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Building Fund Raffle

Save the date for the annual building fund raffle (a.k.a. the \$100 raffle). Tickets have been printed and are available for sale. See Dennis Malone or Bill Kirnan for details. Early bird drawing will take place at the Mother's Day Irish Breakfast on May 8th.



Saturday, June 18th
2 pm to 5 pm at the Hall



Warrior Games at West Point

West Point will be the host of the 2016 Department of Defense (DOD) Warrior Games between June 14th and 22nd. The games are an annual sporting competition bringing together wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans from across the country. This is the first year the Army is hosting the games. There was discussion at the March Division meeting about providing assistance at the events. If interested please contact Chris Miller at 845-275-5650 for more information.

Easter Rising Commemoration

The planned commemoration of the Easter Rising that was to be held at the Hall on April 24th has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please know that the National Ancient Order of Hibernians in America will celebrate the Centenary of the Easter Rising in New York City on April 23, 2016, with a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 1 pm. A piped procession will follow from the cathedral to the plaza on Park Avenue where the office of the Consul General is located. There will be a reading of the Proclamation and speeches to commemorate the 100 year Anniversary. Members may attend in civilian attire or full parade uniform. Please contact Bill Kirnan for additional information. If you missed the television coverage from Easter you can check online at [RTE.ie](http://www.rte.ie) (<http://www.rte.ie>) for news clips, photo galleries, and additional multimedia centered around the Rising. Excellent resources, especially for those who wish to learn more about our Irish history.

2016 Dues

Dues for 2016 are now due in the amount of \$50. Please make checks payable to AOH Division 2 and mail to PO Box 206 Cornwall, NY 12518, attention: Financial Secretary. You can also leave your dues at the bar in a sealed envelope with your name noted on the envelope. We appreciate your prompt response.

IRISH BREAKFAST!

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 9:30 TO NOON

FIRST BREAKFAST OF SPRING

GUESTS WELCOME

\$7 PER PERSON, CHILDREN \$3



A Message From the Division President

Welcome to spring Brothers and friends! I hope you survived the winter and are ready to come out and enjoy the weather. While you're out why not stop at the Hall on a Friday night and meet up with old friends, and introduce yourself to the new members and their guests. I'd like to personally thank John Encke, Dennis Malone, Mike Shannon, John Greehy and everyone else who helped make March a wonderful month. Thanks also to all the members who marched in the parades. I'd love to see dozens of our members march next year. It's a very proud time for all of us. I hope to see you at the April meeting. Please feel free to contact me at wkirnan@frontiernet.net if you have suggestions, recommendations or comments on the Division.

In our Motto,

Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Bill Kirnan

Thank You

...John Encke, Dennis Malone Mike Shannon and John Greehy for spearheading the annual dinner dance. Over 200 members, family and friends gathered to celebrate our heritage. A Grand time was had by all.

...To all Brothers who marched in the parades in March and helped display what unity means. Marching is an easy way to help ensure we provide an example for future generations.

...Mike Shannon for organizing the bus to NYC and for the helpers on the bus (Kevin Moore and John Masterson) who served up heaps of hospitality.

NYS AOH Board Spring Meeting

The spring meeting of the NYS AOH Board will be held on Saturday April 30th at 10 am at the Shamrock House, East Durham. Members interested in attending should notify Bill Kirnan.

Prayers

Please keep Tom Quinlan and Don Plunkett, who have both been sick, in your prayers.

Clothing For Veterans

Just a reminder that gently used clothing is collected at the Hall and then delivered to veterans at Castle Point. Please consider a "spring cleaning" of your closets to help this very worthy cause.

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Apr 10	Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon.
Apr 17	34th Annual West Point Tattoo - Trophy Point, West Point USMA: 10 am.
Apr 20	Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
Apr 30	NYS AOH Board Spring Meeting -Shamrock House, East Durham NY: 10 am.
May 8	Mother's Day Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon.
May 8	Early Bird Drawing of Building Fund Raffle - Hall: 12:30, after breakfast.

News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- British Prime Minister David Cameron seems to be caught up in the Panamanian off-shore money scandal. Cameron's late father set up an offshore company in Panama that paid no British tax for 30 years. It was moved to Ireland in 2010, the year Cameron became PM.
- Merrion Strand, a beach near Dublin, had its water quality rated as poor by the Irish Environment Protection Agency. One of the causes for the low rating was the effect of seagull droppings in the water. Local politicians are urging the government to cull the bird population in the area. Makes you think of the Canada Geese problems we have here in the northeast.
- Enda Kenny resigned as Taoiseach on March 10th after one of the most divisive general elections in recent times. Kenny and three other candidates failed to secure enough votes to become Taoiseach. Kenny will remain in an acting capacity until the political parties can come to some sort of agreement.
- A second woman in Northern Ireland is being prosecuted for obtaining drugs online that were used to effect an abortion. The ruling judge noted that the law used by prosecutors to convict the first woman is 150 years old.
- Under binding EU targets Ireland must sharply increase its use of renewable energy in transit, heat and energy. Last year, electric cars made up just 0.23% of all sales. The goal is to have 20% of all car sales be electric by 2020. That's a pretty lofty goal, but then petrol costs about \$4.12/gal in US dollars.