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NEXT MEETING
SECOND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
MARCH 12, 2024
WHITE EAGLE HALL
6:30 PM



2024 ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE
MARCH 10, 2024

THE PARADE IS SCHEDULED TO
STEP OFF AT 1:00 PM ON SUNDAY
MARCH 10, 2024
COME OUT AND CELEBRATE THE
GRANDEST PARADE IN THE
VALLEY

BAPTIZED, RECEIVED 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMED, AND GRADUATED FROM SAINT PETER'S SCHOOL IN 1966. IN 1970 HE GRADUATED FROM KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL IN KINGSTON, NEW YORK AND ATTENDED ULSTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FOLLOWING GRADUATION. IN APRIL 1974, HE WAS HIRED BY NEW YORK TELEPHONE AND RETIRED FROM THE PHONE COMPANY IN JUNE 2010.

STEVEN HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE RIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT SINCE JANUARY 1970 AND WILL BE CELEBRATING 53 YEARS WITH THE COMPANY. STEVEN WAS ASKED BY JIM CAREY TO JOIN THE AOH IN DECEMBER 2000 AND BECAME A MEMBER IN JANUARY 2001. HE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE HONOR GUARD AND IS THE STAGE MANAGER FOR THE BILL YOSH STAGE ALONG WITH BILLY TAYLOR FOR THE HOOLEY ON THE HUDSON.

STEVEN'S IRISH ROOTS, COME FROM HIS MOTHER, GERALDINE DOYLE. HER FATHER EDMOND, CAME TO NEW YORK FROM DUNDALK. MARGARET HER MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER, CAME FROM LIMERICK. EDMONDS MOTHER MARIA CAREY WAS FROM TIPPERARY AND HIS FATHER EAMON DOYLE WAS FROM CARRICK ON SUR. I AM VERY PROUD TO BE CHOSEN AS THE

THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

MARCH IS IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

THE U.S. CONGRESS DESIGNATED MARCH AS IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN 1991 AND THE PRESIDENT ISSUES A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE OCCASION EACH YEAR. YOU CAN FIND THE FULL TEXT OF THE PRESIDENTS PROCLAMATION HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/BRIEFING-ROOM/PRESIDENTIAL-ACTIONS/2024/02/29/PROCLAMATION-ON-IRISH-AMERICAN-HERITAGE-MONTH-2024/#:~:text=UNITED%20BY%20HISTORY%2C%20HERITAGE%2C%20AND,as%20IRISH%2DAMERICAN%20HERITAGE%20MONTH.](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2024/02/29/proclamation-on-irish-american-heritage-month-2024/#:~:text=UNITED%20BY%20HISTORY%2C%20HERITAGE%2C%20AND,as%20IRISH%2DAMERICAN%20HERITAGE%20MONTH.)

THANK YOU TO OUR PARADE CHAIRMAN JOHN KELLY AND THE PARADE COMMITTEE FOR A GREAT JOB ONCE AGAIN IN ORGANIZING ANOTHER GREAT PARADE. PUT THOSE ROSARY BEADS ON THE CLOTHE LINE AND PRAY FOR GREAT WEATHER.

CONGRATULATION TO OUR
2024 ST. PATRICK'S
DIGNITARIES

GRAND MARSHAL



STEVE TERPENING

STEVEN J TERPENING WAS BORN ON 1/3/1952 TO THE PARENTS OF SIMON AND GERALDINE TERPENING. HE WAS A LONG LIFE PARISH HOLDER OF ST. PETER'S IN ROSENDALE N.Y. HE WAS

2024 GRAND MARSHALL OF THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE IN KINGSTON N.Y.

IRISH PRINCESS



TAMZIN DOYLE

MY NAME IS TAMZIN DOYLE. I AM 12 YEARS OLD AND A SEVENTH GRADER AT MILLBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL. I AM A PRACTICING PARISHIONER AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH. IN MY SPARE TIME, I ENJOY GOING TO GIRL SCOUT MEETINGS, READING AND HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS. I ALSO DO IRISH STEP DANCE, AS WELL AS PLAY THE BAGPIPES. MY IRISH HERITAGE ON MY MOM'S SIDE GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO MY GREAT-GREAT GRANDMOTHER, KATHERINE WHALEN. WHEN SHE WAS JUST 16, SHE IMMIGRATED BY HERSELF FROM IRELAND TO NEW YORK IN ORDER TO FIND A BETTER LIFE. SHE CAME RIGHT FROM COUNTY CARLOW. MY MOM HAS MINIMAL MEMORIES OF HER, AS SHE PASSED WHEN MY MOM WAS YOUNG. ON MY DAD'S SIDE, MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDPARENTS CAME FROM COUNTY GALWAY BETWEEN 1867-1870. I AM HONORED TO BE THE 2024 IRISH PRINCESS

BEARER OF ST. PATRICK



CAVAN JURAS

CAVAN JOHN JURAS WAS BORN JUNE 8TH 2016, TO JILL MARY RUTHERFORD AND KENNETH JOHN JURAS. CAVAN HAS TWO PROUD SISTERS, NOLA AND FIADH. CAVAN, NAMED FOR THE COUNTY WHERE HIS MATERNAL GREAT GRANDMOTHER MOYA O'REILLY FLYNN WAS BORN, IS PROUD TO REPRESENT HIS IRISH HERITAGE. CAVAN'S TIES FROM IRELAND INCLUDE HIS GREAT GRANDPARENTS BEATRICE (NÉE GAFFNEY) BORN AND RAISED IN COUNTY MAYO AND JAMES MCCOY FROM COUNTY ARMAGH, HIS GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER JOHN FLYNN WHO HAILED FROM LIMERICK, AND HIS AFORE MENTIONED GREAT GRANDMOTHER MOYA.

CAVAN IS A SECOND-GRADE STUDENT AT KINGSTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL. HE ENJOYS SOCCER, BUILDING WITH LEGOS, READING NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BOOKS, BEING OUTDOORS AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. CAVAN, WHO IS KNOWN FOR HIS SMILE AND GOOD HUMOR, IS HONORED AND EXCITED TO SERVE AS THIS YEAR'S BEARER OF SAINT PATRICK.

MAYOR OF THE DAY



PATTI GILPATRIC

I PATRICIA (PATTI) GILPATRIC A LIFELONG KINGSTON NATIVE FEEL SO BLESSED TO RECEIVE AOH MAYOR OF THE DAY HONOR. & CAN'T WAIT FOR ALL IT ENTAILS. THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED! I AM THE PROUD DAUGHTER OF JAMES F. (DIGGER) GILPATRIC (4 GENERATIONS (+ HISTORY) OF UNDERTAKERS, HIS MOTHER, MARIE MURPHY WAS NYS YOUNGEST FEMALE LICENSED

UNDERTAKER) AND JEANNE M. MCCUTCHEON RN GRADUATE FROM BENEDICTINE SCHOOL OF NURSING LIKE HER MOTHER, JANET. SO, WITH THE MARRIAGE OF GILPATRIC/MCCUTCHEON MY ROOTS ARE OBVIOUSLY FROM IRELAND AND SCOTLAND. ON MY BUCKET LIST DREAM TRIP TO EMERALD ISLE, I RESEARCHED TO FIND THE GILPATRICK'S WERE 1ST PART OF THE "BORDERLAND" CLANS OF SCOTLAND & ENGLAND. CONFLICT & FEUDING IN THESE ANCIENT TERRITORIES UNITED THESE CLANS AND THEY HAD THEIR OWN "LAW CODE" WITH EMPHASIS ON NEIGHBORS ASSISTING IN RECOVERING PROPERTY. IN 1603 THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT CONDEMNED CERTAIN FAMILIES FOR LAWLESSNESS AND BEGAN BREAKING UP THE OLD BORDER CODE, FORCING THEM TO SIGN AN "UNDERTAKING" TO REMAIN PROTESTANT & LOYAL TO THE CROWN, THUS BECOMING KNOWN AS THE "UNDERTAKERS"! HOW IRONIC. THEY WERE DISPERSED & GRANTED LAND IN IRELAND PREVIOUSLY HELD BY CATHOLIC IRISH OR SENT DIRECTLY TO THE NEW WORLD MOST OF MY FAMILY CAME FROM COUNTY CORK IRELAND AND SETTLED IN MAINE & MA 1800'S EVENTUALLY SETTLING IN THE HUDSON VALLEY. MY THRICE GREAT AUNT WAS MAME MOLLOY WHO UPON THE DEATH OF HER FIANCÉ, BECAME A BENEDICTINE NUN (SISTER ALOYSIA) WHO WAS FOUNDRSS OF THE HOSPITAL ON HER COUSIN'S O'REILLY'S PROPERTY. MY GREAT GRANDFATHER JAMES M. MURPHY WAS PRESIDENT OF LOCAL AOH AND A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK WHICH HE MARCHED IN THE NYC PARADE FOR YEARS. MY TRIP WAS AMAZING & ALL THOSE STORIES DAD TOLD ME OF THE IRISH BEAUTY, TRADITIONS, CULTURE, SCENERY, AND FRIENDLY

FOLKS WERE ALL TRUE! FAMILY NAMES INCLUDE MURPHY, SMITH, MOLLOY, McCAFFERY, NEENAN, GRIMES, RIGGINS, GILPATRIC, McCUTCHEON. SO, WHEN YOU HEAR ME SAY HI COUS...I REALLY MEAN IT :)
 GROWING UP ABOVE THE FUNERAL HOME ON BWAY, I LEARNED TO RIDE MY BIKE IN THE NEW DOUBLE LEVEL CHURCH PARKING LOT. AND MY NEIGHBOR FRIENDS WERE THE PRIESTS AND NUNS. I WAS THE 1ST GRADUATING CLASS OF KINGSTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL, THEN KHS, SUNY AND CHOSE A CAREER AS A DIETITIAN IN HEALTHCARE. 40+ YEARS AT THE HOSPITALS WHERE I ALSO SERVED AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER. I SERVED ON THE NYS DIETITIANS ASSOC. ASSEMBLY & WAS PRESIDENT OF THE MID-HUDSON DIETETIC ASSOCIATION. I'M AN AVID VOLUNTEER. I JOINED LAOH IN 2015 & WAS PRESIDENT FOR 2020 & 2021. SUCH A JOY TO BE A PART OF, MY FAVORITES ARE THE HOOLEY, THE 20 WK. CLUB GOLDEN WHEEL TRAVELS, & GETTING THE AOH/LAOH BREDA McMAHON MEMORIAL LIBRARY SET UP IN THE ST. MARY'S OFFICE BUILDING. AS PARENTS KNOW MY TRUE UNMEASURABLE LOVE THE PAST 38YRS DOING ALL I CAN BEING MOM TO MY JAMIE & LUCAS AND GRANDMA TO MY JACOB & BENJAMIN. I TRULY ENJOY LIFE, PEOPLE, & TIME WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS. MAY NEIGHBORS RESPECT YOU, TROUBLE NEGLECT YOU, THE ANGELS PROTECT YOU, & HEAVEN ACCEPT YOU



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE JOURNAL

GO TO YOUR FAVORITE SPOT AND PICK UP YOUR FREE COPY OF OUR PARADE JOURNAL. THEN AS YOU READ ALL OF THE GREAT PAGES, PLEASE PATRONIZE THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL IN SUPPORTING EACH AND EVERY EVENT WE PUT ON EACH YEAR.

IMPORTANT DATES PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

MARCH 9, 2024
 MASS 4:00 PM
 ST. PETERS ROSENDALE

MARCH 10, 2024
 KINGSTON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
 STEPS OFF AT 1:00 PM FROM THE KINGSTON PLAZA

MARCH 15, 2024
 MAYOR OF THE DAY
 MASS ST. MARY'S CHURCH 9:00 AM
 MAYOR OF THE DAY CEREMONY
 KINGSTON CITY HALL
 10:00 AM
 MAYOR OF THE DAY LUNCHEON
 NOON
 THE VENUE UPTOWN (BEST WESTERN), 500 WASHINGTON AVE., KINGSTON, NY 12401
 BUFFET MENU, TRADITIONAL FULL CORNED BEEF MEAL, LENTEN NON-MEAT PASTA, VEGETABLE SHEPHERD'S PIE, TOSSED SALAD,
 DESSERT/FRUIT TABLE
 \$40.00PP W/CASH BAR

RSVP/ASAP:
 PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024
 PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY MAILING PAYMENT TO:
 LAOH PO BOX 2432 KINGSTON, NY 12402
 ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT GINGER MILLS (845) 430-7301



THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER
 Neil Murray
"THE EMERGENCY" – IRISH NEUTRALITY & THE SECOND WORLD WAR

During World War 1, Ireland would begin its road to independence with the Easter Rising of 1916. Ireland would again find itself engaged in controversial aspects of another world war. After the bitter struggle of the Irish War of Independence and the resulting Civil War, the Irish Free state was established. While the Free State was much more independent than in previous years, there were still symbolic ties to Britain. The "Oath of Fidelity" required Irish members of parliament to take an oath to the British Monarch as a self-governing dominion of the British Empire. As war broke out across Europe in 1939, 'Eire' would become famous not for what it "did", but, for what it "didn't do". Ireland would refer to the Second World War as "The Emergency" and would declare neutrality. Thus, was born myth and controversy. Ireland, under Eamon de Valera was determined to assert the independence of the new state. Irish neutrality was

not “pro-Axis powers”, but simply a way to assert its independence from Britain. Eamon de Valera proposed a new constitution which eradicated the “Free State” name in favor of ‘Eire’, Ireland in its native Gaelic. In 1938 the British had returned many of the Irish ports they had controlled during the previous 800 years. As German forces rolled over much of Europe, Britain fully expected the Irish to allow the use of these ports for the defense of the Empire. The Irish government, true to its neutrality, refused the request. Winston Churchill, always aggressive and anti-Irish considered Irish neutrality as a breach of the treaty which established the Free State. On more than one occasion Churchill had to be talked out of invading Ireland to re-take the necessary ports. This was due in large part to the reaction this would have in the United States if Ireland was attacked by the British. Ireland and her ports stayed out of the war. Many, including the British began to argue the ‘Eire’ was pro-Axis. The Irish Army uniforms of the 1930’s bore striking resemblance to the German forces further initiating this notion. Further driving fear of a pro-German Ireland, the IRA actively sought German aid. There was somewhat of a partnership between the IRA and German military intelligence. Essentially the Germans wanted two things from the IRA. They wanted Eire to remain neutral and deny British use of Ireland’s ports, and, cooperation from the IRA for a rebellion to divert British resources. Despite its

neutrality, and rumored pro-German sentiments, Ireland aided the Allies in many ways. For example, Ireland permitted allied planes in its airspace and secretly escorted crashed allied pilots back to British territory. Furthermore, Eire had a working agreement to invite British troops into Ireland in the event the Germans invaded. Another driving factor for Irish neutrality was the country would be defenseless against aerial bombing. With no air corps, the Irish were vulnerable. Belfast in particular was systematically targeted by German bombs and even Dublin was accidentally hit. As the war concluded the Irish were left somewhat isolated. Very controversially, president Eamon de Valera paid a visit to the German ambassador to lend his condolences on the death of Adolf Hitler. This compounded the myth of pro-Axis Irish support. Although, like during World War 1, some Irish, in particular the IRA, believed by siding with the Germans a united Irish nation could be established. But, by being removed from the emotions of living through this era of world history, we can conclude that Irish neutrality during World War 2 was motivated by anti-British sentiments and not pro-Axis ideals.

Slainte, Neil



THE IRISH SHOW

Every Sunday Morning at 8:00 AM WKNY with Ken and Anna Brett. www.radiokingston.org 1490 AM 107.9 FM



AOH
“LUCKY THREE” IRISH
CALENDAR WINNERS

Bill Murphy

FEBRUARY

- 2/02 #521 \$35 Bill Kearney
- 2/07 #776 \$35 Corryn Carey
- 2/09 #373 \$35 W G Mulligan
- 2/13 #308 \$35 Cecelia Hopper
- 2/14 #147 \$75 Harry Woltman (Ash Wednesday)
- 2/22 #882 \$35 Karen Ryan
- 2/23 #654 \$35 Missy Harjes
- 2/24 #841 \$35 Carol Chometa



DUES-DUES--DUES

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2024

The bills for the 2024 were sent out to the membership. Please pay as soon as you can, we need your help this year more than ever. Our dues are very reasonable at \$25.00 per year. Or you can pay at the next meeting. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE IN. THOSE WHO HAVE PAID WILL BE RECEIVING YOUR CARDS IN THE MAIL. YOU CAN STILL PAY YOU DUES AT OUR NEXT MEETING AND RECEIV YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.** Keep up your support for our efforts to educate our kids and the general public about our great culture.

Remember we need to pay for all those on our membership list for National and State Dues.

Send your dues and also for any other prior years to:

UCAOH Div 1
PO Box 206
Kingston, NY 12402



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep in your prayers all our members who may be experiencing ill health. Please keep in your prayers Eric Hansen, Frank Egan, Fr. Edmund Burke, Larry Dunne, Bill Murphy.



Sponsor someone for membership. Applications are on the website and dues are only \$25.00 per year.

Keep searching out those Irish sons that qualify for membership. Dues mailing is out and dues are coming in. thank you to all and please pay your dues.

Remember-

There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met.
W.B. Yeats



AOH JUNIOR DIVISION

As always, we need your help to spread the word. Nephews, Cousins, Grandsons, Family Friends... we need them all to join! Please help keep the AOH alive by infecting our youngsters with the same beliefs and cultural richness as we have! Any input and assistance are welcomed!!



TIN WHISTLE LESSONS

Saturday Mornings
Arace, Broadway, Kingston, NY

Did you ever want to learn to play the Tin Whistle? Well, you

are in luck. Our very own Shea Gallagher who is a Piper in the band is conducting Tin Whistle lessons at Arace just after pipe practice Saturday Mornings. Class is 5 weeks. Bring your own tin whistle or we have them for sale. Give a call 845-338-6622 and get the details as to what you need to start.



PIPE, DRUM AND HONOR GUARD NEWS

Scott Benson

Feel free to join us at any event and all are welcome to come and learn Saturday mornings with Jim Carey or with the band at Monday night practice.

The Pipes, Drums or participate as part of the Honor Guard you are welcome. Call for information about the band. Please contact Jim Carey or Robin Carey at 338-6622 or any member of the band.
Bagpiping Lessons 8-9 AM,
357 Broadway Kingston
THE BAND IS VERY BUSY THIS
ST. PATRICK'S SEASON
MARCH 8, 2024
PUB CRAWL
MARCH 9, 2024
MASS 4:00 PM
ST. PETERS ROSENDALE
MARCH 10, 2024
KINGSTON ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE - STEP OFF - 1:00 PM
MARCH 15, 2024
7:00 AM - ULSTER COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BREAKFAST
MAYOR OF THE DAY
9:00 AM -MASS ST. MARY'S
CHURCH
10:00 AM -MAYOR OF THE DAY
CEREMONY, KINGSTON CITY
HALL
12:00 NOON - MAYOR OF THE
DAY LUNCHEON
MARCH 16, 2024

NYS ST PATRICK'S PARADE
MARCH 17, 2024
WALLKILL ST. PATCK'S
PARADE
MARCH 23, 2024
MONTGOMERY ST. PATRICK'S
RAMBLE

METS TRIP
JUNE 2, 2024
GAME IS 1:40 PM



ULSTER COUNTY AOH DIVISION 1

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

THIS HAS BEEN REBUILT.
YOU SHOULD SEE NEW
PAGES AND NEWS

- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/UlsterAOH>

We also have pages setup for the Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley. They can be found at:

- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/IC HudsonValley>
- Web: <http://www.icchv.org>
- Instagram @icchudsonvalley

Finally, if you have any pictures, events, or announcements you would like to have posted on the AOH or ICC Facebook pages, please send a message to either Facebook Account.



IRISH CULTURAL CENTER (ICC) - HUDSON VALLEY

www.icchv.org

There are a lot of activities the ICCHV is conducting each month. You should all be receiving the ICCHV newsletter.

March 1, 2024

Gaelic Classes each Friday

March 2, 2024

Whiskey Tasting Traghaven Pub
– Tivoli, NY 6:00 PM

March 3, 2024

Trad Session Ole Savannah
Kingston, NY 2:00 PM

The ICCHV is conducting a raffle fund raiser

\$100.00 per ticket with great prizes. Get a ticket, have your family get together and get a ticket.

1st drawing is March 17, 2024 for \$500.00

March 10, 2024



SHAMROCK RUN – FLAT FAST AND FIRST CLASS



Here are some fun facts about this year's Run so far:
number of registrants: 2001 (and counting!)

number of teams: 79

biggest team: Team Tuffy with 98 participants

age of youngest participant: 2 years old

age of oldest participant: 90 years young

IRISH CULTURAL CENTER CONSTRUCTION

Message from the Board

Brian Devine, Vice President

I'll bet many of you are wondering what is happening with 'the hole' at 32 Abeel St, the future site of the Irish Cultural Center of the Hudson Valley (ICCHV). That unfortunate sobriquet originated when upon the eve of beginning our construction 10 years ago, the ICCHV was subject to three legal suits brought against the City of Kingston and the ICCHV. No one needs a lecture on the costs of lawsuits, but suffice it to say after winning two legal proceedings that went to the NYS Appellate Courts, and the third suit being dropped, we found our nest egg depleted. After these wins, we began anew in our efforts only to face another disastrous setback. The COVID outbreak that famously impacted people and businesses alike, further restricted our efforts. Despite all of this, our organization has persevered.

Construction

At the building site, a foundation area was excavated but has remained fallow until now. Today, we are poised once again to make headway. Some might ask, rightfully so, what if anything has been accomplished. That question is what this column is about. We hope to inform our stakeholders and interested community about our continuing efforts to build this center. We have not been inactive.

Many walkers and residents of Kingston who have traversed Company Hill Path, may have

noticed how beautifully the old stone wall has been restored. Using the same Catskill Mountain bluestone that had fallen into despair, much of which had to be recovered from underground, we have rebuilt the majestic wall. This bluestone wall forms the front side of our property and provides a safe backdrop along Company Hill Path. However, not visible by passersby are stormwater conduits constructed beneath Company Hill Path. These conduits connect to a storm water collection system we constructed on our site. Before these improvements were made, storm water from rainfall events would wash out Company Hill Path rendering it unwalkable with deep rivulets formed during each weather event. That no longer happens. This wall and the storm water system, with the approval from the City of Kingston, was constructed and installed by the ICCHV. The reconstruction of the wall and storm water system was costly and necessary. Materials, labor and engineering plans were expensive.

Financial Support

Our organization cannot claim to have borne these costs alone or without help. Indeed, we were very fortunate to have the support of Assemblyman Kevin Cahill and Senator George Amedore. Both secured construction grants from New York State for the development and construction of a cultural center focused on highlighting Irish American Culture. We have utilized funds from those grants to accomplish the construction. We continue to use these grant funds to update

our engineering plans as we move toward beginning construction of the Center. We have hired a grant writer to help seek additional funding. We have hired a consultant advising us on how to build a new state of the art performing stage in our new location.

Nonprofit Development
We have updated our website, as well as our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram. Making these digital resources easier to access and read, and to keep the public apprised of our efforts. At the same time the ICCHV is continuing to make sure Kingston continues to benefit from our monthly and annual events.

Your Support
Upon completion, the Irish Cultural Center of the Hudson Valley will be a place where anyone who has Irish roots will be able to connect with their heritage. We need you who have Celtic connections and a feeling of pride when you hear the pipes or a ballad and yearn for an Irish cèilidh (Irish musical festival) to step up and support us. We are asking you to support our efforts to celebrate our Irish relatives who came here to America to escape poverty and achieve freedom. To remember those who helped to build the railroads, boatyards, stone walls and brickyards and create strong communities. We cannot do this alone. We will need financial support. Become a Member! You can also pledge financial support for this effort. The Center will be a wonderful symbol representing the Irish Americans of Ulster

County, and the Hudson Valley. A place you can take pride in.

Thank You.
The ICCHV building project keeps moving forward. You may see some activity at the upper site (Parking Lot) we are preparing this site so we can stage materials etc. to start our project in full.
Stay tuned.
We need to organize a building construction-fund raising committee that will augment the grant funds so we can complete the building. Please let us know if you can help on this committee.
Stay tuned exciting times are coming.

The ICCHV will be presenting additional great Irish cultural events in the next few months.



Gaelic Classes

Gaelic Classes conducted by our own Bob McDonald Classes are each Friday – Gaelic in the Glen, online language classes 5:30pm Beginner 6:30pm Intermediate



Trad Sessions

Trad Sessions at the Ole Savannah Restaurant continue on the first Sunday of each month.
NEXT SESSION
Sunday, February 4, 2024 - Irish Trad Music Session 2-4pm Ole Savannah Southern Table & Bar

Mile buiochas (A thousand thanks) and we look forward to

seeing YOU at the sessions this Fall!!

Check out the ICCHV website ICCHV.ORG support our loyal sponsors. Thank you. Keep Moving Forward!!



LAOH DIVISION 5 NEWS

Jean Steuding

NEXT MEETING

MARCH 12, 2024

St. Mary's St. Peter's

Welcome to “our” month! At the February 6 meeting, the 2024 officers were sworn in. Congratulations to all! Thank you for making it possible for the LAOH to stay together! Grand Marshal Night (which the LAOH hosts each year) was well attended and lots of fun! Thank you to those who set up, cleaned up and made everything enjoyable for all! Great food! You did a wonderful job, as usual! Our own mayor of the day, Patti Gilpatric, showed her pride and excitement when she expressed her sentiments for receiving this honor! On Saturday, March 9, (day before parade) at 4 pm, Mass will be offered at St. Peter’s in Rosendale. The dignitaries for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be attending as well as members of the Pipe and Honor Guard Band and members of the AOH and LAOH. Try to come to this beautiful Mass! The parade steps off at 1 pm on Sunday, March 10, immediately after the start of the Shamrock Run. Plan to meet on the hill between Clinton Avenue and the plaza at 12:30. The attire is dark pants, Irish attire (Irish sweater, or green jacket, and Irish beret if you have one.) Transportation will be provided for those who wish to ride, and you may also ride back to the

plaza. The Mayor of the Day luncheon will be held on Friday, March 15. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's St. Peter's at 9:00 a.m. After the Mass, we are invited to the City Hall for coffee and refreshments. The Mayor will read a proclamation honoring Patti, and she will raise the Irish flag. At 12:00 noon, Mayor of the Day luncheon will be held at the Venue Uptown (Best Western), 500 Washington Avenue, Kingston. The menu will include a buffet with a traditional full corned beef meal, a Lenten non-meat pasta, vegetable shepherd's pie, tossed salad, and a dessert/fruit table. The cost is \$40 with a cash bar. Reservations are due by March 3. Send checks made out to LAOH to PO Box 2432, Kingston, NY 12402. Walk-ins on the day of the luncheon will be limited to 10. Any questions should be directed to Ginger Mills at 845-430-7301 or any board member. Please pray for our sick including Fr. Burke and Kathleen Houghtaling. Please try to participate in as many activities as you can for our Saint Patrick's celebrations. The pride which we show will be a reflection on the Irish community! Many Irish and non-Irish people take part in the festivities, and we are the sponsors, so make us proud! Believe it or not, Easter is only two weeks after St. Patrick's Day. This is the Glorious Feast Day when we celebrate Christ's Resurrection! It is the essence of everything our faith teaches. This Easter, may you bask in the goodness of God for becoming one of us and for making it possible for us to live forever in the glory of heaven. PRAY FOR PEACE!



STUFFED PEPPERS

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YIELDS: 6 serving(s)
PREP TIME: 20 mins
TOTAL TIME: 1 hr 30 mins
CAL/SERV: 419

Ingredients

- 1/2 c. uncooked white or brown rice
- 2 **tbsp.** extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 **tbsp.** tomato paste
- 1 **lb.** ground beef
- 1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 1 1/2 **tsp.** dried oregano
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 6 bell peppers, tops and cores removed
- 1 c. shredded Monterey jack
- Chopped fresh parsley, for serving

Directions

Step 1 Preheat oven to 400°. In a small saucepan, prepare rice according to package instructions.

Step 2 Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Cook onion, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 7 minutes. Stir in garlic and tomato paste and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Add ground beef and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 6 minutes. Drain excess fat

Step 3 Stir in rice and diced tomatoes; season with oregano, salt, and pepper. Let simmer, stirring occasionally, until liquid has reduced slightly, about 5 minutes.

Step 4 Arrange peppers cut side up in a 13"x9" baking dish and drizzle with oil. Spoon beef mixture into each pepper. Top with cheese, then cover baking dish with foil.

Step 5 Bake peppers until tender, about 35 minutes. Uncover and continue to

bake until cheese is bubbly, about 10 minutes more.

Step 6 Top with parsley before serving.

PHILLY CHEESESTEAK LETTUCE WRAPS

Delish.com



Ingredients

- 2 **tbsp.** vegetable oil, divided
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 2 large bell peppers, thinly sliced
- 1 **tsp.** dried oregano
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 **lb.** skirt steak, thinly sliced
- 1 c. shredded provolone
- 8 large butterhead lettuce leaves
- 1 **tbsp.** freshly chopped parsley

Directions

Step 1 In a large skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add onion and bell peppers and season with oregano, salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Remove peppers and onions from skillet and heat remaining oil in skillet.

Step 2 Add steak in a single layer and season with salt and pepper. Cook until steak is seared on one side, about 2 minutes. Flip and cook until the steak is seared on the second side and cooked to your liking, about 2 minutes more for medium.

Step 3 Add onion mixture back to skillet and toss to combine. Sprinkle provolone over steak and onions then cover skillet with a tight-fitting lid and cook until the cheese has melted, about 1 minute. Remove from heat.

Step 4 Arrange lettuce on a serving platter. Scoop steak mixture onto each piece of lettuce. Garnish with parsley and serve warm.

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