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Bobby Sands, MP died on hunger strike in Long Kesh prison on May 5, 1981, during the prison protest that would forever change the direction of the Irish republican movement. The purpose of the strike was to achieve the reintroduction of political status for Irish republican prisoners of war. Special category, or political, status would be achieved if five demands were met: the right of prisoners to wear their civilian clothes at all times; the right to free association within a block of cells; the right not to do prison work; the right to educational and recreational facilities; and the restoration of lost remission of sentence. From his prison cell at age 27, Bobby Sands won a seat in the British Parliament, receiving more votes for office than then British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, becoming the youngest MP at the time. Two weeks later, he died after 66 days without food. Bobby Sands' death sparked rioting across Ireland, with over 100,000 people attending his funeral in Belfast. Nine hunger strikers would follow him to the grave, but not before catapulting the Irish republican movement into the international spotlight, paving the way for future peace agreements and thrusting republicans into mainstream Irish politics, where Sinn Fein now stands the largest pro-Agreement party in Northern Ireland, and is currently the third largest party on the island overall. During his imprisonment



Bobby Sands
1954—1981
25th Anniversary
RIP

Bobby wrote poetry, short stories, a poignant account of what the prisoners suffered (One Day in My Life), and kept a diary for the first seventeen days of his hunger strike in which he wrote:

"Our revenge will be the laughter of our children"

"Complementary flower for every Mother" **Mother's Day Irish Breakfast**

May 14, 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

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.

(Next month's Special Mother's Day Irish Breakfast will be held on June 11th)



A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear brothers and friends,

May 2006

My letter in April asked for younger men to pitch in and fill the gap left by older members. They answered my request. Bob Morgan and others provided a Lenten dinner that may never be surpassed! Thank you all who worked it and thank all who attended it.

Other younger men have stepped up to plan picnics and outings that will be announced in the future. I wrote that I had confidence in all of you. AOH DIV 2 PROVED ME RIGHT! The best part is that our older members are still pitching in to help and advise our younger members.

As of May 1st, the footings for our new addition were started and will proceed. It looks like a productive summer is coming! If you want to join the fun, call the hall (534-2528) and leave a message. Messages are checked and calls will be returned.

Let us not forget that May 2006 marks the 25th anniversary of the 1981 Hunger Strike. The ten men who participated in this action brought the idea of a united Ireland to the entire world. Keep these men and their influence upon the future of Ireland in your prayers.

Chan ann leis a'chiad bhuille thuiteas a'chraobh ~ It is not with the first stroke that the tree falls. See you all at the May 17th meeting!

God bless all,
Michael Shannon,
President AOH Div 2

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

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| May 14 | Mother's Day Special Irish Breakfast—Division 2 Hall - 9:30-12:30 PM |
| May 16 | Irish Set Dancing Lessons - 7 PM —9 PM ~ Div 2 Hall |
| May 17 | Monthly Meeting - 7 PM— All members encouraged to attend. |
| May 23 | Irish Set Dancing Lessons - 7 PM —9 PM ~ Div 2 Hall |
| May 27-28 | East Durham Irish Festival Weekend—long |
| Jun 11 | Final Irish Breakfast— Division 2 Hall - 9:30-12:30 PM —last of the season! |
| Jun 11 | AOH County Board Meeting 2 pm— All members should attend —Div 2 Hall |
| Jun 21 | Monthly Meeting - 7 PM— All members encouraged to attend. |

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

Saturday, June 17, 2006-2-5 pm—Laborers Local #17 Hall
Little Britain Rd., Newburgh



First Prize: \$15,000.

Second-Seventh Prize: \$1000.

Plus 26 additional prizes of \$500.



Donation: \$100 ticket

Food and refreshments on the day of the drawing.

Call John at 845-534-9315 or the hall 845-534-2528 for tickets.

All sold and unsold tickets should be turned in as soon as possible.

Final Notice 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 roster shortly. Avoid being 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!!!

Keep in touch—Keep informed!

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 or Mike Shannon at mds9918@aol.com or visit the "Member's Update" page at: <http://www.div2aoh.org/index3.htm> Thanks!

Cead Mille Failte to Our Latest Member

Welcome Michael Murphy of Cornwall, NY

Friday Nite BBQ is Back!

The warm weather is here and so are the good times! Friday Night BBQ is back with gourmet specials and kids meals. Come on down for a pint or two and enjoy some good music, good times and some good friends. As a reminder, we are always looking for cooks with a specialty they would like to share. If you have such a talent, call the hall and put your name down on the calendar for a Friday night. We are not looking for a long-term commitment, just an hour or two whenever you can spare it. Try it...you'll have fun.

Thanks and More Thanks

Thanks and More Thanks—To Sioban Wynn, Tina Malone, Joanne Villa and Anne Simoni for all their hard work in putting together a great Children's Easter Egg Hunt. The kids loved it! Also **Special Thanks** to Joan Harnett who played the role of the Easter Bunny. Great job Joan!!! **More Thanks** to the members who are helping out with the hall extension. Their names & contributions will be noted in a future edition!

We Need Your Help!

Hibernian Hall and Grounds ~ Spring Clean Up

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



May 20 and 21, 2006

8:30—11 am Rain or Shine



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