



# Hibernian News



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## Veterans Please Raise Your Hand

The AOH National office is attempting to identify all Brothers who are veterans so a special Veteran designation can be reflected on your 2018 membership card. In unity with the National Board, the Division will be purchasing special pins for all veterans of Division 2 and plan to award the pins at a special ceremony in early 2018. Brothers must self-identify as a veteran as there is no record of anyone's service in Division records. Please send an email to Michael O'Keefe at [mok1999@earthlink.net](mailto:mok1999@earthlink.net) with your full name and branch of service, mail a note to the above address or leave a message on the Hall phone. Once we have collected the information, we will be able to share more details on the ceremony. This is a great opportunity to identify and honor those among us who have proudly served our nation. We will be updating our membership roster just after the New Year so please let us know if you are a veteran as soon as possible. If you have questions please feel free to call Michael O'Keefe at 845-549-9018 or Bill Kirnan at 845-591-9682.

## Officer Installation

Division Officers for 2018 will be installed at the Wednesday, December 20th regular monthly meeting. Please consider attending the meeting and taking an opportunity to share best wishes with our slate of officers. It is their diligence which helps steer the Division forward. It would also be a great opportunity to re-connect with members and share some fellowship before Christmas.

## Congratulations Chris Sherwood!

Our congratulations to Brother Chris Sherwood for being selected as Division 2's aide to the Grand Marshal of the Orange County Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Save the date of Sunday, March 11 and plan to march and show your support for Chris.

## The Blow Ins from Dingle Will Play at Division 2!!

Division 2 is very excited to announce a special live music event in the evening of Saturday, January 13th at the Hall. We look forward to welcoming the Blow Ins, a two-man band from Dingle, County Kerry, for the start of their 2018 North American tour! Originally from both sides of the Atlantic, David hails from Ireland and Tom from Connecticut. They met in Dingle in 2006 and since then have been entertaining countless tourists and locals putting together a set of folk songs laced with humor, harmonies, stories and spontaneity. More details will be forthcoming, but save the date and join us for a wonderful night of music and true Irish entertainment.

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email?

Send name & email address to:  
[mok1999@earthlink.net](mailto:mok1999@earthlink.net)

## Irish Breakfast!

**LAST IRISH BREAKFAST OF 2017!!**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**  
**9:30 AM TO NOON**  
**ADULTS - \$7, CHILDREN - \$3**



## A Message From the Division President

Brothers,

On behalf of the officers of Division 2 I wish you and your family a very peaceful, happy, merry and safe Christmas and New Year. Despite what we see on television each day, we are truly fortunate to live in a land that allows each person to speak freely and express their views. We owe much of this fortune to our ancestors who traveled to America as immigrants, sometimes not welcomed by those who came before them, and chose to serve and protect this great nation. Any member who is a veteran is urged to notify us so that we can properly honor you as noted on the reverse. Peace to all and blessings for a great 2018!

Bill Kirnan

## Children's Christmas Party

The children's Christmas party will be held at the Hall on Sunday, December 17th from 1 to 4 pm. Please bring a wrapped gift with the child's name for Santa to deliver. A belated thank you to Kim Malone for arranging an excellent Halloween party!

## BBQ Thanks

Many thanks to all who came out and attended any of the summer Friday night BBQ's. Thanks to your generosity we will donate \$538 to local charities.

## AOH Orange County Meeting

There will be a quarterly meeting of the AOH Orange County Board on Sunday, December 10th at 2 pm at Division 1. All members are encouraged to attend.

## Christmas Dinner Delivery

Division 2 will once again express our true Christian charity by delivering Christmas dinners to local families in need. Please meet at the Hall on Saturday, December 23rd at 9 am. Many hands make quick work and you will be home in plenty of time to enjoy the day with your family.

## Snowbird Social - Florida

Snowbirds who might be in the Boynton Beach Florida area at the end of January are cordially invited to attend a Snowbird Social at the Sterling Village Condo Auditorium, 500 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach FL. Light lunch and beverages served and entertainment by Irish DJ Kevin Westley. Contact Tim Myles at 516-660-7456 or visit <http://www.nyaoh.com/event/6138/>. \$10 donation. Reservations are a must.

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Dec 10	<b>AOH Orange County Board Quarterly Meeting</b> - Division 1: 2 pm. Members encourage to attend.
Dec 10	<b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon
Dec 17	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b> - Hall: 1 to 4 pm.
Dec 20	<b>Division Meeting/Officer Installation</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
Dec 25	<b>Merry Christmas!</b> Warm wishes to you and your family.
Jan 1	<b>Happy New Year to All!!</b>
Jan 13	<b>The Blow Ins Concert</b> - Hall.

## News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- A small group of young people in Ireland organized the *Rosary on the Coasts for Life and Faith* on Sunday, November 26th to pray the Rosary and ask God to intervene in the movement to decriminalize abortion on the Island. The event was modeled on *Rosary to the Border* events in Poland and Italy. Fifty three stations were planned (one for each Hail Mary of five decades) however, due to the overwhelming participation of nearly 30,000 people the group had to expand to more than 300 different stations. The event is estimated to be the largest gathering of Irish Catholics at a religious event since the 1979 visit of St. Pope John Paul II.
- The Ireland-Northern Ireland border is proving to be a key and troubling aspect of the British government's plan to exit the EU. Prime Minister Teresa May was forced to align herself with the DUP in Northern Ireland after her poor performance in the forced national elections this year. She faces pressure from her new allies to develop a unionist solution to the issue. December 14th is a looming date when a key EU summit on Brexit is scheduled. Pressure is on May to develop a solution that will not impose a hard border, for to do so will severely affect the economy of both sides. Stay tuned.
- Top news stories on Irish Twitter for 2017: #RepealThe8th (Eighth Amendment providing right to life), #Brexit (self explanatory), #Ophelia (the storm), #IrishWater (H2O) and #TuamBabies (796 babies buried in unmarked graves in Tuam, Galway).