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Pearl River, NY

June, 2015



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Our next meeting will be held on Friday, June 19th. Many thanks all who marched with the division on Memorial Day to honor our war dead. Congratulations to all the members who were elected to county offices at the county convention on June 7. Good luck to the NY Girls under 14 Gaelic Football team as they travel to Wicklow to compete in the Feile tournament. The team has won two championships over the past three years and Rockland is well represented with 11 girls and coach Vince Tyer.

Please say a few extra prayers for Mary McDonagh and Terry Greenan as they battle their illnesses. Congratulations to John and Nancy Keahon who were presented with

first granddaughter Avery Rose by their daughter Katie. Congratulations to all our graduates. This will be the last newsletter till September but please keep in touch with us. We'll be sending out emails and calling posts on important events, you can visit our website www.praoh.org, and you can contact us at praoh3@gmail.com. Have a great and safe summer.

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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| June 16 | Movie showing
at HH |
| June 19 | Division Meeting |
| June 27 | RCAOH PB Fund
Raiser |
| July 8-11 | NYS AOH
Convention |
| July 9 | McDermott Golf |
| July 19 | Rockland County
Feis |

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The Ladies of Division 3 held their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast at the Hibernian House on June 7. At the breakfast we honored our Irish History Essay Contest winners and our Scholarship winners. We are extremely proud of these outstanding young men and ladies!

Scholarship winners are Julianna Madigan and Jennifer Nugent. Irish History Essay winners are: HS level-1st Julianna Madigan and Kaileen McGeever, 2nd Erin Dolphin, 3rd Kevin Dickey. MS level- 1st Kian McGeever,

2nd Jake Dickey, 3rd Terence Mulvey.

Katie Anne Basler

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MICHAEL McDERMOTT 13th ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015
BLUE HILL GOLF COURSE

Shot gun start at 12:30pm.

BBQ lunch and Dinner will be held at
Emmett's Castle at the course!!

Contact Kathy, Dan and Ryan
(845) 623-6367

NYS STATE CONVENTION

Our state convention in Nassau County is fast approaching. We are the largest division in the country and it's very important that we get all our delegates to the vote on July 11. Dermot Moore is running for district 8 director. The county is providing a bus for those who can make the vote. It will leave the Hibernian House at 7 am. Please email us at praoh3@gmail.com if you're interested. It will also be a great opportunity to take your major degree as you agreed to do at your initiation and remember that the degree is mandatory for state scholarships and counts for 5 points in our scholarship program

The AOH annual golf outing was another great success. Thanks to Hughie Obrien, Sean Walsh, Tom Lynch and to Joan Moore and all the volunteers who helped out. Shirts from the outing are still available. Contact the Pub. There are a lot of activities going on in the County, all dates and places are posted on the info board at the pub. The fishing trip on June 13 is just about sold out. It's a great trip if you do not like fish. We never catch anything. Update next month. Any body interested in seeing the Cowsills in Tarrytown, Danny O'Keefe has the info. He is the president of the fan club. Anyone interested in playing golf stop over at Broadacres and say hello to Joe Wrafter, manager, club pro and Bon Vivant. Don't forget his number one assistant Kevin. Several of our members enjoy playing there, they can see their former rooms from the course. Rumor is that JD senior is already packed for the July golf trip. Has anyone ever seen Captain Obvious and Bob Toms in the same place. Hmm. Watch for Pina Colada day at the Pub coming soon. If you are down at LBI stop in and see Captain Crazy at Uncle Louie's Ices. Enjoy the good weather.

1916 RISING CENTENNIAL

April 24, 2016 marks the 100th Anniversary of The Rising. In addition to planning a fitting ceremony on the date, we are planning historical and educational events for the months leading up the centennial. Our lessons this year will focus on the rising (scholarship applicants take note!). We are kicking off our movie series on the lives of the seven signatories of the Irish Proclamation who were executed. The first film on Tom Clarke will be shown upstairs at the Hibernian House on June 16 at 7 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The RCAOH Pipe band has been invited to represent the AOH by marching in Dublin and Belfast on Easter weekend. They are asking for support to help finance the trip. The first fundraiser will be held at JP Doyle's in Sleepy Hollow on June 27 and features Shilelagh Law. Please see Dermot Moore and Vince Tyer for raffle tickets that will be drawn on that date.

ROCKLAND COUNTY FEIS

Sunday, July 19th
German Masonic Grounds in Tappan
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History

Jeremiah O'Donovan Rosa, the Ashes from which the Phoenix of 1916 Sprung



Jeremiah O'Donovan Rosa was born Jeremiah O'Donovan in Reenascreena, County Cork on 10 September 1831. While he was the son of tenant farmers, the family could trace their ancestry back to nobler days when before the English confiscation of Irish land they had held the parish of Kilmeen, the honorary title "Rosa" coming from the town of Rossmore in that parish. Rosa saw the horrors of the Great Hunger and Britain's indifference to Irish suffering first hand as a child; losing his own father to starvation in 1847. He was then taken in by a cousin to work in his shop in Skibbereen; and, as per the song, the rest of his life would be dedicated to "*Revenge for Skibbereen*".

In 1856, the young O'Donovan Rosa formed the "Phoenix National Literary Society"; a cover for a less prosaic secret society dedicated to the liberation of Ireland. The name O'Donovan Rosa chose for his liberation effort was particularly apt; the Phoenix being the mythical Firebird bird that is reborn from its own ashes which would become an enduring symbol of Ireland's quest for freedom. The "Phoenix National Literary Society" was a precursor to, and would later merge with, the much larger Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) found in Dublin two years later. It would be future members of the IRB that O'Donovan Rosa help found that would lead the Rising in 1916. The IRB would also adopt the name "*Fenians*" based on the legendary warrior poets of Irish myth the *Fianna*.

O'Donovan Rosa quickly gained notoriety as one of the IRB's most effective members, so much so that he was jailed by British Authorities for ten months without trial in 1858. Upon his release, he became the editor for the Fenian newspaper "*The Irish People*" while secretly preparing for a rising to liberate Ireland. In 1865, the British authorities closed down "*The Irish People*" and arrested most of the IRB leadership including O'Donovan Rosa. O'Donovan Rosa was tried and convicted on the charge of high treason and sentenced to life imprisonment. He would spend the next six years inside some of Britain's most notorious prisons. At one point O'Donovan Rosa was manacled to a wall for 35 straight days; another time he was put into solitary confinement on bread and water for refusing to take off his cap to the prison's doctor. In 1869, he was elected to the House of Commons to represent Tipperary, though the election was voided as O'Donovan Rosa was an imprisoned felon.

In 1871 after a public outcry over the scandalous conditions prevalent in the British prison system, O'Donovan Rosa and four other imprisoned Fenians, including the future IRB leader John Devoy, were offered release from prison of the condition that they would accept self-imposed exile. Boarding the *S.S. Cuba*, the "Cuba Five" as they became known received a hero's welcome when they arrived in New York which O'Donovan Rosa was to call home for the rest of his life. Such was O'Donovan Rosa's popularity that he was on his landing put forth as a candidate for Mayor in an unsuccessful bid to oust Boss Tweed of Tammany Hall. O'Donovan Rosa established his own newspaper *The United Irishman* and established a "skirmishing fund" to finance future risings in Ireland. His continued advocacy and use of physical force in England to achieve Ireland's independence soon caused a rift between O'Donovan Rosa and John Devoy, but it did bring Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill for Ireland to the floor of the British Parliament. In 1885 he was shot by an Englishwoman; the British government denied responsibility but even O'Donovan Rosa detractors did not fully believe this.

O'Donovan Rosa faded into the background as a new generation under Parnell attempted to secure Ireland's independence under constitutional methods. However, the futility of trying to achieve Ireland's freedom through constitutional methods was clearly

realized during the Home Rule crisis of 1912-1914 when Britain with a wink and a nudge allowed self-described loyalist in Northern Ireland to block the legally enacted Third Home Rule. On June 29th, 1915 the unrepentant Fenian O'Donovan Rosa passed away in Staten Ireland at the age of 83 after a long illness. Ironically, despite a life dedicated to Ireland's freedom, it would be O'Donovan Rosa's death where he would make his greatest contribution. Realizing that constitutional methods were ineffective in dealing with an imperial empire that would change the rules to its own ends, Irish Nationalist saw the powerful symbology of O'Donovan Rosa and his link to the earlier armed struggle for Ireland's independence. While political rallies could be suppressed, not even the British authorities would interfere with a funeral. Tom Clarke, who would be the first signatory of the Proclamation a year later, telegraphed IRB leader John Devoy "Send (O'Donovan Rosa's) body home at once".

The body of O'Donovan Rosa was received home to a hero's welcome. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Dublin, Ireland was united in its grief and respect for the old unconquered Fenian with a procession of over 6,000 members of the Irish Volunteers, Catholic Church, GAA and other organizations marching in the funeral procession to Glasnevin Cemetery in front of an estimated 60,000 onlookers. It was then that a young school headmaster named Patrick Pearse stepped forward to give O'Donovan Rosa's funeral oration, a speech that is one of the greatest orations in history and whose call still speaks to us today:

*They think that they have pacified
Ireland. They think that they have
purchased half of us and intimidated
the other half. They think that they
have foreseen everything, think that
they have provided against everything;
but the fools, the fools, the fools! - they
have left us our Fenian dead, and
while Ireland holds these graves,
Ireland unfree shall never be at peace.*

Like the phoenix he chose to symbolize his first efforts to win Ireland's independence, Ireland's march to freedom would arise again new from O'Donovan Rosa's ashes at Easter 1916.

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