

A TOUR OF IRISH NEWPORT

Thanks to the hard work and research of Bob McKenna, Pat Murphy, Martin Murphy and Amy Hulslander, the Museum has produced a brochure of a Tour of Irish Newport, which is included in each of these newsletters. The brochures will be distributed to the Visitors Center, hotels, other museums, etc. Please take time to read through them, then take the tour-and enjoy!!

THE IRISH IN NEWPORT HISTORY VIDEO PROJECT

In the first meeting of "The History of the Irish in Newport" video project, co-chairman Ned McGrath and Joe McEnness set their sights on March 1998 to complete this very interesting and exciting project. The plan is to produce a video that will document the history of the Irish in Newport County, beginning with the 1600s and including those Irish such as Bishop Berkeley, the Irish who fought in the Revolution, Louzon's Irish Brigade, the arrival of the initial immigrants in the early 1800s and the 'influx' of survivors of the Great Famine and the subsequent impact of the Irish culture on the area. It's a great project, to say the least, but Ned and Joe are up to the task. A meeting will be called shortly to discuss progress. Volunteers are needed - please call Ned on 847-5790 (leave a message)

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:

THIS IS OUR THIRD ISSUE OF THE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER-ALREADY!! I MENTION IT BECAUSE TIME IS 'MOVING ON', AND WE ARE GETTING OUR PLANS TOGETHER FOR SEVERAL IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP SOON. I SPEAK OF A FUND RAISER SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER WHOSE THEME WILL BE THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE "BARNEY STREET"/ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION CEMETERY.

OUR BASIC PLANS ARE TO COMPLETE THE ARCHEOLOGICAL 'DIG', RESTORE THE CEMETERY, PROTECT IF WITH AN APPROPRIATE FENCE, AND INSTALL A PLAQUE WHICH WILL 'EXPLAIN' THIS HISTORIC SITE.

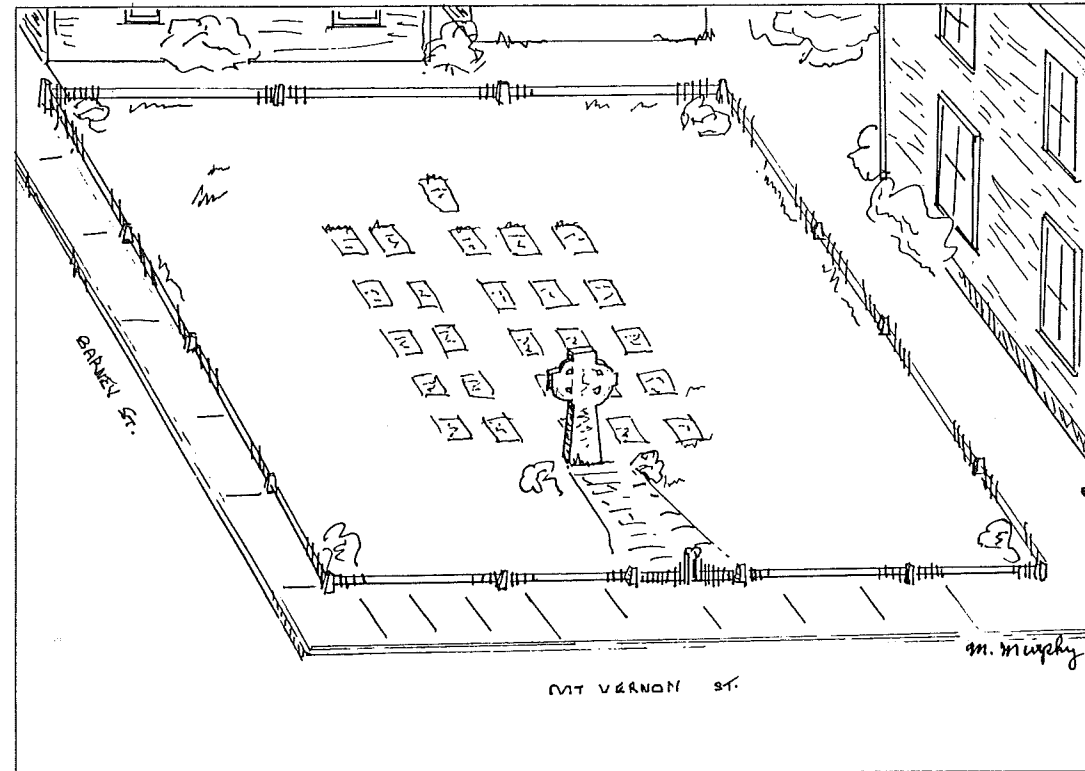
WHILE OUR PLANS SOUND STRAIGHT FORWARD AND, I HOPE, REASONABLE, THEY ARE GOING TO ENTAIL MANY, MANY HOURS OF WORK, CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH, FUNDRAISING, AND FINALLY THE ACTUAL BEGINNING!. FRANKLY, THIS WILL BE A TWO TO THREE YEAR PROJECT, AND IT WILL COST SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS. (HONESTLY, WE ARE FAR TOO EARLY IN THE PROJECT TO HAVE A GOOD ESTIMATE, BUT A FIGURE OF ABOUT \$10,000 IS A DECENT 'WILD GUESS')

ALSO IN OUR EARLY PLANNING STAGES IS OUR ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MARCH 1ST, (YES, 1998). THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, AS REQUIRED BY OUR BYLAWS, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE MANY TO ATTEND. MORE ON THAT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

FINALLY, I THINK ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR FIRST 'OPEN' MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8TH AT THE NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THOROUGHLY ENJOYED A SLIDE TALK BY ED CONNELLY. ED GAVE US SOME WONDERFUL INSIGHT INTO THE HISTORIC CEMETERIES OF THE AREA, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, BARNEY ST.

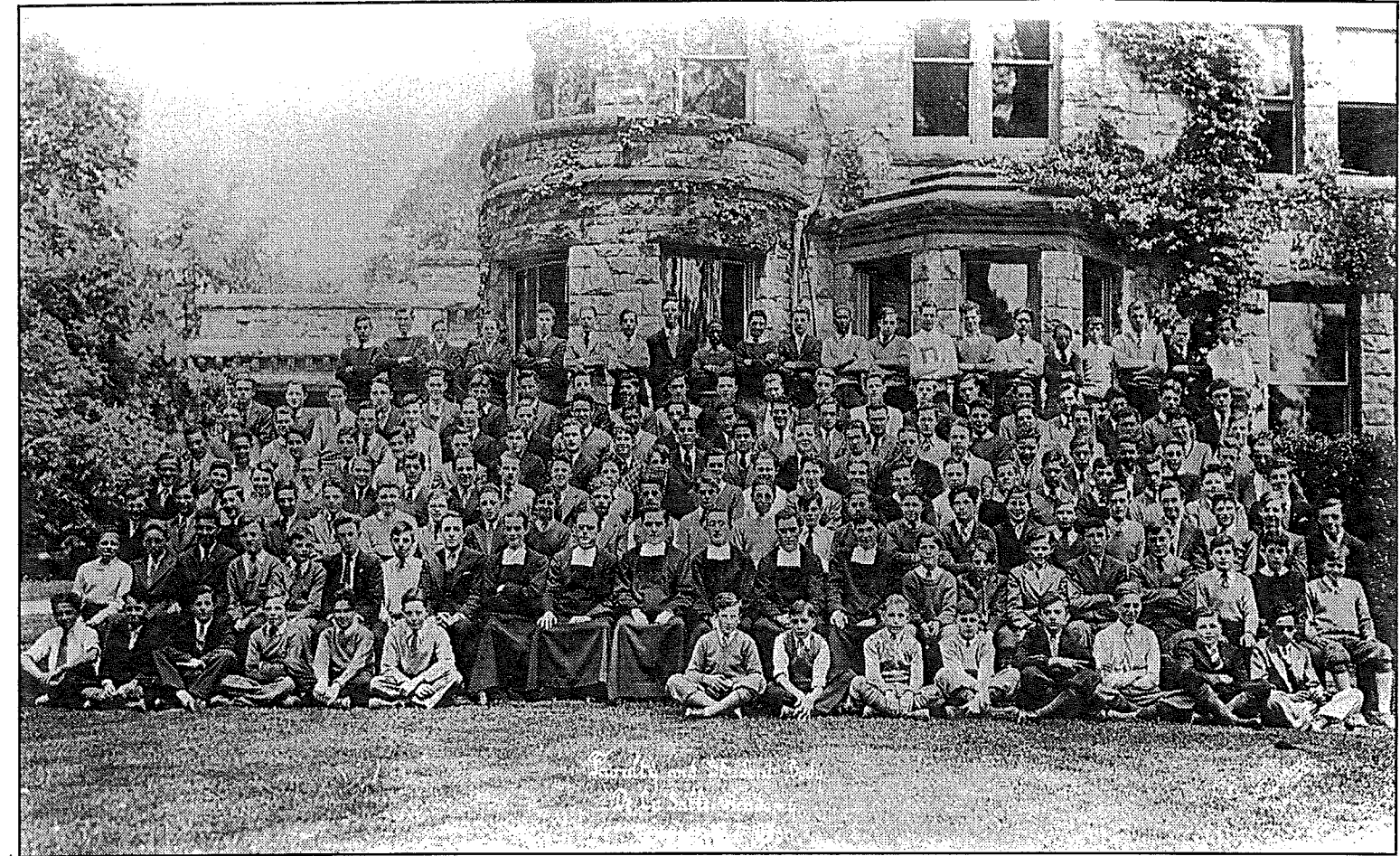
SINCERELY,

VINCE ARNOLD
President



UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON THE BARNEY STREET CEMETERY

The Barney Street Cemetery committee continues to work on this exciting project. As the President's page indicated, there is much to do on the 'jewel' of a site. Basically, a plan of action is being prepared so that no 'stone is left unturned' to restore and preserve this wonderful cemetery. The sketch, above, by Martin Murphy, of our 'vision' of the future for the plot includes a proper fence, the restoration of the Celtic cross, and a plaque which will give visitors a brief history of the first Irish cemetery in Rhode Island. Plans are underway to begin a special fund-raiser aimed at this restoration project. You will see more of this very energetic project in the near future!!



PICTURES OF THE PAST

Thanks to member Rick O'Neill, we now have eight pictures of some 'recent past' happenings in Newport. These were the 'giant' old panoramic shots of De La Salle graduations. The shot above--much reduced of course, is of the faculty and student body of De La Salle in 1933. Rick's father, Jack is there. Do you recognize anyone? (We have made 'full' sized copies for your perusal.)

