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#### Next Meeting Friday, April 8th • 7:30 p.m.

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## **DIVISION I** CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Division Meeting -----Friday April 8th 7:30 PM Nite at the Races., ......Saturday April 9th 7:30 PM JDJ Elections ......Sunday April 10th 2 PM Tattoo at West Point ......Saturday April 17th Mothers Day Brunch ......Sunday May 8th 12 PM

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

We have several exciting events coming up in April but first I would like to reflect on the last few weeks.

I would like to start by thanking our Aides for this year's Parades, Bob Burns and Jack Collins.

Jack was the Aide for Ron Heppes the Grand Marshal for the Mid-Hudson Parade in Goshen on March 13th. We had some nice weather, a bit on the chilly side but no rain or snow. The Parade itself had a great turnout on the streets.

Bob was the Aide for Mary Higgins Clark the Grand Marshal in the Parade in New York City on March 17th. The weather on March 17th was just about perfect for marching. It was a great day and we had a nice turnout from our Division to support the County and our Aide Bob Burns.

Thanks go out to Tom McCarthy for the great job he did in getting the bus ride together for us. Neil O'Riordan for supplying the necessary uniform items for anyone in need. Dennis Browne and Matt for cooking after the Parades. Keith Reynolds for the outstanding job he did with organizing the Grand Marshal's Breakfast at Kuhl's before the Goshen Parade.

Division I members once again played an integral part in the success of both Parades again this year. I was also very happy to see that our members came prepared in the correct uniforms again this year in New York City.

We will be hosting A Nite at the Races on Saturday April 9th with all proceeds going towards Hibernian Charities. This is a Family night out so bring the kids, phone the neighbors, all are welcome to attend and as this is a fund raiser that will benefit future funding for charities we support throughout the year. Please come out and join in the festivities. For reservations please call either 845-783-0205or 917-453-3554.

|D| elections will be held at 2pm on Sunday April 10th.

The Tattoo at West Point will be held on Sunday April 17th. Steve Gibbons will be organizing this year and he is asking for assistance for that day. If you can help it would be appreciated.

Easter Sunday is the following Sunday April 24th.

The LAOH Junior Division will be hosting their 2nd Annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday May 8th from Noon to 3 pm. \$10 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children, Under 5 free. Irish Breakfast will be served and I hear we will have Pancakes as well this year. Please come out and support these Young Women as they have been doing some great charity work since their inception and deserve our support not to mention admiration. RSVP to Gail Edmonds at 845-978-8483 or Kathleen Curnyn at 917-969-4762. They are also running a Flower Sale to raise money for Charity. Order forms are at the Hall.

Our next meeting will be Friday April 8th at 7:30pm. Please bring a Food Item for the Food Pantry.

Happy Easter to All.

John O'Grady,

President Division I.

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The 250th NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade was held Thursday March 17th, our bus left the hall by 9AM and arrived at 44th and Madison by 10:30 AM. The bus was full this year, the board would like to thank march in such a beautiful village in the cen-Tom McCarty who ran it this year. A big ster of Orange County. It was a short parade 3 PM at the hall, Cost \$10 for adults and still recovering from hip surgery but man-which anyone could march. To be cheered aged to drag bagels, donuts and his ownon by our families and friends was great. home made Irish scones up for breakfast for us before we left for a long day of some fine food by Dennis Browne. Music marching. We made arrangements to have was provided by the band Celtic Blend the beer garden at genesisbar and Restaurant on 89th and 2nd reserved for us so we could sit and relax over a few pints as we waited for the late marchers. The food and hospitality by the staff and owner were superb. We had planned on leaving on the busmore the merrier. Cost \$7.00 dollars. by 4pm, but with the hour delay of step of time we left around 4:30 PM. Last person on the bus was Steve Gibbons but he was door prizes. A great family event to raise well worth waiting for. Steve Gibbons sangmoney for Hibernian Charities us all the way home to Orange County. What a wonderful voice, a special thanks goes out to those who accompanied him in song.

#### GOOD AND WELFARE

Thankfully nothing to report. Please keeptification to enter West Point. our deceased members and their families in your prayers.

**JDJ ELECTIONS** will be April 10th at 1 PM at the hall. Letters of intent must be ad-political action committee. Charlie Bohan dressed to JDJ Board PO Box 674 Highlandinformed us at our last meeting that even Mills NY 10930

#### 2011 Membership Dues

with this newsletter, if you have not re-Well as luck should have it Charlie, President ceived your membership card please call Barrak Obama has just included Ireland on our financial secretary Mike Carroll athis European tour this summer. Time to call 347-235-1687 with any questions.



Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Parade

Was held Sunday March 13th in Goshen.

The weather was nice. It was a joy to

Afterwards at the hall we were served

#### Nite at the Races Saturday April 9th 7:30 PM

Bring your friends and neighbors, the

Includes: Snacks, racing program and

#### Tattoo April 17 at West Point

Contact Steve Gibbons who will be running our barbecue for details at 845-726-0855, as always you must bring proper iden-

#### POLITCAL ACTION

Charlie Bohan has agreed to chair our though the guns were put down the British government has failed to live up to the Membership cards have been mailedpromises of the Good Friday Agreement. President Clinton, Congressman Peter King

Due's \$40 dollars ,payable to AOHand Secretary of State Hilary Clinton. This is Division 1 PO Box 337 Monroe NYour opportunity to correct it. 10950



Mothers Day Brunch

The Junior Division of LAOH 5

Invites you to the 2nd annual

Mothers Day Brunch Sunday May 8th 12-\$5.00 for children. Children under 5 years of age no charge. An Irish breakfast, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. A complimentary beverage for all moms. Music and entertainment to be provided.



Pictured above our own Division member Bob Burns and NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Mary Higgins Clarke at the 250th NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Bob Burns was so grateful that he was given the honor to be the Orange County Aide to the Grand Marshal that he asked that I include a thank you letter from him, which is enclosed in the newsletter.

#### **FOOD BANK**

Please remember to bring a non perishable item to the hall which Marty Hogan shall pick up at the next meeting and bring it to The Monroe Community Food Pantry.



#### HISTORY By Marty Hogan

**Irish Legends and Superstitions** 

Like many European countries, Ireland has many legends and superstitions. We have all had parents and grandparents tell us of the folklore behind them. So whether you take them seriously or just laugh them off, their stories are an exciting part of our Irish heritage. So sit back and enjoy while I relate some of them which I hope you will pass on to your children and grandchildren.

**Itchy Hands**- It is said that if the inside of your palm itches you will be receiving money soon and if the top of your hand itches you will be losing money.

**A Horses Tooth**- If you happen to find a horse's back tooth, you should carry it with you always. If you do, you will always have money. This will only work if you find one. You cannot pull one from the horse's mouth.

**The Potato-** There are several superstitions surrounding the potato. The simplest is that it will help against indigestion. Some more elaborate traditions include carrying a potato in your pocket to help a toothache. You can ease aches and pains by rubbing the water the potatoes were boiled in. You can ease a sore throat by tying a stocking filled with a baked potato around your neck.

**The Color Green**- The color green represents good luck. If you wear green clothes or consume green food or drink on St. Patrick's Day you shall be very lucky. However in other parts of Europe it is said that by wearing green you are susceptible to the influence of fairies, particularly evil fairies.

**Eating utensils** –You should never hand someone a knife. You should always set it down on the table or counter first. This isn't for physical safety reasons. It is said to bring bad luck if you take a knife handed to you. If you drop a spoon you will be visited by a woman. If you drop a knife a man will visit. If you drop a fork either a man or a woman will visit.

**Black Cat**- If a black cat crosses your path you must immediately form a triangle with your fingers and spit through the triangle. If you kill a cat you will have seventeen years of back luck. Even so much as kicking a cat can cause rheumatism.

**Banshees**- It is said that if you hear a Banshee's cry, someone in your family will die. It doesn't matter if that family member is far away, the banshee will bring news of it to the family before anyone else.

Leprechauns- If you happen to catch one, he will offer you a pot of gold or three wishes for his release. However, they are cheeky little buggers and aren't to be trusted. In, fact it is warned that their music is very bewitching and they love playing tricks on people. You must keep your eye on them or they will disappear. There is a story about a man named Sean Shea who caught one and got three wishes. His first wish was to be on a tropical paradise, his second wish was to be rich. He found himself on an island with no stores or anywhere to spend his money. His third wish was to be back in Ireland. So you can see you have to be careful what you wish for because you just might get it.



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