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Columcille (who was also known as Columba, Colum, Columbus, Combs, and Columkill), was born in Garton, Co. Donegal. He came from a race of kings who had ruled in Ireland for six centuries and was himself in close succession to the throne. At an early age, he was given in fosterage to a priest. After studying at Moville under Saint Finnian and then at Clonard, he surrendered his princely claims, became a monk at Glasnevin under Mobhi, and was ordained.

He spent the next 15 years preaching and teaching in Ireland. By the time he was 25, he had founded no less than 27 Irish monasteries, including those at Derry, Durrow and Kells.

Columcille was also a poet who had learned Irish history and poetry from a bard named Gemman. In addition, he loved fine books and manuscripts. One of the famous books associated with Columcille is the Psaltair, which was traditionally the Battle Book of the O'Donnells, his kinsmen, who

carried it into battle.

It is said that on one occasion, so anxious was Columcille to have a copy of the Psalter that he shut himself up for a whole night transcribing it laboriously by hand. He was discovered by a monk who watched him through the keyhole and reported it to his superior, Finnian of Moville. The Scriptures were so scarce in those days that the abbot claimed the copy, refusing to allow it to leave the monastery. Columcille refused to surrender it, until he was obliged to do so, under protest, on the abbot's appeal to the High King Diarmaid.

A very sad period in Columcille's life followed. Because he had protected a refugee and denounced an injustice by King Diarmaid, war broke out between the clans of Ireland. Filled with remorse on account of those who had been slain in the battle of Cooldrevne and condemned by many of his own friends. So, even though he loved Ireland with all of his heart, Columcille made the profound decision to become

an exile.

In 563, he and 12 companions crossed the Irish Sea in a curragh, and landed on a deserted island now known as Iona (Holy Island). It was here, on this tiny isle off the coast of Scotland, that he began his work. Eventually, Iona became the heart of Celtic Christianity and its existence was one of the strongest influences in the conversion of the Picts, Scots, and Northern English.

On June 8, 597, Columcille was copying out the psalms once again. At the verse, "They that love the Lord shall lack no good thing," he stopped, and said that his cousin, Saint Baithin must do the rest. Columcille died the next day at the foot of the altar. He was first buried at Iona, but 200 years later the Danes destroyed the monastery. His relics were taken to Dunkeld in 849.

He is venerated in Dunkeld, Ireland and also as the Apostle of Scotland. His feast day is June 9th, the day on which he died.



**"Let Us Do the Cooking"**  
**Authentic Irish Breakfast**  
**June 12, 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,

June 2005

June is upon us and it is a busy time around the hall! Try to make it to the Rock-Around-The-Clock Wacky Hawaiian Luau on June 4th. You won't be sorry you did. Kathleen and Mabel, your hosts for the evening, spare no expense in decorating the hall and providing quality finger foods, exotic drinks (cash bar), exciting entertainment and an evening full of fun and laughs. Prepaying for your ticket saves you \$5 over paying at the door. Don't miss out, get your \$10 prepaid admission tickets early before they all sell out...Aloha!!!

Speaking of tickets it time to get your Ireland 32 Building Fund Raffle tickets in. The drawing is on June 18<sup>th</sup> (2-5 pm) and we have a waiting list and need any unsold tickets back. Please call the hall and leave a message for the event chairmen Clem Villa. Let him know what you have sold and what tickets you can turn in. Don't forget the pre-drawing party held at the Laborer's Hall on Rt. 207—ticket-holders are treated to a 3 hour open bar and great food. Another great reason to buy your ticket today!

Remember, Friday night BBQ is back with gourmet specials and kids meals burgers, hotdogs and cold salads. There is nothing like kicking back, enjoying a Guinness and burger on the deck after a long week.

On a more serious note, we need all members in good standing to attend the AOH-DJW Corp. meeting and elections to be held on July 31 in the hall. Running the hall and surrounding grounds is not an easy job but with a few willing members it can be done. If you have a interest in running for office or helping out, leave word at the hall.

All the best!

Kevin Cummings,  
Division President

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- June 4** Hawaiian Luau—7 pm - Midnight -Hawaiian theme...hula skirts, coconuts, tropical shirts \$10 p/p
- June 12** Irish Breakfast -Hall: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- June 15** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm
- June 18** Ireland 32 Raffle Drawing 2-5 pm—Laborer's Hall
- July 6** New Windsor Concert-7 pm-Cahal Dunne
- July 20** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm
- July 27** New Windsor Concert-7 pm-HVR Police Pipes & Drums
- July 31** AOH-DJW Corp Meeting & General Elections—2 pm
- Aug 12** Great Irish American Pub Quiz -7 pm \$5 per team of 4
- Aug 17** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm
- Aug 20-21** Int'l Celtic Festival—Hunter Mtn. Bus Trip \$35 p/p



**Pray for all our deceased brothers**

*May they rest in peace +*

## Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome new brothers: Patrick Finn, Keith Broderick, John Walsh, Robert Hurley and Paul Crowley



**Rock-Around-The-Clock  
Wacky Hawaiian Luau  
Saturday, June 4, 2005**

**7 - 12 Midnight**

**Table Snacks, Coffee & Cake**

**\$10 p/p Admission prepaid**

**\$15 p/p at the door**

**Hula/Hawaiian style dress 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



## New Windsor Summer Concert Series

Free concerts will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 P.M. in the Bandstand at Town Hall Complex. Please bring a chair or blanket! For more information, call the New Windsor Recreation Department at 565-7750. Come see friends of AOH Division 2 perform:

- **July 6** - Cahal Dunne - Traditional /Irish Music
- **July 27** - Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums - Irish/patriotic favorites

**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. Other shirt styles are also available with the AOH logo.

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

Saturday, June 18, 2005-2-5 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 534-9315 or the hall 534-2528 for tickets.

**Last call for tickets!!!**



**Thanks and More Thanks:** To Kevin Moore, Pat Healey, Bob Morgan, Mike Shannon and Kevin Cummings for putting in a few hours staining the deck. It looks great! Thanks to Pat Healy and Steve Coyle for covering the deck tables with new vinyl covers. **More Thanks** to Kathleen Demar and Mabel McGowan for agreeing to host the 50s Dance—Hawaiian Style! They are passionate about the decorations—come down and see them

**Friendly Reminder** - Dues in the amount of \$50 for calendar year 2005 are now very past due. In order to remain a member in good standing, you must pay your dues immediately. 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.

**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!

### 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. A great time is guaranteed!

**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.

**Calling all Friday Nite Cooks** - We are always looking for a few good cooks to show off their special talents. You don't have to be trained at the Culinary Institute of America to do it...just be able to flip a few burgers on the BBQ grill. The cook's sign-up calendar is on the wall behind the bar. Put your name down and leave a list of what extras you need and we will do the rest.



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