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Division Officers-2015

Division elections were held at the December 17th meeting and the officers noted in the left of this newsletter will serve in their respective positions for the next year. We thank everyone who showed interest in running for a position and the overwhelming support received during the process. Please take a moment to thank those who have volunteered to shepherd the Division over the next year. The Board is eager to know the thoughts and opinions of the membership on how we can better serve you. Please feel free to contact any member of the Board or stop by the Hall on a Friday night or during a sponsored event.

100 Irish Educators

Sister Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, a Dominican Sister of Amityville who teaches religious studies at Mount Saint Mary College, and Sister Catherine Walsh, a Dominican Sister of Hope (formerly Dominican Sisters of Newburgh) who teaches communication arts at the Mount, were both recently voted to the top 100 Irish Educators by the Irish Voice. If you've attended a Lady of Knock mass at the Carmelite's in Middletown you've heard Sister Peggy's beautiful rendition of Lady of Knock. Congratulations to both!!

Major Degree Ceremony

The Schenectady Major Degree Team will be leading a Major Degree Ceremony at the Albany AOH Hall, 375 Ontario Street, Albany, on Saturday January 25th at noon. All members who have completed their Shamrock Degree are eligible. Please contact Bill Kirnan or Kevin Moore for more information. Some Division Officer positions require that members have completed the Major Degree so now is a good time to take part if eligible. Major Degree ceremonies occur infrequently so its important to take advantage of the timing and location. There will also be a Shamrock Degree ceremony that day so there is plenty of opportunity for many members to show their support to the AOH and to deepen your commitment to Irish America.

Two Months and Counting Until 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 JANUARY 11
A GREAT WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR
WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY
\$7 PER PERSON, CHILDREN \$3
9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM**



A Message From the Division President

In this, my last message as Division President, I want to thank each and every member of Division 2 who helped and supported me during my tenure. I truly appreciate the trust you've placed in me. I will remain part of the Board, but will serve as vice president. Please give Bill Kirnan the same level of support and trust you provided me. I know the Division will be in good hands with Bill at the helm.

Thanks again, and have a happy New Year.

In our Motto,
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Michael Shannon

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Jan 11	Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9 am to 12:00 pm.
Jan 21	Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
Feb 1	Super Bowl XLIX party - Hall: Fun begins at 2 pm. If staying for game, \$10 p/p cover for food and snacks starting at 4:00 pm.
Feb 22	NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and Aides Reception - Auntun's, Queens

Super Bowl Party

Plan on joining us at the Hall for our annual Super Bowl party on Sunday February 1st. Instead of hosting folks at your house, why not relax with friends and enjoy good food and drink specials? The day begins at 2 pm for anyone interested in stopping by for a drink and social time. If you plan on staying for the game there is a \$10 p/p charge for the food starting at 4:00 pm. The menus will be extensive with food served starting at 4:30. For more information contact Kevin Cummings, Kevin Moore, Michael Shannon, or stop by the Hall.

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.

Member Update Coming Soon

Within the next few months members will be receiving a mailing showing what information the Division currently has on file. We need to update every member's data to ensure we are communicating effectively and meeting the needs of the membership. Please respond promptly when you receive the mailing. Thanks!

News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- The cleanest town in Ireland in 2013 was Kilkenny. For 2014 Kilkenny again won the honor according to the annual Irish Business Against Litter ranking. Cavan was second.
- 2014 saw nearly 1,650 requests for diplomatic assistance for Irish citizens abroad. Among the reasons were 217 deaths, child abductions, accidents and arrests.
- Fifty applications were received from Irish citizens entering into same-sex civil partnerships outside Ireland.
- A new political party will be launched early in 2015 with emphasis on embracing the views of rural Ireland.
- As New Year's resolutions begin some in Ireland are worried that smokers breaking the habit by switching to e-cigarettes with liquid nicotine are unaware of the dangers of the liquid, particularly to children. Something for U.S. quitters to consider.
- Julia McAteer, dubbed Ireland's oldest GAA fan, died at the age of 106 in early January. O'Neill's made her a special jersey last year as Donegal vied for All-Ireland glory. Her jersey bore number...106.
- Channel 4 in Ireland has begin to develop a sitcom based on the Irish Famine. More than 20,000 people have signed a petition at www.change.org to stop the production. Protestors say the Great Hunger is no laughing matter and any such show serves only to denigrate one of the most painful periods in Irish history.
- The New Year's Ball at Times Square featured 2,688 Waterford Crystal triangles illuminated by 32,256 Philips Luxeon LED lights. Some other interesting facts about the ball: it weighs 11,875 pounds and the frame is aluminum; the first ball in 1907 was made of iron and wood with 100 25-watt light bulbs and weighed 700 pounds; it was replaced in 1920 with a 400 pound iron ball; replaced again in 1955 with an aluminum ball weighing just 150 pounds; remained unchanged until the 1980's when the ball resembled an apple during the height of the 1981-1988 "I Love New York" campaign.



Super Bowl XLIX Sunday Party

February 1, 2015



Doors and bar opens at **2:00 PM** for friendly card games and dart throwing.

Starting at **4:00 PM** and if you are staying for the food and the game there will be a \$10 p/p cover charge.

Price of admission includes bar snacks, and all food. Food will be served starting at **4:30 PM** and includes the following pre-game menu:

Chili with all the fixing
Hot Dogs, buns and all the fixings
Mixed Deli Sandwiches
Home Made Potato Salad
& Creamy Cole Slaw
Chips & Dip

Food will again be served at **7:30 PM** and includes the following half-time menu:

Extra Cheesy Baked Ziti
Jack Daniels BBQ Chicken
Oriental Beef and Broccoli in a Brown Garlic Sauce
Shrimp with Pasta and Mixed Vegetables in Garlic Sauce
Sausage, Peppers & Onions
Roasted Potatoes
Green beans & Carrots
Bread & Salad

Tickets are on sale at the bar and buying one to this popular event is highly suggested and appreciated.

Ice Cold "Beer by the Bucket" Specials

6—12 oz. bottles of Bud, or Bud Lite, or Coors Lite — \$10.00

6—12 oz. bottles of Heineken or Heineken Lite — \$15.00

A fine selection of Irish beer and a full assortment of liquor will be available
(at our everyday low prices)

