



# Hibernian News



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## **Attention NBA Basketball Fans**

John Manning, our New York State AOH Treasurer, has worked with the Brooklyn Nets to host the Ancient Order of Hibernians Irish Heritage Night when the Nets play the New Orleans Pelicans on Thursday, January 12, 2017. Game time is 7:30 pm at the Barclay Center in Brooklyn. To order tickets please visit <https://groupmatics.events/AOH011217>. Each ticket purchased through this offer includes a special Brooklyn Nets Irish Heritage themed T-shirt.

## **Bethel Woods 2017 Season Lawn Pass Raffle**

Division 1 in Monroe is holding its annual fundraiser for a chance to win 2 season passes to Bethel Woods (valued at more than \$850). Tickets are \$10 and the drawing will be held on May 12th during the May Division 1 monthly meeting. Winner need not be present. Net proceeds to benefit Division 1 and St. Anastasia RC Church, Harriman. Please contact Kevin Moore (845-527-7274) for tickets and information.

## **What a Successful Toy Drive!!**

The Christmas Toy Drive lead by John and Kerri Walsh, with support from members of Division 2 and members of Junior LAOH Division 1, was a huge success. The Hall was packed on the night of the event with 10 large boxes of toys later delivered to St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital. John received a very nice thank you note from Margaret Deo from St. Luke's noting the happy faces on the children in the Pediatrics Unit. For some children, our presents were the best gift they would receive this holiday season; a wonderful example of our Christian Charity in action.

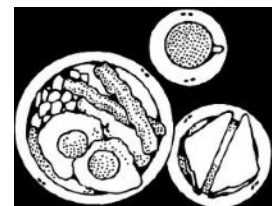
## **Major and Shamrock Degree in Albany**

A Major Degree ceremony will be held at the Albany AOH Hall on January 29th at noon. Members who have completed the Shamrock Degree are eligible and strongly encouraged to attend. A Shamrock Degree ceremony will also be held for new members and others who still need to complete the Degree. Please contact Bill Kirnan (845-591-9682) and let him know you will be attending. Eligible members will also receive an email invitation, and may receive a call from a Division Officer.

## **Save The Dates.....**

- ☒ Saturday, February 11th, 2 pm: Chili and Irish soda bread cook-off at the Hall. Hamburgers and hotdogs for the kids. Prizes for best in show!
- ☒ Friday, February 24th, 7 pm: Pub trivia night at the Hall. Come test your knowledge on all things Irish and see how you compare to your friends. \$5 for a team of 4 with prizes for the winners.

**1ST IRISH BREAKFAST OF 2017!**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 9:30 TO NOON**  
**JOIN US FOR THE START OF THE 2017**  
**BREAKFAST SCHEDULE.**  
**\$7 PER PERSON, CHILDREN \$3**



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<b>A Message From the Division President</b>		<b>Upcoming Events</b> (subject to change)	
<p>Brothers,</p> <p>Happy New Year to you and your family. It is my sincere hope that 2017 brings happiness and prosperity to all. As we approach the January 20th presidential inauguration, let us not forget that we either descended from immigrants to this great country, or emigrated ourselves. I pray that the Irish immigrants of the future, who will cross the Atlantic for many of the same reasons as the 5 million Irish who made the journey since the early 19th century, will have the same opportunities as our ancestors. Division 2 will be here to support them as they continue their journey.</p> <p>In our Motto, Friendship, Unity &amp; Christian Charity</p> <p>Bill Kirnan</p>		Sun Jan 8	<b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon.
		Wed Jan 18	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
		Sat Feb 11	<b>Chili and Irish Soda Bread Cook-off</b> - Hall: 2 pm. All are welcome.
		Wed Feb 15	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
		Fri Feb 24	<b>Pub Trivia Night</b> - Hall: 7 pm. Teams of 4 (\$5 per team) compete for bragging rights.
<b>Elections</b>		<b>News From Ireland and Elsewhere</b>	
<p>The current board of officers for the Division was re-elected at the December meeting and will be installed at the January 18th meeting. Let's thank them for their time, effort, and devotion to the Order and its ideals.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Cash for Ash</i>, a scheme in Northern Ireland which allowed for a £1.6 credit for every £1 spent on "green" heating systems has been revamped after a farmer started heating an empty shed to reap the ridiculously generous reward. The plan was corrected in late 2015, but people are still benefiting.</li><li>• Ford Motor Corporation will hold a number of events in 2017 to celebrate the centenary of its 1917 plant in Cork. The last Model T ever produced by Ford rolled off the Cork assembly line in December 1928. Henry Ford's father, William, emigrated from Ballinascarty in Co. Cork in 1847.</li><li>• Limerick mother Aine Laffan cooked up a New Year's Day storm when she delivered her son Odhran on the kitchen floor at 4:23 am. Ambulance arrived at 4:33 am. Mother and son are doing fine.</li><li>• Patrick Pearse's handwritten surrender letter which marked the end of the 1916 Rising was purchased at auction in 2005 for €800,000. The unidentified owner attempted to auction it off in December, but when bidding stuck at €770,000 the owner withdrew the letter. The Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs subsequently signed it into the Register of Cultural Objects – a tome of records held in Killarney – preventing the unidentified owner from taking it out of Ireland. The owner does not live in Ireland.</li></ul>	
<b>Prayers</b>		<b>Congratulations!</b>	
<p>Please continue to keep Brother John Gehler in your prayers as his health continues to fail.</p>		<p>..to Michael O'Keefe and his wife Kathleen for being named to the 2016 Irish Education Top 100. Compiled by the Irish Voice, the list highlights top Irish educators in America and the long standing Irish commitment to education. Both work at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh.</p>	
<b>Thank You To</b>			
<p>...Kim, Pat and Dennis Malone, and Chris and Marge Sherwood for a fabulous children's Christmas party. The packed event helps to reinforce our commitment to family.</p> <p>...John Encke and Stop&amp;Shop for their generous donation of 52 turkeys for the Christmas dinner donations. Thanks also to Bill Kirnan and John Greehy for leading this annual holiday effort, and to everyone who helped distribute the food.</p> <p>...Everyone who contributed to the Helping Hands request for a Brother in need. If you did not have an opportunity to contribute but now can, please send your donation to Bill Kirnan at the Hall and write "Helping Hands" on the envelope.</p>			
<b>Junior Boys Division Formed</b>			
<p>Division 1 in Monroe has formed a Junior Division for boys ages 8 to 15, named in honor of Lt. Louis Allen who died in Iraq in 2005. If you have a family member or know of an interested and deserving candidate please send their information to Bill Kirnan.</p>			