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John Mitchel, A Young Irelander Returns Home

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On Nov. 3, 1815, John Mitchel, Young Irelander and Irish patriot, was born in Comnish, County Derry. John was the son of a Presbyterian minister. He obtained a law degree from Trinity College, Dublin, in 1834, and worked in a law office in Banbridge, County Down, where he eventually came into conflict with the local Orange Order. Mitchel met Thomas Davis and Gavan Duffy during visits to Dublin. He joined the Young Ireland movement and began to write for The Nation.

Deeply affected by the misery and death caused by the Great Hunger, Mitchel became convinced that nothing would ever come of the constitutional efforts to gain Irish freedom. He then formed his own paper, The United Irishmen, to advocate passive resistance by Ireland's starving masses. In May 1848, the British tired of his open defiance. Ever the legal innovators in Ireland, they invented a crime especially for the Young Irelanders: felony-treason. They arrested Mitchel for violating this new law and closed down his paper. A rigged jury convicted him, and he was deported first to Bermuda and then to Australia. However, in June 1853, he escaped to the United States. Mitchel worked as a journalist in New York

and then moved to the South.

When the Civil War erupted, he was a strong supporter of the Southern cause, seeing parallels with the position of the Irish. Mitchel's family would fully back his commitment to the Southern cause; he lost two sons, one at Gettysburg in 1863 and another at Fort Sumter in 1864, and another son lost an arm. Mitchel's outspoken support of the Confederacy caused him to be jailed for a time at Fort Monroe, where one of his fellow prisoners was Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

In 1874, the British allowed him to return to Ireland, and he was immediately elected to Parliament from Tipperary. The government removed him, but the people of Tipperary voted him in again. Unfortunately, John Mitchel, one of the staunchest enemies to English rule of Ireland in history, died in Newry on March 20, 1875, and was buried there.

Thirty-eight years later, John Mitchel's grandson, John Purroy Mitchel, would be elected mayor of New York City.



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Veteran's Day—November 11, 2007

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 December 9th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and friends,

November 2007

"Vision is the art of seeing things invisible." (Jonathan Swift). I used this quotation when we started our new addition. As we obtain our final CO on the building, there are many to be thanked, and many who should be proud.

With Halloween (Samhain) past in Ireland, All Saint's Day (Hallomas) will be celebrated on November 1st. This day also marks the Celtic New Year.

Our own Halloween parties were enjoyed by both members and their children. The month of October also brought us a record breaking Friday night. A fine job by all!

Keep in mind that our November 11 Irish Breakfast will honor our local veterans. Come show them your gratitude for their sacrifices made for our country. November 21st will be our meeting. As elections for new officers will be held in Dec., nominations will be accepted at this meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should attend this meeting and let the nomination committee know that you are running.

Keep looking for future events in the newsletter, and have a good Thanksgiving!

A huile latha sona dhut, gun lath idir dona dhut. Good luck to you everyday, no day of sorrow to you!

God Bless All,
Michael Shannon, President
AOH, DIV2, Orange County

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Nov 6 Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Hall—7 PM. Open to all.**
- Nov 11 Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall**
- Nov 13 Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Hall—7 PM. Open to all.**
- Nov 21 Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 PM.—Nomination of candidates for division office**
- Nov 23 The Great Irish American Pub Quiz—7:30 PM.**
- Nov 27 Irish Set Dancing Lessons - Hall—7 PM. Open to all.**
- Dec 9 Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall**
- Dec 15 Children's Christmas Party 12 Noon—3 PM. Div 2 Hall**
- Dec 16 Adult Christmas Party—2 PM. Div 2 Hall..**
- Dec 19 Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 PM—Election of officers**

Irish Night at Division 1

The Wolfetones' Derek Warfield and The Sons of Erin Band

Saturday, November 10 2007 at 8pm

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November 11th is Veteran's Day

- It is the **VETERAN**, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

How do you thank a **Veteran**? Here are some ways...try leaving a thank-you card on the desk of a fellow employee who serves in the National Guard or Reserves. Maybe place a note of thanks on the windshield of a car with a POW or Purple Heart license plate. Say thanks to a friend, relative or neighbor who has served. Post a thanks on your local VFW or American Legion Bulletin Board. When you enter a military installation, such as West Point, thank the MPs at the gate—tell them you appreciate all they do. Visit a VA hospital and place notes of thanks on the meal trays before they are served. Attend a local Veterans' Day parade and thank the retired vets in uniform. Finally, teach your children or grandchildren to appreciate all the sacrifices made by our men in uniform.

Thanks and More Thanks!

Thanks to Gil Griffin for the donation to support the Children's Halloween Party. **More Thanks** to Sioban and Tina for hosting the Children's Halloween party...the kids had a blast and can't wait till the Christmas party!!! **Additional Thanks** to all our talented Friday night cooks. **Special Thanks** to all the cooks who prepared food for the Adult Halloween party—everything was great!!! **A Very Special Thanks** to all our bartenders!!!

Save-the-Date!!

Division 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians
invites you to attend our
Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Anthony's Pier 9
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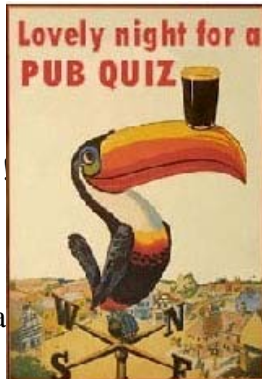
Saturday, March 15, 2008
8:00 PM – Midnight

Music by The Wild Rovers
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More information in upcoming newsletters

The Great Irish American Pub Quiz

You and your friends are invited to a traditional pub quiz on **Friday, November 23, 2007** starting at 7:30 pm. Teams of four compete for bragging rights \$5 per team—winning team takes all. Millions to be won! 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 Christmas Party with Santa



Saturday,
December 15, 2007
12:00 PM—3:00 PM



Santa arrives on a fire engine!!!
Please bring a wrapped and clearly labeled gift for Santa to give to your child.

Your hosts for the day are Sioban Wynne & Tina Malone.

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 food pantry.

Monetary donations also accepted.

Piñata ~ Games ~ Prizes ~ Snacks

Nomination & Election of Division Officers

Nominations for 2008—2009 division office will be accepted at the November 21st meeting. Speak to Jack Mullarkey if you are interested in running for office. Elections for division office will take place at the December 19th meeting.

Adult Christmas Party and Dinner



Sunday,
December 16, 2007
2:00 PM—6:00 PM



Pot Luck Dinner
Bring out your best!

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We are trying something new this year. In an attempt to keep costs low during this expensive season we are doing a pot-luck dinner. There will be a sign-up sheet at the bar for those who will be bringing something for the sharing table. Money donations accepted in place of food donations.

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