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Veteran Pin Ceremony

On Sunday, April 22nd at 1 pm we will hold a small event at the Hall to honor those members of the Division that have served our country, and bestow upon them the inaugural AOH Veteran pin. All members who are eligible and whose Division records reflect veteran status will be notified with additional details. Your 2018 membership card will indicate *Veteran* if our records reflect that information. If you are unsure or have not notified the Division of your service, please contact Michael O'Keefe at 845-549-9018 or mok1999@earthlink.net. Family and friends are welcome, so we look forward to a good showing to honor those who have served.

Building Fund Raffle

Tickets for the building fund raffle (26+6=1) are now available. This annual event will occur on Saturday, June 16th from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Hall. Your \$100 donation makes you eligible to win one of 36 great prizes. Three early bird prizes will be drawn after the May 13th Irish Breakfast, and the remaining 33 prizes on June 16th. Please see Kevin Allen or Bill Kirnan for tickets or more information, or call the Hall. This is an important event that helps to keep the Hall open and in great shape for Division activities and events for you and your family.

NYS Legislative Resolution

On Tuesday, April 24th the NYS Legislature, both the Senate and Assembly, will pause during their afternoon session to hold a special discussion on their respective chamber floor to act on a resolution honoring Ireland's Freedom Mandate, and to commend the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. Ireland's 1918 Freedom Mandate is in remembrance of the 1918 democratic election which ratified the April 24, 1916 Easter Proclamation and created the free Irish Parliament, Dail Eireaan. Members planning to attend a session should notify their senator or assembly member. There will be an event at the Albany AOH hall that afternoon. See the proclamation [here](#) and the event flyer [here](#).

Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee

The parade committee is seeking volunteers to assist with assembling the line of march at the 2019 parade in Goshen. If you, a family member, friend or acquaintance is interested please contact Joh Greehy or call the Hall.

Mother's Day Irish Breakfast!

**JOIN US FOR AN IRISH BREAKFAST AND A SPECIAL TREAT FOR
YOUR MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER OR OTHER SPECIAL WOMAN
SUNDAY, MAY 13TH
9:30 AM TO NOON
ADULTS - \$7, CHILDREN - \$3**

A Message From the Division President

Brothers,

Thank you to all members who participated in the St. Patrick's Day events, especially the Mid-Hudson and NYC parades. We received special thanks from Ed Burke, AOH Orange County President, for our commitment to marching in the parades and our public display of Irish pride. Ed noted that next year's NYC parade will again occur on a Saturday, so mark your calendar now and plan to march with us. Now is a good time to obtain a green jacket, white gloves and balmoral so you are prepared for next year. Please feel free to ask any officer for more information

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Irish pub quiz and the veterans pin ceremony this month.

In our Motto,
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Bill Kirnan

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Fri Apr 20	Great Irish American Pub Quiz - Hall: 7 pm.
Sun April 22	Veteran Pin Ceremony - Hall: 1 pm. Family, friends and all members welcome.
Sat May 5	Hall Cleanup - Hall: 9 am.
Sun May 13	Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon.
Sun May 13	Raffle Early Bird Drawing - Hall: Following the breakfast.
Wed May 16	Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
Sat Jun 16	Building Fund Raffle - Hall: 2 pm to 5 pm.

Thank you to

...Mike Shannon, once again, for taking care of all the details for the bus trip to the NYS St. Patrick's Day Parade.
...Kim Malone for coordinating all of the work for the very well attended children's Easter party.

Warm Welcome

We offer a warm welcome to Raymond Theriot, our newest member, who was initiated at the March monthly meeting. Ray is in the Army, assigned to West Point and is now our 2nd active military member. Please join us in welcoming Ray to the Order.

Spring Cleaning

It's that time of year again when we gather to provide some T.L.C. to the Hall and grounds. On Saturday, May 5th we will meet at 9 am and lend a helping hand to clean up, pick up, make up and work up on **our** property. As an all volunteer organization each member should make every effort to participate and carry the load. "Many hands make light work." And don't worry, Kevin Allen will surely have a job for everyone.

Prayers

Please keep Bob Spreer in your prayers as he undergoes a serious medical procedure. Please also keep John Greehy in your prayers as he prepares for a similar procedure. Please inform President Bill Kirnan if you become aware of a member in need of our prayers.

Special Thanks

We offer our sincere thanks to Don McClellan for his many, many years of service as an officer of the Division. The membership regretfully accepted Don's resignation as Sentinel at the April monthly meeting. Don has performed the duties selflessly and has always acted in the best interest of the Order. Thank you Don!

News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- It's been a long winter across the pond too. After a seemingly never-ending winter, the Irish are preparing for "warm and humid" weather the weekend of April 20th. "Warm" is 20 Celsius, 68 Fahrenheit. Perhaps not our definition of warm, but we'd take it these days.
- Tom McBride, the King of Irish country music, passed away on April 17th. Tom's career spanned five decades during which time he was the frontman of Big Tom and the Mainliners. Tom was interred in his native village of Oram, County Monaghan.
- Irish President Michael Higgins will travel to New York City at the end of April to address the United Nations. He will deliver a major speech highlighting Ireland's contribution to the UN and commitment to peace building. He will visit with many Irish and Irish American organizations and will be near us when he visits Rockland GAA, the largest club outside of Ireland.
- University College Hospital Galway has denied allegations that patients in the emergency room were moved and hidden in rooms when Taoiseach Leo Varadkar recently visited the hospital. Some called the action of the hospital disgraceful.
- Leo Varadker is listed alongside Donald Trump, Kim Jung UN, Oprah Winfrey and Meghan Markel in Time Magazine's most influential people for 2018. He made the top 100 which according to Time, is "a designation of individuals whose time, in our estimation, is now." Congratulations Leo!