



The Seanchaí

March 2019

Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Next Meeting - Wednesday March 27th 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

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Fr. J. Douglas Lawson

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vacant

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Joe Corcoran

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The Division had a very productive first meeting in February. The first order of business was to select officers. The list of officers so far is shown to the left. Time is our most valuable asset. I want to thank the brothers that volunteered their time to help the Division get started. The following officer positions and chairmanship are open:

Elected Positions

Vice President

Marshall – helps to set up the meeting room

Appointed Positions

Right to Life

Catholic Action

Freedom for All Irish

Buy Irish

Organizer – membership recruitment

If you are interested in one of these positions let me know.

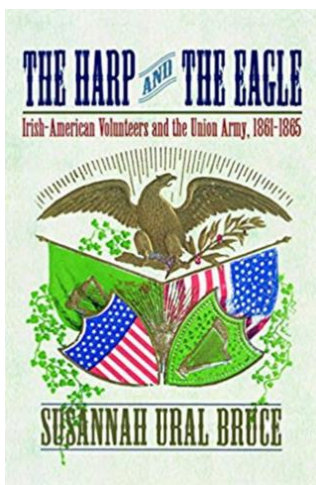
The next task was to select a name. Rev. J. Douglas Lawson was selected as the name of the Division (see paragraph below).

The group approved \$40 a year for dues. We are in the process of setting up a checking account to accept payments. Dues are not required at this time.

Bob Benedict provide a history presentation with a summary of the book *The Harp and the Eagle*

On the eve of the Civil War, the Irish were one of America's largest ethnic groups, and approximately 150,000 fought for the Union. Analyzing letters and diaries written by soldiers and civilians; military, church, and diplomatic records; and community newspapers, Susannah Ural Bruce significantly expands the story of Irish-American Catholics in the Civil War, and reveals a complex picture of those who fought for the Union.

While the population was diverse, many Irish Americans had dual loyalties to the U.S. and Ireland, which influenced their decisions to volunteer, fight, or end their military service. When the Union cause supported their interests in Ireland and America, large numbers of Irish Americans enlisted. However, as the war progressed, the Emancipation Proclamation, federal draft, and sharp rise in casualties caused Irish Americans to question—and sometimes abandon—the war effort because they viewed such changes as detrimental to their families and futures in America and Ireland.



By recognizing these competing and often fluid loyalties, *The Harp and the Eagle* sheds new light on the relationship between Irish-American volunteers and the Union Army, and how the Irish made sense of both the Civil War and their loyalty to the United States.

The meeting concluded with refreshments and Irish Eggrolls (see recipe below) from himself and cupcakes and chocolate covered cheesecake bars from Diane Reck.



Diane Reck's deserts. Check out her website www.ladysweetcakes.com

Wishing all of you a very Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mise le meas, (mish-e leh mass) Yours Respectfully,

Pat.

Division Selects Rev. J. Douglas Lawson as Namesake



An extensive search of North Carolina Catholic history was performed by a few members to find a namesake for the new Division. Several great Irish Catholics were suggested. They made significant impact in North Carolina but not specific to the Brunswick County community. Paul Robinson saw that a great Irish Catholic in our community was being overlooked, Rev. J. Douglas Lawson. After his name was suggested it was the end of discussion. Rev. J. Douglas Lawson was unanimously approved for the name of our Division. Here is a biography from the Sacred Heart website.

Fr. Doug was the fourth arrival of his parents' seven children. Fr. Bob is the eldest is known by many of our parishioners from either Mass or when he came here as the State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus to assist Fr. Doug in establishing our chapter. Second in line is Marie, a resident of Goldsboro. His 3rd inline sister, Delores, lives in California. John is the 5th child who was a professor at Clemson. Brother Tom was a professor at UNC-Greensville until his death 1985. The youngest child, Mark, was a Nurse-Anesthetist. The very proud father was known to have said, "I have three sons who can put people to sleep- two priests and a nurse-anesthetist!"

Father Doug Lawson's beginnings of his 43 yr. pastoral career began at the age of 16 when he entered the Franciscan seminary in NY. At the end of his novitiate year, he took his vows and became a member of the Franciscan order at 22 yrs of age. His ordination to the priesthood in 1962 started Father Doug off to his

missions & assignments which included: four years in Brazil as a missionary, returning to Iona college to receive his M.S. Ed in counseling, Mission Procurator Union city, NJ - 3 yrs, Chaplin at St. Francis Medical Center, and Civilian Chaplin- Hancock AFB NY. and then enlisting into the US Army. Father Doug retired in 1995 from the US Army after 21 years of service. He was assigned as Pastor to the Infant of Prague Church In Jacksonville, NC. At this time he asked to leave the Franciscan order so that he could join the Diocese of Raleigh and return to his NC roots. All this happily worked out for him and for the parishioners of Sacred Heart because he came to our Parish. - contributed by W. Anderson 2005

Prayer List – Please pray for those under the care of medical providers:

Rene McCartney

Peter Marzano

Upcoming Events

- Business meetings fourth Wednesday of the month
- March 8, 7:30 p.m. The Chieftains at Kenan Auditorium, Wilmington. Single seat tickets are still available.
- March 16, 11 a.m. [Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade](#). Parade Chairman Joe Costy has been the driving force for forming our Division. Joe could you some help manning parade barricades. If you would like to help, contact Joe at wilmingtonparade@gmail.com.
- March 17, St. Patrick's Day.
- March 22, 7 p.m. [Rhythm of the Dance, Odell Williamson Auditorium](#), Brunswick Community College



This incredible live show creates a new era in Irish entertainment, containing a wealth of Irish talent, featuring World and Irish champion dancers, some of the finest Traditional musicians and singers who are a big hit everywhere. Combining traditional dance and music with the most up to date stage technology, this two-hour dance and music extravaganza takes the audiences on an exhilarating and exciting, energy-packed time trip through the ages. It's internationally rated as one of the most popular and busiest Irish step dance shows in the world making it such a success with critics and audiences worldwide. Be sure to share the experience when it comes to a venue near you. You'll be very glad you did. It really is out of this world as seen by 7 million people in 50 countries.

Tickets are available at bccowa.com

- October 11-12, AOH State Convention, Wilmington



Irish Eggrolls



This recipe is from Curious Cuisiniere. They are very easy to make and don't require frying. Eggrolls come in 20 per package. For 20 eggrolls I used 1 ½ lbs. of sliced corned beef from the deli counter instead of cooking corned beef.

Ingredients

1 ½ c cooked corned beef, diced
1 c Swiss cheese, shredded
¾ c sauerkraut, drained
12 (5 inch) egg roll or wonton wrappers

Instructions

Preheat oven to 425F.

In a medium bowl, mix corned beef, cheese, and sauerkraut. Spread ¼ c of the filling in a line in the center of each wonton wrapper, leaving the corners empty.

Fold the bottom corner up over the filling. Moisten the unfolded edges of the wrapper with a little water. Then fold in the two sides.

Finally, roll the egg roll towards the last corner to tightly wrap the filling.

Place the egg rolls, seam side down, on a greased baking sheet. Spray the tops with cooking spray or lightly brush the tops with oil.

Bake 20-25 minutes, until golden and crisp.

Serve with homemade Russian dressing.

Read more at Curious Cuisiniere: Baked Reuben Egg Rolls <https://www.curiouscuisiniere.com/irish-egg-rolls/>