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Meeting Night

3rd Thursday

St. Theresa Church Hall

6:00 PM

Charter Night

The First Anniversary of Norbert Dorsey Division One, AOH Division One Hernando County will be celebrated on February 16th 2014 at 1:00pm at Rookies Bar and Grill located at 1320 Commercial Way Spring Hill Fl. The Brunch will consist of the following items:

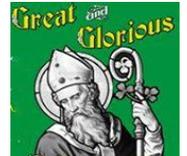
Danish, Bagels and Cream Cheese, Fresh Fruit Salad, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon and Sausage, Home Fries, Cheese Blintzes with Raspberry Sauces

We will have a Carving Station also being served will be Brown Sugar Ham and Roasted Turkey Breast with Auju Sauce.

Drinks supplied will be Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice

The price is 12.95 per person plus tax and gratuity.

At this time we will be closing the Charter. Any member in good Standing on this date will be considered a Charter Member. A list of Members will be hung along side the Charter and will always accompany it. This will be a Social event, Wives and friends are invited. Our plans to have a Valentines' Day Dinner Dance at Saint Therasas had to be canceled due to BYOB issues.



March 8th Saint Patrick's Day Party

We have a great Saint Patrick's Day Party planned for March 8th 2014 at the Lodge at Timber Pines.

This affair will be in cooperation with the Hibernian Cub at Timber Pines.

Irish singer Cage O'Hanlan will open and entertain us with some great music to get us in the holiday spirit then Irish Comedian Danny Justice will put on his show. Cage will then close the show with some more of your favorite Irish music. Tickets may be sold out by the February meeting. In the Timber Pines tradition you may bring your own food and BYOB. Tickets are \$14 per person 2 for \$25 for AOH members.

All indications are that this event will be a sellout. The last time Danny Justice performed at Timber pines all tickets were sold out in a 1/2 hour.

If you would like to get tickets Call Bob Criste at 484-686-7157

Dues are due

Our 2014 membership cards have arrived. And our per capita fees are now due. We are asking \$25 for our 2014 dues. Our first year initiation fee was \$40. Due to our fundraising efforts we are able to reduce our dues to barely cover our National and State per Capita fees. **If you do not plan to renew your membership please let us know.** If there is a hardship of any kind please notify the Financial Secretary. The situation will be kept confidential. Make checks payable to AOH. If you cannot attend our meeting send checks to Financial Secretary James Cahill, 730 Sea Holly Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604-1402. Our Charter will close February 14, 2014. Every member who is a member in good standing will be considered a Charter Member.

AOH Shirts and Patches

AOH shirts and patches will be available at the meeting on February 20. 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 Important Dates

Sunday, February 16th Sunday Brunch 1 PM at Rookies Bar and Grill located at 1320 Commercial Way Spring Hill FL.

Thursday, February 20th Monthly Meeting Saint Theresa Church Hall 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 8th at the Lodge at Timber Pines. Saint Patrick's Day Party

Thursday, March 20th Monthly Meeting Saint Theresa Church Hall 6:00 PM (Shamrock Degree)

Shamrock Degree

On March 20th, at our regular meeting the Shamrock Degree will be exemplified. State President Greg Sean Canning will preside if possible.

We have not had a Shamrock Degree since our first meeting February 2013.

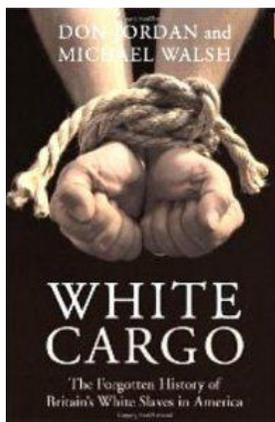
Major Degrees of the Order

As most of you know, Florida does not have a Major Degree Team, Yet, but we will. As State Vice President, it is my job to form one. In order to have a Degree Team all members must be degreed. To accomplish this I am in negotiation with Savannah Division One in GA. and the Major Degree team in South Carolina to put on a Major Degree in Savannah in May. The cost for the Degree Team to travel to Savannah and put on the Degree is Approx \$1000.00. we need a minimum of 20 candidates @ \$50 + transportation to GA (\$25 van rental & gas).

The Major Degrees of the Order if exemplified correctly are both educational and memorable. If you have an interest in participating in this project please contact Jim Cahill 352-593-4325

Irish History

Our State President Greg Sean Canning is traveling around the state covering this topic at his Craic Sessions. He will be at Molly Mallones at Davis island in Tampa on February 11. We are trying to find a venue in Hernando for a Craic session presentation.



They came as slaves; vast human cargo transported on tall British ships bound for the Americas. They were shipped by the hundreds of thousands and included men, women, and even the youngest of children.

Whenever they rebelled or even disobeyed an order, they were punished in the harshest ways. Slave owners would hang their human property by their hands and set their hands or feet on fire as one form of punishment. They were burned alive and had their heads placed on pikes in the marketplace as a warning to other captives.

We don't really need to go through all of the gory details, do we? We know all too well the atrocities of the African slave trade.

But, are we talking about African slavery? King James II and Charles I also led a continued effort to enslave the Irish. Britain's famed Oliver Cromwell furthered this practice of dehumanizing one's next door neighbor.

The Irish slave trade began when James II sold 30,000 Irish prisoners as slaves to the New World. His Proclamation of 1625 required Irish political prisoners be sent overseas and sold to English settlers in the West Indies. By the mid 1600s, the Irish were the main slaves sold to Antigua and Montserrat. At that time, 70% of the total population of Montserrat were Irish slaves.

Ireland quickly became the biggest source of human livestock for English merchants. The majority of the early slaves to the New World were actually white.

From 1641 to 1652, over 500,000 Irish were killed by the English and another 300,000 were sold as slaves. Ireland's population fell from about 1,500,000 to 600,000 in one single decade. Families were ripped apart as the British did not allow Irish dads to take their wives and children with them across the Atlantic. This led to a helpless population of homeless women and children. Britain's solution was to auction them off as well.

During the 1650s, over 100,000 Irish children between the ages of 10 and 14 were taken from their parents and sold as slaves in the West Indies, Virginia and New England. In this decade, 52,000 Irish (mostly women and children) were sold to Barbados and Virginia. Another 30,000 Irish men and women were also transported and sold to the highest bidder. In 1656, Cromwell ordered that 2000 Irish children be taken to Jamaica and sold as slaves to English settlers.

Many people today will avoid calling the Irish slaves what they truly were: Slaves. They'll come up with terms like "Indentured Servants" to describe what occurred to the Irish. However, in most cases from the 17th and 18th centuries, Irish slaves were nothing more than human cattle.

As an example, the African slave trade was just beginning during this same period. It is well recorded that African slaves, not tainted with the stain of the hated Catholic theology and more expensive to purchase, were often treated far better than their Irish counterparts.

African slaves were very expensive during the late 1600s (50 Sterling). Irish slaves came cheap (no more than 5 Sterling). If a planter whipped or branded or beat an Irish slave to death, it was never a crime. A death was a monetary setback, but far cheaper than killing a more expensive African. The English masters quickly began breeding the Irish women for both their own personal pleasure and for greater profit. Children of slaves were themselves slaves, which increased the size of the master's free workforce. Even if an Irish woman somehow obtained her freedom, her kids would remain slaves of her master. Thus, Irish moms, even with this new found emancipation, would seldom abandon their kids and would remain in servitude.

In time, the English thought of a better way to use these women (in many cases, girls as young as 12) to increase their market share: The settlers began to breed Irish women and girls with African men to produce slaves with a distinct complexion. These new "mulatto" slaves brought a higher price than Irish livestock and, likewise, enabled the settlers to save money rather than purchase new African slaves. This practice of interbreeding Irish females with African men went on for several decades and was so widespread that, in 1681, legislation was passed "forbidding the practice of mating Irish slave women to African slave men for the purpose of producing slaves for sale." In short, it was stopped only because it interfered with the profits of a large slave transport company.

England continued to ship tens of thousands of Irish slaves for more than a century. Records state that, after the 1798 Irish Rebellion, thousands of Irish slaves were sold to both America and

Australia. There were horrible abuses of both African and Irish captives. One British ship even dumped 1,302 slaves into the Atlantic Ocean so that the crew would have plenty of food to eat.

There is little question that the Irish experienced the horrors of slavery as much (if not more in the 17th Century) as the Africans did. There is, also, very little question that those brown, tanned faces you witness in your travels to the West Indies are very likely a combination of African and Irish ancestry. In 1839, Britain finally decided on it's own to end it's participation in Satan's highway to hell and stopped transporting slaves. While their decision did not stop pirates from doing what they desired, the new law slowly concluded THIS chapter of nightmarish Irish misery.

But, if anyone, black or white, believes that slavery was only an African experience, then they've got it completely wrong.

Irish slavery is a subject worth remembering, not erasing from our memories.

But, where are our public (and PRIVATE) schools???? Where are the history books? Why is it so seldom discussed?

Do the memories of hundreds of thousands of Irish victims merit more than a mention from an unknown writer?

Or is their story to be one that their English pirates intended: To (unlike the African book) have the Irish story utterly and completely disappear as if it never happened.

None of the Irish victims ever made it back to their homeland to describe their ordeal. These are the lost slaves; the ones that time and biased history books conveniently forgot.



Greetings Brothers!

Presidents Message

I am looking forward to this Sunday as we celebrate all of our efforts in forming our Hibernian division. What a great time to share a meal in Christian Unity, fellowship, and charity. Speaking of charity, I would like you all to explore how we may assist The Claddagh Inn. Recently they were robbed and suffered great loss. They have always assisted us and I would like to hear some ideas Sunday on how we may assist them .I will open the floor for suggestions and ideas for a game plan for our second year. I would like us to get our strategy for obtaining our major degrees and forming our own degree team. Please print your newsletter for reference of upcoming dates to remember. We are blessed and I cannot wait to share Sunday brunch with you. Slainte'

Dr. Mike

LAOH NEWS By Nancy Fay

On behalf of the LAOH I am pleased to contribute monthly news to the Newsletter. This is a very valuable and appreciated contribution initiated by the AOH to keep us all informed. It is very important that we, the ladies continue to work closely with the AOH and know they are on the same radar with us

Raffle

I wish to thank all who participated in our raffle to benefit St. Vincent DePaul buying tickets and donating prizes. A special thanks to Sandy Duvall for the beautiful afgan which was won by her neighbor and the Claadagh door knocker donated by Betty Ryan. St. Vincent DePaul has benefitted from our donation. More details at our next meeting.

First Anniversary Luncheon

The AOH is holding a brunch on Feb. 16 at Rookies to commemorate their 1st Anniversary This is open to all members and again, we the LAOH hopefully will have a nice turnout to support them. For more info contact me at 352-688-7122.

Chinese Auction

This event is set for May 3rd at the church hall. Please ladies, look around your home, garage for items that are in good condition and start bringing them to our next meeting. The more items we have to raffle, the more money we will make. A good rule of thumb is if any person can bring 5 items, we will have enough items. As for myself, I have about 20 – so start treasure hunting and help this great fundraiser.



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