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The monthly newsletter of the Father John Murphy Division, Plymouth, Mass.

September Meeting This Thursday

The September meeting of the Division will take place this Thursday, September 2 at 7:30 PM at our office on Main Street in Plymouth.

Be with us to hear a report on the results of our fund raising golf tournament that was held this Sunday, August 29.

Find out about the day of golf and the results of our raffles. We'll also be making plans for other events to take place in the fall and winter.

Brig Saint John Memorial October 3

Our annual memorial Mass and program for the victims of the sinking of the Brig Saint John will be held on Sunday, October 3. Once again, the Mass will be at Saint Anthony's Parish in Cohasset. The speaking program will follow in the parish center next to the church.

This is one of the key events in our Division's regular annual program. Invite friends and family to be there.

More details will be in the next edition of *The Croppy Boy*.

Top 10 Guinness facts

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When you walk into a bar in Ireland, you could shout across at the barman and ask for a pint of plain, the good stuff, your best or Irish Mother's milk.

You could even just walk up to the bar and hold your forefinger in the air. Any barman worth his salt would know that you were asking for a pint of Guinness

Officially the most internationally recognized symbol of Ireland, Guinness is the most popular alcoholic drink in Ireland and in many other countries besides.

Here are some of many interesting facts about the black stuff.

1.) Pouring a glass or pint of Guinness is a skill. A "perfect pour" should take 199.50 seconds. This is the result of pour at an angle

of 45 degrees followed by a rest. This is crucial. Most Irish people would cringe if they saw anyone pour it any other way.

After a pause, long enough so what's in the glass is a perfect black, the rest of the glass is filled, again at a 45 degree angle. What is handed across the bar should have a creamy head and should be served at exactly 42.8F.

2.) It is a known fact that the Irish love to travel around the world. But did you know that Guinness is brewed in more than 150 countries? These include Nigeria and Indonesia.

3.) Though the Irish obviously love a pint of plain, 40 percent of all Guinness is sold in Africa. Who would have thought that in such

a hot climate it would go down so well!

4.) Over 10 million glasses are sold every day. Are you doing your part? That's quite a high quota to fill.

5.) Guinness is the perfect diet drink. A pint of the good stuff contains only 198 calories. That's less than most light beers, wine, orange juice or even low fat milk.

6.) Guinness does not contain oatmeal, contrary to a popular myth. This wonderful stuff is made of roasted malted barley, hops, yeast, and water. Also, it's not black. It's actually a very nice dark ruby red.

7.) The famous advertisement slogan "Guinness is Good For You" is still used around the world. Though Guinness is now officially on the record as denying this claim, some research does support that Guinness is good for your heart.

It was not so long ago in Ireland that pregnant women were told to drink a glass of Guinness every day to fortify themselves and their baby.

8.) St. James' Gate Brewery, in Dublin City was leased for 9000 years at an annual fee of about \$65.

In 1759 when Arthur Guinness was just starting out in the brewing business, he had such confidence in his product that he knew his brewery would still be running in 9000

years time. Well that's 251 years over with. I'm pretty sure Guinness will make it the next 8,750.

9.) The Guinness breweries in Counties Louth and Kilkenny will be shutdown in 2013. There was also talk of closing down the Dublin brewery and moving back it to Leixlip, in Kildare, where Arthur's career in stout making began.

A national outcry ensued. Guinness will be staying put on the banks of the River Liffey and multi-billion euro renovations will begin soon.

10.) On September 24, 2009 at 5:50 (or 17:59 in the 24 hour clock) Ireland and the world celebrated 250 years of Guinness with "Arthur's Day".

The time 17:59 was cleverly chosen as 1759 was the year that Arthur signed his lease on St. James' Gate. It also gave most people enough time to finish up work and meet their friends at their favorite pub.

It may have been nothing more than massive marketing ploy but it was also one of the largest united parties ever held in the world. In almost every country across the globe, merry makers raised their glasses and cheered "To Arthur".

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