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Saint Brigid of Ireland (Bridget, Bridgit, Brigit, Bride) (451- 525 A.D.) was born at Faughart near Dundalk, County Louth, Ireland. Legend states that her parents were Dubhthach, pagan Scottish king of Leinster, and Brocca, a Christian Pictish slave who had been baptized by Saint Patrick.

According to this legend, Brigid was named after one of the most powerful goddesses of the Pagan religion that Dubhthach practiced. Brigid, the goddess of Fire, whose manifestations were song and poetry, which the Irish considered the flame of knowledge. Brigid supposedly became a vestal virgin in service to the Goddess Brigid (although the Irish had no such office or practice), and eventually high priestess at the Kil Dara (the temple of the oak), a pagan sanctuary built from the wood of a tree sacred to the Druids. In 468, she followed St. Mel of Armagh to Meath and converted to Christianity.

Another version of her life states that upon reaching maturity, she vexed her father by being overly generous to the poor and needy with his milk, butter, and flour. Finally, she gave away his jewel-encrusted sword to a leper. At this point, it was decided that her disposition was best suited for a nun and she was sent to a convent. The legend does not preserve when or how her hitherto pagan father became amenable to such acts.

Around 470, she converted the pagan sanctuary of Kildare (Cill-Dara) into a Christian double monastery (nuns and monks) or had a double monastery built on unused ground at Kildare, depending upon the particular story consulted. She founded a school of art at Kildare, where the Book of Kildare, a famous illuminated manuscript, was created. She died at Kildare on February 1 and is buried at Downpatrick with St. Columcille and St. Patrick, with whom she is the patron of Ireland. Similar to the association between St Patrick and the shamrock, a tiny cross made of rushes was linked with St Brigid.

Legend has it that, when she was consecrated to the rank of Abbess, St. Mel was drunk and inadvertently read the consecration for a Bishop and that this could not be rescinded, under any circumstances. Of course, such an error could have easily been remedied had it actually occurred, as the ordination would have been considered illegitimate from the start. It should be noted that, while there is no record of St. Brigid acting in the Liturgical capacity of a Bishop, she and her successor Abbesses at Kildare had administrative authority equal to that of a Bishop until the Synod of Kells in 1152

St. Brigid's feast day is February 1.

"Let Us Do the Cooking" **Authentic Irish Breakfast** **February 13, 2011**



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 April 10th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

February 2011

I would like to thank the members of Division 2 for electing me as their President. I will make every effort to make this Division a success in the coming year. I want to thank John Greehy and the outgoing officers for the outstanding job they have done.

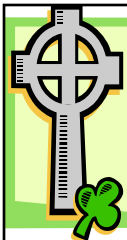
We had to suspend the Installation of officers until next month so please come to the meeting and welcome your new board and thank the outgoing board.

March is fast approaching and the Saint Patrick's Day parades both in NYC and Orange County will be here. The sign-up sheet for the bus is at the hall. I would like to invite members to come up with ideas in the coming months for different activities to be held at the hall.

Please read your newsletter and support the activities being run by the Division.

Yours in our Motto,

Kevin P. Moore,
Division 2 President



Please Note: Our March 2011 Irish Breakfast has been cancelled so that our members may attend the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Mass and Breakfast in Middletown and the parade in Goshen. See you at the April breakfast!

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Feb 6** **Super Bowl Party** Hall: 12 noon—game's end. See information within.
- Feb 13** **Irish Breakfast** Hall: 9:30—12:30. \$7.00 adults—\$3.00 kids
- Feb 16** **Monthly Meeting** - Hall: 7 pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Installation of Division Officers.
- Feb 16** **AOH-DJW Corp Meeting** - Hall: Immediately following the monthly meeting. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Feb 20** **NYC GM and Aides Reception Dinner** - Antun's, Queens.
- Mar 5** **Division 2 St. Patrick's Division Dance.** Anthony's Pier 9. See information within.
- Mar 6** **Orange County Irish Day.** 12-6 pm. Greenwood Lake American Legion Hall. See below

Membership Dues Are Due!

In a effort to help members remember that the \$50.00 dues for 2011 are due in January, we are including this notice.

Please remit dues to:
AOH Division 2
Attn: Timothy Hogan, Financial Sec.
PO Box 206
Cornwall N.Y. 12518

Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade

The Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade is **Sunday, March 13, 2011** in Goshen. 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. Line -up in uniform at 1:00 pm—Step-off at 2:00 pm.



Irish Day—March 6, 2011

American Legion Arthur Finnegan Post, 40 Mountain Lake Lane, Greenwood Lake—12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please support the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee efforts by attending their major fundraiser. Music, entertainment, food and drink...great fun for families! Admission \$8.00 per person, Children under 12, accompanied by an adult free. More info call 294-8698.

DJW Corp. Quarterly Meeting Notice

Members are hereby notified that there will be a quarterly meeting of the AOH-DJW held immediately following the **February 16, 2011** division meeting. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

St. Patrick's Day Bus Trip to NYC

The bus trip to the NYC parade will take place on **Thursday, March 17, 2011**. The cost per person is **\$35**. Price includes food and drinks on the way down and back. The bus will leave from Loughran's Pub, Rt. 94 at 8:00 am (sharp) and return (approx) 7:30pm. Contact John Greehy at 845-534-9315 for more information.

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Hibernian Hall Rental - Do not forget the great benefit of belonging to Division 2—namely our Hibernian Hall. The hall, grounds and facilities make the Hibernian Hall perfect for all your party needs—christenings, communions, confirmation graduations, birthdays parties, family reunions and retirement parties. 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. Accepting dates for 2011!

Super Bowl Sunday Party,



You're Invited!! Super Bowl Sunday Party February 6, 2011



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. Cash bar and drink specials will be available.

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

*Chili with all the fixings
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 pm and includes the following halftime 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 Pesto Sauce
Sausage and Peppers
Roasted Potatoes
Green beans and Carrots, Bread and Salad*

Reservations to this popular event is highly suggested and appreciated. Call 845-534-2528.

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Division 2 St Patrick's Dinner Dance



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