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Spring Cleaning-DJW Style

You may have already started or completed spring cleaning around your home, and it's no different at the Hall. We all need to come together and help in its spring cleaning. We'll meet on Saturday May 17th at 8 am. Coffee, rolls and some other treats will be available to sustain you through the morning. It was a severe winter and the Hall can use as much help as you're able to provide. Please join us as we spruce things up for our upcoming breakfasts, Irish Night and the Building Fund Raffle Day. See you then!

Goshen Parade Pictures Online

There are a huge number of great pictures of the Goshen St. Patrick's Day parade online at <https://picasaweb.google.com/102034365026012514892/StPatGoshenParade2014>.

Guinness Controversy

As most of you know, Guinness withdrew its sponsorship of the NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade just before this year's parade, to the dismay of millions of Irish, Irish-Americans, and others in this country. Heineken also withdrew sponsorship from the NYC parade and Samuel Adams withdrew sponsorship from the Boston parade. Though the discussion in each city is a bit different, each brewer said they withdrew to help further "inclusion" in the parades. Parade organizers have said that they do not prohibit gay marchers; they only determine what banners may be carried during the parade. As many of you know the issue has existed here in New York for decades (remember ILGO?). Whatever side you stand on, we should all remember that there are many Irish pubs and restaurants (including our own Hall) that serve Guinness and other Guinness products. Guinness withdrawing from parade sponsorship while still enjoying the post-parade profits, and the profits from many, many drinkers who support the parade organizer's determination that the parade is a religious celebration, smacks of irony. There is talk of boycotting Guinness, a concept that seems to ironic to many Irish. If you chose to delve into this debate do so with as much information at possible. One of our members wrote a very eloquent and lengthy letter to Guinness expressing his thoughts. If you consider boycotting Guinness remember that there are other fine Irish beverages that can be substituted, but knowing who brews and ultimately owns the other brands can be eye-opening. Murphy's (brewed in Cork) is owned by ... Heineken, as is Beamish Irish Stout. Kilkenny Irish Cream Ale is tied to Guinness. Look to independent brewers like: Porterhouse Brewing (Dublin) which has a pub on Pearl Street in NYC at Fraunces Tavern; Dingle Brewing Company (Tom Crean's Lager), but you'll have to travel to Ireland to partake (for now); or Carlow Brewing Company (one of Ireland's largest craft brewers). Let's hope the controversy dies down and the parade is treated for what it is, a celebration of the patron Saint of Ireland, not a forum for one's social conscience.

TREAT MOM TO AN IRISH BREAKFAST



Come to the Hall on Sunday, May 11th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm for our Mother's Day Irish Breakfast. Treat your mom, grandma, nana, step-mom, mother-in-law or special woman in your life who might as well be your mom, to a delicious meal. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, Irish pudding, Irish sausage, rashers, home-fried potatoes, grilled tomato, toast, coffee and tea, and Irish soda bread. Flowers for all moms in attendance.

\$7 for adults and \$3 for children

A Message From the Division President	Upcoming Events <small>(subject to change)</small>												
<p>Dear Brothers and Friends,</p> <p>Thank you to all members who marched in the parades last month. It was such a great way to show pride in our heritage and our Division. I hope each of you had a blessed Easter with your family. May this spring bring a renewal of our faith in God and a renewal in our commitment to sustaining our effort to support Irish causes. Hope to see you at the Hall on a Friday night or at an upcoming event.</p> <p>Yours in our motto Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity</p> <p>Michael Shannon</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">May 3</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">NYS AOH Spring Meeting - Shamrock House, East Durham</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">May 10</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Irish Night - Hall: 7 pm to 11 pm. \$20 p/p.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">May 11</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Irish Breakfast (Mother's Day) - Hall: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">May 17</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">DJW Clean Up - Hall: 8 am. Coffee & rolls.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">May 21</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">May 24-25</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">East Durham Irish Arts Festival - East Durham. Tickets \$15/\$25-1/2 days. Info at http://eastdurhamirishfestival.com/</td> </tr> </table>	May 3	NYS AOH Spring Meeting - Shamrock House, East Durham	May 10	Irish Night - Hall: 7 pm to 11 pm. \$20 p/p.	May 11	Irish Breakfast (Mother's Day) - Hall: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.	May 17	DJW Clean Up - Hall: 8 am. Coffee & rolls.	May 21	Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.	May 24-25	East Durham Irish Arts Festival - East Durham. Tickets \$15/\$25-1/2 days. Info at http://eastdurhamirishfestival.com/
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Building Fund Raffle													

The annual building fund raffle will be held on Saturday June 14th from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Hall. Don't miss a chance to win one of 33 great cash prizes and help support the Hall and its grounds. Chances are \$100 and include admission to the afternoon event (food, beverages, open bar and entertainment provided). Get your ticket before May 11th and be included in the early bird special Mother's Day drawing where 3 tickets will be drawn with a \$500 prize each. Sellers of the early bird winning tickets receive \$100 each. The remainder of the prizes, including the grand prize, will be drawn at the event. Winners need not be present, but it's such a great day so plan on getting a ticket or two and attending. Non-ticket holders can attend for a \$25 entrance fee. Contact John Greehy for ticket information, or stop by the bar to get tickets.

Irish Night	Thank You To...
<p>Plan on attending an Irish/Country Night on Saturday May 10th from 7 pm to 11 pm at the Hall. \$20 per person for culinary delights and great toe-tapping music. Cash bar. Proceeds to benefit a veterans picnic at the Hall during the summer. Contact John Greehy at (845-534-9315) for information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Michael Shannon for organizing the bus to the NYC parade. •Again, to the dinner-dance organizers. Final count-210 happy people attended the event. Great job by everyone involved.
Get The Newsletter Earlier	Member News
<p>Did you know that dozens of Division members knew two days ago everything you are reading about today? How's that? They receive the newsletter via email and have it in their inbox the day it's published. We sometimes place information in the newsletter about events that are occurring in the near future, but because of processing and delivery delays you may not receive the information until the day before. Subscribe to the newsletter via email by sending a quick note to: mok1999@earthlink.net, and be the first to know.</p>	<p>➡Keith Ortale, a member from years past who transferred out of the area is back and in Division 2. Welcome back!</p>
Membership Dues Are Due	Irish News
<p>If you have not submitted your annual dues by now you are technically considered "not in good standing". If this applies to you please remit your 2014 dues (\$50.00) as soon as possible to the Hall in a sealed envelope to the attention of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attn: Financial Secretary AOH Division 2 PO Box 206 Cornwall, NY 12518</p> <p>Checks are preferred. Thanks for your prompt attention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ireland not insulated from the heroin epidemic: Gardai arrested two 31 year old west Dublin men after finding more than one million euro worth of heroin and cocaine in a Ballyfermot house. •Archeologists have found a forty-foot, 4,500 year old boat (yes! four thousand plus years old) at the bottom of Lough Corrib in County Galway. It's believed to have been around during the bronze age and pre-dates Stonehedge. Wow!! •The town of Gorey, County Wexford will host the World Sheep Shearing Championship from May 17th to the 25th. An expected 40,000 people will attend and watch nearly 7,000 sheep be sheared. •President Michael Higgins, his wife and other dignitaries visited the Queen of England at her Windsor home. Dinner was served to 160 people at a table 160 feet long. Also in attendance was Daniel Day Lewis (aka Abraham Lincoln in <i>Lincoln</i> (2012)). Lewis holds both English and Irish citizenship.