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As we march up 5th Ave. each St. Patrick's Day we pass an awe-inspiring structure along the way that for many is a mystery...the Cathedral of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the NY Archdiocese.

St. Patrick's Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of New York. It is the largest decorated gothic-style Catholic Cathedral in the US and has been recognized throughout its history as a center of Catholic life in this country. The Cathedral was begun in 1858 by Archbishop John Hughes to replace the original St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is now a parish church in New York. The cornerstone was laid in August 1858 and, after a suspension of work during the years of Civil War, John Cardinal McCloskey, resumed work in 1865, opening the doors in 1879. Archbishop Michael Corrigan added the towers on the West Front in 1888

and began work on the east addition, including the Lady Chapel in 1901. His successor, Cardinal Farley, completed work on the Lady Chapel addition. Cardinal Hayes completed an extensive renovation of the interior between 1927 and 1931 when the great organ was installed and the sanctuary was enlarged. The exterior was restored during the episcopate of Cardinal Spellman who saw to the completion of the stained glass windows as well as a new main altar and baldachin. Both interior and exterior were completely restored to their original beauty during the years of Archbishop Cardinal Cooke. New shrines in honor of the American saints were also introduced during those years. During the years of John Cardinal O'Connor's episcopate, extensive renovations have been made to maintain the structural integrity of the

building, including replacement of much of the roof, exterior steps, replastering of the walls in the transepts, repair of stained glass and refinishing the transept doors. A liturgical altar has been placed in the sanctuary and the baptistry has been relocated. A new amplification system and modern lighting were installed in 1988 and 1989, and a bas-relief sculpture dedicated to Saint Frances Cabrini was mounted on the Cathedral wall shortly before Christmas in 1989.

The windows were made by renowned artists in Chartres, France; Birmingham, England and Boston Massachusetts. The great rose window is acknowledged to be the finest work designed by Charles Connick, the 20th century genius in stained glass window design.

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## *"Let Us Do the Cooking"* **Authentic Irish Breakfast**

**March 12, 2006**

An authentic, delicious Irish breakfast is now being served every second Sunday of the month at an unbelievable price of only \$7.00 p/p!

**9:30 AM-12:30 pm**

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(Next month's breakfast will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>)

## A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

March 2006

March is here! It's our time to shine! They say everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. We have the honor to be Irish every day. Let's enjoy the parades and celebrations. But don't forget how this day came to be. St. Patrick's teachings and perseverance were a gift from heaven to the Irish. They gave us the faith and tenacity to overcome any obstacle put in our path. This is why we honor the patron saint of Ireland on March 17th.

We are looking forward to starting the front building addition this spring. All are welcome to come and share the excitement with us as it goes up. The property project is moving along at a good pace. What was once a dream is starting to become a reality!

Although it is short notice, there is still room for more at our March 4th St. Patrick's dinner dance. Feel free to call and get a spot.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh! ~ St. Patrick's Day blessing upon you!

God Bless All,  
Michael D. Shannon  
Division 2 President

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

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| Mar 4  | AOH Div. 2 ~ St. Patrick's Dinner Dance - 8:00 -12:00 pm             |
| Mar 12 | Irish Breakfast—Division 2 Hall - 9:30-12:30 PM                      |
| Mar 12 | Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade GM Breakfast—                        |
| Mar 12 | Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade -Goshen -1 pm                        |
| Mar 15 | Monthly Meeting - 7 pm—All members encouraged to attend.             |
| Mar 17 | 245th St. Patrick's Day Parade - NYC -10:45 am at 47 & 5th           |
| Mar 19 | Pearl River St. Patrick's Parade—Pearl River -12 noon                |
| Mar 25 | AOH Division 4 -Middletown Annual St. Patrick's Dance— 7:00-11:00 pm |
| Apr 8  | AOH Division 1- Monroe Annual St. Patrick's Dance— 7:00-11:00 pm     |

## Division 2 ~ Ancient Order of Hibernians

invites you to attend our

## Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

at the

Meadow Brook Lodge

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8:00 PM. – Midnight

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## Friendly Reminder about Annual Dues

Dues in the amount of \$50 for calendar year 2006 are now due. Please remit your payment to Dennis Malone, Division 2 Financial Secretary. Members who have not paid their 2005 dues will be dropped from the membership roster shortly. Avoid be dropped...stop by and pay your dues today!

## Irish Set Dancing for Couples & Singles

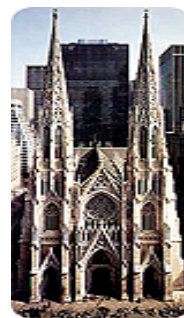


Learn how to "dance at the cross roads"—impress your friends at the next division dinner dance or family wedding! Just a few of the Set and Ceili dances you will learn include the: Clare Lancers; Connemara; Corofin Plain; Fermanagh; West Kerry and Williamstown sets. Learn

to dance Jigs, Reels, Hornpipes. Do the Stack of Barley, Siege of Ennis, Walls of Limerick. Lessons are on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For more information call Kevin at 562-8651 or John at 534-9315. Lessons are \$10.00 per person. Come out—it's fun!!!

## St Patrick's Cathedral cont'd

- The Cathedral seats about 2,200 people.
- The exterior length is about 405 feet; the width is 274 ft.
- The spires rise 330 feet from street level.
- The architect was James Renwick, an American. The Lady Chapel was designed by another American, Charles Mathews.
- The St. Michael and St. Louis altar was designed by Tiffany and Company. The St. Elizabeth Seton altar was designed by Paolo Medici of Rome.
- The Archbishops of New York are buried in a crypt under the high altar. Their honorary hats, called galeros, hang from the ceiling over their tombs.
- The Cathedral has three organs.



- The Stations of the Cross are works of art which won first prize at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893.
- The Pieta is three times larger than the Pieta in St. Peter's, Rome.
- The baldachin over the over the main altar is solid bronze.
- Each year over 3 million people visit St. Patrick's Cathedral.

## Wear Division 2 With Pride!

Division 2 Embroidered Clothing is available for purchase. Each item proudly displays the A.O.H. emblem and the words "Division 2". Time is running out! The parade season will be here before you know it. If you plan on marching in any of the St. Patrick Day parades this season, you will need a division jacket and hat. Hurry and contact John Greehy at 534-9315 for pricing and to place your order. Great looking golf shirts will be available soon—just in time for the warmer weather. Order yours today!



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