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Go to 'Hell or Connaught' and the Battle of Wexford

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On October 11, 1649, following his success at Drogheda, Cromwell wished to consolidate his hold over Ireland and finally crush the Great Rebellion against English rule that had begun in 1641. Cromwell still had his army of around 12,000 men, and Wexford was defended by just over 2,000 men and 100 cannons. The Irish commander, the Duke of Ormonde, was camped 20 mi away at Ross, with the remnants of his rebel army. While Cromwell had clear numerical advantage, he faced the problem of a well-fortified town and a rapidly approaching winter that would decimate his strength through cold and disease. The Irish had the further advantage of two warships with 54 guns in the harbor ready to fire on the English army.

On this occasion, however, there was no opportunity for a proper fight, as there was a traitor in the midst of the Irish rebels. Capt James Stafford opened the town to Cromwell's soldiers and the town was soon subdued. A slaughter similar to that at Drogheda soon commenced, with priests and women killed alongside the rebel soldiers. Over 2,000 people were killed by Cromwell's soldiers and the town's churches were destroyed.

Cromwell's successes at Drogheda and then Wexford broke the strength of the Irish rebellion, and soon the alliance between the Catholics and Protestants who had made

common cause in the 1640s was broken.



Following Cromwell's victories over the Irish rebels, he proceeded to reward his soldiers, and the City of London merchants who had backed the expedition, with land and power in Ireland. In 1640 Protestant settlers had owned 40% of the land in Ireland, by 1690 this figure had reached 80%. Cromwell forced anyone associated with the rebellion to leave their relatively fertile lands in the eastern half of Ireland and to go to the worst farmland in the province of Connaught.

This policy became associated with a phrase that summed up the choice given to the rebels by Cromwell. They could go to 'Hell or Connaught'. This could be given two interpretations. Firstly the rebels could die a horrible death or live in Connaught, or secondly the choice was limited, as life in Connaught would be little better than hell anyway.

"Let Us Do the Cooking" Authentic Irish Breakfast October 11, 2009



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 8th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

October 2009

The chill is in the air with the coming of fall, hopefully we will see an increase of members, families and friends visiting the club on Friday nights,

Some new cooks would always be appreciated

Thanks to Jim Kane for conducting the September members meeting in my absence.

Our membership drives at the Cornwall street fair and the New Windsor community day were a success in a couple of ways. 1). People now know that the Ancient Order of Hibernians are in the area (a lot of interest shown. 2). Several applications were handed out to prospective members (hope they come in). I want to thank all the brothers who assisted in the manning of our tables.

Food for thought...just to start the thinking process...many people in the area depend on folks like us to provide CHRISTMAS meals for the holidays...Think about it. If you can help, please contact me. God bless!

John Greehy,
Division 2 President

Upcoming Events (subject to change)

- Oct 11** Irish Breakfast—Div 2 Hall. 9:30-12:30. \$7 per adult. \$3 for children.
- Oct 21** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Oct 21** AOH-DJW Corp Meeting - Hall: Immediately following the monthly meeting. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Oct 25** AOH Division 1 Monroe 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance. \$80 p/p. Wallkill Golf Club.
- Nov 1** Annual Chili Cook-off—3 PM at the Hall. Cash bar. Call Ray Fitzgerald at 534-3360 for info.

Irish History

October 29, 1863 - The American Red Cross was founded at the Irish immigrant church called St. Mary's Church in Fairfax, VA by Clara Barton.

Irish Set Dancing for Couples & Singles

Learn how to “dance at the crossroads”—impress your friends at the next division dinner dance or family wedding!

Just a few of the Set and Ceili dances you will learn include the: Clare Lancers; Connemara; Corofin Plain; Fermanagh; West Kerry and Williamstown sets. Learn to dance Jigs, Reels, Hornpipes. Do the Stack of Barley, Siege of Ennis, Walls of Limerick.

Lessons are on Tuesdays **beginning Sept. 15th** at 7—9pm. For more information call Kevin at 562-8651 or John at 534-9315. Your first lesson is free!!! — Lessons are \$10.00 per person thereafter. Come on down to the hall on Tuesday nights—it’s fun!!!

Lend A Helping Hand!

Our ever-popular monthly **Irish Breakfasts have started up again**. Help with setting up and cooking is sought. If you can spare a few hours once a month—it would be very helpful and much appreciated. Stop by the hall and sign up or just show up on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 AM. A few hours is all we ask. Thank you!

DJW Corp. Quarterly Meeting Notice

Members are hereby notified that there will be a quarterly meeting of the AOH-DJW held immediately following the **October 21, 2009** division meeting. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

AOH Membership Drive

We are actively seeking new members for our Order. We urge all members to recruit a family member or friend. We need the help of all members to increase the size of our Order and our Division. Please consider helping with one of our membership drives—for applications—please call the Hall at 534-2528.

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. Accepting dates for 2009!

Shamrock Memorial Wall Fundraiser

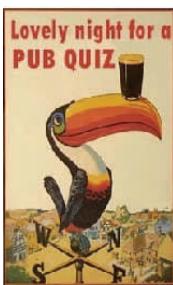
Purchase a 3"x 3" bronze shamrock in memory of a loved one. For a \$44 donation your shamrock will be expertly engraved with the names of parents or other beloved departed and be permanently mounted on the Hibernian Hall Shamrock Memorial Wall.

For additional information or to order a Shamrock Memorial leave a message at the hall or contact John Greehy at 534 - 9315



The Great Irish American Pub Quiz

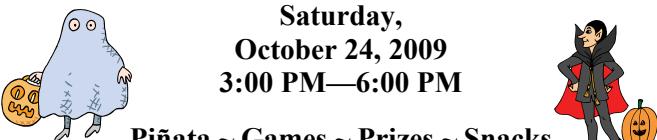
You and your friends are invited to a traditional pub quiz on **Friday, November 13, 2009** starting at 7:30 pm. Teams of four compete for bragging rights!!! Entry fee is \$10 per team—winning team takes all. General Trivia ~ Irish Trivia ~ Historical Trivia ~ Movie Trivia ~ Music Trivia ~ Sports Trivia ~ Something for Everyone!!! Come on down for some fun, snacks and your favorite bar beverage!



Children's Halloween Party

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Saturday,
October 24, 2009
3:00 PM—6:00 PM



Piñata ~ Games ~ Prizes ~ Snacks

Frightful Hosts for the Day are
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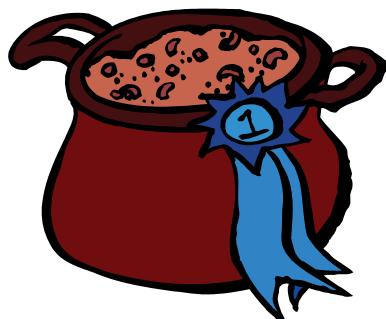
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Annual Chili Cook-off

We Are Doing it Again!!!!

The Great AOH Chili Cook-off



**Sunday November 1, 2009
3:00 PM at the AOH Hall.**

Prizes for best chili

Guests get to taste and judge each entry

NY Giants are playing Philly Eagles.

**Look for flyers with more information at
the hall.**

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