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News From The Orange County AOH Board

The County Board met on September 19th at Division 2 for its quarterly meeting. Here are some items of interest from the meeting:

- This year's Communion Breakfast will be on Sunday, October 13th. Mass at 9:15 am at St. Anastasia in Harriman with breakfast to follow at Division 1 Hall. Members are asked to assemble in green jackets for procession at 9 am. All members are encouraged to attend. More details [here](#).
- Division 1 is celebrating their 50th anniversary with a celebration on November 17th at Otterkill Country Club from 1 pm to 5 pm. This is an opportunity to show country-wide unity and friendship. More info is forthcoming.

Irish Day at Washingtonville Knights of Columbus Hall

Our friends at the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee are hosting an Irish Day on October 20th from 1 pm to 6 pm at the K of C Hall, 18 Hallock Dr. Washingtonville. Music, dancers, soda bread contest, and more. \$10/pp, \$25/family. All the details are located [here](#). Come out and support this worthy cause. Please contact Bill Kirnan for more details and to assist with food preparation on Saturday the 19th. Please also contact Bill if you are interested in serving as a Division 2 representative on the parade committee. It's the best parade in the Mid-Hudson because of dedicated volunteers...like you!

Like Us on Facebook and Stay Informed

We've made it to Facebook! Stay up to date with information about the Division, the Orange County Irish Cultural Center and everything Irish by liking our Facebook page ([Orange County Division 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians](#)). Ours is an open page so invite your family and friends to Like it too. We'll post great stories on Irish/Irish American history and culture, photos from recent events, updated information and more.

Who is Andy Pollak?

He's a journalist and more. He is the founding director of the Centre For Cross-Border Studies (offices in Armagh and Dublin) and has worked for the Irish Times, Hibernia Magazine, BBC Northern Ireland and other media outlets. He is self-declared Irish, although he was born in Ballymena, County Antrim. He loves Ireland, ALL of the island, and has written regularly about Brexit, its effects on the island, and paths to Irish unity. He might have a slight leaning that some in our organization may disagree with, but his articles and blogs are well worth a read. You may just find that he has some great ideas on how to get to 32. Visit 2irelands2gether.com to learn more.

Irish Breakfast - Last One Until Fall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

9:00 AM TO NOON

ADULTS - \$7, CHILDREN - \$3

NEXT BREAKFAST IN SEPTEMBER

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<p>Brothers,</p> <p>We have the opportunity to join with our Hibernian Brothers at the County communion breakfast on October 13th. While this is the same day as our Irish breakfast, I would encourage members to attend the communion breakfast. Attendance will show a united presence in Orange County and also allow our members to meet Brothers in Division 1 and 4. The financial secretary will be sending overdue dues notices to members who are in arrears. Check your records and send in your dues to remain a member in good standing and to avoid suspension of your membership. Finally, happy Fall to all! This is a great time of year to stop by the Hall and catch the last couple of Friday nights of crisp weather before winter starts to creep in.</p> <p>In our Motto, Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity Bill Kirnan</p>	<div>Sun</div> <div>Oct 13</div>	<div>Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9:00 am - Noon</div>
	<div>Wed</div> <div>Oct 16</div>	<div>Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.</div>
	<div>Wed</div> <div>Oct 16</div>	<div>AOH DJW Corp. Quarterly Meeting - Hall: Immediately after 7 pm Division meeting.</div>
	<div>Sat</div> <div>Oct 19</div>	<div>AOH DJW Corp. Fall Cleanup - Hall: 9 am - noon. Come for as long as you can.</div>
Many Hands Make Light Work	News From Ireland and Elsewhere	
<p>The wonderful team that brings us the delicious Irish Breakfast each month, made up of members and volunteers, is looking for a few more people to assist on the 2nd Sunday of the month. All are welcome. The environment is friendly, and the work is rewarding. Please contact Mike Shannon at the Hall for more information. No experience necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taoiseach Leo Varadkar told the United Nations Climate Action Summit in NY that Ireland plans to end oil exploration off the coast of Ireland, though gas exploration will continue. Varadkar said “there is a chance to replace a climate of fear and anxiety with a climate of action and opportunity.” Officers in the Irish Defence Forces accepted a \$10 million Euro package to help end the retention crisis. Staffing is now around 8,600 members, 900 below the established level of 9,500. The only way to address the crisis was to address core pay and allowance issues. Maud Nicholl, at 110 and thought to be the oldest living woman in Ireland, died on September 19th at Glenkeen Nursing Home. She was born on July 3, 1909. Thousands of students in Ireland plan to strike on September 24th in support of Swedish activist Greta Thunberg who will speak at the UN Climate Summit. This follows two earlier strikes in Ireland in March and May. Demonstrations were planned for Dublin, Cork and Galway. Some schools said they would not penalize students who strike. Research undertaken by the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland has found that doctors are twice as likely as the general public to die from suicide. Concern is rising over the level of stress and burnout in the medical corp. Irish TD’s (akin to US House Representatives) are openly worrying about anti-immigrant sentiment growing in certain areas of the country. Some think it’s a small minority that has always been around but is now more vocal. 	
Thank You		
<p>Kim Malone for organizing and running a very successful children’s Easter party and to everyone else who assisted with the event. Many happy faces and smiles that day. This thank you is long overdue...</p>		
Prayers		
<p>We have a number of Brothers who have had personal health issues in the past few months who could use our good thoughts and prayers. John Greehy is recovering from treatment and has been seen at the Hall. A prayer for the general well being of the membership is in order.</p>		
Fall Hall Cleanup		
<p>It’s time for members to chip in and help with the fall cleanup at the Hall. The dedicated members of the AOH DJW Corporation manage the day-to-day needs at the Hall, but in the fall and spring we ask all members to come down and lend a helping hand. All that’s required is a pair of work gloves, and that you wear a long sleeve shirt. Saturday, October 19th from 9 am to noon.</p>		
Congratulations...	In Memoriam	
<p>To Jim Russell of Division 1 in Rockland County on his election as District 8 Director. Division 2 is within District 8 and we wish Jim the best in his new position as he works to support the various divisions in his area.</p>	<p>We mourn the loss of two of our Hibernian Brothers since the last newsletter was posted: Jack Green on June 26th, and Senator William Larkin on August 31st. Please say a prayer for the repose of their soul and for strength for their families.</p>	