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Pearl River, NY

April, 2015



## Brother Hibernians, \_\_\_\_\_



Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 24th. Welcome aboard to James Notarfrancesci and Patrick Hennessy. Many thanks to all the members who marched in the Rockland parade behind our honorees Vince Tyer, Kieran Cummings, and Mike Mulcahy. Congratulations to the parade committee on doing a fantastic job. Many thanks to Jack O'Connor, Larry DeGennaro, Dan Callanan, and all the volunteers who worked to make the seniors' luncheon such a success. Congratulations to our scholarship winners and thanks to all the students who participated. They were all deserving but unfortunately we can only give out so many awards. Many thanks go out to the whole scholarship committee on doing a great and very difficult job. Please join us at our mass and Communion Breakfast where we will honor our winners and listen to Vince Tyer.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare news...Please say a prayer for the repose of the souls of Sean Walsh's dad Eugene and Tom Mallon's mom Madge. Keep up the prayers for gentleman John King who is back in Rockland in a local hospice, anyone knowing which one please let it be known at the Pub, Bobby Farrelly is still hanging on at Rosary Hill in Hawthorne, Charlie Murphy is recovering from an injured ankle followed by an infection, Jack Madigan's bride Charlotte is doing well after having her other knee replaced. Thanks to all the members and high schoolers who helped out with the St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinner.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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|----------|------------------------------|
| April 12 | Communion Breakfast          |
| April 18 | Sullivan Foundation Event    |
| April 18 | Baseball trip                |
| April 25 | Gill Fund Raiser             |
| April 25 | Bobby Sands Mass & Social    |
| May 2    | State meeting in East Durham |
| May 15   | Golf Outing                  |



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## HIBERNIAN HOUSE

Nice St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pearl River. Our own Battalion Commander "The Mook" looked terrific. In fact he looked so good that the director of the sequel to Happy Feet ( movie about penguins) wants him to be a part of the movie. April 25 will be this year's Freeze Your Arse Off at Broadacres Golf Course. Spots are limited. The theme is dress like George. Any clubs may be used. This is to accommodate Tom Healy, who usually plays with a pool cue and a tennis racket. Who was that lady with all those airline bottles of Gran Marnier in her bag at the upstairs party after the parade? Anyone interested in having a door removed contact Buddy Bernhardt, he has it down to a science. Nice to see John Gannon take a Sunday off to relax. Oh, never mind, we were closed. Chef of the future, the former John Crilley is now serving great pizzas on Friday nights. We just discovered that the word buffet means let's see how much Kevin Donohue can eat. Thanks to Scott Hanson, AKA Thomas Alva Edison for the new lights at the Pub. You can actually get a tan sitting at the bar. Good to see Pat Finnegan up and around after injuring his knee at Ballet class. Working on something for Kentucky Derby Day at the Pub. Congrats to the winners of the Fat Off, Tom Healy and Chuck Parnow, and to all the rest who entered. I only put on three pounds this year.

Pete Dunne

### BASEBALL TRIP

#### Nationals Park

Leaving AOH on Saturday, April 18th – 9am and returning to AOH Sunday, April 19th - 8pm

Trip Includes: Leprechaun Lines bus with bathroom, food and beverage on bus for ride down, Hotel Room – double occupancy, ticket to baseball game vs. Phillies, sightseeing of Washington DC, Happy Hour Drinks and Music (O'Sullivan's Pub)

**\$250 per person**

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dmadigan@ercsd.k12.ny.us

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Over 21 please

### DIVISION COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday April 12th, 2015  
Immediately following the 9:00 Mass at St. Margaret's

Guest Speaker: Vince Tyer

Presentation of 2015 Scholarships

Location: Hibernian House

Cost: Adults \$20 · Children under 12 \$5

Please contact Tim Donnelly @ tdonn1963@gmail.com  
for reservations.

### 2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Jules Madigan, Declan Moore, Carley Davin, Kiera Young,  
Faith Redmond, Ciara O'Riordan, Kieran Lee,  
Jacqueline Screene, Matthew McGovern, Mary Watters

## LAOH

We hope you all had a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day and enjoyed all the festivities and parades, especially the fantastic parade here in Rockland! We were blessed with another beautiful parade day and everyone looked great marching down the avenue! Congratulations again to our Grand Marshal Vince Tyer and to all the honorees!

The ladies of Division 3 have already been busy planning what has quickly become one of our most popular annual events - Dancing Like the Stars! We are looking for dancers and hope some of you will consider being contestants for event in September!

Katie Anne Basler

*President, LAOH Div.3*

### AOH DIVISION 3 GOLF OUTING

Dedicated to Larry McKeever

Friday May 15, 2015 @ Blue Hill Golf Course

12:00pm Shotgun start (10:30am Registration)

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Saturday, April 18th, 7 pm to 11 pm

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### BOBBY SANDS MEMORIAL MASS AND SOCIAL

Saturday, April 25th 7pm Mass, Social to follow

Rockland Irish American Center in Blauvelt

Guest of Honor Cormach Murrihy

Tickets \$25 pp, Contact Denis Troy 845-359-3851

### MARY GILL FUND RAISER

Saturday, April 25th 3pm till late

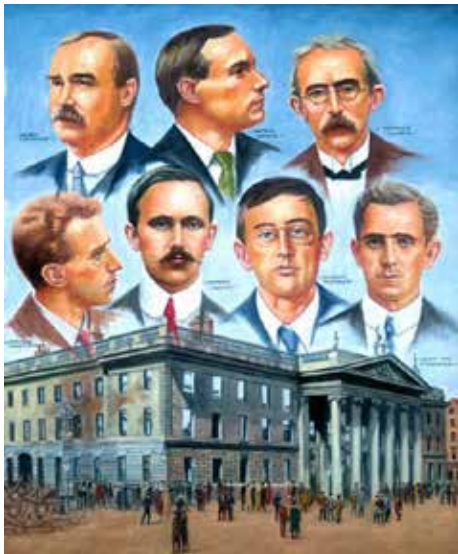
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# History

## Who Fears to Speak of Easter Week?



On Friday, April 24th 2015 we will mark the 99th Anniversary of the Easter Rising and the declaration of the Irish Republic. There has already been considerable commentary, which shall only intensify over the course of the coming year, as to the significance of the proclamation and motives of the signers and key participants. There is a great deal of material for those who wish to “spin” the events to their agendas to work with when looking back at 1916 with 20-20 hindsight.

Some political theorist have already offered a highly censored view of events to state the Rising was unnecessary as Britain had already promised “Home Rule”; ignoring the fact that the “Home Rule” was more title than substance. Under so called Irish “Home Rule” Britain would still have a veto over anything an Irish Parliament passed, Ireland would still have no control over the Army or police nor the right to make treaties. In fact the Irish voice in the British parliament, which had veto power over the proposed Irish

Home Rule parliament, would be diminished. Even this emaciated form of home rule was dead on arrival as the British government continued to bow to the hypocrisy of professed “loyalists” who threatened to rebel if the constitutionally passed Home Rule bill was implemented. Home Rule died on the fields of the British military camp at Curragh when British Army officers made it clear they would not enforce it as the law of the land in 1914, not on the streets of Dublin in 1916.

Other “experts” can engage in amateur psychology, making diagnoses from a century away without ever having spoken to the “patient”, on the desire of some leaders such as Pearse to be a “blood sacrifice” for Ireland. Certainly these were people of a different age than our often cynical and self-indulgent modern society, people of conviction, people who had a belief in a noble and higher purpose; in advancing the greater good of society even if that meant personal , even the ultimate, sacrifice. We see these sentiments in great leaders and great patriots in every nation and in general their noble motives are accepted at face value, why do we not extend the same courtesy to the Rebels of 1916?

If we really want to understand what motivated the Rising in 1916, we have to go no further than their own testimony as declared publicly at around 12:45PM in front of the General Post Office:

*“We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of*

*Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the last three hundred years they have asserted it to arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.”*

How similar is the line “we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations” to the conclusion of our own declaration of Independence from the same Great Britain “we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor”; both eloquent statements of the natural human desire for freedom irrespective of the cost or the odds.

In the coming year let us not be misled by those who seek to draw spurious parallels and analogies to other groups and other causes, nor fall victim to wistful revisionism defaming the legacy of noble patriots. As Irish Americans in the coming year let us not “Fear to Speak of Easter Week”



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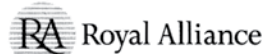
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