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On January 30, 1845, Katharine (Kitty) O'Shea, nee Wood, whose affair with Charles Stuart Parnell would cause his political ruin, was born at Bradwell, Essex, England. On January 24, 1867, she married Captain William Henry O'Shea. Their marriage does not appear to have been a happy one. In 1875, perhaps as a result of their poor financial situation, she and O'Shea began living apart, as she and their children moved in with a wealthy aunt, Mrs. Benjamin Wood, and he took an apartment in London. O'Shea only visited them occasionally thereafter. In 1880, her husband was elected to Parliament, and in July of the same year Kitty arranged to meet the leader of her husband's party, Charles Stewart Parnell; shortly, they were involved in an affair. Although it is rumored that he challenged Parnell to a duel in July 1881 (Kitty reputedly talked her husband out of it), it appears that O'Shea eventually accepted the affair between his wife and Parnell.

Perhaps access to money from Kitty's aunt and the fact that he could use the affair to pressure Parnell into helping to further his career convinced him to do nothing. Parnell fathered three daughters with Kitty between 1882 and 1884, and she also served as an occasional envoy from Parnell to William Gladstone. Though Parnell put his political career in jeopardy numerous times on his

behalf, O'Shea began to develop a deep hatred of Parnell. In 1886, Parnell put his party leadership on the line to secure an MP seat for O'Shea in Galway, but, strangely, O'Shea resigned from the seat shortly afterward. When Kitty's rich aunt died, depriving him of access to her money, the Captain finally made the affair public when he named Parnell as co-respondent when he sued Kitty for divorce on December 24, 1889.

Although the publicity surrounding the case virtually destroyed Parnell's political career, Kitty felt optimistic about their future since they no longer had to hide their relationship.

Kitty and Parnell were married in June 1891, but they were not fated to enjoy their new life. Exhausted from his political battles, Parnell became ill and died, age 45, in Kitty's arms at their home in Brighton, England on October 6, 1891. Kitty mourned Parnell the rest of her life, suffering some mental problems, perhaps caused by her heartbreak. She wrote a book about her life with Parnell, Charles Stewart Parnell: His Love Story and Political Life, in 1914. Katharine 'Kitty' O'Shea died in Littlehampton, Sussex, England, on February 5, 1921, apparently never once setting foot on Irish soil.

"Let Us Do the Cooking" **Authentic Irish Breakfast** **February 14, 2010**



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



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(The next Irish Breakfast will be held on April 11th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

February 2010

Winter is moving along (not too bad so far), as are the various event committees of the division. Many members are working to make our Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance and the Basket of Cheer drawing on March 6th an even bigger success this year. Tickets and tables seating are available now. See any one of the committee members (see newsletter ad) for information and tickets. The Annual 26+6=1 Building Fund Raffle, which helps with the upkeep of the club and property is starting up. April 30th will be the Early Bird drawing so get your tickets soon!!!

Some of our members have said that they didn't know that their annual dues were delinquent. We will soon start a "red dot" notice (explanation to follow) to let our brothers know their membership status.

Don't forget our Huge Super Bowl Party on February 6 (see notice). 12 Noon—until games end. A good time is guaranteed!!

Friday night cooking will start up again in April. Please help out by signing up to be a cook. There will be a signup list in the club. Watch for further notices.

God Bless and Stay Well.

John Greehy

Division President Irish Day—Sunday, March 7th 2010

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Jan 20** **Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm.**
Members are encouraged to attend. Officer's Installation.
- Jan 20** **AOH-DJW Meeting - Hall:**
Immediately following the division meeting.
- Feb 7** **Super Bowl Sunday Party—**
See the announcement in newsletter.
- Feb 14** **Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-**
12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall.
- Feb 17** **Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm.**
Members are encouraged to attend. Officer's Installation.
- Mar 6** **St. Patrick's Dinner Dance -**
Anthony's Pier 9.

Irish Factoid: On February 2, 1822, James Joyce, Irish writer and poet was born in Dublin.



Super Bowl at the Hall

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Doors open at 12:00 for friendly card games and darts.

Starting at 3:00 PM and if you are staying for the food and the game there will be a \$10 p/p cover charge. Price of admission includes bar snacks and all food.

Food will be served starting at 4:30 pm and includes the following pre-game menu:

*Chili with all the fixing
Hot Dogs, buns and all the fixings
Mixed Deli Sandwiches, Home made Potato Salad
& Creamy Cole Slaw, Chips, Dip*

Food will again be served at ~ 7:30 and includes the following half-time menu:

*Extra Cheesy Baked Ziti
Jack Daniels BBQ Chicken
Oriental Beef and Broccoli in a Brown Garlic Sauce
Shrimp with Pasta and Mixed Vegetables in Garlic Sauce
Sausage and Peppers
Roasted Potatoes
Green beans and Carrots, Bread and Salad*

Tickets are on sale at the bar and buying one to this popular event is highly suggested and appreciated.

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6 -12 oz. bottles of Bud, or Bud Lite, or Coors Lite — \$10.00

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Irish Day—Sunday, March 7th 2010

12:00pm to 6:00pm

American Legion Arthur Finnegan Post, 40 Mountain Lake Lane, Greenwood Lake
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Hibernian Hall Rental

The calendar is filling quickly so call the hall at 534-2528—leave a message for Kevin Moore, Hall Rental Chairman and reserve the date for your special event soon. Dates for 2010 are filling up fast.

That's One Giant Irish Basket of Cheer!!!

Tickets are now on sale for a chance to win a giant basket of cheer filled with top shelf Irish favorites and domestic liquors such as Michael Collins Irish Whiskey, Tullamore Dew, Celtic Crossing, Jameson Whiskey, Brian Boru Vodka and much, much more. The basket will be on display at the hall. Come on down and have a look at what you can win. The drawing will be held at our annual dinner dance. Tickets are \$1.00 each—6 for \$5.00. Help support your division!



Save the Dates!

Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade



2:00 pm, Sunday, March 14, 2010
Goshen, NY



We march as a division in this parade so turn-out is important. Please be sure to have your parade uniform in order. If you need anything contact John Greehy.

NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Bus Trip

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

\$35.00 per person includes transportation to the best parade in the world along with food and drink on the bus.

Sign-up sheet is at the hall. Sign up quickly—do not be disappointed—seats go quickly for this popular event.

2010 Annual Dues are Due!

In an effort to help members remember that the \$50.00 dues for 2010 are due in January, we are including this notice. Please remit dues to:

AOH Division 2
Attn: Matthew Flanagan
PO Box 206
Cornwall N.Y. 12518

Save-the-Date!!



Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2



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