



# Hibernian News



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## Division Officer Nominations

Nominations for Division Officers were accepted at the November meeting and our current leadership team (listed to the left) was nominated to serve for 2019. Additional nominations will be accepted at the December meeting, after which voting will commence. Please give thoughtful consideration to serving the Division and your Brothers in an officer position in the Division or the DJW corporation. Division Officer installation will occur at the January 16, 2019 meeting. Speak to any officer for further information.

## Help Distribute Christmas Dinners

Show your Hibernian "Christian Charity" and join us on Saturday, December 22nd at 9 am at the Hall as we distribute Christmas dinners to 50 local families in need. Many hands make light work. Volunteers receive a list of local families, partner with other members and bring a full turkey dinner to the families. Don't worry, you'll be home before the lunch hour.

## Children's Christmas Party

We will host a children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 15th from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Hall. Santa will be there to greet the children and bring a smile to their faces. Be a good elf and bring a present for Santa to give to your little one. This is a wonderful time to share the spirit of Christmas with other members and their families who have children/grandchildren. Contact Dennis Malone for further information.

## Thank You For A Great Toy Drive!

Thank you to Brother John Walsh for again hosting the toy drive for the children on the St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital Pediatric Wing. So many people answered the call and brought gifts (and had a nice time at the Hall on December 1st.) Presents will be delivered the week of December 17th. Please contact John Greehy if you can assist.

## And The Results Are In...

We received notice that the Orange County AOH with Divisions 1, 2 and 4 placed 2nd in the AOH category at the 2018 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. We were bested by the NYS AOH Board. Plan on marching with us on Saturday, March 16, 2019 and help us regain our rightful place at the top spot. Secure your seat on the Division sponsored bus by signing up at the Hall. \$40 per/person for round trip transportation, snacks, beverages and really good company.

## Monthly Irish Breakfast!

**COME JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS IRISH BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH**

**9:00 AM TO NOON**

**ADULTS - \$7, CHILDREN - \$3**

## A Message From the Division President

Brothers,

My best to you and your family at this special time of the year. May you enjoy some relaxing time with family and friends, and catch up on what the busy world may have caused us to miss over this past year. May you be blessed with good health and God's Grace. May you welcome the Christ child with open arms and be a shining example for others to follow as you live our motto. And may the new year bring us closer to one another, and allow us to agree to disagree at times, but always treat each other with respect and dignity. A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. I look forward to a great 2019!

In our Motto,  
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Bill Kirnan

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

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| Sat Dec 15 | <b>Children's Christmas Party</b> - Hall, 1 pm to 4 pm                  |
| Wed Dec 19 | <b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend. |
| Tue Dec 25 | <b>Merry Christmas</b> - Your Home: All day long.                       |
| Tue Jan 1  | <b>Happy New Year</b> - To you and your loved ones.                     |
| Sun Jan 13 | <b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon                           |
| Wed Jan 16 | <b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend. |

## Scholarship Opportunity

The Mid-Hudson Saint Patrick's Parade Committee Youth Recognition Program is sponsoring two \$250 scholarships to be awarded in March 2019; one to an Orange County student entering high school in September 2019 and the other to an Orange County resident graduating from high school in June 2019. Applicants submit an appropriate length essay for their age that addresses one of two previously defined topics impacting Ireland today. Please contact Bill Kirnan for additional information.

## New Members

A very grand welcome to our newest member, Thomas Moriarty of New Windsor, who was initiated at the November meeting. Make Tom feel welcome the next time you see him at the Hall or in the neighborhood.

## Prayers

We ask for your continued prayers for Brother Jack Green who is in the VA hospital in Montrose, and Brother Tom Quinlan who is recovering from an illness.

## And We Have an Aide, or Two

Congratulations to Brothers Michael O'Keefe and Tim Allen on their recent selection as parade aides. O'Keefe will represent Orange County as aide to Grand Marshal Dr. Brian O'Dwyer, Esq. in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16th, and Allen will represent Division 2 in the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade on March 10th. More information to follow, but we wanted to announce their selection and recognize each for their steadfast support of the Division and the Irish American community in Orange County and beyond.

## News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- Theresa May withstood a vote of no-confidence recently and will remain the leader of the UK conservative party for the foreseeable future, though she still needs to have her Brexit deal approved.
- Chocolate everywhere!!! A small "technical glitch" at a German chocolate factory caused a ton of the liquid goodness to ooze onto a local street. When the warm chocolate met a frigid Mother Nature it solidified and required firefighters to use shovels, pry bars and torches to clear the street.
- Ian Paisley Jr, son of Ian Paisley, who is a member of parliament in Northern Ireland, has found himself in hot water again. After being suspended in September for not reporting hospitality provided by the Sri Lanka government, he is now being investigated for likewise accepting and not reporting hospitality from Maldives. The elder Paisley, who died in 2014, was a Protestant minister who preached anti-Catholic sentiment and roiled the masses during the Troubles. He formed the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).
- Co-operation Ireland is organizing the Boston to New York City Challenge bike ride in April 2019. 40 cyclists each from America and Ireland will ride through Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and end in New York City to celebrate the peace-building organization's 40th anniversary.
- Irish relationship counselors have identified a possible tipping point for the Christmas season stress that tends to break-up couples in an already rocky relationship. It's the in-laws. Enough said.
- Editorial note-while researching articles for this newsletter on Irish media sites it was refreshing to see that most referred to our "holiday season" as Christmas. A welcome acknowledgement to those of us in a society that looks to secularize the season.