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# Hibernian News





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## **Orange County AOH Convention**

The Orange County AOH County Convention will be held Saturday, May 16th at 10 am at Division 1. Leadership on the County Board (and thus representation for Division 2) will be discussed and planned at the meeting. We have a slate of Division 2 members who will be running for County offices. As each Division is allowed delegates based on its membership level, it is important that we have a sufficient number of members to attend as delegates or alternates. Please give consideration to attending the convention. Members will carpool for those who do not wish to drive. A bit of your time and support can help shape the future of the AOH in Orange County. Please contact Bill Kirnan or call the Hall.

## **Building Fund Raffle**

The AOH DJW Corporation Annual Building Fund Raffle is already underway. If you have not received tickets to sell or had a chance to purchase tickets please contact Bill Kirnan or John Greehy. Tickets cost \$100 each with the following 32 (26+6+1) prizes available: twenty-six \$500 prizes, six \$1,000 prizes and a grand prize of \$15,000. Tickets that are paid by Mothers Day will be eligible for one of three additional \$500 prizes that will be drawn at the Mother's Day Irish Breakfast. These "early bird" prizes are in addition to the 32 prizes. Ticket holders receive admission to the event on Saturday June 20th from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Hall. Admission includes music, snacks, open bar with Irish spirits and beer, lunch dessert and great company. Additional guests at the party are \$25 per person. Prizes are drawn on the lawn toward the end of the day.

Saturday, June 20th 2pm - 5pm

## Friday Night - Fun Night

Now that the nice weather has returned we have started the Friday night fun night BBQ and dinners. Stop by the hall for an end-of-the-week beverage and a delicious burger, frankfurter, pizza or other special. Menu may vary. If you'd like to be the chef for the night please contact Mike Shannon. We encourage you to bring friends and guests to enjoy the hall. Sit on the deck, watch the sun set and with it all your stress!



THE NEXT IRISH BREAKFAST IS
SUNDAY MAY 10
CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY AND LET
OTHERS DO THE COOKING
\$7 PER PERSON, CHILDREN \$3
9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM



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A Message From the Division President			Upcoming Events (subject to change)	
Good Spring to all members and their families. I hope you had a wonderful Easter. Now that the Hall is serving dinner on Friday nights, I hope to see many more of you there with family and friends. If you have yet to get your building fund raffle tickets, do so quickly! They always sell-out. Your assistance is needed at the AOH County Convention or spring cleanup; pick one and come out and lend a helping hand. Enjoy the nice weather and check out the calendar for upcoming events.  In our Motto, Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity  Bill Kirnan		May 10	Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9:30 am	
		Mar 16	Orange County AOH Convention - Division 1 Hall, Monroe: 10 am.	
		May 20	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.	
		May 23	Hall and Grounds Clean Up - Hall: 8 am. Spring cleaning. All are welcome.	
		May 23-25	East Durham Irish Festival - East Durham: Visit: http://eastdurhamirishfestival.com	
		Jun 20	<b>Building Fund Raffle -</b> Hall: 2 pm to 5 pm. Ticket holders admitted free. Others \$25 p/p.	

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## What's Coming Up

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Calling all hands!!! We will be rolling up our sleeves and working to keep the Hall in tip-top shape on Saturday May 23rd. Please meet at the Hall at 8 am. No experience needed-just a willingness to help.

#### **Rose of Tralee**

The International Rose of Tralee Festival occurs in August each year in County Kerry. Irish women and women of Irish descent compete throughout the year at regional events around the world with the finalists traveling to Tralee for the summer festival. Sophie Colgan represents New York this year. The past 10 winners hail from:

2013 - Texas
2011 - Queensland
2009 - London
2007 - New York
2005 - Mayo

#### **Hall Rental**

The Hall is a great location to hold a private event or function for you or your family. Please contact Kevin Allen at 845-476-5929 for available dates, to make your reservation or discuss your options.

#### **New Member**

Congratulations and welcome to our newest member Sean Cummings (New Windsor-sponsored by Kevin Cummings). Many of us know Sean from him helping at the Hall, but please welcome him now as a full-fledged member.

#### **News From Ireland and Elsewhere**

•On the day before his 26th birthday, Rory McIlroy secured a win in the WGC Cadillac Matchplay. The payout...\$1.57 million. Not bad for a weekend's work.

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- •The Garda has scrapped the database that mobile license plate recognition systems use to identify uninsured vehicles. Last year the database indicated that half of the one million plates read belong to uninsured vehicles. Back to the drawing board.
- •A second 48-hour work stoppage by members of the National Bus and Rail Union is scheduled for May 15 & 16. The first stoppage on May 1 & 2 was said to significantly impact businesses, workers and citizens. The unions are protesting proposed privatization of some bus routes.
- •A number of State agencies are urging the Dublin City Council not to impose severe height restrictions in the upcoming Dublin City Development Plan. Critics believe the restrictions negatively impact economics. Current regulations restrict most office buildings to 7 stories, except in certain designated areas where they can rise to 16 stories.
- •Irish voters will head to the polls on May 22nd to vote on the Marriage Equality Referendum. The referendum will ask voters if the following wording should be inserted into the constitution: 'Marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction as to their sex.' Public opinion polls have generally shown that Irish voters will support the change.
- •Voters will also determine if the minimum age of the Irish President should be lowered from 35 to 21.