



# Hibernian News



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## Irish Country Night - November 17th

We invite you to come down to the Hall on Saturday, November 17th at 7 PM and join us for a night full of music and fellowship with performances by The Parting Glass. Cost is \$15 per person and includes finger foods; cash bar. Please contact John Greehy (845-857-5177) or call the bar for more information. Irish and country music are on the menu!

## Congratulations to Us!!

We were honored to receive word that Division 2 was one of just eight Divisions in the United States to receive the 2018 Chieftains of Charity Award from the National Board of the AOH. The award acknowledged divisions that perform exemplary works of charity and mission in the community and beyond. A special thank you to each member, family member and friend of Division 2 who helped in any way to support our efforts. Perhaps you delivered Christmas dinners to local families in need, provided clothing for veterans at Castle Point, supported a Friday night BBQ, donated items for a raffle basket, or helped run a children's holiday party. For all those who helped us achieve this distinction, thank you so much!

## Nominations for NYC Parade Aide

As noted in the last edition of the newsletter, this year is Division 2's turn to nominate someone to be the Orange County Aide to the Grand Marshal of the 2019 NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Please give thoughtful consideration to a worthy individual and share your recommendation with Bill Kirnan, Kevin Cummings or Kevin Moore before or at the **Wednesday, November 14th monthly meeting**. Members will vote at the meeting so please plan to attend and support your recommendation.

## Mid-Hudson Parade Committee Scholarships

The Mid-Hudson Saint Patrick's Parade Committee Youth Recognition Program is sponsoring two \$250 scholarships to be awarded in March 2019; one to an Orange County student entering high school in September 2019 and the other to an Orange County resident graduating from high school in June 2019. Applicants submit an appropriate length essay for their age that addresses one of two previously defined topics impacting Ireland today. The application is available by clicking [here](#). Essays must be submitted by December 20th. For a paper copy or more information please contact Bill Kirnan.

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email?

Send name & email address to:

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

## Monthly Irish Breakfast!

**COME JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS IRISH BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

**9:00 AM TO NOON**

**ADULTS - \$7, CHILDREN - \$3**

## A Message From the Division President

Brothers,

As we approach Thanksgiving, we should all take a moment to reflect on the journey our ancestors took when they left the shore of Ireland. Some arrived here via Canada, others directly to NYC, and others through a more circuitous route. However they arrived, I am thankful that their journey and that of my ancestors allowed you and I to come together and be part of the wonderful Division we have. We have an entertaining night of country and Irish music on the schedule and a delicious Irish breakfast on the menu. Take part in a little or a lot of what we have to offer and give thanks to those who came before us and paved the way for the truly good life God has bestowed upon us. My blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving.

In our Motto,  
Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Bill Kirnan

## Thank you...

To all those who attended the Friday night BBQ's over the summer. Your generosity will allow us to donate \$367 to local churches to support their soup kitchen.

## New Members

We welcome the following Brothers who were initiated into the Division at the October monthly meeting: Daniel O'Rourke of Newburgh, and Patrick Cassidy of Montgomery. Please make them feel at home and say hello at your first opportunity.

## Prayers

Please keep Brother Jack Green in your prayers. Jack has been in and out of the hospital and can use our prayers and support.

## In Memoriam

Please keep John McGuirk, longtime member of Division 2 and a retired NYS Supreme Court Justice, in your prayers. John went home to heaven on October 18th. Please also keep John's wife Joan and their family in your prayers.

## Bartenders Needed

We are always looking for members who are interested in working behind the bar either on Friday nights or during parties. Hall rentals are an important part of the revenue stream that supports the expenses to keep the Hall open. All members have an obligation to participate and support the Division in some way. Can you see yourself behind the bar? If so, please contact Mike Shannon or Kevin Cummings, or call the Hall and leave a message. Thanks!

## Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

Sun Nov 11	<b>Irish Breakfast</b> - Hall: 9:30 am - Noon
Wed Nov 14 *****	<b>Division Meeting</b> - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend. <b>NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!!</b>
Sat Nov 17	<b>Irish Country Night</b> - Hall: 7 pm. Music by the Parting Glass.
Thur Nov 22	<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b> - With  loved ones: All day long.
Sun Dec 9	<b>Orange County AOH Board Quarterly Meeting</b> - Division 1: 2 pm. All members encouraged to attend.

## News From Ireland and Elsewhere

- A deal may be in the works for the US government to allow Irish citizens to apply for an E3 visa, now only available to Australian citizens. Only about half of the 10,500 visas are used by the Aussies. The balance would be available to the Irish.
- John Curran, director of education for Mellon Educate, an Irish based African development agency, was stabbed to death in his apartment in Cape Town two weeks before he was due to return to Ireland. South African police are investigating.
- A 69-year old Dutch man, self identified as a "positivity guru", has started a battle to make himself 20 years younger. Emile Ratelband told a court that his doctor says he has the body of a 45-year old, but when he represents his real age on Tinder and other dating apps he gets no response. He appears to be mirroring the strategy of transgender people in asking for his legal date of birth to be changed from 3/11/49 to 3/11/69 to identify younger. Only time will tell...
- Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin, who was emeritus professor of music at the University of Limerick and founder and director of its Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, died at Milford Care Centre in the city earlier this month.
- Two men, aged 36 and 33, were arrested in relation to an incident where about 10 people dressed in KKK outfits, white gowns and hoods, were observed outside an Islamic mosque in County Down. Both have been charged with stirring up hatred or arousing fear.
- Congressman Richard Neal, a second generation Irish American and strong supporter of Irish causes, who represents central and western Massachusetts, is poised to become chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. As such, he will occupy the second most important position behind the House Speaker. He is a long time Co-Chair of the Friends of Ireland group in Congress.