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The Black and Tans as a subject still arouses controversy in Ireland. The Black and Tans were mostly former soldiers brought into Ireland by the government in London on April 26, 1920 to assist the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) in their work. For a number of years, the RIC had been a target for the IRA. Therefore, recruitment to the RIC started to be hit and the RIC found it difficult to carry out its duties effectively, especially in the remote rural areas of southern Ireland.

The British government advertised for men who were willing to "face a rough and dangerous task". Many former British army soldiers had come back from Europe and found only unemployment. Therefore, there were plenty of ex-servicemen who were willing to go. For many the sole attraction was simply money. The men got three months training and got paid ten shillings a day. Once in Ireland it quickly became apparent that there were not enough uniforms for all those who had joined up. Therefore they wore a mixture of uniforms – some military, some RIC. This mixture gave them the appearance of being in khaki and dark police uniform. As a result, these men got the nickname "Black and Tans", and it stuck.

Many Black and Tan units all but terrorized local communities. For the Black and Tans, their primary task was to make Ireland "hell for the rebels to live in". Over 8000 Black and Tans went to Ireland and while they found it difficult to cope with men who used classic guerrilla tactics against them, those who lived in areas where the Black and Tans were based, paid the price.

The most infamous attack on the public came in November 1920. Many people had packed into Croke Park, Dublin, to watch a football match. In retaliation for the murder of undercover detectives by the IRA, the Black and Tans opened fire on the crowd, killing twelve people. In retaliation for this attack, eighteen members of the 'Auxies' (a separate part of the Black and Tans) were killed in Kilmichael, County Cork. The 'Auxies' took their revenge for this by burning down the centre of Cork and parading around after this event with burnt cork in their caps. Violence, it appeared, only led to even more violence on both sides.

There were many examples of them shooting indiscriminately at civilians as opposed to republican guerrillas. Creameries were also destroyed by the Black and Tans – almost as a way of economically punishing those who may have been helping the IRA. The government in Westminster quickly realized that they were a liability as even public opinion in mainland Britain was appalled by a lot of what they did. What did the Black and Tans achieve? They succeeded in getting the republican cause a great deal of civilian support simply because of their acts – people may not have joined the IRA, but they were supporters of it and gave what financial help they could to the movement.

"Let Us Do the Cooking"

Easter Sunday Morn' Authentic Irish Breakfast

April 8, 2007

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 May 13th)



A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends

April 2007

"April is a promise that May is bound to keep." (Hal Borland, author) As we enter spring 2007, Division 2 has many accomplishments to be proud of and also to continue. But first, let us catch our breath from March. The dinner dance committee worked extra hard to give us the most successful event in years. Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to next year. The Division 2 marchers in the parades made me proud to be a member of this organization. Even mother nature couldn't hold us back on St. Patrick's Day. Our division volunteers for various functions around the county made us look great also. Congratulations gentlemen!

On April 7th, the children will have their Easter Egg Hunt (12 to 2 PM). We are getting ready for Friday night cookouts and the progress on the addition will soon give us plenty of room. Our Building Fund picnic will be held on June 23rd at our own hall this year. This is the first attempt at this and we will need plenty of help! Come down and join the effort. We have been getting new young members over the past few months. New ideas and especially younger muscles will help around the club. If you know anyone who wants to join, applications are available at the hall. Again, I thank you all for your support and help. May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty. (Irish proverb). See you at our April 18th meeting.

God bless all,

Michael Shannon,

President, AOH Div 2

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

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| Mar 30 | Lenten Fish and Chips
Dinner—6:30 PM—8:30 PM.
\$10 Adults. \$5 children |
| Apr 1 | Irish Day at Mt St. Mary's
College 3 PM —5 PM. Irish
history, bagpipes and dancing.
The Wild Rovers |
| Apr 3 | Irish Set Dancing Lessons—
every Tuesday at 7 PM |
| Apr 7 | Children's Easter Egg Hunt.
Division 2 grounds. Special
guest—Easter Bunny. 12 Noon |
| Apr 8 | Easter Morning Irish Breakfast
9:30—12:30. \$7.00 adults -
\$3.00 children. |
| Apr 18 | Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. |
| Apr 29 | West Point Tattoo 12 Noon till
5 PM. Great family day at
Trophy Point. Free admission. |
| May 13 | Mother's Day Irish Breakfast
9:30—12:30. \$7.00 adults—
\$3.00 kids |
| May 13 | Building Fund Early Bird
Raffle. |

Come One—Come All to the Annual Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner

AOH ~ Division 2—Hibernian Hall—Cornwall, NY



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Friday, March 30, 2007

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Children' meal (age 10 and under) \$5.00

Reservations not necessary—but are greatly appreciated

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Thanks and More Thanks!

A Very Special Thanks to the 2007 Annual Dinner Dance Committee for the great work they did at this year's St. Patrick's Dance. Special congratulations are due Kevin Moore, Pat Healey, Dennis Malone, Mike Shannon, Jim Kane and Kevin Cummings who all put in many hour assuring everyone had a great time. Their efforts made the dinner dance a memorable affair and a huge success. Also, **Special Thanks** to all of you who supported our division by attending this year's dance. We had close to 275 people attend the event. **More Thanks** to all our big 50/50 ticket sellers like John Marlow, Tim Hogan and Greg Kopf for all their help. Thanks guys! Thanks to all our performers of the night, Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums, Ortiz Keltic Band, The McLoughlin School of Irish Dance under Jim Early and The Cornwall Celtic Ceili Dancers under Brian Reynolds—a good job by all! **Special Thanks** to Dave Sutton for his moving invocation prior to dinner. We are **Truly Thankful** to our raffle sponsors, Loughran's Irish Pub, Harp & Whistle Irish Restaurant, Irish Eyes Pub, Marko's Beverages and John S. Kane of the National AOH for their generous donations. Finally, a **Big Thanks** to all those who work behind the scenes (so many of you)—your hard work does not go unnoticed. Go raibh maith agaibh—*An Irish Thanks!*

Happy and Blessed Easter to all our division members and friends: From the officers of the Father Donald J. Whelan—
Division 2 AOH



2007 Annual Dues are Now Past Due!

Every member is important to us, so please do not fall through the cracks. Send your dues in today!

Dennis Malone
Division 2
Financial Secretary

2007 Building Fund Raffle

The tickets are in the **2007 Building Fund Raffle**. Don't hesitate—contact Pat Healey, Ticket Chairman to get your tickets. This year something new...the drawing and celebration will be held at the Division 2 Hall and surrounding grounds on **Saturday, June 23, 2007**. 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 13, 2007**. 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!

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Saturday, April 7, 2007** at 12 Noon. A special appearance by the Easter Bunny is guaranteed to put a smile on the faces of the children (and adults alike)! Have your child's photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Pizza, candy, fun, games and prizes await the lucky children who attend. Your hosts for the day are Tina Malone and Siobhan Wynne. Admission is free but a can or box of dry food for the local food pantry would be appreciated. Thanks!



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