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Pearl River, NY

March, 2018



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Our next meeting will be held on March 23rd at 8pm. Welcome aboard to new members Chris Day, Chris Maloney, Sean Maloney, Kevin Maloney, Kevin Cole, William Fitzgerald, Paul Keating, and William Boera. The Emerald Ball was a great success, many thanks to all who supported and congratulations to chairwoman Mary Mulcahy. We got hammered with a snow storm on March 2nd but we showed the documentary "No Stone Unturned" to those brave enough to venture down to the hall.. We will try to arrange another showing. We had a packed hall for the Lourdes Kids breakfast the next morning, many thanks go out to cooks Sean Walsh and Rich Halpin, face painter Kathleen Troy, and our Disney characters Maureen McNulty, Margaret Moore, Brianne Lynn, and Meaghan Mallon. Congrats to Jack O'Connor, Larry DeGennaro, cooks Dan Callanan and Larry Connell, and all the volunteers and performers for another successful Senior Citizen's Luncheon. I'm looking forward to seeing you all this Sunday. March with pride in your faith and heritage behind Battalion Commander Dan Mulligan. Please dress appropriately

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News...Please say a prayer for the repose of the souls of John Taylor and Kevin Pettus. Gene Flood is doing well at home with a new pacemaker and "skip along" Pete Dunn is also doing well with his new hip. Many thanks to all of the member volunteers who pitched in for the Senior Citizens St.Patrick's Day luncheon along with high schoolers who earned their citizen volunteer chits and also to Jim "the professor" and Sean Collins for the speculator job they did in cleaning up the kitchen afterwards.

As always, please remember to say an extra prayer or two for our wounded warriors and their families.

*Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,
Dermot O'Connor Moore, President.*

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CALENDAR _____

3-17 NYC Parade

3-18 Rockland County Parade

3-23 Division Meeting

3-31 Scholarship Exam

4-22 Communion Breakfast

5-11 Joe Walsh Golf outing



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March is here and one of my favorite seasons, the St Patrick's Day one! Tracey Dickey and Mary O'Sullivan did a terrific job coordinating our St. Patrick's Day Party. There was a nice turnout of members, spouses and friends. The food at the Saloon was very good, the games were fun, especially "shaking the shamrock" and the raffle prizes plentiful. I hope we have a good turnout marching on the 18th at the Rockland Co. St Patrick's Day parade. Our honorees are: Joan Moore, RC LAOH aide to Grand Marshal, Theresa Morris, Battalion Commander and Colleen Fitzpatrick, LAOH div 3 aide to Grand Marshall. Happy St Patrick's Day to all members and their families.

***Yours in friendship, unity and Christian charity,
Terry McGeever, President***

PARADE WEEKEND

Sat. March 17

A bus will be departing the Hibernian House at 11:00AM sharp to bring folks down to the NYC parade. The bus should be returning around 6:00PM. If you plan on marching and would like to be on the bus, please email john.mcgowan@me.com to reserve a seat.

Sun. March 18

**Parade Mass at 9:00am, Dominican Convent,
175 Route 340, Sparkill. All are welcome.**

**Parade Breakfast, immediately following the Mass, Pearl River Hilton,
\$35pp (children under 7 are free)
tickets can be purchased at rocklandcountyaoh.com.**

Immediately following the breakfast and before the parade step off, the American Legion will present this year's Parade Commander, Frank Duffy, with a special award and recognition at the American Legion, Post 329 in Pearl River (next door to the Hibernian House). Please considering stopping by and showing your support before the parade for AOH Division 3 Member, Parade Commander, and venerable WWII veteran.

Parade step off is at 1:30pm sharp. If you are marching, please arrive no later than 12:30pm (the earlier the better). Please note that the parade route roads will be closed at 12Noon, so getting to the Pfizer parking lot may be difficult. Keep this in mind as you make your way to the start of the parade.

Any questions, contact John McGowan@ (845) 548-4416

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Our pub scribe is indisposed due to hip surgery. We wish Pete Dunne a speedy recovery!

JOE WALSH MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Friday, May 11, 2018 Blue Hill Golf Course

12:30 shotgun start, 10:30 registration

\$160 per player \$100 hole sponsors

Volunteers and help needed

Contact Sean Walsh 845-300-1718.

2018 SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMUNION BREAKFAST

Deadline for applications is March 17th, Exam is March 31st

All materials are available on www.praoh.org

Any Questions, Contact Kevin McNulty@
kmcnulty@shp.org

Communion Breakfast April 22nd at the Hibernian House

Immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Margaret's

To volunteer for the mass, please contact Ed O'Dea at 917-974-9659

History

The Irish Marines

When this year's Rockland County St. Patrick's Day Parade proceeds down Central Avenue in Pearl River, it will be led by Marine Corps veteran Francis T. Duffy. Frank was awarded the Silver Star for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" in a battle where Admiral Nimitz noted that "Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue" indicates the high bar that Frank's courage met on that day. Because of his actions he would also be awarded the Purple Heart and spend a year in hospital recovering from wounds he sustained in defending his country and fellow Marines.

While their flag may be red and gold and their uniform blue, there is a long green strand that runs throughout the history of the United States Marines. When France gave the United States and Captain John Paul Jones the ship that would be known as the "Bonhomme Richard", they also provided a unit of Marines drawn for the "Regiment de Walsh-Serrant", part of the famed Irish Brigade of France composed of Irish exiles and their sons. The Irish Marines were in the "fighting tops" of the "Bonhomme Richard" when it had its notable encounter with HMS Serapis, the battle where Jones refused to surrender stating he had "not yet begun to fight". Yet the battle was won not by Jones on the deck, but by one of his Irish Marines crawling out to the edge of a mast to drop a grenade into the Serapis' hold that won the day.

In the United States first international military encounter, the Barbary War against Algerian pirates who were capturing U.S. Merchant vessel and enslaving their crews, the U.S. Marines who fought on "the shores of Tripoli" under the command of Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon. Leading a detachment of seven Marines and two Navy Midshipmen, at the Battle of Derna, O'Bannon and his Marines "pass'd through a shower of Musketry from the Walls of houses", took possession of an artillery battery and turned it on the defenders. O'Bannon would become the first to raise the American flag on foreign soil after combat. In recognition of his bravery, the Pasha of Tripoli presented O'Bannon a Mameluke sword as a token of respect; Marine officers have been wearing one ever since.

Daniel Joseph Daly was a small man at only 5' 6", but would be described by General Smedley D. Butler, himself a Marine legend, as "The fightinest Marine I ever knew." Daly was awarded the Medal of Honor during the Boxer Rebellion where he single-handedly held a position against an overwhelming assault by hundreds of the enemy. Fifteen years later as a Gunnery Sergeant, Daly and his men were in Haiti when they

were ambushed. Daly braved enemy fire to retrieve a machine gun that was still strapped to a mule that had been killed, thereby saving his men and was awarded a second Medal of Honor. Ironically it is for neither of these incidents for which he is most famous. In WW I, Gunnery Sergeant Daly and his men were pinned by artillery and machine gun fire near Belleau Wood. Realize that to stay in this position was certain death, the now 44 year old Daly stood up out and with a battle cry that has begun legend said "Come on, you sons of *****", do you want to live forever?!" Daly personally eliminated a machine gun nest with nothing more than his pistol and grenades, being wounded three times in the process. He was recommended for a third Medal of Honor, but a Washington bureaucratic denied it solely on the basis that he already had two.

In WW II, fighting alongside Frank Duffy on Iwo Jima was Captain Joseph Jeremiah McCarthy who earned the Medal of Honor. After the war he would travel the country visiting the families of each of his men who had fallen where he personally assured the families that their loved ones were just as brave as he was, he was just lucky. In Korea 28 Irish immigrants would be killed fighting for their adopted country including Pfc. John Patrick White, born in Caherdaniel, County Kerry. That the Korean War has earned the nickname "The forgotten war" is an outrage, that America forgot these men for half a century to grant these men who died wearing her uniform before granting them citizenship a scandal.

Robert Emmett O'Malley and Thomas Patrick Noonan were born within five months of each other in the historically Irish enclave of Woodside, Queens. The two-attended school and church together and were close friends throughout childhood. They both joined the Marines, and both earned the Medal of Honor, Noonan making the supreme sacrifice. Sgt Liam Anthony Flynn emigrated to New York from Clane Co Kildare in 2002 and joined the US Marines in 2006. He served four tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan before being killed in a training accident as part of Special Forces command.

The noted columnist Walter Winchell observed "You can't strike the American Flag without some Irishman hitting you back". Invariably, the first punch landed against America's enemies is thrown by the Marines. Both the Marines and the Irish share a well-deserved reputation for being "Always Faithful"

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