The old saying is still true: "Man proposes, but God disposes".



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