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When she stepped off the boat in Ellis Island on January 1, 1892, 15-year-old Annie Moore could hardly have figured that she would become the symbol of emigration to America. The little Cork girl was the first of 12 million to disembark and received a gold coin for her trouble. She was also stepping into history, though that hardly occurred to her at the time.

It must have been a joyous landing. Annie, after all, was rejoining her parents who had come over from Cork a few years previously. We can only imagine the excitement and anticipation of the moment when she first sailed into New York Harbor and knew her parents were waiting. Back then people sailed into oblivion when they left Ireland. It was as if they sailed off the edge of the world and disappeared. We can only imagine the heartbreak as families separated forever. Not for nothing was the farewell known as the American wake. The children and parents

would never see each other again as only a handful ever returned.

To see her parents again after being separated by what was then a very wide ocean must have been sheer delight for young Annie and her brother. One wonders about her life back home, who she stayed with when her parents left, how often she must have wished to see them again. The news that they would be reunited must have thrilled her to the bone. Little wonder that she was at the very front of the ship when she disembarked, dying no doubt to see her parents.

America was called An T-Oilean Ur, or the Fresh Land back then by the Irish, and New York was known as Bright City. Those terms embodied the hopes and dreams of generations of a fresh start in a bright and brave new world. Dreams could be fashioned and made and lives lived in an atmosphere of hope and progression. Ireland, still



reeling from the Famine, was a poor home for such dreams. Only America, with its boundless lands of opportunity, could hold such a dream.

So Annie was reunited with her family and her dreams. What matter that the dreams were undoubtedly quite modest by today's standards? We know now that she settled lived and died all within a stone's throw of where she disembarked. Thanks to the new research revealed this month, we can trace Annie's footsteps as surely as if she was one of our own relatives.

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## "Let Us Do the Cooking" Authentic Irish Breakfast

**October 8, 2006** 

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 November 12<sup>th</sup>)



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### A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

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Autumn is here and with it comes cooler evenings. Time to get our Irish sweaters out again! I've often wondered whether it's the wool or Irishness of the sweater that keeps us warm. Either way, they are by far the best garments ever made. Score another one for the Irish!

This month is filled with Irish history, but Oct. 20, 1933 is truly one date of importance. On this day, the Irish Free State government purchased the copyright to "The Soldier's Song" (by Peader Kearney) and adopted it as their national anthem. Even those of us who can't carry a tune (and I am one of them) sing it loudly and proudly in America today.

Our September Irish Breakfast was a huge success. The crew is looking forward to serving everyone again on Oct. 8th. Plans for the Halloween party on the 28th are coming together and should prove to be a good time. It's great to see everyone on Friday nights and the soups and other culinary delights on Sept. 29 were wonderful! Thanks to all who made it possible. Notre Dame football has also given us some exciting Saturday afternoons. Don't miss out on the fun!

Our new addition is rapidly moving along. Another example of AOH members joining hands and getting it done. All labor is volunteered and these members deserve a standing ovation. While I am praising everyone, let's not forget Kevin Cummings, who puts this newsletter together every month for us.

We're always looking for new members. Feel free to pick up some applications for family and friends.

"Love is never defeated, and the history of Ireland proves it! (Pope John Paul II, to the people of Galway, Sept. 1979). See you at the Oct. 18th meeting.

God bless all, Michael Shannon, Pres. AOH Div. 2

### Upcoming Events (subject to change)

[ (     	Oct 3	Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Hall—7 PM. Open to all. Call 562-8651 for more info.
( 	Oct 8	Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall
l (	Oct 13	The Great Irish American Pub Quiz—7:30 PM.
   	Oct 17	Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Hall—7 PM. Open to all. Call 562-8651 for more info.
I I	Oct 18	Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm
   	Oct 28	Children's Halloween Party—12 Noon to 3 pm
( 	Oct 28	Adult Halloween Costume Party 7 pm—11 pm
l <sub>N</sub>	Nov 12	Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall
I <sub>N</sub>	Nov 15	Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm
I I	Nov 17	The Great Irish American Pub Quiz—7:30 PM.

### **Adult Halloween Costume Party**

Saturday, October 28, 2006 7:00 PM—11:00 PM

> Music, Door Prizes, Best Costume Prizes Full Meat Loaf Dinner with all the fixings!!!

Cash Bar & 50/50 Raffle (proceeds will go to the Safe-Rider Program)

Advance Tickets: \$15.00 At the Door: \$20.00



For more info or for tickets see Mike Shannon at the bar or call 845-534-2528

#### Annie Moore ~ Her Dreams Live On (from pg. 1)

It was not an easy life she came into. Her husband was a baker and they had 11 kids, only five of whom reached

adulthood. Annie died young, just 47, probably partly from the hard life she led. Like millions of emigrants she lived and worked so that her kids and grandchildren could have a better life than she would. In that respect, there is no question that they did and that they owe much to her.

In New York this past September the family descendants of Annie Moore were introduced. The people represented the mosaic of American life. Descendants of all fates and ethnicities came forward to tell of their life story. In Annie's progeny we saw the American dream in action, the belief that every generation does better than the one before. From Annie's precarious existence in a Lower East Side of New York tenement to descendants who are doctors and bankers and many other top professions, Annie's journey is an inspiration to us all.

She is buried in an unmarked grave now, not far from the harbor she sailed into so triumphantly. It is just a short distance from where she arrived to where she was buried, but in so many ways it was a journey across generations that ended last week when Annie and her rightful relatives were finally reunited. Fittingly, it made the front of The New York Times, the most powerful newspaper on earth. Annie no doubt would have been proud. (excerpted from the Irish Echo - Sept. 2006)

# Children's Haunted House and Halloween Party



Saturday October 28, 2006 2:00 PM—3:00 PM



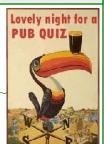
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Your hosts for the day: Sioban, Tina & Colleen The kids love it! Don't let them miss out on all the fun. Admission—please bring one can or non-perishable item which will be donated to the local food pantry. Monetary donations accepted

#### The Great Irish American Pub Quiz

You and your friends are invited to a traditional pub quiz on **Friday**, **October 13**, **2006** starting at 7:30 pm. Teams of four compete for bragging rights!!! Entry fee is \$5 per team—winning team takes all. General Trivia ~ Irish Trivia ~ Historical Trivia Music Trivia ~ Sports Trivia ~ Something for Everyone!!! Come on down for some fun, snacks and your favorite bar beverage!



#### Thanks and More Thanks

Thanks to the special Friday night cooks—Margaret & Jim Kiernan, Don & Ann McClellen, Mary Ellen & Dennis Malone, Ethel & Tom O'Brien, Kathleen Demar—their family and friends. The food was delicious!!!!

#### **Irish Set Dancing for Couples & Singles**

Lessons are on Tuesdays at 7—9pm. For more information call Kevin at 562-8651 or John at 534-9315. Lessons are \$10.00 per person. Come on down—it's fun!!!

#### **Please Keep in Your Prayers**

Please keep in your prayers Barney McKiernan who is under the weather. Special prayers for Jerry Quill who underwent emergency bypass surgery. Pray God, all get well soon!



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