



# Hibernian News



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## **AOH Orange County Convention**

Orange County AOH will hold its Annual Convention at 10 am on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Division 1 in Monroe. New leadership for the County Board will be elected and installed. The County Board consists of members from each of the three Divisions in Orange County, and since election is based on delegates at the convention its **VERY** important that Division 2 has a sufficient number of members in good standing in attendance. Please let Bill Kirnan (845-591-9682) know if you are able to attend. Division 2 has three members vying for seats on the County Board.

## **How to Defuse a Bomb: The Project Children Story**

On April 2nd the new documentary film, How To Defuse a Bomb: The Project Children Story, was shown at the Monroe Theatre to two packed crowds. The film recounts the history of Project Children, from an inspiring urge to help the children of Northern Ireland during the Troubles of the 1970's, to an active program that helped more than 20,000 Catholic and Protestant children from Belfast, Derry and other parts of Northern Ireland spend a safe summer with a host family in the U.S. The film is scheduled to show in NYC, Albany, and Washington DC over the next few months. Plans are underway for another Orange County showing in the early fall. More information to follow as details develop. You can watch the trailer at <https://vimeo.com/180118286>.

## **Congratulations Sinead!**

Congratulations to Sinead Kirnan, daughter of Brother Bill Kirnan, on being selected as the New York Rose for the 58th Rose of Tralee International Festival. Sinead will travel to Tralee, County Kerry, in mid-August and participate in a series of events culminating in the selection of the 2017 Rose of Tralee. We wish Sinead the very best of luck for a safe and successful journey. We are considering an informal "Meet the New York Rose" event at the Hall in the coming weeks. More information to follow.

## **Building Fund Raffle**

The annual DJW Corporation Building Fund Raffle (aka \$100 raffle) is underway! The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the end of the celebration at the Hall that runs from 2 pm to 5 pm. Ticket holders have a chance to win one of 33 fantastic cash prizes and receive complimentary admission to the celebration which includes continuous food selections, domestic and Irish draft beer, open bar, music and more. Additional guests for the celebration are \$25 each. Tickets that have been paid and turned in by Mother's Day are eligible for a special drawing after the Mother's Day Breakfast where three winners will win \$500 each. Please contact Bill Kirnan for tickets.

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email?

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[mok1999@earthlink.net](mailto:mok1999@earthlink.net)

## **Irish Breakfast Returns**

**IRISH BREAKFAST**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 14, 9:30 TO NOON**  
**ALL MOTHERS IN ATTENDANCE GET A FLOWER**  
**\$7 PER PERSON, CHILDREN \$3**

## A Message From the Division President

Brothers,

Our upcoming building fund raffle is underway and I'd like to remind everyone how important the event is for the upkeep of our Hall and grounds. Like any homeowner, the DJW corporation has many bills to pay-this event helps pay those bills and should be supported by all. Happy Mother's Day to all of the mom's in your life. I wish them a peaceful and loving Mother's Day.

I will take liberty and congratulate my daughter Sinead on her wonderful accomplishment. Great job!!!

In our Motto,  
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity  
Bill Kirnan

## Bus to the Races

The Division will host a bus trip to Saratoga Race Course on Wednesday, July 26th. More information to follow, but if you are interested hold the date. Bus will depart early am and return in the evening.

## Thank you

...to all members who came out on a cold and wet Saturday morning on Earth Day, April 22nd, to help clean up the Hall and grounds. We are a volunteer organization-we need every set of hands to help.  
...to Kim Malone and everyone else who helped to organize and host the children's Easter party. 35 youngsters had a great time.

## Prayers

Please keep Brother Pat Arnold and his family in your prayers-Pat's father, Jack Arnold, passed away on April 17th.

## Pipe Major in Need

A fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 20th for Declan McGrath, Pipe Major of the Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums. Declan is battling cancer and his friends have put out a call for support. \$20 p/p for BBQ, draft beer, water & soda. Location is at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Fair Street, Carmel.

## Parade Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Mid-Hudson Saint Patrick's Parade Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the Board. If interested, please contact John Greehy at 845-857-5177.

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

May 14	<b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon
May 17	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.
May 28-29	<b>East Durham Irish Festival</b> - 40th Anniversary. Visit <a href="http://eastdurhamirishfestival.com">http://eastdurhamirishfestival.com</a>
Jun 11	<b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon. Last breakfast until the fall.
Jun 17	<b>\$100 Raffle</b> - Hall: 2 pm - 5 pm.
Jul 26	<b>Day at the Races</b> - Saratoga Race Course. Details TBA.

## News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- The Irish economy is growing in 2017 with the forecast for increase in GDP (5%), consumer spending (3.4%), and employment (2.8%). The average mortgage approved for first-time buyers in February was €206,500.
- John Glavey, senior barman at Knock Airport, won a €6,500 discrimination complaint after Labour Court ruled that he was illegally forced to retire at age 65. Irish citizens can qualify for state pension at age 66, though the age rises to 67 in 2021, and 68 in 2028.
- The number of international tourists traveling to Ireland during January-March 2017 was mixed. British visitors were down 6.5%, while increases were seen from North America (23%), Australia (16%), France (10%) and Spain (4.5%). Ireland's reliance on British tourists is evident as the overall increase of foreign visitors was just 1%.
- On May 13th Cardinal Dolan will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for John Curry, who at age 5, was the youngest person to witness the apparition of Our Lady on August 21, 1897 at Knock. Curry emigrated to America, never married, and lived with the Sisters of The Poor for years before his death in 1943. The Sisters buried him in an unmarked grave in Pine Lawn Cemetery. Curry seldom spoke of what he saw, but gave testimony in 1937 as part of the Church's investigation. During Cardinal Dolan's 2015 trip to Knock, the parish priest said he was worried about Curry's unmarked grave. Dolan said "We should move him to St. Patrick's." Curry will be reburied at The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in lower Manhattan in a ceremony that will include 130 pilgrims from Ireland.