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For you stole Trevelyan's corn so the young might see...

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"By a lonely prison wall, I heard a young girl calling.

"Michael, they have taken you away,
For you stole Trevelyan's corn,
So the young might see the morn.
Now a prison ship lies waiting in the bay."
From the song, Field's of Athenry

As many know, Athenry is a beautiful 800-year-old town in Galway, but just who is this Trevelyan person and why is it his corn? Well, Sir Charles Edward Trevelyan was the Permanent Secretary at the Treasury during the Great Famine when he was in charge of famine relief in Ireland. The corn referred to was probably Indian corn, imported from America and sold to the Irish people at high prices due to unfair taxation policies aimed at Irish farmers and which prohibited the penniless poor from getting any imports.

Sir Charles Edward Trevelyan was the civil servant most involved in Irish famine relief although the term "relief" is used lightly here since arguably no relief was granted the Irish people during this troubled time. Trevelyan firmly believed in the economic principles of laissez-faire, or noninterference by the British government particularly in Irish affairs. Trevelyan opposed expenditure and raising taxes, advocating self-sufficiency.

He was convinced of Malthus' theory that any attempt to raise the standard of living of the poorest section of the population above subsistence level would only result in increased population which would make matters worse.

In October, 1846, Trevelyan wrote that the overpopulation of Ireland "being altogether beyond the power of man, the cure has been applied by the direct stroke of an all-wise Providence in a manner as unexpected and as unthought-of as it is likely to be effectual." Two years later after perhaps a million people had died, he wrote, "The matter is awfully serious, but we are in the hands of Providence, without a possibility of averting the catastrophe if it is to happen. We can only wait the result." Later that year Trevelyan declared: "The great evil with which we have to contend is not the physical evil of the famine, but the moral evil of the selfish, perverse and turbulent character of the people." In 1848 Trevelyan was knighted for his services in Ireland. A dubious honor to be sure since his policies led to a near fifty-percent decline in the population brought on by widespread starvation and forced emigration driven by desperation.

Notice * Notice *** Notice**

Due to the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade and the Grand Marshal's Breakfast being held in Goshen, the March Irish Breakfast scheduled for March 11th will not held.



The Authentic Irish Breakfast will resume on Easter Sunday,
April 8, 2007. See you at the Goshen Parade!!!



A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends

March 2007

"Saint Patrick's Day is an enchanted time. A day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer magic." (Adrienne Cook)

Indeed it is, as this day has become St. Patrick's Day season. March is filled with parades and festive parties, and on March 17th everyone wants to be Irish. The real Irish however, will always know that this day honors our patron saint, Patrick. He instilled our Catholic values which keep the Irish strong.

On March 7, 2005, President Bush proclaimed March as Irish American Heritage Month. Our influence on America was recognized and the AOH is an example of our strength and future. The Hibernians were formed to protect the church and clergy in Ireland. They were continued in America with an added mission. To help Irish immigrants and to keep our values strong. We Hibernians must keep this idea moving with the pace of today's world. When we take our initial oath and the Shamrock Degree we do so promising to protect our Irish values and beliefs. Our ancestors had to do this in secret because of persecution. Our forbearers made it easier for us but never let us forget to honor these traditions—without them we would not exist!

Once we realize all this we will understand why we are so proud to be Hibernians and we will know why we lead the greatest parade in the world down 5th Ave. with our heads looking up to the sky thankful to our forefathers and assuring them that we will carry on the torch! Remember, to be Irish is a blessing and a Hibernian, an honor!

God bless all,
Michael Shannon,
President, AOH Div 2

See you at our March 10th dance and the March 21st meeting!

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Mar 4** Irish Day at Burke HS Goshen
—12 noon to 6:00 pm
- Mar 10** Annual Div 2 Dinner Dance
Anthony's Pier 9—8 pm –
Midnight. \$55 per ticket.
- Mar 11** Annual Mass and Grand
Marshal's Breakfast—9am –
St. John's Goshen. Breakfast
at Kuhl's Highland House.
Middletown—\$20 p/p.
- Mar 11** Mid-Hudson St Patrick's
Parade—Goshen. Government
Center: 1pm line-up; 2pm start
- Mar 17** St. Patrick's Day Parade—
NYC. Bus leave Destinta at
8am.
- Mar 21** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm.
- Apr 8** Easter Morning Irish Breakfast
9:30—12:30. \$7.00 adults -
\$3.00 children.

Remember in Your Prayers



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Thanks and More Thanks!

A Very Special Thanks to the kitchen cooks for Super Bowl Sunday and the County Board Meeting/Shamrock Degree—Jim Kiernan, Dave Sutton, Kevin Moore, Pat Healey, Jim Kane, Mike Shannon, Dennis Malone and Kevin Cummings. **More Thanks** to Joe McCormick for keeping our parking lot clear of snow. **Special Thanks** to Gil Griffin for his very generous donation to the children's parties and the extension workers. An early **Thanks** to all our big ticket sellers like the Marlows, Hogans & Kofps for the basket of cheer and Pat Finn for the dinner dance. Both events look like they will be **BIG** successes! Finally, a **Big Thanks** to all those who work behind the scenes (so many of you)—your hard work does not go unnoticed.

LAST CHANCE!!!!

NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR!!!



23rd Annual

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Anthony's Pier 9
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Saturday, March 10, 2007

8:00 PM – Midnight

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2007 Annual Dues are Due!

In an effort to help members remember that the **\$50.00** dues for 2007 are due in January, we are including this notice.

If you should change your address, phone number, or e-mail; Please let me know by writing to:

AOH Div. 2
PO Box 206
Cornwall N.Y. 12518

by phoning 845-534-2097 or by visiting:
<http://www.div2aoh.org/update.htm>

Every member is important to us, so please do not fall through the cracks.

Dennis Malone
Division 2
Financial Secretary

Final Call for the Giant 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.



Tickets will continue to be on sale now and up till 9:30 pm at the annual dance. The drawing will be held later during the dinner dance. Tickets are \$1.00 each—6 for \$5.00. Help support your division!



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