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## Come Out You Black and Tans!

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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"* **Authentic Irish Breakfast**

**April 11, 2010**



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 9th)

## A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

April 2010

Another St. Patrick's Season has passed and Division #2 again stood tall throughout. On Irish day we again displayed our cooking, serving and announcement talents. The annual dance was enjoyed by a great crowd of members and friends—so give three cheers for the committee and their success.

With spring here and summer coming, activities at the club on Friday nights will hopefully increase. Cooking on Friday nights is a very popular way to enhance camaraderie among everyone. So think about stepping up to barbeque some Friday evening. Don't forget our beautiful deck and the surrounding grounds—a great way to spend a relaxing Friday night!!

Make your plans to attend our annual MOTHERS DAY IRISH BREAKFAST on Sunday, May 9th.

STAY WELL AND GOD BLESS

In our Motto,  
John Greehy  
Division President



P.S. The Harp and Whistle has new management so let's give them some help to make it.

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Apr 11** Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall
- Apr 13** Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Open to the public. First lesson is free.
- Apr 21** Monthly Meeting - Div 2 Hall: 7:00 PM. All members welcome.
- Apr 25** West Point Tattoo - Bagpipe bands show off their best. Free—open to public.
- Apr 30** Shepherds Pie Cook-off - Div 2 Hall: 7:00 PM
- Apr 30** Building Fund Raffle's Early Bird Drawing - Div 2 Hall: 9:00 PM

**RIP † : Dermott Finn, father of our AOH Treasurer, Patrick Finn.**



## 2010 Building Fund Raffle

The tickets are going fast for the 2010 Building Fund Raffle! Don't hesitate—contact Kevin Moore or Dennis Malone, Ticket Co-Chairman to get your tickets. The drawing and celebration will be held at the Division 2 Hall and surrounding the grounds on **Saturday, June 19, 2010**. Donation is \$100 for a chance to win one of 33 great cash prizes. Call Kevin or Dennis for tickets and details at 845-534-2528. Don't forget about the Building Fund Raffle's Early Bird Drawing to take place during our Shepherds Pie Cook-off on **April 30, 2010**. 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!

### IMPORTANT

**If you have tickets that are not sold, please return them ASAP so others may get in on the early bird drawing.**

## Hibernian Hall Rental

The calendar is filling quickly so call the hall at 534-2528—leave a message for Kevin Moore, Hall Rental Chairman and reserve the date for your special event soon. Dates for 2010 are filling up fast.

## Hibernian Calendars—Last Call!

**NYS AOH Fundraiser—Daily Lotto Number Calendars** — \$25 each. Each day brings a chance to win. Great source for Irish history and they make **great gifts too!** Call Kevin Cummings at 845-562-8651 to purchase yours today. Four winners so far!!!!

## Hibernian Membership Drive

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.

**Coupon For One Free Irish Set Dancing Lesson on Tuesday Nights at 7:00 pm**  
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## Friday Nite Family BBQ is Back!!!



The warm weather is here and so are the good times! Friday Night BBQ is back with gourmet specials and kids meals. Come on down for a pint or two and enjoy some good music, good times and some good friends.

As a reminder, we are always looking for cooks with a specialty they would like to share.

If you have such a talent, call the hall and put your name down on the calendar for a Friday night.

We are not looking for a long-term commitment, just an hour or two whenever you can spare it.

Try it...you'll have fun.



## We Are Trying Something New!!!!

### The Great AOH Shepherd's Pie Cook-off

Friday, April 30, 2010

7:00 PM at the AOH Hall.

Prizes for the best cooks. Guests get to taste and judge each entry. Look for flyers with more information at the hall. \$5.00—50/50 with half to winning guest and half to winning cook! Cash bar available. Cooks can contact John Greehy at 845-534-9315.

## 2010 Annual Dues are Due!

In an effort to help members remember that the \$50.00 dues for 2010 are due in January, we are including this notice. Please remit dues to:

AOH Division 2  
Attn: Matthew Flanagan  
PO Box 206  
Cornwall N.Y. 12518

## Thanks and More Thanks!

**A Very Special Thanks** to the 2010 Annual Dinner Dance Committee for the great work they did at this year's St. Patrick's Dance. Special congratulations are due Kevin Moore, Clem Villa, John Greehy Greg Kopf and Kevin Cummings who all put in many hours assuring everyone had a great time. Also, **Special Thanks** to all of you who supported our division by attending this year's dance. We had 190 or so people attend the event this year.

**More Thanks** to all our big 50/50 ticket sellers - John Marlow, Tim Hogan, Tom Stager and Greg Kopf for all their help. Thanks guys! Thanks to all our performers of the night, Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums, The Chris Turpin Band, The McLoughlin School of Irish Dance under Jim Early and Erin, his daughter and The Cornwall Celtic Ceili Dancers under Brian Reynolds—a good job by all! **A Special Thanks** to Dave Sutton and especially Fr. Kevin Mackin, OFM for his moving invocation prior to dinner. **Additional Thanks** to Bob Morgan, Kevin Cummings, Kevin Moore, Don McClellan, Joe Ryan, John Greehy, Anne Greehy, Ann Simoni, Alice Ryan, Margaret Kiernan, Jim Kiernan, Matt Flanagan and John Masterson and all those who helped during the hugely successful Annual Lenten Fish Fry.

**Special Thanks** to Sioban Wynne and Tina Malone, Kevin Moore, John Walsh and all their helpers for running the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. 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!*

## Keep in Touch

We are in the process of collecting emails from all members and friends who wish to be notified of upcoming events and to stay in touch in case of an emergency. Please send an email to: Kevin Cummings at: [kcummings@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kcummings@hvc.rr.com) or John Greehy at [johnbfg@aol.com](mailto:johnbfg@aol.com) or visit "Member's Update" at: <http://www.div2aoh.org/index3.htm> - Thanks!



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