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## Our Brothers as Aides

As the Mid-Hudson Parade approaches we look forward to sharing Tim Allen's joy as Aide to Grand Marshal James O'Donnell. Click here for Tim's bio: <http://mhspp.org/id32.html>. Six days later we will join Michael O'Keefe in his celebration as Aide to Grand Marshal Brian O'Dwyer in the NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Click here for Michael's bio: <https://www.nycstpatricksparade.org/parade/2019-grand-marshal-and-aides/michael-j-okeefe/> Check out the sea of orange napkins showing our Orange County pride!

## Break Out Your Marching Shoes...

March is here and time is short to plan how you will display your Irish Catholic pride. March with us in one of the parades: The Mid-Hudson Saint Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 10 at 2 pm in Goshen (<http://www.mhspp.org/id4.html>) with lineup at 1 pm in the government center parking lot, or the New York City Parade on Saturday, March 16th (<https://www.nycstpatricksparade.org>). Yes, that is correct, March 16th. When March 17th falls on a Sunday the parade is celebrated on March 16th. Parade uniform is necessary for both events (black pants, shoes, socks and tie, white shirt and gloves, balmoral and green AOH jacket). If you are marching in NYC and not taking the bus please muster at 11:20 am on E. 44th Street between 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue. Both parades offer an opportunity for you to publicly show what you pledged when you became an AOH member. And, what's a parade if no one marches??? It's a thrilling experience, particularly in NYC, that every member should enjoy. If you have questions please contact any of the Division officers. Sign up for the NYC bus at the bar (\$40 p/p).

## Mass and Brunch Preceding The Mid Hudson Parade

The Grand Marshal's Brunch for the Mid-Hudson Parade, where Tim Allen will be recognized, is at 10:30 am at Kuhl's Highland House. Please consider joining us for Mass at 9 am at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown. Bring your family and friends and experience a beautiful, moving service.

## 2019 Dues

Gentle reminder that 2019 dues are now due. Please forward a check to the Financial Secretary for \$50, payable to AOH Division 2. Dues can be mailed to the address on the top of the newsletter or left at the bar. If you are submitting cash (checks preferred) please ensure it is in a sealed envelope and clearly lists who the dues are for. Membership cards will be mailed once dues are received. Thank you to the members who have already met their financial obligation.

## AOH Jackets

Members who ordered and pre-paid for a green AOH jacket by February 20th can pick up their jacket at the Hall on Friday, March 8th after 5:30 pm. Orders which were not received until the 27th due to the postponed meeting, will arrive soon. Members will be contacted directly. Thanks to all who participated!

## No Irish Breakfast In March

Our hard-working Brothers and friends who bring you a delicious breakfast each month need some time to rest, and time to enjoy the Saint Patrick's Day festivities. They will return on Sunday, April 14th to serve up another wonderful meal. Plan on joining us!

## A Message From the Division President

Brothers,

Welcome to Irish-American Heritage Month, a month we should all be proud of and use to further our mission! I hope you will join me and your fellow Brothers as we march and represent the Division in the Mid-Hudson Parade, and Orange County in the NYC parade. Traveling on the AOH bus to NYC is a safe, convenient way to get into and out of the city. Call the Hall to see if seats are still available. The nice weather is coming and daylight is getting longer, so why not come out from the recess of winter and join us at the Hall on a Friday evening with your invited friends and guests. We'd love to see you again.

In our Motto, Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Bill Kirnan

## Thank You

...Brothers John Encke, Kevin Allen, John Greehy, Chris Sherwood (and Marge), Mike Shannon and everyone else who assisted with the annual Dinner Dance. Everyone had a grand time dancing, singing and enjoying a great evening.

## Welcome

A warm welcome to Ivan Reidy who was initiated into the Division at the February meeting. Please go out of your way to say hello and make Ivan feel welcome.

## Prayers

We ask for your continued prayers for Brother Jack Green in the VA hospital in Montrose, and for Brother Chris Sherwood.

## Bartenders Needed

Bartenders are needed to assist with service at the Hall on Friday nights and at parties. Please contact Kevin Cummings if you are interested. No experience needed-training will be provided. Thanks.

## NYS AOH News

The NYS Biennial convention will be held at the Albany Hilton from July 10th to July 13th. If you are interested in attending please contact Bill Kirnan or Kevin Moore for more details.

## Building Fund Raffle Tickets

June is three months away, but the building fund (\$100) raffle tickets are now available. Some people were disappointed when the fall raffle was cancelled, so please contact Bill Kirnan to get your tickets for June. If you want particular numbers please contact Bill ASAP. More details to follow.

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Sun Mar 10

**Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Parade -**  
Goshen: 2 pm stepoff, 1 pm muster.

Sat Mar 16

**NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade - W.**  
44 St/5th Ave - Madison Ave: 11:20 am

Sun Mar 17

**Happy Saint Patrick's Day - With**  
Family and Friends: All-Day. 

Wed Mar 20

**Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm.** All  
members encouraged to attend.

Sun Apr 14

**Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9:00 am - Noon**

## News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- Aer Lingus unveiled a refresh of their brand in January and has amended their uniform guidelines by removing the requirement that female cabin crew wear a skirt and makeup. A new uniform is set to be unveiled later this year.
- The brewers at St. James' Gate released Rockshore Apple Cider (4% ABV) in March in another attempt to battle Bulmer's (Magner's here in the US) for top spot in the Irish cider market. The light, crisp, refreshing taste is less sweet than the average cider. No word if it will be exported for our enjoyment.
- Taoiseach Leo Varadkar's approval rating has dropped from 60% in early 2018 to 43% in the latest poll. Most parties and leaders have also seen their approval rating fall.
- The Grafton Street McDonald's, which in 1977 was the first in Ireland, recently underwent a €1.5 M renovation and now sports table service, indoor digital kids play tables with Samsung Galaxy tablets, and touch screen order kiosks. Sounds a bit like NYC.
- In another McDonald's headline, Ireland's supply of french fries comes from the UK, and fears of supply chain disruption due to Brexit are high. The company is establishing contingency plans so those who love the salty, hot treat won't be disappointed.
- Karen Bradley, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, spoke before the House of Commons in London and said that the almost 10% of killings during the troubles, which were at the hands of the military and police, were not crimes. She described them as acts by people who were acting under orders and under instruction. Have we heard that excuse about the acts of another European country before?
- An Garda Síochána reports a nearly 30% increase in road deaths in 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. Also, 33% of those who died in 2018 were not wearing seat belts. Buckle up and pay attention!