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DIVISION #1 LEHIGH COUNTY



Hello fellow Hibernian Brothers! Welcome to our newsletter. We will try to keep you well informed on all issues and future events. It will be informative as well as entertaining.(we hope) If anyone has anything that is of importance they want in the newsletter, Please send an email to Bigirish44@aol.com. We will do our best to accommodate you. We want to make this the best newsletter we can. Your guidance and input will be greatly appreciated.

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS! UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!!!!

General Meeting 8/19/09 7:30pm

Celtic Classic 9/25-9/27

AOH/KOC Family Pig Roast 9/13/09
5pm @KOC

*Remember to bring lawn chairs
more info inside!!



Notre Dame vs Army 2010 @Yankee Stadium

Notre Dame vs Navy 2010 @ Meadowlands

TRAGIC PERIOD THAT TRANSFORMED N. IRELAND AUG. '69

On the 40th anniversary of the month generally seen as marking the outbreak of Northern Ireland's 'Troubles' the historian Brian Hanley gives his assessment of that fateful period. He explains how Northern Ireland was transformed by the events of August 1969 as violence spilled onto the streets around the sectarian fault lines of Londonderry and Belfast. Very different views of what occurred during 1969 are held by people living on either side of the "peacelines" - structures first established in the wake of the August events. Both communities hold their conflicting "memories" dear, and rival political organisations have invested much in their own reading of the outbreak of the Troubles. Even a cursory look at some of the 18 fatalities in Northern Ireland that year reveal complexities. The first British soldier to die in the conflict, Hugh McCabe

(home on leave) was killed by RUC gunfire. The first RUC officer to be killed, Victor Arbuckle, was shot by loyalists, probably the UVF.



The IRA - non-existent according to some accounts - caused the first fatality of the August violence in Belfast, loyalist Herbert Roy. The first two civilians killed by the British Army were Protestants, shot on the Shankill Road in October. At the time the death toll seemed almost unimaginably terrible - in the context of Northern Ireland's short history it was almost unimaginably terrible - in the context of Northern Ireland's short history it was.

Radicalisation

From the vantage point of 40 years and over 3,500 deaths later it is easy to imagine that such violence was an everyday occurrence - it was not. For most people in Ireland what

occurred in 1969 was new and unexpected. In April 1969 the Irish News described rioting in Derry and Belfast as the "most devastating wave of violence and civil strife" since the 1930s. In early August, fierce fighting between loyalists and the RUC on the Shankill Road was regarded as the worst violence the city had seen. Just over a week later in Derry the Battle of the Bogside began, followed by the explosion of August 13 -15 in Belfast. In retrospect we can trace radicalisation since January, when a loyalist attack on a People's Democracy march at Burntollet was followed by rioting in Derry. There was rioting in both Derry and Belfast in April. A particular flashpoint was Ardoyne where a local priest, Fr Marcellus Gillespie, attested that during the summer "Catholics were as much to blame as Protestants" for the clashes. That may surprise some today, but Protestants were also victims of sectarian violence in 1969.

Pogroms

Hence many loyalists still believe that it was Catholic aggression that sparked off the trouble in Belfast - while some also celebrate the burning of Catholic homes in "response." But loyalists had killed as early as 1966 and the UVF were planting bombs aimed at bringing down Northern Ireland's prime minister Terence O'Neill in the spring of 1969. Catholics comprised the majority of 1969's victims, both those killed and those forced from their homes. At least eight of the nine Catholic dead were killed by the RUC or the B-Specials auxiliary police force. In Belfast especially the violence brought back powerful memories of the anti-Catholic pogroms of the 1920s. During August 1969, many homes were burnt out. Coming on top of the resistance of many unionists to the demands of the Civil Rights movement, it is unsurprising that nationalists remember themselves as defenceless victims of unprovoked attacks.

But that is only partly the reality. Two Protestants were killed in the fighting in Belfast, which erupted after republicans attacked police barracks to draw their forces away from Derry on August 13. While no doubt poorly armed, the idea that the IRA had little interest in armed politics simply does not stand up to examination.

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Split

The IRA was growing during 1969 and increasingly active, north and south of the border. The memory of these events was further complicated by the bitterness surrounding the republican split in 1969 -70. Those who became the Official IRA and the Workers Party played down and then rewrote entirely their role in the violence. Their rivals in the Provisionals would invest a great deal in their claim to have emerged organically from the demand by disillusioned nationalists for

defence. The story would be complicated further still by the intervention of the Irish government, taken by surprise and at sea in the early stages of the crisis, flirting with intervention and shaken by a wave of nationalist feeling in the south. In this context money and arms went north, some of it provided by politicians.

However, what the crisis revealed was how little attention had really been paid to Northern Ireland by Dublin. There was fierce fighting between loyalists and the RUC. The British government were also ill-prepared for the violence of August and their deployment of the Army was a stopgap, not a considered attempt at a solution. Despite what some have wishfully imagined, the substantial reforms introduced in the winter of 1969, which included the disbandment of the B-Specials, came as a response to violence of August, not because of the strength of the Civil Rights movement.

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This is an edited version of an article in the July/August edition of History Ireland magazine. It is published courtesy of History Ireland and Brian Hanley.

Please remember our Brother and Family members of the AOH in your prayers.



*Ed Jordan's Wife Kathy Brother Bob Higgins Kelly Chaya
Brian Foy's Sister Kelli Brian Foy's Bro in Law Adam*



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WELCOME NEW BROTHERS: Robert Lembach and Brian McKenna

***TRIP TO IRELAND RAFFLE WINNERS: 1.Dick Moore 2.Mcbride3.James,4.Leidick
5.Sproule(donated winnings back to AOH Thanks Brother Sproule)6.Prostko,
7.Costello,8.Miller,9.Bliss,10.Yohe. Thanks to all who participated!!!!***

IRISH RECIPE FOR AUGUST Submitted by Tara Doyle:

BOXTY

Boxy is a traditional potato dish.
8 oz/ 250 g/ 1 cup raw potato
8 oz/ 250 g/ 1 cup mashed potato
8 oz/ 250 g/ 2 cups plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
large knob of butter, melted

Grate the raw potatoes into a bowl. Turn out onto a cloth and wring, catching the liquid. This will separate into a clear fluid with starch on bottom. Pour off fluid and scrape out the starch and mix w/ the grated and mashed potatoes. Sieve the dry ingredients and mix in along w/ melted butter. Add a little milk if necessary to make dough pliable dough. Knead lightly on floured surface. Divide into 4 and form large flat cakes. Mark each into quarters but do not cut right thru and bake on a griddle or in a heavy Pan.

SPOTLIGHT ON A BROTHER

BY CLANCY O'SHAUGHNESSY



PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

Bob Doggett, current marshal of AOH division 1, Lehigh County, PA. I have been a member of the Hibernians for almost five years.

WHERE DO YOU TRACE YOUR IRISH HERITAGE BACK TO?

My father's people were from County Clare. My mother's were from Dublin. Both parents were from the Freeland, PA area. My mom was an elementary teacher in a small coal patch town named Jeansville. My dad was a carpenter for the Jeddo Highland Coal Company, Jeddo, PA. My six brothers and sisters and I spent a lot of time in St. Gabriel's Church, Hazleton, PA.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY, CAREER, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS?

My wife Carole and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. She is originally from a suburb of Pittsburgh, PA. I was born and raised in Hazleton, PA. She graduated from Edinboro College. We met on a blind date in Woodbridge, NJ. We have two children, Rob and Jodi. He is a Yeats scholar who teaches at SUNY Geneseo, NY. She teaches 6th grade math in the Methacton district. Carole taught 2nd grade from most of her career in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She is now retired, as am I. I taught high school English, served as a department chairman, and a high school assistant principal in the Woodbridge and South Plainfield, NJ districts. I ended my career as a middle school principal and a principal of a central sixth grade school, both in South Plainfield, NJ. I am a graduate of King's College. I received a masters' degree from Scranton U. We have one beautiful, fantastic two-year old granddaughter, Mia. There are three dogs in the Doggett clan. Carole has one sister. I come from a large family, including two nuns and a brother a priest. We live in Orefield and love the Lehigh Valley.

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

I love sports, especially baseball and football. I am a diehard Philly fan of all four teams. I have held season tickets over the years for the Phillies and Sixers. Man, have we suffered, rooting for those teams. That's why I keep telling my wife and kids not to worry-- there will be no purgatory for us. It's straight to heaven! We have suffered enough. I enjoy reading, especially biography and history. Love to travel. We have been very fortunate to have traveled to seven different major cities for the St. Patrick's Parade. We have been to Italy, France, and Ireland. we enjoy movies. I really enjoy crossword puzzles. We love dogs, music, Irish music, especially the traditional stuff. Eating out is something we love as well. Family and friends are important, but would have to say that the granddaughter is numero uno in interest.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

As I mentioned above, reading and travel are at the top. Don't mind a game of blackjack now and then. I like horse racing from time to time. Really enjoy listening to a singer named Al Stewart. I have seen him in person about five times. Like to try various pubs, especially for lunch. I have to say I enjoy life. And I have been blessed.

AS A AOH BROTHER CAN YOU TELL US HOW YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION?

That there are some genuinely good men who are to be commended for all that they do to help kids. If I could pick out one thing about the organization, it would be that striking fact-- that the welfare of the children of the Lehigh Valley is never far from their thoughts.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WOULD LIKE TO MENTION?

Just that it has been an honor to belong to the AOH. It is particularly pleasing to serve as an officer in such an outstanding organization. Lastly, the event for Joe's kids is one that is closest to Carole and me. We hope to be able to support it each year and we are glad to see how popular it has become.