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The Seanachi of the Ancient Order of Hibernians – Commodore John Barry Division

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**Next Division Meeting
September 8, 7:30 PM
O'Callaghan's Hotel**



President's September, 2008 Letter

It's hard to believe it is September already. For those of us still with younger children (yes, that's certainly me), it's back to school time and some slight shifting of gears out of the summer mode. That includes getting back to monthly division meetings; for us, Monday September 8 at O'Callaghan's Hotel.

As I was planning this letter, a common thread worked its way through my outline – that of service. With the seventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks observed this month, we honor those who were lost that day but also those who serve in the deployment of our armed services that ensued. As I hope these monthly messages have kept fresh in your minds, our own AOH division members, Col. Alan Mangan, USMC and Lt. Charles Cooper, Navy SEALs are now serving with distinction in Iraq. In this newsletter, as well as on our web page, are photos of Alan and Coop, which serve as a more tangible reminder of what they are doing for their country and others every day. I know you are already doing it, but please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

Continuing on the theme of service, we will celebrate our annual Commodore John Barry Mass on Sunday September 14 at St. Mary's regular 10:30 mass. Please try to join us to commemorate the 205th anniversary of the passing of this Irish-American hero and patriot. We will gather in the front of the church between 10:00 and 10:15 and process in grand Hibernian style together. Please wear your sash; and note that if you do not have one, we will be distributing a new supply at our division meetings this fall. After the mass we will have a brunch at the Fleet Reserve Club down the street on the City Dock.

Our 10th Annual Mike Donovan Crab Feast to benefit Project St. Patrick will be Sunday September 21 from 1:00 to 5:00 at the Kent Island Yacht Club. This popular event raises funds for needy seminarians and collects food items for the Hibernian Hunger Project – both key service components of our Order. For \$30 a person (kids under 12 free), you get crabs, shrimp, corn, burgers, dogs, beer, soda, wine as well as the

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beautiful views of Kent Narrows and Eastern Bay and live Irish music from the acoustic duo of Freedom Sons! Tickets are limited and we need a head count, so please call Tim Fitzmaurice today at (410) 451-4178 to make your reservation. Don't forget the raffle for great Irish prizes and to bring canned food items for those who need our help. See the enclosed flyer for more info.

Speaking of service, we need about a dozen of our younger members who can pour beer all day and have a great time at the Renaissance Festival on Sunday October 5 from 9:30 to 6. This is one our largest and oldest fund raisers so we need you guys with good knees and a love of all things Renaissance to call Brian McVeigh at (410) 573-5912 now to sign up. Moving on to November, we have the Maryland Irish Festival at the Timonium Fairgrounds the weekend of November 7 – 9 selling our Irish sausages. With multiple shifts, you will have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the Festival. This is one of the top Mid-Atlantic Irish events of the year featuring the Wild Rovers, Off the Boat, Dublin City Ramblers and Black 47. Please call Bob Reynolds at (410) 956-2843 to sign up to work our booth.

I hope you and your family had some good down time together over the summer to recharge the batteries. As you can see our division is getting geared up for an active and enjoyable fall. Please join us. God Bless, Brian Fitzmaurice



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- Saturday August 16, Baysox family outing, Call Pat Bannon at (41) 268-6176.

September

- Monday September 8, Division meeting 7:30
- Sunday September 14, John Barry Mass 10:30 at St. Mary's, brunch at noon at Fleet Reserve
- Sunday September 21, Crab Feast 1:00 - 5:00 at Kent Island Yacht Club (new location) call Tim Fitzmaurice at (410) 451-4178.

October

- Sunday October 5, Renaissance Festival, need workers all day, call Brian McVeigh at (410) 573-5912
- Monday October 13, Division meeting 7:30

November

- Weekend of November 7 – 9, Maryland Irish Festival, Timonium Fair Grounds
- Monday November 10, Division Meeting



OTHER events upcoming that you should be aware of include: **Christmas Party** on December 7th; **Raffle Ticket* Sales** Feb. 28-Mar 1 @ St. Marys & St. John Neumann; Feb. 21-22 @ St. John Evangelist (Severna Park); St. Patrick's Formal **Dinner-Dance** March 14 ; St. Patrick's **Parade** March 15; Noon **Mass, Final Ticket* Sales, Pub Crawl and Raffle** March 17th.

Sept. Quarterdeck **(SHANACHI)** ADDENDUM & CORRECTION

Page 2.—Forget August, its over.

---Add November 16 for AOH Memorial Mass at
St. Andrews By The Bay, Cape St. Clare at 2 p.m.

Page 3---Lt. Charles “Coop” Cooper is pictured lower right
with left hand on ‘convincer’ rifle. Col. Alan Mangan
looks straight at us, upper left, no weapon visible.

November 1st----Tailgate Party -- Navy vs Temple – hosted by Kof C
and we’re invited. This is a good chance to mix with fellow Catholic
men and an excellent substitute for our usual event Call Jere Danaher
on 410-426-8236 or email-- danaher2@verizon.net.



Some of our heroic brothers in service in Iraq



Col. Alan Mangan



Lt. Charles “Coop” Cooper

Commodore John Barry Div. Ancient Order of Hibernians

**10TH ANNUAL MIKE
DONOVAN
CRAB FEAST**



**FOR PROJECT ST. PATRICK –
ASSISTING SEMINARIANS**

1 – 5 pm Sunday September 21, 2008

Kent Island Yacht Club,

(50 East, Exit 41, left on Rt. 18, right on Wharf Dr., right into Club)

Crabs, Shrimp, corn, burgers, dogs, beer, wine, soda

Irish Music!

Ltd. Tickets: \$30, kids under 12 free

RAFFLE FOR GREAT PRIZES!

Reservations: Tim Fitzmaurice (410) 451-4178

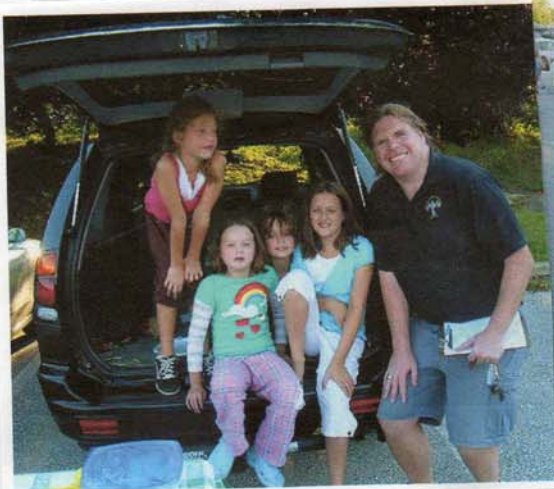
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The old ballgame crowd..

..and the Baysox won!!



TICKET SALES FOR THE
TRIP-TO-IRELAND 2009
WILL COMMENCE ON 17 SEPTEMBER



.....ONLY SIX MONTHS TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

THIS YEAR ONLY 600 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE.
AT \$10 EACH IT IS QUITE A BARGAIN SINCE THE ODDS
ARE GREAT!

TICKETS WILL BE PROVIDED TO FOLKS WHO'VE PARTICIPATED
IN PAST YEARS BUT A CAREFUL ACCOUNTING WILL BE IN
EFFECT TO ASSURE OUR REGULAR CUSTOMERS ARE SERVED.

Call Pat Bannon to reserve your tickets on 410-268-6176.

Lost soul on the road to Costelloe



Getting around the one-drink rule.