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Happy 250th Birthday New York City Parade!!!

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The first recorded Saint Patrick's Day Parade in New York City took place fourteen years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On March 17, 1762 a small group of Irish New Yorkers marched to the inn of one John Marshall at Mount Pleasant, near present-day intersection of Barclay and Church streets in lower Manhattan where the day would be celebrated. Little else is known about that early parade, and in years earlier still there may have been similar marches and gatherings that have escaped record, but whatever else those solemn revelers accomplished on that late winter's day two and a half centuries ago, they began, or can be credited with beginning, here in New York, an annual celebration which has continued without interruption ever since.

St. Patrick's Day is a uniquely Irish holiday, and yet it is celebrated in more countries around the world than any other national holiday. This geographical spread is less surprising when one considers the prolific dispersion undertaken by the Irish, through choice or necessity, over the past three centuries. There is no corner of the globe the Irish have left unvisited, and there is none where they have settled that has been more deeply shaped by them than has New York. There's no denying the preeminence of New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Last year over 500 marching bands of all types, County Societies, police, firefighters, and scores of others made up the 200,000 marchers who followed the course from midtown up Fifth Avenue to 86th Street. Over 2,000,000 spectators lined the sidewalks to watch and cheer. These vast numbers are a far cry from the celebrations of the early years, when the parades here were chiefly military in nature, with the small groups

of marchers drawn largely from Irish members of the local militia. It was not until the 1820s that the sponsorship of the parade began to be undertaken by such social and fraternal organizations as the Hibernian Universal Benevolent Society and the Independent Sons of Erin. It was in 1853 that the Ancient Order of Hibernians, for many years now the parade's principal sponsor, first marched. From that time onward, the time of the Great Famine and the massive increase in Irish emigration to America, the parade has been a fixture in the city's social, political, and cultural life. If it was at first intended "to show the newly arrived immigrants as respectable citizens worthy of esteem in American society" [to quote John T. Ridge, the author of a fine history of the parade], it soon became an assertion of the political strength and centrality of the Irish in New York. Throughout its history, the parade, mindful of its religious origins and impulse, has remained more understated than some, with its row after row of marchers and riders unaccompanied by floats or amplified music. The NYC parade is still what Thomas Francis Meagher, later to be a hero of the American Civil War, called it in 1855: "a festival of memory" It is a festival of religious memory, of cultural memory, and of familial memory. Though it is Patrick's Day that we celebrate, it is also surely our own. For each marcher and each spectator, even those who are Irish only for the day, has his or her own family history, a history which, this country being what it is, this world being what it is, is likely to tell a tale of exile and dispossession, of struggle and success, of decline and rebirth and continuance.

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(The next Irish Breakfast will be held on May 8th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

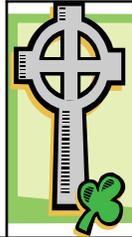
March 2011

As we head into Spring let's all pray the snowstorms (and rains) are over. The annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance held on March 5th was a big success. Thanks to all those who helped out before, during and following the dance. Please contact me if you have any comments about this year's dance or suggestions for next year's event. Thanks to Chris Turpin and his band, the Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums and the Early-McLaughlin School of Irish Dance. Their performances helped make the evening special.

All are invited to march in the upcoming parades in Goshen and NYC. The bus sign-up sheet for NYC is at the hall. Please try to participate in one of the many events planned around these two great parades. Dennis Malone and I are getting the Annual 26+6=1 Building Fund Raffle up and running. This is a huge fundraiser for the Division and help is needed with ticket sales. 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)

- Mar 13 Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Mass at the Carmelite Shrine—Middletown:** 9:00 AM—See: Kevin Moore.
- Mar 13 MHSPP Grand Marshal's Breakfast** Kuhl's Highland House: 10:30 AM. \$20.00 p/p. See Kevin Moore.
- Mar 13 Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade —Goshen Gov't. Center** Line-up at 1 PM, step-off at 2 PM. See: Kevin Moore.
- Mar 16 Monthly Meeting - Hall:** 7 pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Help is needed for bus trip preparation.
- Mar 17 250th NYC St. Patrick's Parade.** Buses leaving from Loughran's Pub at 8:00 AM. See John Greehy.
- Apr 8 Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner.** Hall: 6-8:30 PM. See more info.

2011 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.
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Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade

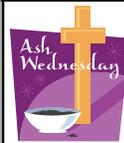
The Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade is **Sunday, March 13, 2011** in Goshen. We march as a division in this parade so turn-out is important. Please be sure to have your parade uniform in order. If you need anything contact John Greehy. Line-up in uniform at 1:00 pm—Step-off at 2:00 pm.



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 additional information. Car pooling to Loughran's is suggested.

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2011 Building Fund Raffle



Tickets for the **2011 Building Fund Raffle** are available. Don't hesitate—contact Kevin Moore or Dennis Malone to get your tickets. As usual the drawing and celebration will be held at the Division 2 Hall and surrounding the grounds on **Saturday, June 18, 2011**. Donation is \$100 for a chance to win one of 33 great cash prizes. For tickets, please see Kevin or Dennis or call the hall at 534-2528.

Don't forget about the **Building Fund Raffle's Early Bird** Drawing to take place after the Mother's Day Irish Breakfast on **May 8, 2011**. 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. You have to be in it—to win it!!!!

Notice of AOH County Convention

The biennial Orange County AOH Convention will be held on **Saturday, June 4, 2011** at 11:00 AM in Division 1 Hall in Monroe. We need approximately 15 members to act as division delegates and to support the Division 2 candidates for county office. If you are able to attend please contact Kevin Moore. For those who need a ride there will be transportation from Division 2 hall.

Hold the Date

Please hold **Friday, April 29, 2011** for a important local fundraiser. The event which will include food and music will run from 8:00 PM to 12 Midnight. Additional information will be provided in next month's newsletter.



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A **Very Special Thanks** to the 2011 Annual Dinner St. Patrick's Dance Committee for the great work they did at this year's dance. **Special thanks** are due John Greehy, John Masterson, Clem Villa, Kevin Moore, Kevin Cummings, Pat Finn, Matt Flanagan and all those who all put in many hours assuring everyone had a great time. Their efforts made the dinner dance a memorable affair and a huge success. **More Thanks** to all our big 50/50 ticket sellers - John Marlow, Tim Hogan, and Greg Kopf for all their help. Thanks guys! Also, **Special Thanks** to all of you who supported our division by attending this year's dance, buying the Basket of Cheer and 50/50 tickets. **Thanks** to all our performers of the night, Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums, and the Early-McLoughlin School of Irish Dance under Jim Early. Finally, a **Big Thanks** to all those who work behind the scenes (so many of you)—your hard work does not go unnoticed.

A Very Special Anniversary

The Ancient Order of Hibernians was formed on May 4th, 1836 at St. James Church in NYC. The year, 2011 marks the 175th anniversary of the Order. Special events are planned in May — more information to follow.

Hibernian Membership Drive

March is Irish American Month

Brothers we are actively seeking new members to our Brotherhood. We urge all members to please recruit a family member or friend. We need the efforts of all members to increase the size of our order and our Division. For an application please visit the web site <http://www.div2aoh.org/membership> or call the Hibernian Hall at 534-2528.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Patrick Finn, our Division Treasurer who has been selected to represent us as this year's Division 2 Aide to the Grand Marshall in the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade in Goshen on March 13th. Congratulations Pat!!!

Please Support Our Hibernian Friends

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