



# Hibernian News



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## AOH County Picnic to be Held at Division 2

On Saturday September 13th the Orange County AOH will host its annual picnic at Division 2. This is a great opportunity to bring your family to the Hall and spend time with fellow Division 2 members, and members of Division 1 and Division 4. Cost is \$10 per person, or \$25 per family. The event runs from 1 pm to 5 pm. Any members who would like to assist in preparing the hall and grounds for the event are asked to come in the morning, at or after 8 am.

## NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Changes

In early September the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee voted to allow one gay/lesbian group to march in the 2015 parade. This news was met with mixed response from both sides of the table. The gay and lesbian community feel that they have not achieved what they hoped, and many in the Irish/Irish American community are concerned that the issue will politicize the parade. Stay tuned.

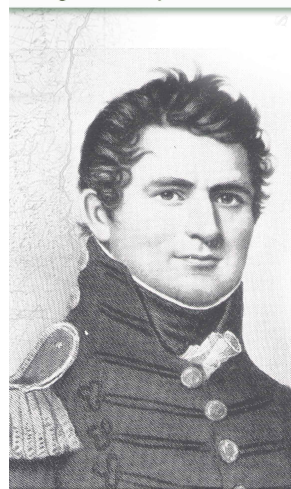
## Local Irish Event

On Sunday September 21st at 3 p.m. the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands will host their Heritage Series, *An Irish Experience* at the Newburgh Heritage Center at 123 Grand Street, Newburgh. The Historical Society has extensive archives of the Hudson Valley, and Newburgh in particular, dating from the revolutionary war. They are dedicated to preserving, promoting and protecting the unique history, architecture and culture of Newburgh through the Society's collections, programs and events. More information can be found at <http://newburghhistoricalsociety.com/Main/HomePage>. This free event just might be worth your time. The Society is located across the street from the Newburgh Free Library.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEWBURGH BAY & THE HIGHLANDS

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### Heritage Series | An Irish Experience



Sunday | September 21, 2014  
3:00 PM

Admission: Free

Location:  
Newburgh Heritage Center  
123 Grand St., Newburgh

Enjoy the story of local Irish heritage.

Experience an exhibit of notable  
Irish-American figures in the history of the  
greater Newburgh area.

Also enjoy Irish-American traditions in  
food, family fun, the march of the  
Newburgh Firefighters Pipe and Drum  
band, and drinks!

The Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands, headquartered in the 1830 Captain David Crawford House, is a private not-for-profit organization chartered by the State of New York. As a membership organization, the Society relies on the generosity of its members and volunteers to continue its mission to preserve the history of the Greater Newburgh Area by promoting an appreciation of the region's unique attributes and protecting its architectural, cultural and historical value. For more information about programming please call (845) 561-2585.



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## THE NEXT IRISH BREAKFAST IS

Due to the AOH County picnic which will be held on Saturday September 13th there will be no Irish Breakfast in September. Please plan on joining us for the first breakfast of the fall on October 12th. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**CANCELED**

## A Message From the Division President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

As you say goodbye to summer please plan on joining me and fellow members at the Hall on September 13th to celebrate with all of Orange County AOH at their annual picnic. We are honored to host the event and look forward to a good showing from our members. Because many of the Irish Breakfast cooks will be working all day at the picnic we will not have a breakfast in September. Please join us in October.

Yours in our motto  
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Michael Shannon

## In Memoriam

The Division mourns the loss of John Halpin and Matt Clancy who both passed away recently. John died unexpectedly on May 29th in New York City and Matt died on June 15th at home after battling illness. Please keep Matt and John, and their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace. **Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.**

## AAA Defensive Driving Class

It may be time to renew your defensive driving certificate for those that have taken the course already. For those who have not, you are missing out on a 10% reduction on the liability portion of your insurance bill. This course also provides point reduction and pays for itself in a short period of time. If you are interested please contact Chris Sherwood at [themardo@frontiernet.net](mailto:themardo@frontiernet.net). Cost, date and time TBD. Course will be held on a Saturday at the Hall. Open to members and their families.

## 50/50 Raffle

The County AOH 50/50 fundraiser is underway. At the County level there are very few ways for the County Board to raise funds to support its efforts. The 50/50 is one of those efforts. Tickets are available at the bar and the drawing will take place on December 7th. Please assist with this fundraiser if possible.

## DJW Business

The Donald J. Whelan Corporation (DJW) will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday September 17th at the Hall following the Division monthly meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

## Election Season

We've all seen the road signs and commercials for the upcoming political election season. Please keep in mind that elections for Division officers is coming up soon. Elections will be held in December, at the regular monthly meeting. Any member interested in running for office or nominating another qualified member should contact Dennis Malone.

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Sep 13	<b>County Wide AOH/LAOH Picnic</b> - Division 2 Hall: 1 pm to 5 pm. Bring your family and friends.
Sep 17	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
Oct 5	<b>AOH Orange County Communion Breakfast</b> - Sacred Heart Chapel, Monroe (9 am mass) w/ breakfast following at Division 1, Monroe.
Oct 11	<b>Veteran's picnic</b> - Hall: More details to follow.
Oct 12	<b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.
Oct 15	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.

## News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- U2 is scheduled to be part of Apple's unveiling of the new iPhone 6 in California. In 2005 the band appeared in advertisements for the iPod.
- New car sales rose almost 40% in August in Ireland. The most popular new cars during the month were Volkswagen, Ford, Toyota and Nissan, in order.
- With recent polls indicating a very close race in Scotland's referendum for independence, the Unionists in Northern Ireland are having to consider the possible impact there. In 2012 the Ulster Unionist leader Tom Elliott described the Scottish National Party as "a greater threat to the union than the violence of the IRA". The referendum is set for September 18th.
- Ireland's Communication Minister is promising to bring broadband internet access to all residents of Ireland soon. There are 1.7 million broadband customers in Ireland today compared to just over 150,000 in 2005.
- Kevin O'Malley was appointed as Ambassador to Ireland in June after the position remained vacant for almost 18 months. O'Malley is a second-generation Irish American, a St. Louis lawyer and political supporter of President Obama.
- iFest, an Irish festival not connected to Apple, is set to make its North American debut this September 26-28 at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center. A premium showcase of Irish culture, it will feature culinary creations, musicians, fashion designers, and athletes.
- Archbishop Eamon Martin succeeded Cardinal Sean Brady as Primate of All Ireland on September 8th, taking over a leadership role which covers the 26 dioceses in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The 52-year-old Derry native becomes the 116th Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland in succession to St. Patrick. His appointment follows the Vatican's acceptance of Cardinal Brady's resignation, which was tendered in August when he turned 75.