Motto - Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Castle For Sale
Cloghan Castle
€ 1,750,000 = $2,330,000

In County Offaly, the castle is located on about 157 acres. It was originally built in 1336 by Gaelic Chieftain Eoghan O’Madden and is believed to be one of the oldest inhabited castles in Ireland.

Eoghan was the greatest chief of the O’Maddens. The Castle was burned in 1595, confiscated by the English and granted, together with 6,000 acres, to Lord Clanricarde.

AOH Officers’ Installation Dinner
Northside K of C
Sunday - Jan. 29th, 1 PM
Reservations - $20
Contact Jeremy Hambrick, 332-9571, jhambric@gmail.com
All AOH members are welcome.
There is always good food and enjoyable Irish entertainment.

St John’s Parish, our first Irish parish, is having a super raffle with a prize of four Super Bowl tickets. Raffle profits will help repair the church steeple. Dave Ruhmkorff has graciously volunteered to be our AOH representative in providing sought after raffle assistance to the Parish.

In an attempt to avoid any mistakes, those who have not paid dues for ONE year will be contacted by phone to help determine their status as a member.

Next meeting - Jan. 12
St. Philip Neri
Meeting begins at - 8:00 PM
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For those AOH members who always wanted to own that Irish Castle or Manor House, below are a few bargains.

St Clerans, Craughwell, Co. Galway
€3,700,000 = $4,932,000

18th century Georgian house, 12
Bedrooms - 13 Bathrooms, standing on 45
acres of landscaped gardens and parkland
with its own separate guest lodge. The
house, once owned by Director John
Huston (1906 – 1987), has been carefully
restored to its original splendor and is
located 20 miles east of Galway. The
house had been the retreat of celebrity
Merv Griffin (1925 – 2007) and more
recently a 5 star hotel. It was built by the
Burkes in 1784 when they abandoned their
ancestral castle nearby. Picture- page 2.

As stated above this castle was abandoned in 1784 by the Burkes when St. Clerans was built, Strongford Castle is also up for sale and at a real bargain price. The restored 15th century castle was built by the de Burgos (Burkes), descendants of William the Conqueror. The Burke family built 121 castles in County Galway, and left
at least 38 variations of the de Burgo - Burke - Bourke name. The Castle had fallen
into ruin until recent times, when a succession of owners renovated and restored it. The Castle is approached via a narrow peaceful country road over a bridge on what would historically have been the main road to Dublin when the Castle was built.

Strongford Castle
Craughwell, Co. Galway
€ 650,000 = $863,525


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Printed Program Advertizers

Listed below are a few of the businesses that advertised in the March 13th, 2011, 141st Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration AOH Printed Program.

If you have a need, be sure to seek their services.

Beltrame/Leffler Advertising Agency – (317) 916-9930, Attorney John V. Commons
(317) 253-3110, Eastgate Chrysler – 500 N. Shadeland Ave., Fusion Alliance Business
Consulting – www.fusionalliance.com, KIWI-TEK: Coding and Compliance – mwagner@kiwi-tek.com, Jeff Lyons
.com, Deering Cleaninng Dry Cleaning – 4
locations – 356-2471, Ryan Fireprotection Inc. - (800) 409 - 7606, Andrews Florists - 4
locations - www.andrewsflorist.org,
Sullivan Hardware - 3 Northside locations.
More next month.

AHO Officers for 2012
President – Jonathan Tobin
Vice Pres. – Jimmy McGinley
Treasurer – Chuck McGinley
Financial Sec. – Tom Branson Jr.
Recording Sec. – Jim Lynch
Standing Com. – Jeremy Hambrick
Sentinel – Steve O’Connor
Marshall – Mike Tobin

Nov. Meeting
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New Member
Dan Flanagan – Little Flower

Nov. Donations
$200 – St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in conjunction with Sarah Fisher Racing Team.
$100 – Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program
$100 – Father Glenn O’Connor
$100 – Father Carlton Beever

Picture above - St Clerans, Co. Galway - For Sale. Page 7
It has yet to be seen how or if there is a place in the future for this unique ancient Irish subculture.


Left - photo of modern Travellers Tinkers in their preferred trailer housing, always ready to move.

From Ireland Ever, Jill Freedman.

Frank Kehoe Memorial
$1500 Scholarships

Through the generosity of brother Hibernian F. Patrick Kehoe, the Frank Kehoe Memorial $1500 College / High School Scholarship will again be made available to a worthy young man and lady of our AOH community - children, grandchildren, family members and friends.

Priority: H.S. Seniors to College, 8th grade students to H.S., other College students, other H.S. students.

Criteria: Financial need, scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, Church and community activities, Irish heritage.

Please send a typed application letter of no more than a few pages, written by the student, and addressed to the Kehoe Memorial Scholarship Committee. Send to:

Pat Miles or Jim McCaughna
1911 Southern Ave. or 6033 Evanston Ave.
Beech Grove, IN 46107 Indianapolis, Indiana 46220
317 - 783-9441 317 - 253-0710

Letter due by Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2012.

The winners will be notified prior to the Hibernians’ March 11th St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. Awards will be presented at the Celebration and recipients must be in attendance.

Notre Dame vs. Navy in Dublin

in the Global Ireland Football Tournament (GIFT) 2012, to promote American style football in Ireland and Europe, while providing a memorable lifetime experience for the participants. GIFT will feature 12 teams playing in 6 doubleheaders in 3 different stadiums between Aug. 28 - Sept. 2. The ND vs. Navy game will be played in Aviva Stadium which is a $410 million, four-level facility opened in May with a seating capacity of 50,000 with all seats under cover. Teams that will play in GIFT are:

1. Notre Dame High School (Sherman Oaks, CA) vs. Hamilton High School (Chandler, AZ)
2. Father Judge (Philadelphia, PA) vs. Notre Dame Prep (Scottsdale, AZ)
3. Loyola Academy (Chicago, IL) vs. Dallas Jesuit (Dallas, TX)
4. St. Norbert College vs. John Carroll University (NCAA Division III) In the Vince Lombardi years, the Green Bay Packers held their preseason workouts at St Norbert College.
5. Kent School (Kent, CT) vs. United Kingdom U19 All-Stars

Nuncio to Ireland

Monsignor Charles Brown has been named by the Vatican as its new Nuncio (Ambassador) to Ireland. The 52-year-old Irish-American is a graduate from the University of Notre Dame and Oxford University. He did Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto and earned a doctorate in Sacramental Theology in Rome. He was ordained a priest in 1989 in St Patrick’s Cathedral, New York, and was based at St Brendan’s parish in the Bronx until 1991.

Monsignor Brown has worked with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which was headed by the then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), since 1994. He was appointed Assistant Secretary of the International Theological Commission in September 2009.

Knowledgeable sources state that Mgr. Brown is an extremely good choice for this position. He will have to work hard to rebuild the bonds of trust and friendship between Ireland and the Holy See, which have suffered in recent years.

Tánaiste and Minister for Irish Foreign Affairs, Eamon Gilmore, welcomed the appointment of Monsignor Brown as Nuncio to Ireland.

RFK Remembered
March 2

Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, Indiana Historical Society
2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

RFK Remembered is a two-act multimedia show. It is a one-actor show based on the political life of the late Robert F. Kennedy. The show features video segues that set up historical events in RFK’s early career on through the explosive period of the 1960s.

RFK Remembered is Robert Kennedy’s own words compiled from interviews, autobiographies and speeches. The show was researched, produced and features local actor Kevin Caraher (above).

$12, $10 IHS members - Presented by Indy’s Irish Fest

For tickets, call (317) 232-1882 or get them through the Indiana Historical Society website at www.indianahistory.org and go to the March 2012 calendar of events.

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Newsletter on line - www.aohindy.us  Web Master - Paul Burns.
Travelers / Tinkers

Irish Travelers (also referred to as Tinkers or gypsies) are a traditionally nomadic people of ethnic Irish origin, who maintain a separate language and set of traditions. They live predominantly in the Republic of Ireland. The 2006 census in the Republic reported their numbers as 22,369 and an additional 1,700 to 2,000 were estimated to live in Northern Ireland.

Traditionally, they were metal workers, peddlers, and traders in horses and used goods of all description, and provided services where and when there were needs in the market. The term “tinkers” refers to services that were traditionally provided by them, tinkering (or tinsmithing), the mending of tin ware such as pots and pans.

Many believe that Travelers are descendants of peasants uprooted by Cromwell’s “ethnic cleansing” policy, the 1845 Famine or the evictions of later 19th century. However, a common theory among experts is that Travelers have been a distinct group within Ireland for at least 800 years, and probably before, since itinerant metal workers have been recorded in Ireland since pre-Christian times. According to 1994 Irish Travelers: Culture and Ethnicity, the word “tinker” was first recorded in 1175.

They live in extended patriarchal families, prefer wagons or now trailers, often travel in caravans, tend to be nomadic, while interspersed with occasional house dwelling, and maintain a nomadic mindset even when settled. A house is considered only a stopping place between journeys, whether the stop lasts 20 days or 20 years!

Unfortunately, Travelers have a high infant mortality rate, high rates of illiteracy and die earlier than their settled counterparts. However, not all Travelers are poor, and very few truly desire to assimilate. Their resistance to literacy is the prerogative of a people whose culture is oral, and whose mobility does not sit well with standard school curricula.

Before the 1960’s no one assumed they wanted to dwell in houses. They had been accepted, if at times uneasily, as a distinct culture.

Since the 1960’s, in an attempt to improve the Traveler lifestyle, the Irish government policy has been one of assimilation and the creation of a more settled culture. Travelers have been asked to mould themselves to a more traditional non-transient lifestyle. The policy of restricted access to traditional camp grounds and limited employment opportunities have been primary sources of Traveler difficulties. Travelers have rejected house dwelling, or attempt it only sporadically or temporarily. Irish health and education services have been organized to benefit those with a permanent address and generally bypass the Traveler culture. The government has tried to fit Travelers into moulds created by a different culture, and has been surprised at the disastrous results. Travelers are incredibly resistant to allowing their identity to be changed and want to hold on to their unique nomadic lifestyle. Assimilation has not worked; there are more Travelers living in trailers today than in 1963.

The Irish government has, in the last decade, begun to listen to the voice of Travelers when making policy decisions. Travelers are beginning to represent themselves on government boards and committees dealing with Traveler issues. However, change at the national government level does not mean change at local levels. Attitudes towards travelers and opposition to having them as neighbors have generally hardened since the 1960’s.