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As many know, the decades preceding the outbreak of the American Civil War witnessed an unprecedented influx of immigrants who sought security and opportunity in America. There is perhaps no other ethnic group so closely identified with the Civil War years and the immediate aftermath of the War as Irish Americans. A war, where at least 618,000 Americans died and some experts say the toll reached 700,000. These casualties exceeded the nation's loss in all its other wars combined, from the Revolution through Afghanistan.

Did you know that...

It is estimated that 170,000 Irish soldiers served with the Union Army. An additional 40,000 Irish immigrants joined the Confederate Army? Of every 1,000 Federals in battle, 112 were wounded. Of every 1,000 Confederates, 150 were wounded? The Irish Brigade was an infantry brigade, consisting predominantly of Irish immigrants that served in the Union Army in the American Civil War. They were known in part by their famous war cry, the "faugh a ballagh," which is an Anglicization of the Irish phrase, "fag an bealach", meaning "clear the way." The formation of the Irish Brigade was authorized by the United States Secretary of War in September, 1861. The Brigade originally consisted of the 63rd New York Infantry, the 69th New York Infantry, and the

88th New York Infantry. In the Fall of that year, the 116th Pennsylvania Infantry and 28th Massachusetts Infantry joined the Irish Brigade, giving it its desired complement of five regiments. The Irish Brigade of the Union Army had a total muster of 7,000 during the war, and returned to New York in 1865 with 1,000. On the Confederate side, the Irish Brigade—Louisiana Company A alone dwindled from 90 men to 3 men and one officer and Company B of the same went from 100 men to 2 by war's end?

Did you also know that...

The first casualty of the Civil War was an Irishman, Daniel Hough, born in 1825 in Tipperary Ireland. He immigrated to the US and enlisted in the US Army in October 1849. He remained in the army and was at Fort Sumter, S.C. in April 1861 at the beginning of the Civil War. On April 14, 1861, Daniel Hough was killed during an accidental explosion during the formal surrender ceremonies at Fort Sumter. Unfortunately the location of his grave is unknown although many believe he was buried on the fort's parade ground. It is unknown if he is still buried there, or was perhaps relocated during the course of the Civil War—if he was ever buried there at all...

(first in a series of the Irish and their role in the Civil War)

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April 10, 2011



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



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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 8th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

April 2011

Spring is here and looking forward to warmer weather. As we rest up from the recent parades I want to thank all our brothers who marched. I hear we looked grand walking up the Avenue in New York.

All our upcoming events for the season are listed in the newsletter or on our website. Our main \$100 fund raiser is June 18th. For tickets call Dennis Malone or Kevin Moore (534-2528). The Early bird drawing will be held on Mother's Day.

AOH conventions (County and State) will be on hand before we know it and if any member (in good standing) has intentions of seeking office, now would be the time to make your intentions known.

We are always looking for new ideas from the membership as a way of bringing wives and family members together at the hall. If you have any ideas please speak with Kevin Cummings and myself.

Yours in our Motto,

Kevin P. Moore,
Division 2 President



A Happy Easter to all our members and their families!!

Please pray for sick members: Joe Thomson and Jerry Quill

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Apr 8** **Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner.**
Hall: 6-8:30 PM. See more info.
- Apr 16** **Children's Easter Egg Hunt -**
Hall: 12 Noon. Easter bunny, candy, pizza and games. Open to member families and friends.
- Apr 17** **West Point Tattoo -** Trophy Point: 10am—5pm. Bagpipe bands show off their best. Free—open to public. Stop by the HVRP band tent for refreshments.
- Apr 19** **Irish Set Dancing -** Hall: 7 pm. Fun Irish aerobics!! Your heart will thank you.
- Apr 20** **Monthly Meeting -** Hall: 7 pm. Members encouraged to attend.
- Apr 29** **A Local Family Fundraiser—** 8-12 midnight. Please support this worthy event.
- May 8** **Mother's Day Breakfast / Early Bird Drawing-** Hall: 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.

PO Box 206

Cornwall N.Y. 12518

Bartenders Needed!

Cead Failte Corp. our in-house bar, is in need of bartenders to work Friday nights, division functions and during hall rental events on weekends. No experience necessary—we will train you. See Kevin Cummings or Kevin Moore if interested. Please consider helping out.

Friday Nite BBQ returns May 6th!!!

The warm weather is here and so are the good times! Friday Nite 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.

Greatest Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner

Back by popular demand...



Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner
Friday, April 8, 2011

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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 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. Accepting dates for 2011!

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!!!!

Thanks and More Thanks!!!

Very Special Thanks to all the members who marched in the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade in Goshen on March 13th and the 250th NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th—you did us proud!!! **More Thanks** to Mike Shannon, Kevin Moore, Kevin Cummings, John Halpin, Neil Halpin, John Greehy and all who helped out with the food preparation and all the other arrangements for the bus trip to the parade in NYC. **Special thanks** are due to our Friday night bartenders including Kevin Moore, John Masterson, John Greehy, Jim McDonnell, Greg Kopf, Kevin Cummings, and Mike Shannon (and all our Friday night regulars and patrons too!). **Thanks** to all our members and friends who support us at **all** our events. And finally, a **Big Thanks** to all those who work behind the scenes (so many of you)—your hard work may go unmentioned but it does not go unnoticed. *Go raibh maith agaibh—An Irish Thanks!*

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.

A Very Special Anniversary

The Ancient Order of Hibernians was formed on May 4th, 1836 at St. James Church in NYC. The year marks the 175th anniversary of the Order. Special events are planned in May — for more information go to: http://www.aoh.com/pages/temp_pages/175_years_121810.html

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. Please call the hall for additional information on this important fundraiser.

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.



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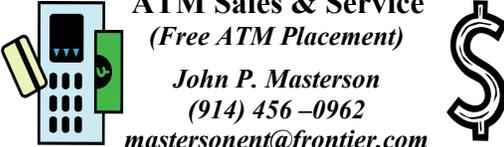
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