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March Happenings!

There's so much to do during the month of March in and around the Hudson Valley. Get out and show your Irish pride and enjoy the company of people just like us. Here are just a few things to consider:



Sunday March 10th: Orange County St. Patrick's Parade.

- 9 am Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown.
- 10:30 am Grand Marshal's Brunch at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown. Must register in advance. \$20 per person. Call Keith Reynolds at 845-590-9143.
- 1 pm Parade line up. Goshen.
- 2 pm Parade steps off.



Saturday March 16th: NYC St. Patrick's Parade.

- 8 am Division 2 bus departs at 8 am. See page 2 for details.
- 11 am Orange County AOH steps off in the Honor Brigade. Good luck to all our members. Don't forget to bring back the trophy!



Friday March 22nd: Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner at Division 2.

• Serving from 6 pm until 8:30 pm. \$12 per person (children 10 and under \$6) for the following delicious meal: Lightly battered Atlantic white fish, a generous portion of traditional Irish cut potatoes and creamy coleslaw. All perfectly prepared to order and served piping hot to your table along with a basket of homemade Irish soda bread and butter.



Saturday March 23rd: Village of Montgomery 1st Annual St. Patrick's Parade.

- 11 am Grand Marshal's Mass at Holy Name of Mary, Montgomery.
- 2 pm Parade steps off.

Membership Dues Are Due

Membership dues for 2013 are now due. We ask that members send in their \$50.00 payment as soon as possible. For the few members who still owe dues for 2012 please include both years (\$100).

Please remit dues to: A.O.H. Division 2 Attn: Michael O'Keefe, Financial Secretary **PO Box 206** Cornwall, NY 12518

Irish Breakfast...Next Month

Due to a busy month there will be no Irish Breakfast in March. We also apologize for the cancellation of the February breakfast due to the snow. But think of it this way-If you haven't had a delicious Irish Breakfast since January or before, you'll certainly look forward to April.

> **Sunday April 14th** Serving from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm \$7 per adult, \$3 children





Please note: There will be no Irish breakfast at the hall in March. Consider the County Parade breakfast on March 10th.

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Dear Brothers and Friends, We would like to see more new faces at our monthly meetings. The weather is improving and daylight savings time is here. We would also like to see more members and their families coming to the hall on Friday evenings. We plan to put the "shrimp on the barbie" as they say down under. All you wannabe chefs please sign up to cook on Friday evenings for the families. It can be simple hot dogs & burgers, or you can get your creative juices flowing. A		Mar 10	Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade - Goshen: 2 PM. Mass & breakfast in the morning.	
		Mar 16	NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade	
		Mar 20	Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.	
		Mar 22	Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner - Hall: 6 PM to 8:30 PM.	
Division is only as good as available to win the big bu	s its members. Raffle tickets are cks.	Mar 23	Montgomery St. Patrick's Parade - Village of Montgomery: 2 pm.	

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See you at the parade.

In our Motto, Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

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In Memorian

Please take some time during the Easter season to remember our deceased members; those who died in 2012 and those who have died in years past. Keep them and their families in your prayers as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will all one day be united again. Until then, may they rest in peace.

Building Fund Raffle

Tickets for the 2013 Building Fund Raffle are now available. Donation is \$100 for a chance to win one of 33 great cash prizes with the proceeds supporting the maintenance of Hibernian Hall. The early bird drawing will be held after the Mother's Day Irish Breakfast on May 12. Turn in your paid ticket by then and you're eligible for one of three \$500 early-bird prizes. The remaining 30 prizes will be awarded at the June 15 celebration at the hall and on the grounds.

Thank You To:

- ★ All the members who came out to the Saturday, February 16th DJW "work day" to help with all those small items at the hall that need TLC.
- ★ Kevin Cummings and everyone else who put together a great Super Bowl party at the hall. Let's hope some local teams are playing in New Jersey next February. Chance of snow during the Super Bowl??? Now that's football.
- ★ John Encke, John Greehy and everyone else who helped put together another **fabulous** annual dinner dance. Whether it was driving great distances to acquire the basket of cheer, selling raffle tickets, helping move the Guinness kegs (very gently), collecting tickets, or supporting in some other way, thank you vey much. It's our largest social gathering, and the 200+ in attendance had a great time.
- ★ To all members who have promptly paid their dues. It truly helps the Division operate effectively and meet its obligations to the county, state and national AOH.

Scholarship Opportunity-NYC Parade Comm.

Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9 am to 12:30 pm.

A Blessed Easter to All.

Scholarship opportunities are available for family members of AOH members in good standing. Scholarships for high school and college students are available in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Papers on either AI Smith as the 1st Catholic candidate for president, or revival of the Irish Language are required by applicants. Visit http://nycstpatricksparade.org/scholarship for more information. Deadline is April 1st. Please spread the word to those who are eligible.

Trivia

- a. This distilled beverage, sometimes called Irish moonshine, can reach 80% alcohol or more.
- b. The smallest county in Ireland is...
- c. In 1806 he was the first Catholic elected to the NYS Assembly.

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D.J.W. Business

- Saturday April 13, 2013 A "work day" to help keep our hall in great shape. We'll start at 8:00 am and finish "around" noon. We're a volunteer organization and we all need to roll up our sleeves once in a while, so please come and lend a hand. DJW will hold a "work day" every other month on a Saturday.
- Sunday June 30, 2013 2:00 PM Annual business meeting of the DJW Corporation at the hall. All Division members are encouraged to attend.

Bus Trip to NYC Parade

As of the time we went to print with the newsletter there were a few seats left on the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade bus. We'll leave from Loughran's (Rt. 94 Salisbury Mills) at 8 am. Please park across the road at the firehouse so you can get to the bus on time. \$35 per person. A great way to get to the city and leave the driving to someone else.