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James Hoban, Architect of the White House

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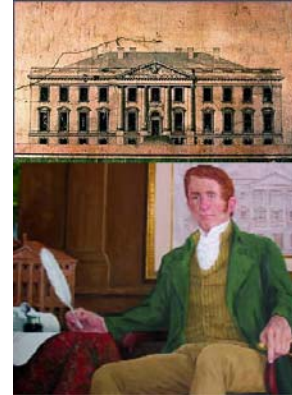
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On December 8, 1831, James Hoban, the architect of the White House, died in Washington, D.C. Hoban, a native of County Kilkenny, was educated as an artist by Thomas Ivory in Dublin. He worked as one of the architects on a number of buildings in Ireland, including the Customs House, before emigrating to the United States in 1785.

In 1792, Hoban won a competition for the design of the President's house in the new national capital. One of the men he beat out for this prestigious assignment may very well have been none other than Thomas Jefferson, who is thought to have competed under a pseudonym. If so, Jefferson would have to be content with one day being the second president to live in the White House designed and built by Hoban, rather than being its architect. (Jefferson would make a few changes to the design when he moved in; whether out of practicality or jealousy, history does not record.) The cornerstone was laid in September 1793, and Hoban was also given the job of supervising the construction.

Though it was not quite finished when President Adams arrived in 1800, he



and Abigail moved in as its first residents. Hoban's finished product bore a striking resemblance to Leinster House in Dublin.

Hoban continued to have a successful career as an architect around Washington, and when the British burned the White House in 1814, near the end of the War of 1812, Hoban was brought in to restore the gutted structure. It took him three years, but Hoban fully restored the building. James Hoban found great success in his adopted homeland. He and his wife Susannah lived out their days in Washington, raising ten children.

Hoban died in Washington, D.C. on December 8, 1831. He is buried at historic Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

"Let Us Do the Cooking" **Authentic Irish Breakfast** December 13, 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



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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 January 10th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

December 2009

First, I want to wish you all a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** (please say this in public) and **A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**.

I am looking forward to a new year which will hopefully further Irish friendship and culture in the area and again hopefully there will be a increase in members and friends coming to the club and attending our functions to help us grow.

The March 6, 2010 Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance particulars are in this newsletter, please keep the date open and plan on attending.

GOD BLESS AND STAY WELL.

John B. Greehy,
Division 2 President

P.S. My wife, Anne is out of the woods but still in the high grass, please keep the prayers coming. Also remember to keep Ken Martin in your prayers. Ken is recovering from major surgery.



Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Dec 12** Children's Christmas Party—
3:00 pm—6:00 pm
- Dec 13** Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-
12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall
- Dec 16** Monthly Meeting - Hall -7
PM—Division Elections
- Dec 19** Adult's Christmas Party—
7:00 pm—11:00 pm
- Jan 10** Irish Breakfast - 9:30 AM-
12:30 PM ~ Div 2 Hall
- Jan 10** Orange County AOH Meeting
- Hall -2 PM—All members
invited.

Hibernian History Calendars

NYS AOH Fundraiser—Daily Number Calendars — \$25 each. Each day brings a chance to win. Great source for Irish history and they make **great gifts too!** Call Kevin Cummings at 845-562-8651 to purchase yours today.

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.

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 **Weekly Family Nights** and 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!

A Merry Christmas to All and a Happy, Healthy New Year!!!

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 2010!

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.



Children's Christmas Party with Santa



**Saturday,
December 12, 2009
3:00 PM—6:00 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



Adult Christmas Party and Dinner



**Saturday,
December 19, 2009
7:00 PM—11:00 PM**

Pot Luck Dinner
Bring out your best!

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.

Dancing ~ Good Times ~ Drink Specials



Thanks and More Thanks

A **Giant Thank You** to Sioban Wynne and Tina Malone for again hosting this year's Children's Christmas party. If it is anything like last year's party—the kids will have a great time. **Additional Thanks** to the building officers: Dennis Malone, Kevin Moore, Bob Morgan, Clem Villa and Joe Thomson for keeping the hall functioning. **A Big Thanks** to all those who work behind the scenes (so many of you)—your hard work does not go unnoticed. Go raibh maith agaibh—An Irish Thanks!

Save-the-Date!!



**Ancient Order of Hibernians
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invites you to attend our

Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Anthony's Pier 9
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**Saturday, March 6, 2010
8:00 PM – Midnight**

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