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Why We March on St. Patrick's Day

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## **JOHNNY COME LATELY -- INDEED! - A Poem ~ Author Unknown**

Dad, why do they make such a production of St. Patrick's Day when the Irish are really Johnny-come-latelys to the USA?

They didn't arrive until about eighteen forty-eight, After Eire's potato crop failed and they had to emigrate.

They had no choice, it was leave home or die of starvation, So they came in steerage by the thousands to our nation.

Son, obviously what your history books fail to say, is the Irish have been around forever and a day.

When Columbus first landed on the shores of our land, Patrick McGuire was the first to make footsteps on the sand.

And when you scan the roster of the Santa Maria's crew, you find many, many more Gaelic names on that list too.

Half of the soldiers in the

Colonial Army were born in Ireland.

Many Murphys, 230 O'Briens, 872 Kellys, were in Washington's command. Eleven of his Generals had fighting Irish blood in their veins,

John Barry, our first Commodore controlled the sea lanes.

Washington himself belonged to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He knew the British and the Hessians, The Irish Brigade would lick.

Now, run your eye down the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Thornton, Wilson, Taylor and Smith were born Irish, thanks to Providence. McKean, Read and Rutledge were of pure Gaelic parentage, Whipple and Hancock had Irish mothers, Lynch and Carroll, Celtic lineage.

The first Continental Congress addressed Ireland in the year 1775, to say that thanks to the help of the Gaels, America would survive.

An ancient leprechaun told me one soft summer day in Kildare, that Paul Revere never would have made it without his fine mare.

She was an Irish hunter from Lismore by the name of Shamrock. With great stamina and grand conformation from withers to fetlock. She hated tyranny, the Crown and the tangled webs they spun, So she ran like a whistling wind from River Charles to Lexington.

So, Son, I see nothing wrong in a big celebration on March seventeen, With all our nationalities, waving and wearing the green.

Let McNamara lead his band, let Clancy lower the boom, Let the thunder of marching feet wake Cromwell in his tomb.

For if it wasn't for the help of the clans from the Irish Sea, America might not be the home of the brave and the land of the free.



## **Mother's Day Irish Breakfast** **(complimentary flowers for all Mothers!)**

**May 8, 2005**

**9: 30 am -12:30 pm**



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!

### **Something for the whole family!!!**

The traditional breakfast consists of Eggs, Irish Bacon, Irish Sausages, Home-fried Potatoes, Black & White Puddings and the Grilled Tomato...a must! Children's Breakfasts of Pancakes & Sausage are only \$3.00 each. Juice, coffee and tea included.



## A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

April 2005

Words cannot express the sorrow we have in our hearts for the passing of our beloved Pope John Paul II. One could not help but recognize a life well lived. How special he was despite the hardships in his life. How could a man who suffered as much as he did emerge as a lover of God and of the people. Consider that by the time he was 21, he was the sole survivor of his immediate family. He lived through a vicious war fought in his homeland by two of the cruelest and most murderous totalitarian regimes the world has ever seen. Such a miserable environment saturated with death and destruction could easily be expected to produce at the very least a cynic. Yet it produced a man whose was universally known for his love for people and his faith in God.

"Be not afraid" was the message he often preached. Be not afraid to believe, to hope, to love, to have faith and to live. All of those things do require courage, especially in this cynical age. It's a shame that the world paid more attention to Pope John Paul II when he was dying than when he was living.

Anyone who watched the funeral of Pope John Paul II last week saw the signs in the crowds that read: John Paul the Great or Johannis Paulus Magnus. Indeed, it has been 1,400 years since the last pope was by popular acclaim called "the Great." John Paul the Great is a pope for the ages and the pope of the people. He cannot be taken from our hearts. We knew he loved us, and that is why he ascended into heaven with millions of prayers. The angels will sing as we weep; for he is now home. May his beloved Mary embrace him and may he continue to look down upon us from heaven.

All the best!

Kevin Cummings,  
Division President

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Apr 19** Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Open to the public.
- Apr 20** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 PM
- Apr 24** West Point Tattoo - 12 Noon Trophy Point -Marching bagpipe bands, - family day.
- Apr 24** Early Bird Drawing - Ireland 32 Raffle - 7 pm - Hall
- Apr 30** Orange County Board Convention - Monroe - 9 am
- May 7** Building and grounds Spring clean-up - 8:30 AM
- May 8** Mother's Day Irish Breakfast -Hall: 9:30 - 12:30
- May 18** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 PM
- May 20** Great Irish-American Pub Quiz - Hall: 7 PM
- May 1** Annual 50s' Dance with Karaoke -Hall: 7 PM
- May 28** East Durham Irish Festival - 30



**Pray for our deceased brothers including Barney McGorman.**

+ *May they rest in peace* +

## Pray for those who are sick

Please pray for our Brothers who are ill ~ Jack Mullarkey, Jim Ryan and David Ryan



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock-Around-the-Clock 50s Dance

**Saturday, May 21, 2005  
7 - 12 Midnight**

**Table Snacks, Coffee & Cake**

**\$10 p/p Admission**

**50s Style dress code suggested ~ DJ with Karaoke ~ Prize for the best costume ~ Limbo, Hoola Hoop and Twist contests!!**

**Hosted by Kathleen Demar & Mabel McGowan**



**For more information call  
Kathleen Demar at 845-568-0535 or  
Jim Ryan at the AOH Hall at 845-534-2528**

As always, SafeRider will be available for those patrons who require a ride home

**- Save-the-Date -**

## AOH-DJW Corporation Meeting

**Saturday, April 30, 2005**

**3:00 pm**

**Division 2—Hibernian Hall**

**Items to be discussed include:**

- Upcoming election of corporation officers
- Verizon cell tower
- Building extension plans
- Long-range plans for the property

**Division 2 Embroidered Clothing** is available for purchase. Each item proudly displays the A.O.H emblem and the words "Division 2". A uniform package deal is available and includes a jacket, hat and white gloves for \$70. Division golf shirts are \$22 (\$24 FOR XXL). A list is posted in the hall and the order will be placed in June. All orders must be prepaid.

**Thanks and More Thanks:** Thanks to all the Sunday morning cooks and helpers who make our Irish Breakfasts such a success including: Dave Murphy, Jim Ryan, Mike Shannon and Kevin Cummings. **Thanks** to all those who helped out with our annual dance. **Special Thanks** to Colleen, Tina, Sioban, the Easter Bunny (Clem) and others who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a big hit with the kids!

### Annual Building Fundraiser Ireland's 26+6=1 Raffle

Saturday, June 18, 2005-2-5 pm—Laborers Local #17 Hall



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Early Bird Drawing ~ Sunday, April 24, 2005 - 7 pm.  
Chance to win one of three - \$300 prizes and \$100 to each seller just by entering early!



**Keep in Touch** -We are in the process of collecting emails from all members and friends who wish to be notified of upcoming events and to stay in touch in case of an emergency. Please send an email to: Kevin Cummings at: [kcummings@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kcummings@hvc.rr.com) or John Greehy at [johnbfg@aol.com](mailto:johnbfg@aol.com) or visit "Member's Update" at: <http://www.div2aoh.org/index3.htm> - Thanks!

**Friendly Reminder** - Dues in the amount of \$50 for calendar year 2005 are now past due. In order to remain a member in good standing, you must pay your dues prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make your check payable to AOH Div. 2 and get it to Pat Healey, Division 2 Financial Secretary either by mail or drop it off at the hall.

### Hunter Mtn. International Celtic Festival Bus Trip



**Sunday, August 21, 2005**

**\$35.00 per person-prepaid**

Price includes bus trip, onboard beer, soda, sandwich and festival admission.

Bus leaves Destinta Theater Parking lot at 10 am.



Sign-up sheet at the hall.

List will be opened to the public June 1, 2005—sign up soon! Don't be disappointed.



**Irish Set Dancing** - First, second and fourth Wednesdays (and third Tuesday) of each month. Open to the public. Lessons are \$10 per person. Come on down for a great aerobic exercise and a lot of fun. Beginners are always welcomed. Call Kevin (845-562-8651) or John (845-534-9315) for more information.

### We Need Your Help!

#### Hibernian Hall and Grounds ~ Spring Clean Up

Here is your chance to volunteer some time to the Division.



**May 7, 2005**

**8:30 AM Rain or Shine**



**Bring rakes, brooms, paintbrushes, pails, rags, buckets and other useful, cleanup tools and items**



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