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Brother Hibernians



We hope you and your families enjoyed a very merry Christmas and happy New Year

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, January 25th at 8pm. Welcome aboard to new members Tim Ryan, Bill Curley, Dan Mesopoanese, Jim Hayes, Tim Armstrong, Pat McNerney, Don Mimnaugh, and Mike McGrath. Many thanks go out to Bill and Trish Lee for running a great Pot O'Gold final drawing party and to all our volunteers, especially our head chef Sean Walsh and all our cooks. What a feast we were treated to. A great time was had by all at our Wren Night celebration and our heartfelt thanks go out to all our volunteers and performers especially Dennis Madigan, Fergal Hayes, Mike O'Sullivan, and John McGowan. All profits went towards defraying the expenses of Lourdes Kids of Rockland helpers, a great cause. Many thanks to all who supported the pub's fat off on New Year's Day which benefits the Adopt a Family Christmas Fund, another great cause. I hope to see you at our ski trip on February 2nd and the Emerald Ball on February

23rd. The Hibernian of the Year is our own Edmond O'Dea and the Grand Marshal is Joan Moore. The Emerald Ball is the main fundraiser for our beautiful paradeso please support by taking a journal ad and attending.

Phil Sheridan reports the following Good and Welfare news...Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jim Russell's mom Bobbi, Mike Coakley's mother Eileen, Bill Cosgrove's sister Maureen and Pat Holt's mom Mary. Please pray for the recovery of Dan Callanan, Jim Harding. John Hennessey, John Kennedy, Tim Sheridan, Monsignor Weber. Congratulations to Tom Moore on receiving a 2019 Irish Law Enforcement Award from the Irish Echo.

Please remember to say an extra prayer or two for our troops convalescing in hospitals around the world.

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

LAOH

Happy New Year to all the LAOH division 3 members and their families. At our January meeting we welcomed and installed Mary Ellen Callaghan and Maureen McNulty. The 2019/2020 board members were introduced. The RCLAOH will be hosting a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Brigid and the 125th Anniversary of the LAOH on Saturday, January 26, 2019 in the Hibernian House. This event will take place immediately following the St. Brigid's Mass which will be held at 4:30 PM at

St. Margaret's church. The cost will be \$10.00 per person which includes a buffet dinner and will be BYOB. Raffles will also be held. Please RSVP by January 18th to Mary Mulcahy at maryteach17@ aol.com. All are welcome. We are hoping to get a good turnout and I hope to see many of you there with your families and friends.

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

FEBRUARY 2nd - SKI TRIP TO BELLEAYRE MOUNTAIN

Last year's trip was a blast. The cost stays the same: \$90 for adults and \$80 for junior skiers (19 and under) and includes the bus trip with breakfast, lunch and refreshments on the trip home. Nonskiers can join us for \$50. First paid, first seated. The trip is fast approaching and filling up fast but there are still a few seats left so sign up at the pub if you are interested in getting in on one of the best ski deals around. If you have already signed up, please drop off your payment at the pub as soon as you can in an envelope addressed to Chuck Parnow.

Contact Chuck (Charles.Parnow@ willistowerswatson.com) or Dan (sgtp3401@ yahoo.com) for further info.

2019 EMERALD BALL

Saturday, February 23rd 7pm at Pearl River Hilton

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HEATHER BOWIE
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2-2 Ski Trip

2-23 Emerald Ball

3-16 NYC Parade

3-17 Pearl River Parade



Listory

The Irish General Election of 1918: A Peaceful Revolution

IS IRELAND A PART OF ENGLAND?

On April 12th, CAPTAIN D. D. SHEEHAN said in the English House of Commons:

"I know all the English arguments. They only take account of England's position. It is quite natural they should only take account of Englishd's position, but they are all founded upon the English delusion that Ireland is a part of England."

If Ireland is not a part of England, why should Irish Members attend the English Parliament, respecially when they are outnumbered there 6 to 1?

Vote for Sinn Fein

AND SHOW THE WORLD THAT IRELAND
IS NOT A PART OF ENGLAND

DUILLEGG PHOIBLIOCHTA SINN FEINEACH, 1918

One can be forgiven for seeing Ireland's march to reassert its independence as a sovereign nation as a series of rebellions and battles. However, perhaps Ireland's greatest revolutionary act took place not on the battlefield but at the ballot box. It was the Irish General Election of 1918 and the subsequent establishment of Dáil Éireann (the "Assembly of Ireland").

The Irish General Election was part of the broader United Kingdom General Election of 1918. The election occurred on December 14th, little more than a month after the end of WW I; the war which Britain allegedly fought that "small nations might be free". It was the first election where there was universal suffrage for all males over 21 and all women over 30 (Britain had lost so many young men in the war Whitehall was afraid that the women's vote would swamp the election if the requirements were the same). The combination of working-class men and women as a group who had previously never qualified to vote increased the Irish electorate from 700,000 to over 2,000,000.

Attitudes and loyalties had also changed in Ireland since the previous General Election of 1910. The Irish Parliamentary

Party (IPP) which had dominated Irish politics since the time of Parnell had fallen out of favor over its failure to deliver Home Rule and its support for the British war effort. Coinciding with the IPP's fall was the rise of Sinn Féin which had surged in popularity due to their identification with the Rising of 1916 and anger over the executions of the leaders of the Easter rising.

Most importantly, there was the "Conscription Crisis". In March 1918, the German Army launched a major offensive which threatened to overwhelm the depleted ranks of the British Army on the Western Front. Compulsory military service was already in practice in the UK except for Ireland. While his party supported the war effort, the IPP leader John Redmond had warned that conscription in Ireland would be met with resistance. Redmond was right.

Prime Minister David Lloyd George attempted to introduce conscription to Ireland in April 1918. He further inflamed the situation by retroactively making Irish conscription a condition for Irish Home Rule (which had been signed into law in 1914 but suspended due to the war). Many saw this new condition as extortion. Lloyd George was nicknamed "the Welsh Wizard" and in this case with a stroke of his pen he had accomplished something many thought impossible: he had united Sinn Féin, the IPP, the All Ireland League, the Labor Party, trade unions and the Catholic Church in common cause. His government further inflamed public opinion with the mass internment of 150 leaders of Sinn Féin over a manufactured "German Plot" which was nothing more than a ploy to intimidate those who opposed conscription and a propaganda move to drive a wedge between Ireland and its supporters in the United States. While British conscription was never successfully implemented in Ireland, the Irish electorate would not forget Britain's tactics.

The other key factor in the 1918 elections was Sinn Féin's commitment to "abstentionism"; candidates elected would not take their seats in the British Parliament, but in a new Irish Government. Precedent for this policy had been established by Count Plunkett, the father of the executed 1916 leader Joseph Plunkett. When elected on February 3, 1917, Count Plunkett stated, "I am returned to Dublin pledged by the electors of North Roscommon to recognize no foreign authority, to maintain the rights of Ireland to independence and to initiate Ireland's work of taking control of her own affairs."

Listory

The Irish General Election of 1918: A Peaceful Revolution

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The choice in the 1918 election was clear: to vote for a Member of Parliament (MP) who would continue to sit in Westminster as part of a continuing association with the United Kingdom or to vote for a Sinn Féin Teachta Dála (TD) who would sit in an Irish assembly and was committed to press for self-determination for Ireland as defined in President Wilson's Fourteen Points. The election results were just as clear; Sinn Féin, and a mandate for a sovereign, all-Ireland independent republic, secured 73 out of 105 seats.

It was a revolution carried out in the most peaceful means. Yet, despite the clear, democratically expressed will of the Irish people the British administration and unionists refused to recognize the Dáil. Representatives of the Irish people also soon found that President Wilson's grandiose talk of "self-determination" did not apply if you were a captive colony of one of the WW I allies.

It was a squandered opportunity to resolve the "Irish Question fairly". Having tried the ballot box again only to be met with cynical hypocrisy again, it was clear that Irish independence would have to be wrested by force. The result would be the start of the Irish War of Independence and nearly a century of violence in Ireland. Lloyd George and President Wilson would learn what would be articulated a half century later by an Irish American President, John F. Kennedy:

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."

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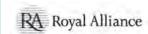
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