



# Hibernian News



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## Division 2 Officers

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## Children's Christmas Party

The children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 7th from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Hall. Santa is expected to pay a visit around 2 pm so bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to the Hall for a wonderful holiday celebration. Please remember to bring a wrapped gift for your little ones so they won't be disappointed.

## Spring is Right Around the Corner

Before long the holidays will have come and gone and we'll be in the throws of winter looking forward to spring and all the new life it brings. As you prepare for spring, with St. Patrick's Day right in the middle, consider the following live Irish music events over the next few months to get you in the mood. Nothing beats live music.

Dervish	March 7th at the Pepsico Center at SUNY Purchase March 9th at Adelphi University Performing Art Center
Andy Cooney	March 21st in Rockville Center March 29th at Kellenberg Memorial H.S., Uniondale NY
Shilelagh Law	December 13th at Rambler's Rest, Monroe NY January 10th at The Turning Point, Piermont NY
Jameson's Revenge	February 22nd at An Beal Bocht Cafe, Bronx NY March 1st at NY Irish Center, Long Island City NY
Dropkick Murphy's	March 11th at the Paramount, Huntington NY

## Division Elections

AOH guidelines require that elections for Division Officers be held by January of each year. At the December monthly membership meeting (Wednesday the 18th) nominations for officer positions will be taken from the floor. This is a great time to become more involved in the organization and to help guide it into the future. If there are no nominations at the meeting the current board has agreed to continue serving for another year. Either way, please come to the meeting and take part in the leadership selection process.

## A DECEMBER IRISH BREAKFAST



You are invited to the last Irish Breakfast of 2013 on Sunday, December 8th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Hall. This would be a great time to bring friends or relatives and let them experience the hospitality of our members and our Hall. The delicious breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, Irish pudding, Irish sausage, rashers, home-fried potatoes, grilled tomato, toast, coffee and tea. If we're lucky we'll also have some Irish soda bread.

Only \$7 for adults and \$3 for children

*A great time and great value*

## A Message From the Division President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

I'd like to wish every member and his family a very blessed and happy Christmas, and a joyful and healthy new year. Consider attending the children's Christmas party or another Division event and getting to know your fellow Hibernians a bit more. We would also love to see you at the Hall on a Friday afternoon or evening. Bring a guest and let them enjoy our hospitality.

Yours in our motto  
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Michael Shannon

## Thank You Note

We received a note of thanks from Kevin Moore, Orange County AOH President, thanking everyone who helped plan and who participated in the NYS AOH fall state board meeting held in Monroe on November 2nd. Many people were involved in making the event possible and the support of all the Orange County Divisions, particularly Division 2, was noted.

## Member News

- Welcome to Christopher Murray, the the newest member of Division 2. When you meet Chris please give him a big Hibernian welcome.
- Don Plunkett is at home with 24 hour home care. If you have a moment please give him a call and say hello-he'd appreciate it.
- We continue to keep John Halpin in our prayers as he battles cancer.

## Clothing Needed

There is always a need for clothing for the needy and our veterans especially during the winter months. Please consider going through your closet and donating any items in good shape that you no longer need. Items can be placed in plastic shopping bags and left just inside the door of the Hall. We'll deliver them to those in need.

## Travel News

A recent check of airfares to Ireland shows the following (fares were searched on a Monday night, what is reported to be a good day to book international flights)

- JFK to Dublin, from \$938 to \$1,053
- JFK to Shannon, from \$1,033 to \$1,084
- Newark to Belfast, from \$1,190 to \$1,270
- JFK to Los Angeles, less than \$400

It's about 2,943 miles from JFK to Los Angeles and about 3,079 from JFK to Dublin. Go figure.....

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Dec 7	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b> - Hall: 1 pm to 4 pm.
Dec 8	<b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.
Dec 18	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
Dec 25	<b>Merry Christmas to all</b>
Jan 1	<b>Happy New Year to all</b>
Jan 15	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.

## News from Ireland

➔New Zealand long-range weather guru Ken Ring is predicting a bitterly cold Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with a good chance of a "white" Christmas, particularly in the south and west of Ireland. No doubt that won't be New York "white" with lots of snow, but rather some flurries and a whitish condition (frost???)

➔Right Reverend Pat Story, 53 years of age, became the first woman Bishop in the UK and Ireland in the Church of Ireland. She is the Bishop of Meath and Kildare.

➔Skellig Michael, County Kerry, one of the earliest monastic settlements in Ireland, is receiving some much needed help in the form of seven tons of stone which will be used to repair the walls on the road leading to the lighthouse.

➔Edna Kenny completed a five-day trip to Japan in December with the hopes of fostering a deal that would make Ireland only the fifth country permitted to export beef to the Japanese market.

➔This past November was one of the driest in Ireland in almost 70 years as measured at a Dublin weather station. Other areas set records at the 10 to 30 year mark. Sunshine was also a wee bit more prevalent during the month.

➔Tourism Ireland announced that it has created a long-distance driving route from Inishowen Peninsula, County Donegal to Kinsale, County Cork with the hopes of increasing tourism in 2014. Drive on!

## Super Bowl Boxes

Super Bowl boxes are available at the bar. Please see Mike Shannon or one of the officers for a chance. More information will follow about the Super Bowl party on Sunday February 2nd. This year we'll only be 75 miles from the game which will be held at Met Life Stadium.

