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The Popery, Test and Schism Acts—of Injustice!

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In 1704 the Duke of Ormond came to Ireland as Lord Lieutenant. The House of Commons petitioned him for a further extension of the penal laws, which were brought to their extreme limit of severity, chiefly in the first years of the reign of Queen Anne, and partly in the reign of George II. There was no reason for this additional legislation, for the Catholic people had been quiet and submissive. The most important provisions of this "Popery Act" as it was called, which became law on March 4, 1704, were these:

—If the eldest son of a Roman Catholic father turned Protestant, he became the owner of his father's land, and the father became merely life tenant. If any other child became Protestant, a Protestant guardian was appointed, and the father had to pay for separate maintenance and education.

—If the sons were all Catholics, the land was equally divided among them when the father died: this was for the purpose of gradually impoverishing and weakening the old Catholic families.

—The previous codes contained provisions to prevent Catholics practicing as lawyers. The present act increased the penalty; and a subsequent act in the reign of George II, prohibited anyone from practicing as a solicitor who had not been a Protestant since fourteen years of age.

—No Catholic could purchase land, or take a lease longer than 81 years. If land came by

descent to a Catholic, or was given to him, or was left him by will, he could not accept it.

—No person could vote at an election, or could hold any office civil or military, without taking the oaths of allegiance and abjuration, and receiving the sacrament according to the English rite on Sunday. This last provision applied to the Presbyterians and other dissenters as well as to Catholics: but they were induced to withdraw their opposition to it by a promise that it would never be turned against them: a promise which was soon broken. The act requiring the reception of the sacrament according to the English rite is called the "Test Act."

—No Catholic in future to come to live in Limerick or Galway: those at present living in those cities were permitted to remain, but had to give security for good behavior.

—Rewards were offered for the discovery of Catholic bishops, Jesuits, unregistered priests or schoolmasters: the amount to be levied off the Catholics.

In the last year of Queen Anne's reign the English parliament passed the Schism act, drawn up by St. John Lord Bolingbroke: it provided that no person could teach school without a license from the Protestant bishop, which could not be granted unless the applicant received the sacrament according to the rite of the established church; and this act was made to apply to Ireland.

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

March 9, 2008

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 13th)



A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

March 2008

We are entering our busiest month of the year, what with dances, parades and Irish day at Burke high school it is a great time to reconnect with your friends and to share your heritage with everyone. So come on out and be part of it all.

While March brings us joy February has left us with sadness. The tragic loss of Mary, the daughter of Helen and Pat Finn, left us all in a somber mood. The entire division extends our condolences and we will keep the entire Finn family in our prayers. Our second loss Agnes McCallen, Mother of one of our great friends and supporters, Ann Simoni, passed away. Agnes was a frequent visitor to the club and enjoyed the "craic agus coel" as well as the Irish breakfast with us. Once again our condolences to the family.

I would like to establish more dialog amongst members on topics concerning the club. So no matter what your constructive concerns are please raise them with any officer connected with the membership (division or corporation) and we will address the topic and you will be notified of the results.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB, NOT THE BOARDS, SO SAY WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND.

God bless and keep the Irish spirit alive.

John Greehy, Division 2 President



Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Feb 29** **Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner—**
6 PM– 8:30 PM. Div 2 Hall
- Mar 2** **Irish Day—Burke HS, Goshen.**
Fun for all. 12—6 PM
- Mar 9** **Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-**
12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall
- Mar 15** **Div 2 Annual Dinner Dance.**
Anthony's Pier 9. 8 PM —
Midnight. \$60 p/p
- Mar 16** **Mid-Hudson Parade—Grand**
Marshal & Aides Breakfast.
- Mar 16** **Mid-Hudson Parade—Goshen**
2:00 PM. Gov't. Center.
- Mar 17** **NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade—**
Bus trip to NYC 10:00 AM
- Mar 19** **Monthly Meeting - Div 2 Hall:**
7:00 PM

Vice-President's Gaelic Phrase-of-the-Month

Go raibh maith agat = Thank You
Phonetically = gura mie ugt

Lenten Friday Night Fish & Chips

AOH ~ Division 2—Hibernian Hall, Cornwall, NY



Back by popular demand...

Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner

Friday, February 29, 2008

Serving from 6:00 pm till 8:30 pm

Lightly battered Atlantic white fish, a generous portion of traditional Irish cut potatoes and creamy coleslaw. All perfectly prepared to order and served piping hot to your table along with a basket of homemade Irish Soda bread and butter

\$10 per person

Children age 10 and under \$5.00

Reservations not necessary—but are greatly appreciated.

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2008 Building Fund Raffle

The tickets are going fast for the 2008 Building Fund Raffle! Don't hesitate—contact Pat Healey, Ticket Chairman to get your tickets. This year the drawing and celebration will be held at the Division 2 Hall and surrounding the grounds on Saturday, June 21, 2008. Donation is \$100 for a chance to win one of 33 great cash prizes. Call Pat for tickets and details at 845-220-7186. Don't forget about the Building Fund Raffle's Early Bird Drawing to take place after the Mother's Day Irish Breakfast on May 11, 2008. Those who have turned in their paid tickets in will be in the running to win one of 3 additional \$500 prizes. The seller of each winning early bird ticket will win \$100. Hurry, don't miss out—get your tickets now!

Update!!! — All but **40 tickets** for our $26 + 6 = 1$ have been dispersed. If any one is in need of additional tickets, please contact Pat Healey. Remember, the early bird drawing will be held on May 11th for any tickets that are sold by that date. If you have tickets that are not sold, please return them ASAP so others may get in on the early bird.

NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Bus Trip

The bus trip to the NYC parade is nearly sold out—only a few seats remain. The cost per person is **\$35**. Price includes food and drinks on the way down and back. Bus will leave from Destinta Theaters at **10:00 AM** this year. If you have not paid for your reserved seat, please contact Mike Shannon at 845-534-2528.

AOH-DJW Corp. Quarterly Meeting

There will be an AOH-DJW Corp. Quarterly Meeting — held on **March 30, 2008** at 2:00 pm-Div. 2 Hall. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in plans for the future of the building.

Annual Dinner Dance—Save-the-Date!!

Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2

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Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

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Saturday, March 15, 2008
8:00 PM – Midnight

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or any of the members below:

Kevin Cummings
562-8651

Pat Healey
562-0611

Dennis Malone
534-2097

Kevin Moore
562-5226

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691-1342

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2008 Annual Dues are Due!

In a effort to help members remember that the **\$50.00** dues for 2008 are now past due—we are including this notice.

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

AOH Division 2
Attn: Dennis Malone
PO Box 206
Cornwall N.Y. 12518

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

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Dennis Malone
Financial Secretary
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