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Father Francis Duffy—A Irish Doughboy and Priest

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On May 2, 1870, Father Francis Duffy, World War I chaplain of the 69th New York, was born in Cobourg, Ontario. Francis moved to New York at age 22 to teach at St. Francis Xavier College but quit to enter the seminary.

Father Duffy became well known around the town as an editor of the Catholic New York Review and later as the chaplain of the 69th New York National Guard, the famous "Fighting 69th." When the 69th went off to France in 1917 (renamed the 165th Infantry by the Federal government), the 46-year-old Duffy went with them.

No one who served with the 69th in France would ever forget the ubiquitous cleric, who knew no fear as he ministered to his khaki-clad congregation. Duffy was so active in his duties that it was said that Douglas MacArthur thought him worthy of commanding a combat unit.

After the war, Father Duffy became pastor of Holy Cross parish, near Times Square. Everyone in New York, from the Mayor down to the shoeshine boys on the street, knew – and loved Father Duffy. When he died from a liver infection June 26, 1932, the whole city mourned and

provided him with a funeral worthy of a great man. Over 50,000 stood in silence along the route to St. Raymond's Cemetery, while many of his old 69th comrades accompanied him on that final trip.

In 1937, a statue of Father Duffy was unveiled in Times Square. There the good Father stands guard over his old parish to this day.



Father Francis Duffy, at Brioules-sur-Bar, France, on Nov. 4, 1918.

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Mother's Day Irish Breakfast

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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.

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

May 2008

April has come and gone with a few changes; First, the club is now smoke free. Second, we appear to have the start of a serious dart team and hopes of a tournament in the fall. Finally, several members did a great job with the kitchen clean up. Thanks to all!!!

May has several events that hopefully will be well attended; First, we have challenged Division 1 to a softball game. Our younger members are greatly needed for the game which will be on **Saturday, May 10th** - 10 AM at Blackrock Fish & Game Club - Rt. 32. Second, **Sunday, May 11th** is Mothers Day and also our monthly Irish breakfast. The meal will be followed by the 26+6 =1 Early Bird Drawing. So come out to the club and eat your fill and maybe fill your pockets. Finally, on **Saturday May 31st** we are hosting a flea market for charity. All monies from member donated items (price tags on them please) will benefit the local Big Brothers and Big Sisters of our area. All items not sold must be taken away from the hall. A belated item...the AOH-DJW Corp. meeting called for March 30th did not have a quorum due to poor attendance (I am guilty myself). Bylaw changes could not be addressed and other important items could not be discussed. Brothers it is important that these meetings be attended to discuss proposed plans; question decisions being made and to present your ideas and concerns to the board. This is your club and your thoughts/ideas are important and should be presented and considered.

GOD BLESS, STAY WELL AND SAY A PRAYER FOR NOT SO WELL MEMBERS AND OUR TROOPS.

John Greehy,
Division 2 President

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- May 9** Wacky Friday Nite BBQ is back! On the deck from 5:30—8:30 PM.
- May 10** Division 1 v. Division 2 Softball Black Rock Club 10:00 AM
- May 11** Mother's Day Irish Breakfast 9:30—12:30 PM. Free flowers for all Mothers.
- May 11** Building Fund Raffle's Early Bird Drawing—1:30 PM
- May 21** Monthly Meeting - Div 2 Hall: 7:00 PM
- May 24—25** East Durham Irish Festival—weekend long. Great music, vendors and more.
- May 31** Charity Flea Market—call the hall for more information.

Vice-President's Gaelic Phrase-of-the-Month

Cad is ainm duit? = What is your name?

Phonetically = cod iss an-um dit?

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.

Take me out to the Ballgame

Calling all softball players! Division 2 (the defending champs) will be playing Monroe Division 1 on **Saturday, May 10, 2008** at 10:00 AM at Black Rock Fish and Game Club off of Rt. 32. It is all for fun and laughs—but we would love to have some serious players so we can keep the trophy and bragging rights!

AOH—DJW Corporation Meeting

AOH—DJW General Membership Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2008** immediately following the AOH Division 2 monthly meeting. Members in good standing are invited to attend the meeting. Please make plans to attend so that we can vote on the proposed bylaw changes.

2008 Building Fund Raffle

All the tickets are out for the 2008 Building Fund Raffle! Please return all unsold tickets to Pat Healey, Ticket Chairman immediately—we have members and friends asking for tickets. This year the drawing and celebration will be held at the Division 2 Hall and surrounding the grounds on **Saturday, June 21, 2008**. 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 11, 2008**. 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 Pat Healey. Remember, the early bird drawing will be held on May 11th for any tickets that are sold by that date.

IMPORTANT

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

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.



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 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.



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

Thanks to all our Friday Night Cooks—the food has been great!!!

Thanks and More Thanks!

A Very Special Thanks to Dennis Malone and the whole crew who helped clean the kitchen. It looks brand-spanking new!!! Special thanks to Pat Healey for painting the kitchen floor. Also, **Special Thanks** to Joe McCormick for taking care of the grass-cutting and grounds. **More Thanks** to all our members and friends who have purchased the Building Raffle Tickets. Good luck on Sunday, May 11th at the Early Bird Drawing! **An Extra Special Thanks** to Jim Kane for chairing the Doo-Wop 50s Party—great job Jim!!! And to all the cooks: Karen Dorry, Joe and Alice Ryan, Jim and Margaret Kiernan, Kevin and Rose Cummings, Mike Shannon, John and Ann Greehy and all the other cooks for all the delicious food and for supporting the 50s Dance. A good time was had by all. 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!

2008 Annual Dues are Now Past Due!

In a effort to help members remember that the **\$50.00** dues for 2008 are now past due—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 or by visiting:
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