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DIVISION I CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Irish Day at American Legion Greenwood Lake	-----	Sunday, March 6th
Division Meeting	-----	Friday March 11th 7:30 PM
Mid Hudson St Patrick's Day Parade , Goshen.		Sunday, March 13th 1 PM
250th NYC St . Patrick's Day Parade		Thursday March 17th
Pearl River Parade	Sunday March 20th
Irelands 32 Drawing	Sunday, April 3rd
Night At The Races	Saturday April 9th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all. We have several events coming up. Let's hope for great weather for these days.

First up is Irish Day on Sunday March 6th at the American Legion in Greenwood Lake. The event will be from 12-6 pm.

The following Sunday March 13th will be the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade in Goshen. Detailed information can be found inside the newsletter and on line at <http://mhsp.org/>.

Last but not least will be the Parade in New York City on March 17th. It is the largest Parade of it's kind in the world as well as the oldest.

This year marks the 250th continuous year that a Parade honoring Saint Patrick will be held in New York City. It has many imitators but it is unique as are most things "New York".

It is said that Saint Patrick's Day

is a great Day for the Irish, and it is, but it is also a great day to be an American. Where else could such a event honoring a Saint held in reverence by Irish Catholics be held but the great melting pot of New York City. It would be many decades (centuries in truth) before our Irish Culture was ingrained into the fabric of our great nation so much that Saint Patrick's Day is now one of the most celebrated days of the year.

While the day is in honor of Saint Patrick it is also a celebration of everything the Irish have accomplished in the United States and in every country we have been dispersed to in the world.

That is why we as Irish and Americans of Irish descent should proudly celebrate what our people have achieved in this country. I cannot imagine a better way to celebrate than walking down 5th Ave on March 17th, especially this year during the 250th year of

the Parade.

The Orange County Aide in the NYC Parade this year is our own Bob Burns. We had a very good Orange County turnout at Antun's. The Burn's family were in attendance to support Bob. It would be nice if we could show up in numbers at both Parades this year to show our support for Bob and Jack Collins, who will be our Aide at the Mid-Hudson Parade on March 13th. Not to mention Ron Heppes from Division 4, this year's Grand Marshal. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all.

We have reserved one bus for the trip down to Manhattan. Anyone interested in joining us on the bus should contact Tom McCarthy at 845-783-1461 for a reservation. I hope to see you there.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

John O'Grady

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Meet our Aide to the Mid Hudson. St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Jack Collins.



Jack Collins will be our Aide to the Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Jack is a longtime member of division 1 and is always the first one to arrive at the hall meeting nights. Both of Jack's parents were from Northern Ireland, Jack's mother came from Portaferry County Down. Jack Collins served in the Marine Corp from 1951-1955 and went on to become a merchant marine serving in the Great Lakes. Upon completion of that Jack worked for NASA traveling all over the world.

Jack was Town supervisor of Chester From 1984-1987, a Trustee from 1988-1990. Jack ran again for Trustee 1991 and has been a Trustee in Chester since. Jack will be running again in the March 15th elections. We wish him all the best and thank him for all his years of community service.

Jack will be honored as an aide along with the Grand Marshal Ron Heppes at the Grand Marshal's brunch at Kuhl's Highland House. The link for the Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade is <http://www.mhspp.org>.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Dennis Browne is recovering well at home from hip surgery on February 14th.

Please keep Pat Grennan and his family in your prayers as his father Pat passed away February 27th. His mother Mary passed away May 28, 2010. May they Rest In Peace.

JDJ ELECTIONS will be April 10th at 1 PM at the hall. Letters of intent must be addressed to JDJ Board PO Box 674 Highland Mills NY 10930

Irelands 32 Drawing will be held Sunday April 3rd tickets are still available. Please contact Bill O'Donnell at 917-453-3554.



There will be only one bus leaving from the hall not the usual two for the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. Call Tom McCarthy at 845-783-1641 or email aohdiv1@yahoo.com. to reserve your place on the bus as space is limited. First come, first served. Cost is \$30 per person which includes refreshments before we leave. Please send checks payable to AOH Division 1 and mail to 10 North Main Street Monroe, NY or bring the money to the Hall for a place on the bus.

IRISH DAY MARCH 6th

Will be held at the Greenwood Lake American Legion Hall on Lakes Road. Festivities start at 12PM lasting until 6PM

Entertainment by Chris Turpin, Wild Rovers, Pipe and Drum bands, Big Patty featuring John O'Boyle. Irish wares as well as food and beverages available. Admission \$8.00 dollars per person, children under 12 years of age free when accompanied by a paid adult.

Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Parade

Will be held Sunday March 13th in Goshen. Mass will be at 9AM at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel followed by the Grand Marshal's brunch 10:30 AM at Kuhl's Highland House, 512 Highland Ave., Middletown NY. **Cost \$20 per person. Contact Keith Reynolds at 845-590-9143 for tickets.**

The Parade line up is at 1PM at the government center and step off at 2PM. **After-Party at the Hall with Live Music by Celtic Blend and refreshments.**

The uniform for the parades is black trousers, socks and shoes. White shirt, green AOH jackets and beret. Orange County won best AOH marching unit in NYC last year. Let's do it again this year.



Wii Bowling Tournament

The 2nd annual Wii Bowling Tournament to benefit the Thomas Fleming Memorial Scholarship Fund was held Sunday February 13th at the hall. A good time was had by all. The Scholarships will be given out May 28th at Fleming Fling which will be held at the American Legion Hall in Greenwood Lake. Congratulations to the all the winners especially The Brophy Family who took the most prizes.



The NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Aide's Dinner Dance was held February 20th at Antun's in Queens. This was a great opportunity to meet some great Hibernians who were chosen by their members who represent what we are all about Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Orange County took three tables for the event. There were over thirty supporters there for Bobby Burns who definitely had the largest cheering section.

2011 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your dues for the year please mail a check for \$40 dollars payable to AOH Division 1 PO Box 337 Monroe NY 10950. Include your email address if you want the newsletter e-mailed to you instead of regular mail.

HISTORY

By Marty Hogan

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The first St. Patrick's Day Parade did not take place in Ireland but in the United States. The first parade in New York City was held in 1762 by a group of Irish soldiers (who were at that time members of the British Army). Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots. Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism flourished among American immigrants. This gave rise to many Irish organizations such as the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. These groups would hold their own parades each year.

Around 1848 these groups decided to unite their parades and form one New York City Parade. Today, that parade is the oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year millions of people line the parade route.

Since that time the Ancient Order of Hibernians modeled the parade as a demonstration of Irish identity and pride. Although many have tried to secularize the New York City Parade the AOH has steadfastly held the parade as a celebration of our **Catholic Faith**. During the 19th century New York style parades have been held Argentina, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. Anywhere the Irish communities were established, by choice or deportation. The Caribbean island of Montserrat declared Saint Patrick's Day a national holiday.

Although St. Patrick's Day was a religious holiday in Ireland it wasn't until around 1975 that parades celebrating the Saint were held. Today they are an integral part of the Irish scene.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Orange County will be held on March 13th in Goshen and naturally the Parade in the City will be on March 17th.

Over the last few years our presence on the parade route has dwindled. It is so important that we continue to express our devotion to our patron saint and our commitment to demonstrate our pride in our Irish heritage. **We are asking all our members to make every effort to participate in the parades in Goshen and in the City.**

Over the past several years we have won the award for the best marching A.O.H. organization. Only by members contributing to this effort can we **make this possible again.**



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