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The American Flag Dips to No King

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The 1908 Summer Olympics were held in London, England were extremely controversial. During the "Parade of Nations," it was a customary for teams to dip their nation's flags as a show of respect for the ruling monarch of the host country. Martin J. Sheridan, a Discus thrower, born in 1881 in County Mayo, was part of the American Olympic team. Sheridan immigrated to New York in 1901 and joined the NYPD in 1906. Patrolman Sheridan held a grudge against the English because he believed that they helped make the Irish potato famine so bad. Members of the Olympic committee knowing his dislike for the English replaced Sheridan - who was scheduled to carry the American flag - with Ralph Rose as bearer of the flag.

Irish-Americans had a strong sense of patriotic pride to their new found country. NYPD Patrolman Mathew McGrath at 6'2", 245 pounds was a hammer thrower and native of County Tipperary, born in 1878. As the Americans approached the Royal Box, McGrath broke ranks and stepped up to the American flag bearer - Rose - and said, "Dip our flag and you will be in a hospital tonight." The flag was not dipped.

The flag was not dipped which caused an international incident. During a news conference, Sheridan spoke for the entire Olympic team; he pointed to the American flag

and said, "This flag dips to no earthly king." That precedent was set which is still followed today during the Olympic Games. The American Flag has never been dipped to anyone since that day in 1908. In fact, the United States Flag Code was officially changed to read, "No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing." (See Title 4, United States Code, Chapter 1 § 8).

In 1924 Olympics McGrath earned the silver medal...at the age of 45. During his police career McGrath attained the rank of Inspector, and was awarded the NYPD's Medal of Valor twice. Inspector McGrath died in January of 1941.

To perpetuate his name for the future generations the Martin J. Sheridan Award for Valor was established, and given each year to a member of the Police Department for bravery above and beyond the call of duty.

Sheridan, a First Grade Detective died of pneumonia in 1918 while working a double shift for a sick NYPD colleague on March 25 at the age of thirty-seven and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, Queens.

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Mother's Day Irish Breakfast

With complementary flowers for all the Mothers!!!

May 10, 2009

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.



A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and friends,

April 2009

March is nearly over and I hope everyone had great "CRAIC" while still upholding our Irish traditions with pride.

I have to thank the Division's Dance Committee, **DENNIS MALONE, KEVIN MOORE, KEVIN CUMMINGS, GREG KOPF AND MIKE SHANNON** for a most successful affair. Thanks to all the other who helped out during the dance selling chances and getting everything else in order. From what I been told fun was had by all.

A tip of the hat to all of our marchers, both in Goshen and New York City. **WELL DONE!**

Make your plans to attend our annual spectacular Fish Fry March 27 (see details) and also our classy **MOTHERS DAY IRISH BREAKFAST** on Sunday, May 10th. The date is also the time for the early bird draw.

How about coming to the club to meet other members?

God bless and stay well.

Fraternally Yours,
John Greehy



Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Mar 27** Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner-
6:00-8:30 pm. \$10 p/p.
Children \$5.00.
- Apr 4** Irish Proclamation of
Independence Remembrance
Ceremony—12 noon
- Apr 4** Children's Easter Egg Hunt —
12 noon—3 pm.
- Apr 15** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm.
Members are encouraged to
attend.
- Apr 19** County Board Meeting—AOH
Div 2 Hall. 2:00pm.
- Apr 26** West Point Tattoo 12 Noon till
5 PM. Great family day at
Trophy Point. Free admission.
- May 1** Whacky Friday Nite BBQ
begins. Family fun!

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for our all our Brothers, their families and friends who are sick and for those who have gone on before us!

2009 Building Fund Raffle

Tickets for the **2009 Building Fund Raffle** are available! Don't hesitate—contact John Greehy, Ticket Chairman immediately to get your tickets—please mention this fundraiser to other members and friends. This year the drawing and celebration will be held at the Division 2 Hall and surrounding the grounds on **Saturday, June 20, 2009**. Donation is \$100 for a chance to win one of 33 great cash prizes. Call John for tickets and details at 845-534-9315. Don't forget about the Building Fund Raffle's **Early Bird Drawing** to take place after the Mother's Day Irish Breakfast on May 10, 2009. 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!!! — If any one is in need of additional tickets, please contact John Greehy. Remember, the early bird drawing will be held on May 10th for any tickets that are sold by that date.

IMPORTANT

If you have tickets that you are not able to sell, please, please return them by May 9th so others may get in on the early bird drawing.

AOH—DJW General Membership Meeting

AOH—DJW General Membership Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 15, 2009** immediately following the AOH Division 2 monthly meeting. Members in good standing are invited to attend the meeting. At the next quarterly meeting to be held in June, elections for the new board of officers will be held. More information on elections will follow in the May newsletter.

Hibernian Membership Drive

Brothers—we are actively seeking new members to our Order. 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 call the Hibernian Hall at 534-2528.

Hibernian Hall Rental

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 for 2009 so call the hall at 534-2528—leave a message for Kevin Moore.

Annual Fish & Chips Dinner!!

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Easter Uprising Commemoration

We will be having a small commemoration of the Easter Uprising conducted by members of the division in conjunction with the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 12 Noon. Members of the division will participate in the ceremony by providing a color guard, by playing traditional Irish freedom tunes on the bagpipes and finally, by the reading of the Irish Proclamation of Independence, first read on Easter Monday, 1916. We hope that the short (ten minute) ceremony will spark a flame of interest in the young children attending the Easter Egg Hunt.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 4, 2009 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!

2009 Annual Dues are Past Due!

In an effort to help members remember that the **\$50.00** dues for 2009 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:

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by phoning 845-534-2097 Visit: [www.div2aoh.org/
update.htm](http://www.div2aoh.org/update.htm) to update your information

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