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Gala Irish Christmas Party



Saturday December 13th

7 PM to 11 PM

Irish Cultural Center

(Division 2 Hall)

\$20 per person

Music and food included

Proceeds will provide Christmas dinners for our neighbors in need

For more information contact John Greehy (857-5177) or Mike Shannon (476-2817)
Soda breads, trifles, bread pudding and cakes needed



Children's Christmas Party



Sunday December 14th

1 pm to 4 pm

(Division 2 Hall)

Don't forget to bring a toy for your little ones



Division Elections are December 17th

Nominations for 2015 officer positions for the Division are open and should be submitted to Dennis Malone at denmen2097@msn.com. Elections will take place at the Wednesday December 17th regular monthly meeting. There is always a need for new blood to reinvigorate the Division and there is no better way for you to participate than to seek an officer position.

It's Not Too Early to Plan for St. Patrick's Day 2015

Think it's too early to plan for St. Patrick's Day 2015? Never!! Our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance will be held on Saturday March 7th so save the date. The Division bus to the NYC parade is reserved. Please contact Mike Shannon (476-2817) to reserve your seats. The NYC parade is on a Tuesday this year so make plans to join us as we walk up 5th Avenue.



**THE NEXT IRISH BREAKFAST IS
SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH
JOIN US DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
FOR A WONDERFUL BREAKFAST
\$7 PER PERSON, CHILDREN \$3
9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM**



A Message From the Division President

With Christmas fast approaching and everyone looking forward to spending time with their loved ones, I want to take a moment to wish each and every member a blessed, happy Christmas, and a healthy, prosperous new year. We are all fortunate to belong to such a great organization with outstanding membership. As we enjoy the season let us not forget those who may not be so fortunate as us. To quote the prayer of Saint Francis "...it is in giving that we receive..." Please take some time to share your love and fortune, whatever it may be, with someone less fortunate.

In our Motto,
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Michael Shannon

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Dec 5	Installation of John Encke as aide to Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal - Division 1 Hall: 5 pm.
Dec 7	AOH Orange County Board meeting - Division 2 Hall: 2 pm.
Dec 13	Gala Irish Christmas Party - Hall: 7 pm to 11 pm, \$20 p/p, food and music included.
Dec 14	Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.
Dec 14	Children's Christmas Party - Hall: 1 pm to 4 pm.
Dec 17	Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.

In Memoriam

Please remember Brother Tom O'Brien, Sr. who passed away on October 15th after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Tom and his family in your prayers. As we approach the end of 2014, please keep in your prayers all Division members who have gone home to the Father this year. May they rest in eternal peace. We also ask that you keep Pat Finn and his family in your prayers. His daughter Alyson died in a car accident on October 14th.

AAA Defensive Driving Class

It may be time to renew your defensive driving certificate for those that have taken the course already. For those who have not, you are missing out on a 10% reduction on the liability portion of your insurance bill. This course also provides point reduction and pays for itself in a short period of time. If you are interested please contact Chris Sherwood at themardo@frontiernet.net. Cost, date and time TBD, but we are looking at January/February. Course will be held on a Saturday at the Hall. Open to members and their families.

Hall Rental

The hall is a great location to hold a private event or function for you or your family. Please contact Dennis Malone at 914-805-5137 for available dates and to make your reservation.

50/50 Raffle

The County AOH 50/50 fundraiser is underway. At the County level there are very few ways for the County Board to raise funds to support its efforts. The 50/50 is one of those efforts. Tickets are available at the bar and the drawing will take place on December 7th at the County meeting. Please assist with this fundraiser if possible.

News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- Dublin retained the world record of having the most people dressed in Christmas jumpers (type of pullover sweater) in one place on November 30th to kick off the Christmas season. 1,297 people joined in the record.
- Road deaths have increased in Ireland in both 2013 and 2014, and a higher percentage of drivers are not wearing seat belts. These figures come after years of decline in road deaths.
- The Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council approved an "urban beach" to be built at the East Pier in Dun Laoghaire next year. It will feature an artificial beach and cafe as well as a floating swimming pool with heated, treated seawater.
- The Irish government is proposing that local property tax increases be tied to the consumer price index starting in 2018. There is currently a three-year freeze on property taxes which ends in 2016. Can you imagine a freeze on your property taxes? Wonderful!
- Social welfare recipients in Ireland (pensioners, people with disabilities, carers, lone parents and long-term job seekers) will receive a 25% Christmas bonus this year. They had been receiving the bonus until the financial crisis in 2009 caused it to end.
- The US Men's National Soccer team fell to the Republic of Ireland team on November 18th by a score of 4-1. More than 33,000 fans saw the match at Aviva Stadium. Ireland is undefeated against the U.S. (5-0-0) in Dublin.
- Jack Kyle, arguably Ireland's best rugby player ever, died on November 27th at the age of 88.
- Guinness is introducing Guinness Blonde American Lager as the first new beer in its Discovery Series. It is brewed with American hops in collaboration with Latrobe Brewery in PA. For the techies in the crowd, the beer has an IBU of 21 (bitterness), an EBC of 16 (color), and is 5.0% ABV.