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## James Connolly—Hero of the 1916 Rising

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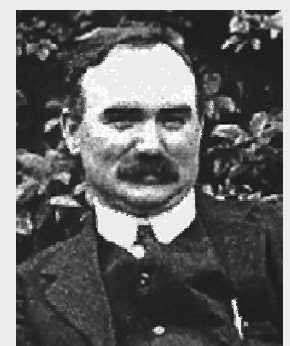
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On June 5, 1868, James Connolly was born of Irish immigrant parents in the Cowgate, an Edinburgh, Scotland, slum. He served in the British army but deserted to marry an Irish girl and returned to Edinburgh. Under the influence of Scottish socialist John Leslie, Connolly became active in the labor movement. In 1896, he moved to Dublin, where he founded the first Irish socialist paper, The Workers' Republic. Connolly immigrated to the United States in 1903 and stayed there seven years, working for the American labor movement. When Connolly returned to Ireland in 1910, he helped Jim Larkin lead the Irish Transportation Workers strike in 1913, which turned him toward political action. He organized the Irish Citizens Army and became

the leader of the labor movement after Larkin left for the United States in 1914. Padraig Pearse enlisted Connolly and his Citizens Army for the Easter Rising of 1916. Connolly helped plan the rising and was one of seven signatories of the proclamation. He participated in the fighting at the GPO, where he was severely wounded during the fighting. Connolly was one of 16 executed by the British in the Rising's aftermath. Unable to stand, James Connolly was tied to a chair and shot by a British army firing squad. The 1916 executions by the British would turn a large portion of the Irish from critics of the Rising to supporters and emblazon those slain into the pantheon of Irish revolutionary heroes. Had the British simply jailed



James Connolly

those involved, the ripples from their rising may never have grown into the waves that ultimately rocked British rule in Ireland, virtually ending it in 26 of 32 counties by 1922.

*But the fools, the fools,  
the fools! They have left  
us our Fenian dead,  
and while Ireland holds  
these graves, Ireland  
unfree will never be at  
peace!*



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

**June 11, 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.

(The next Irish Breakfast will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup>)

## A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear brothers and friends,

June 2006

"Through winter time we call on spring, and through spring on summer call." William Butler Yeats, who was born on June 13, 1865, started one of his poems with these two lines. Truly, he must have had us in mind!

As summer approaches, we have many things to look forward to. Our building raffle is the first and main concern. Make sure to get a ticket and get your friends tickets in! June 17th is coming fast. We have a campout and barbecue coming in July (specifics will be announced). In August we have our bus trip to Hunter Mt. Celtic Festival (August 20th).

The club is open on Friday evenings for summer drinks and barbecue on the deck. It's also open on Saturdays to get in from the sun. Come join the fun! It's also the best way to find out and sign up for activities.

The new front addition is moving along smoothly and our land deal is helping with material expense. The volunteer labor is helping the most. Come on down and show your talents.

Chan fhiach cuirm gun a comhradh. - A feast is no use without good talk.

God bless all,  
Michael D. Shannon, President  
AOH Div. 2, Orange County

P.S. See you all at the June 21st meeting!

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

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| Jun 11 | Final Irish Breakfast—<br>Division 2 Hall - 9:30-12:30<br>PM –last of the season!         |
| Jun 11 | AOH County Board Meeting<br>2 pm– All members should<br>attend –Div 2 Hall                |
| Jun 17 | 26+6=1 Ireland - Div 2 AOH<br>Building Fund Raffle. 2-5<br>pm. Laborer's Hall Rt. 207     |
| Jun 21 | Monthly Meeting - 7 PM—<br>All members encouraged to<br>attend.                           |
| Jul 19 | Monthly Meeting - 7 PM—<br>All members encouraged to<br>attend.                           |
| Jul 22 | Division 2 Family Picnic—12<br>Noon. Division 2 hall and<br>grounds. More info to follow. |
| Aug 16 | Monthly Meeting - 7 PM—<br>All members encouraged to<br>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.  
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Donation: \$100 ticket  
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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.

## 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!!!

## Annual Bus Trip to International Celtic Festival Hunter Mountain



Sunday, August 20, 2006



Tickets are \$35 and must be prepaid.  
Price includes onboard food and drink.  
Festival admission included.

Don't be disappointed, sign up early

## Keep in touch—Keep informed!



We are still 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 Mike Shannon at [mds9918@aol.com](mailto:mds9918@aol.com) or visit the "Member's Update" page at: <http://www.div2aoh.org/index3.htm> Thanks!

## Friday Nite/Family 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 Dennis Malone, Pat Healey, Bill Kirnan, John O'Sullivan, Mike Shannon, John Greehy and all the others who have helped out with the hall extension. The work is moving along but others are needed. If you have construction skills useful in helping with this extension, please call the hall and leave a message for Bill Kirnan or Mike Shannon. Any help would be welcomed & appreciated.



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