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## Violent Speech Led To Violent Anti-Catholic Riot

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On August 12, 1834, just after midnight, an anti-Catholic mob attacked the Ursuline Convent School in Charlestown, MA., and burned it to the ground as the nuns hurried the children out the back.

Rev. Lyman Beecher had helped to incite the mob hours earlier, giving three anti-Catholic diatribes at three different churches in Boston. Beecher, whose children included educator Catharine and abolitionist and author of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' Harriet Beecher Stowe, later expressed regret over the arson; but as is often the case, violent speech led to violent action.

At about 8:00 on the evening of August 11, a group of angry Protestant citizens gathered outside the door to the convent. They began to call for the release of the "mysterious lady". A witness to the riot reported that a nun came to the window and asked the crowd to disperse. According to this witness, on seeing the nun, the crowd offered their protection to the nun. At this point the mother superior appeared and stated that the nuns did not need any sort of protection, and that the entire household was in bed. She further threatened the crowd with retaliation from the Catholic population of Boston: "The Bishop has twenty thousand of the vilest Irishmen at his command, and you may read your riot act till your throats are sore, but you'll not quell them."

The crowd eventually dispersed, only to return several hours later. At about 11:00, a crowd of between fifty and sixty men (as estimated by the Boston Evening Transcript;

the Mercantile Journal estimated the crowd as between 150 and 200) set fire to tar barrels on the convent grounds. Several fire companies were called to the scene, but failed to intervene, instead joining a crowd of spectators, which eventually grew to around 2,000 people.



Soon after the tar barrels had been set alight, the crowd broke down doors and windows to enter the convent, and began to ransack the buildings. The nuns and pupils began to leave from the back, and hid in the garden. At about midnight, the rioters set fire to the buildings, which burned to the ground within an hour or two, leaving them in ruins.

Those arrested for the outrage were quickly found not guilty and became heroes in Boston. After failed attempts to get the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pay for the damages, and amid threats of further violence, the nuns eventually moved to Canada, driven from the country by bigotry and hate.

### "Let Us Do the Cooking" Authentic Irish Breakfast September 12, 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**  
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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 October 10th)

## A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

August 2010

I hope that you are surviving the heat and humidity, of late, in good shape. If not, as my dear mother would say, "offer it up for the poor souls."

Our meeting for August will be pushed back to Wednesday, August 25th. The reason is that Division 2 members are volunteering at the New Windsor Summer Concert at NW Town Hall. Help as is needed—please wear a shirt to show our colors.

Cooks it seems are a rare commodity on Friday nights. How about trying your skills? Basic hotdogs and burgers—materials are provided.

We have found a vendor that will supply American made shirts (golf and tee shirts) at a reasonable price. Samples will be at the club soon. An order list is already up on the wall. Orders will be sent in after the September meeting.

Saturday, Sept. 11th is Cornwall's Annual Side Walk event. We have space set aside for a table and will present information about the AOH to the public. We need members to man the table for short periods of time. Step up please and again wear an AOH shirt.

Details of our upcoming Irish Oktoberfest Pig Roast to benefit the Veterans is included in this newsletter. Try to make plans to attend. All profits will go to our Veterans.

God bless and stay cool,  
John Greehy  
Division President

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Aug 18** New Windsor Summer Concert—Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums & Elvis' Lost Brother: 7:00 pm –Town Hall
- Aug 21-22** Hunter Mtn. International Celtic Festival. All day long.
- Aug 25** Monthly Meeting - Div 2 Hall: 7:00 PM. All members welcome.
- Sept 5** The Hooley on the Hudson—Kingston, NY—All day—free admission.
- Sept 11** Cornwall Side Walk Event. 12 noon. AOH Information Table—need some help.
- Sept 12** Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall. We're Back!!!
- Oct 2** Irish Oktoberfest & Pig Roast—see additional information within.

## 26+6=1 Building Fund Raffle Thanks

The Building raffle was a great success!! The monies made will help keep our building and grounds in shape for another year. Thanks to all who supported the raffle and came out to drawing. Congratulation to all the winners!

Thanks to all who helped including Joe Ryan, John Halpin, Neil Halpin, Don McClellan, Pat Healey, Kevin Moore Jr., Greg Kopf, Tim Hogan, John Marlow, John Reilly, Tom Stager, John Encke, Chris Miller, John Greehy, Jim Mc Donnell, Joe Roy, Pat Malone, Joe McCormick, Dan Lynch, John Masterson, Dave Murphy, Bill Kirnan, Jim Kiernan, Clem Villa, Keith & Susan, Matt Flannigan, Bob Morgan, Kevin Cummings, Kevin Moore, Dennis Malone and all who lent a hand.

There was also help from Gil Griffin's nieces. Anne McClellan, Kim Malone, Denise Morgan, MaryEllen Malone, Patty Marlow and Kathleen Walsh.

Special thanks to friends Pat Mullarkey and George Green of the Town of New Windsor for letting us borrow tables and chairs from the Recreation Department.

Dennis Malone  
2010 Building Raffle Chair

## AOH Meeting -Change-of-Date

**Please note** that the August meeting date has been changed to **August 25th at 7:00 pm** so that our members can assist in volunteering at the New Windsor Summer Concert which will be held on the 18th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you all at the concert and at the monthly meeting.

## 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. Please consider participating in the Cornwall Side Walk Fair on September 11th. We will have an information table set up and could use some help with the recruiting.

## 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. Still dates available for 2010. Booking for 2011.

## New Windsor Summer Concert Series



Town of New Windsor Summer Concert Series continues on Wednesday evening August 18th from 7:00-8:30pm. Admission is free. Location: 555 Union Avenue New Windsor (Gazebo). Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy an evening out with the family. Hot Dogs, Soda, and other refreshments will be served at no charge. Volunteers from Division 2 AOH will help host. The Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums will be performing with Elvis's Lost Brother—a Time Magazine top ten best Elvis impersonator. That should be an interesting concert!!! Hope to see you there.



## Thanks and More Thanks!

**Special Thanks** to all our helpers at the Building Fund Raffle (named within) and to our supporters who came from near and far. **A Hardy Thanks** to Kevin Moore Jr., Kevin Cummings, Kevin Moore, John Halpin, Neil Halpin, John Greehy, Tim Hogan, Matt Flanagan, Chris Miller and Jeff Kaiser who all worked very hard moving furniture and stripped and wax the hall floors. Thanks to Perkins Paper Supply in New Windsor for donating the needed supplies. The floors shine like mirrors so bring your sunglasses!!! **Extra Special Thanks** to our bartenders, Kevin Moore, John Greehy, John Masterson, Kevin Cummings, Mike Shannon and Jim McDonnell. **More Thanks** to all of you who do the small things that nobody ever sees—your hard work does not go unnoticed.

## Summer Fun—Irish Festivals

### The International Celtic Festival At Hunter Mountain

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**3:00pm—7:00pm**

Under the Tent — Division 2 Hall

Tickets: \$35.00 p/p or \$60.00 per couple  
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