



# Hibernian News



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## Building Fund Raffle Tickets

The building fund (\$100) raffle tickets have all been distributed, but if you are in need of a ticket please contact Bill Kirnan or Kevin Allen; they might be able to locate one. The early bird drawing is Sunday, May 12th, Mother's Day, after the Irish breakfast. Three five-hundred dollar winners will be chosen, and the seller of each winning ticket receives one-hundred dollars. Those winning tickets are put back into the drawing and are eligible for one of the remaining thirty-three prizes which will be drawn at the celebration on Saturday, March 15th at the Hall. Your tickets gains you admission to the celebration on the 15th, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Guests without a ticket are \$25 per person.

## Replacing the American Flags in Cornwall

As some of you may have noticed while driving through Cornwall, there are American flags that hang from each telephone pole from the traffic circle all the way down to village. One of our members (who wishes to remain anonymous) spearheaded this on his own a few years ago with help from a handful of friends--the cost of the flags came out of their own pockets. On Friday, May 17th at 7:00 pm we will be having a Flag Fundraiser at Division 2 Hall to help defray additional costs. We will be taking a collection at the door and doing a 50/50 raffle to purchase new flags and brackets. We hope to get them up by Labor Day. Spread the word to all your fellow patriots and invite them to join you at the Hall and participate in this worthy event. On behalf of John Walsh, Flag Fundraiser Chair - Thank You.

## Like Us on Facebook and Stay Informed

We've made it to Facebook! Stay up to date with information about the Division, the Orange County Irish Cultural Center and everything Irish by liking our Facebook page ([Orange County Division 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians](#)). Ours is an open page so encourage your family and friends to Like it too. We'll post great stories on Irish/Irish American history and culture, photos from recent events and updated information.

## 2019 Dues

Gentle reminder that 2019 dues are past due. Please forward a check to the Financial Secretary for \$50, payable to AOH Division 2. Dues can be mailed to the address on the top of the newsletter or left at the bar. If you are submitting cash (checks preferred) please ensure it is in a sealed envelope and clearly lists who the dues are for. Membership cards will be mailed promptly. Thank you to the members who have already met their financial obligation.

## Mother's Day Irish Breakfast

**SUNDAY, MAY 12TH**

**9:00 AM TO NOON**

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

**FLOWERS FOR ALL MOMS IN ATTENDANCE**

## A Message From the Division President

Brothers,

I write this as the days of early May are mixed with warmth, rain and cool temperatures, but I know the nice weather is not too far away. As the days get longer it's a good time to stop by the Hall after work on Friday, or on Friday evening, to meet fellow members and their family and friends. Our new Facebook page will have up-to-date information on everything we're doing. Get those raffle tickets turned in by Mother's Day so you can have a chance at the extra prizes. Better yet, treat your mom, your children's mom or that special woman who is like a mom to you, to a great Irish breakfast and drop off the tickets in person. I hope to see you around.

In our Motto, Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Bill Kirnan

## Visit by the AOH County President

We welcomed AOH Orange County President Ed Burke to our April meeting where he expressed personal thanks to the members who assisted with and participated in both the Mid-Hudson and NYC Saint Patrick's Day parades. The County purchased a beautiful new banner behind which we all marched. We were honored to be part of each event and appreciate Ed's sincere thanks.

## Thank You

Kim Malone for organizing and running a very successful children's Easter party at the Hall. Thanks are also due to everyone else who assisted with the event. Many happy faces and smiles that day.

## Prayers

We have a number of Brothers who could use our prayers as they deal with their personal health challenges: Jack Green, Chris Sherwood, Kevin Allen, John Greehy, and Kevin Cummings. A prayer for the general well being of the membership is in order.

## In Memoriam

Brother Tom Quinlan passed away on March 20th at the age of 76. Please keep Tom, his wife Mary Ellen and their family in your prayers. The Division Charter, on the wall on the right as you enter the Hall, has been draped in Tom's memory. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## Irish Breakfast Update

We highlight the monthly Irish breakfast on the front page of the newsletter for the benefit of members and friends. The April breakfast had a very low attendance so we ask members to spread the word and help support an excellent recurring event. Our breakfasts are open to the public and we'd love to see you and your family in May.

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Sun May 12	<b>Mother's Day Irish Breakfast - Hall:</b> 9:00 am - Noon
Wed May 15	<b>Division Meeting - Hall:</b> 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
Fri May 17	<b>American Flag Fundraiser - Hall:</b> 7 pm -11 pm.
Sat May 18	<b>Orange County AOH Biennial Convention - Division 1:</b> 10 am.

## News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- As noted in the newsletter a few months ago, Quinnipiac University is shifting its financial support away from [Ireland's Great Hunger Museum](#) on its Connecticut campus in an effort to have the museum be self-sustaining. We encourage you to visit the museum, learn about our past, and gain insight into why it's not called the Irish Famine Museum.
- Runners in the May Belfast marathon were surprised to learn that the course was measured incorrectly, and that when they crossed the finish line they had run an extra 4/10th of a mile. Shockingly, the winner, a Kenyan, still managed to break the course record.
- Cinco de Mayo might celebrate the Mexican Army victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla, but in Ireland the 5th of May commemorates the anniversary of the death of Bobby Sands. The young nationalist was elected a Member of Parliament while in prison but died in 1981 at the age of 27, the first of the ten hunger strikers.
- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved Edward Crawford's nomination to be U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. Crawford, an Ohio businessman active in the Cleveland Irish-American community, awaits confirmation before the full Senate. The position has been vacant for over two years.
- Rumors abound that the U.S. Secret Service was in County Clare in advance of a possible visit by Donald Trump in June.
- A bill was introduced in Ireland to criminalize "revenge porn", non-consensual distribution of intimate images. Those convicted face a 5,000 Euro fine and/or six months in prison.

## Orange County AOH Convention

The County Board will hold the 19th Biennial County Convention at Division 1 Hall in Monroe on Saturday, May 18th at 10 am. Delegates are asked to arrive promptly to help conduct the business of the County. Please contact Bill Kirnan for additional details