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Ireland's location and proximity to Britain have in large measure shaped her history. As an island to the west of continental Europe, Ireland, which has been inhabited for approximately 7,000 years, experienced many incursions and invasions, resulting in a rich mixture of ancestry and traditions. The first settlers, mostly hunters from Britain, brought a Mesolithic culture. They were followed around 3000 BC by farmers who raised animals and cultivated the soil. After these Neolithic settlers, around 2000 BC, came prospectors and metal workers. By the 6th century BC the waves of Celtic invaders from Europe began to reach the country. While Ireland was never unified politically by the Celts, they did generate a cultural and linguistic unity. The introduction of

Christianity in the 5th century is traditionally credited to Saint Patrick, though there is evidence that there were Christians on the island before his arrival. Ireland never experienced the barbarian invasions of the early medieval period and, partly as a result, the 6th and 7th centuries saw a flowering of Irish art, learning and culture centering on the Irish monasteries. Irish monks established centre of learning and Christianity in many parts of Europe in the period before 800 AD. During the 9th and 10th centuries, the Vikings regularly raided Ireland. The Vikings were also traders and they did much to develop town life at Dublin, Cork and Waterford. Following the defeat of the Vikings by Brian Boru, the High King of Ireland, at Clontarf in



1014, the Vikings influence faded. In the 12th century, such progress as had been made towards the creation of a centralized State under a single High King was shattered by the arrival of the Normans, who had earlier settled in England and Wales. The Normans quickly came to control some three-quarters of the land of Ireland, which then came under the political authority of the King of England.



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

October 8, 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 November 12th)



A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear brothers and friends,

September 2006

September is here and some say that summer is gone. But what a summer it was! We had a successful raffle, a great trip to Hunter Mt., and let's not forget the great Friday nights. The arrival of autumn brings the prettiest season in our area and there is no more beautiful view than from our back deck.

September is also filled with Irish history. In 1823, Daniel O'Connor established the Catholic Association to obtain liberty for Catholics. This resulted in the Catholic Emancipation Act in 1829, which removed virtually all disabilities against Catholics.

The Great Famine was declared on Sept. 9, 1845. During the next five years, 1 million Irish died or immigrated to America. Due to this, Irish and American history was changed forever.

With the talent, direction, and labor of our members, the frame of our new addition stands tall in front of our clubhouse. The day it went up, I know that I left with a feeling of pride and accomplishment. There is still more to be done, so come on down.

September also marks the 5th anniversary 9/11. Our membership and community were never so affected by any action in history. Please keep the victims and their families in your hearts and in your prayers "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal" (Thomas Moore).

See you at our next meeting, September 20th.

God bless all,
Michael Shannon,
President, Division 2

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

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| Sept 19 | Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Hall—7 PM. Open to all. Call 562-8651 for more info. |
| Sept 20 | Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm |
| Sept 20 | AOH-DJW Corp. Meeting—following monthly meeting |
| Oct 8 | Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall |
| Oct 18 | Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm |

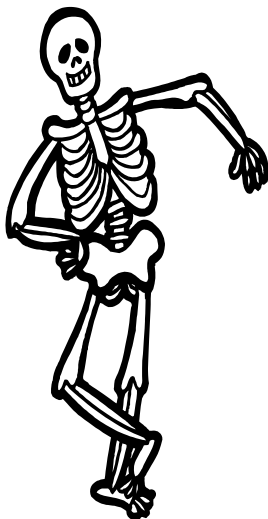
An AOH-DJW Corporation meeting has been called by the Corporation President, Bill Kirnan and is scheduled for **September 20** at the Division 2 Hibernian Hall. The meeting will start immediately after the conclusion of the monthly division meeting. In addition to the building renovation discussion, financial reports for the AOH-DJW corporation and for the Cead Failte (bar) Corporation will be made available.

Adult Halloween Costume Party

Saturday, October 28, 2006
7:00 PM—11:00 PM

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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—9pm. For more information call Kevin at 562-8651 or John at 534-9315. Lessons are \$10.00 per person. Come out—it's fun!!!

Children's Haunted House and Halloween Party



**Saturday
October 28, 2006
12:00 PM—3:00 PM**



**Piñata ~ Games ~ Prizes ~ Snacks
Haunted House & Horror Show**



The kids love it! Don't let them miss out on all the fun.

Admission—please bring one can or non-perishable item which will be donated to the local food pantry. Monetary donations accepted

Friday Nite/Family Nite BBQ!



The warm weather is still with us and so are the good times! Friday Night BBQ is going strong 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 all those who have helped with the hall extension. In particular, Bobby Betz and his crew, Bill Kirnan, John Greehy, Mike Shannon, John Masterson, Dennis Malone and Pat Healey. 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. Thanks to our Friday night cooks, Mike Shannon, Joe and Alice Ryan, Dennis and Mary Ellen Malone and all those who gave a hand in making Friday night such fun. Special thanks to our Irish Breakfast kitchen crew in particular, Pat Finn, Jim Kane, Mike Shannon, John Greehy, Bill Kirnan, Kiera Kirnan and Kevin Cummings. Thanks to John Masterson for getting the food supplies.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Joe Thomson who is recovering from orthopedic surgery and Barney McKiernan who is under the weather. Special prayers for Jerry Quill who underwent emergency bypass surgery. Also remember the granddaughter of Division 4's Pat Lahiff - little Siobhan was born premature and has a long road ahead of her. Pray God, all get well soon!



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