



# Hibernian News



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## Show Your Pride and March in March!

In some sectors of the community March is being hailed as Irish American Heritage Month. What better way to actively celebrate your Irish heritage than by marching in a parade. This year the Division will be marching in three parades: New York City on the 17th as part of the Orange County AOH, March 16th in the Mid-Hudson Parade in Goshen, and March 23rd in the Village of Wallkill Parade. All members in good standing are invited and encouraged to march in one or more parades. Haven't marched before? A bit unsure of who to talk to or how to go about it? Don't have a green AOH jacket? No problem, no problem, no problem. The solution: decide to march, call the Hall and ask one of the officers for more details, stop by on a Friday to speak with members who have marched before, and borrow one of the many spare green jackets at the hall. We have parade items for you to borrow so you will fit in with other marchers. It is a truly amazing feeling marching down the parade route being cheered on by so many people. You might even spy a loved one or friend on the sidelines cheering for you. Actively celebrating your Irish heritage-one of the best ways to keep our race alive.

## Parade Details

Sunday March 16th - Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade. Line-up at the Government Center parking lot in Goshen at 1 pm. The parade steps off at 2 pm and makes it way through Goshen ending back at the Government Center. Pre parade events: 9 am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown; 10:30 am Grand Marshal's brunch at Kuhl's Highland House, \$20 p/p,

Monday March 17th - New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have rented a bus for easy travel. Sign up at the Hall-\$35 per person. Bus departs from Loughran's Pub in Salisbury Mills (Rt. 94) at 8 am sharp! Come early and enjoy a hearty Irish breakfast. We form at 11:15 am on east 44th Street between Madison and 5th Avenue. Please be on time. As the parade is on a Monday this year we are hoping that members come to NYC and march. Orange County AOH has won the best AOH marching unit award for the past few years which lets us step off early in the line of march the next year. Come march and help continue the winning tradition.

Sunday March 23rd - Wallkill (Ulster County) Village Parade. Line up at 1 pm at the Wallkill Middle School (Rt. 208). Parade steps off at 2 pm ending at the Wallkill Fire Department (Central Ave. & Main St.)

## Irish Writers in America on CUNY Television

The City University of New York has an online television station called CUNY TV. It reaches viewers via over-the-air digital broadcast and through cable television providers in the five boroughs. It's the largest professionally staffed university television station in the country. Of their many shows, "Irish Writers in America" might be of interest to you. Don't live in NYC? No problem; just go online [www.cuny.tv/show/irishwriters](http://www.cuny.tv/show/irishwriters) and look at archived shows right from your computer screen.

## IRISH BREAKFAST IN MARCH? YES!!



Come to the Hall on Sunday March 9th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm for an Irish breakfast. Due to the busy month of March and scheduling conflicts we normally do not host an Irish breakfast, but this year we are able to. All our breakfasts are open to members and guests so bring friends and introduce them to our Hall. The delicious breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, Irish pudding, Irish sausage, rashers, home-fried potatoes, grilled tomato, toast, coffee and tea, and Irish soda bread.

\$7 for adults and \$3 for children

**A Message From the Division President**

Dear Brothers and Friends,

Irish American Heritage month is upon us so please get out and show your pride by marching in a parade. I've had the pleasure of marching in the NYC and Mid-Hudson parades over the past many years. I'd love to see some new members join me this year. It would be my honor to march with you.

Yours in our motto  
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Michael Shannon

**Upcoming Events**

(subject to change)

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| Mar 9  | <b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.                              |
| Mar 16 | <b>Mid-Hudson Saint Patrick's Parade</b> - Goshen: 2 pm.<br>Line up at 1 pm.     |
| Mar 17 | <b>NYC St. Patrick's Parade</b> - NYC. Bus leaves Loughran's Pub at 8 am sharp!  |
| Mar 19 | <b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.          |
| Mar 23 | <b>Walkill St. Patrick's Parade</b> - Village of Walkill: 2 pm. Line up at 1 pm. |

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that dozens of Division members knew two days ago everything you are reading about today? How's that? They receive the newsletter via email and have it in their inbox the day it's published. We sometimes place information in the newsletter about events that are occurring in the near future, but because of processing and delivery delays you may not receive the information until the day before. Subscribe to the newsletter via email by sending a quick note to: [mok1999@earthlink.net](mailto:mok1999@earthlink.net) and be the first to know.

**Thank You To...**

•John Encke, Dennis Malone, and everyone else who helped make the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at Anthony's Pier 9 such a success. Great music, and company. Be sure to let John and Dennis know what you thought about the cocktail hour and sit-down dinner.

**Save The Date**

Saturday June 14th from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Hall for the \$100/Building Raffle Fund. It's a great event so please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Contact John Greehy for ticket information.

**Member News**

➔Congratulations to Pat Finn for being honored as Man of the Year by the County Roscommon Society of New York at their March 2nd St. Patrick's Celebration.  
➔Congratulations to Jim Kiernan who will serve as aide to the Grand Marshal in the Mid-Hudson Saint Patrick's Parade

**Membership Dues Are Due**

Membership dues should be received by March each year to remain a member in good standing. If you have not done so yet, please remit your 2014 dues (\$50.00) as soon as possible. Please send dues to the Hall in a sealed envelope to the attention of:

Attn: Financial Secretary  
AOH Division 2  
PO Box 206  
Cornwall, NY 12518

Checks are preferred. Thanks for your prompt attention.

**Irish News**

- Earlier this year the north coast of Ireland, particularly northern parts of County Donegal, witnessed the aurora borealis over consecutive nights. The phenomenon usually occurs at or above the earth's magnetic poles, but an increase in charged particles being hurled from the sun resulted in the spectacular display of lights for those who don't often see it.
- Bill Clinton visited Derry on March 5th and urged politicians and the public to "finish the job" of resolving any outstanding pieces of the peace process puzzle. He was heckled by a few in the audience.
- Ireland's Children's Minister is opposed to child beauty pageants, and if necessary will seek legislation banning them.
- President Michael Higgins will be on an official state visit to Britain from April 8th-10th.
- A recent study by an EU Agency revealed that 48% of Irish women had experienced sexual harassment since age 15, compared to 55% in other EU countries.

**Something Different**

Have you been to the Ritz Theatre in Newburgh recently? This once thriving theatre fell into neglect, but is slowly coming anew. Performances now take place in the theatre lobby while plans for a full restoration of the theatre develop. The lobby is an intimate setting where every seat provides an up-close view of the stage. On March 21, 22 and 23, Echoes of Ireland will be performed. "This short play, written as four monologues, traces an Irish family from the potato famine of the 1840s to New York in 2001. The story begins with a West Cork man who has survived the Famine. It follows the fortunes of his descendants and ends with his great-great-grandson, a New York fireman, at 9/11". A story like this might appeal to some AOH members. For more information visit <http://www.ritztheaternewburgh.org/>

**Installation of Officers**

The current board of officers was elected to serve a second term at the December meeting, and the installation ceremony took place at the January membership meeting. We thank them for their volunteer service and pray they will faithfully lead the Division in 2014.