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In the early morning hours of December 6, 1921, representatives of the Irish government appointed by President Eamon de Valera, and those negotiating for the Crown signed the Anglo-Irish Treaty, ending the Irish War of Independence against England. It was then, and remains, one of the most debated moments in Irish history. The British negotiating team, led by Winston Churchill was composed of old masters at the game of politics. Michael Collins led the Irish team; they were brave and intelligent, but had nowhere near the political acumen of the British side. De Valera, a shrewd, experienced politician, may have been the only man in all of Ireland who might have matched them, but he refused to join the negotiations. With less reluctance about forcing their political opponents to negotiate "with a gun to their heads" than they appear to have developed recently, the British gave the Irish an ultimatum on the evening of December 5th: Sign the treaty as is, or face military annihilation in three days. The treaty Collins had signed contained several clauses that de Valera and his supporters would reject.

Chief among them was the treaty's partition of the country and its requirement that Irish officials must swear an oath of allegiance to the Crown. The cabinet split in favor of the treaty, and in January, the full Dáil Eireann accepted the treaty. The stage was set for the brutal Irish Civil War and the seeds of the tragic political mistake known as Northern Ireland were sown.

Ever since, Irish historians have debated how events might have turned differently. Was Collins right to accept anything less than full Irish independence? Were the British bluffing? Did the world's -- especially America's -- revulsion at the atrocities of the Black and Tans make impossible the threat of Lloyd George's threatened siege of the Irish population? Would further resistance by the Irish have resulted in the dreamed-of 32-county republic, or might it have resulted in a continued 32-county colony? We will never know, and will always wonder.

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(The next Irish Breakfast will be held on January 11th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends, December 2008

The elections are over (thank you) and a new year begins, with your help together we can make the club a better place for us all.

The March 7th 2009 dance particulars are in this newsletter, keep the date open. Control of functions at the club are almost clarified. So things are progressing.

One noticeable downturn are Friday nights at the hall. Last month was the least attended that I can recall. This is one of our functions that contributes operating funds and also donations to the poor. Please try to make an effort to join us. Food will be back

Our annual Christmas party is on Dec 20th at 7PM. A donation of \$10 (at the door) includes food and music. Please bring something for the sharing table. A well attended affair will help to spread a lot of Christmas cheer, so again plan to attend.

I would like to decorate the hall for Christmas on Sat Dec 6th 9AM. Many hands would make light work

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

John Greehy, Division 2 President

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Dec 7** Giants vs. Eagles Football Sunday. Free Roast Beef Dinner and a cash bar. 12 Noon.
- Dec 13** Children's Christmas Party. 12 noon till 3:00 pm. All members and friends' children are invited.
- Dec 14** Irish Breakfast—Div 2 Hall. 9:30-12:30. \$7 per adult. \$3 for children.
- Dec 17** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Dec 20** Adult Christmas Party—Bring your own dish. Music, cash bar. \$10 donation for the music and for Holiday Food Baskets.



**Merry Christmas
to One and All**

**Please keep in your prayers
Jack Mullarkey**

Adult Christmas Party and Dinner

Saturday, December 20, 2008

7:00 PM—11:00 PM



Pot Luck Dinner—Bring out your best!

Music by DJ Blizzard



Good Food & Good Friends

Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person and will go towards the cost of entertainment and towards Holiday Food Baskets which will be distributed in the community.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the bar for those who will be bringing something for the sharing table.

AOH-DJW President's Message

Much thanks goes out to John O'Sullivan, his apprentice Brian, Michael Davis, Kevin Moore, Joe McCormick and Bob Morgan for all of the sweat and pain that they put in over the past couple of weeks. We have completed the last remaining cement pour under the back deck. The ground hogs have now been evicted and the area now looks presentable. We can always use help keeping the building up to par so if you are willing to volunteer, give me a call at 220-7186. It doesn't necessarily have to be weekend help, we are there several times a week picking off small projects that need to be manned. Bob, I hope your foot heals soon. We need you! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! - Pat Healey, AOH-DJW President

The Giants vs. The Philadelphia Eagles



Sunday, December 7, 2008

Doors open at 12 noon



Come on over for some good food, fun and drink!

A free roast beef dinner with all the fixins will be served compliments of Chef Dave Sutton.

Darts and cards for those who are interested!

Children's Christmas Party with Santa



Saturday, December 13, 2008

12:00 PM—3:00 PM



Come on time because 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 food item appropriate for the Christmas Baskets that we distribute throughout the area. Monetary donations also accepted.

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Thanks and More Thanks!

Thanks to to Kevin Moore, John Greehy and Dennis Malone for all their hard work in cleaning the kitchen!

2009 Annual Dues are Due!

In an effort to help members remember that the **\$50.00** dues for 2009 are due in January, 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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