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Pearl River, NY

November, 2015



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



I wish you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, November 20 at which we'll hold elections for Division officers as well as two Hibernian House officers. Many thanks are due to all the members who volunteered to help out the Ladies at their Dancing Like the Stars Fundraiser. Congratulations to Ed O'Dea for running a very successful Lourdes Kids of Rockland Golf Outing and many thanks to all the members who worked at and supported it. Rockland was well represented at the Downstate and State Board meetings; I'll fill you in at the next meeting. Thanks to all the cooks, workers, volunteers, and supporters for our first Pot O'Gold drawing party, especially Bill and Trish Lee.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News...Please say a prayer for the repose of the souls of "Trapper Jack" Ryan, Tom Fennell's father Tobias, and Dennis Madigan's mother Eileen. Please say a prayer for the

recoveries of Denis Troy who suffered a fractured skull while on vacation and is recovering at home, Jim Doherty who had another stent implanted and is undergoing dialysis, Phil Sheridan's bride Linda who has been hit with severe back spasms due to nerve problems, Fred Tomkins who just received a new knee at New York Hospital, and our chaplain Msgr. O'Keefe who is recovering in Michigan. Congratulations to Father Brian Taylor who has been transferred to the Vatican to study Canonical Law. A reminder that our Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 21st and our Christmas Parties on December 13th are golden opportunities for our high schoolers to earn a couple of community service chits.

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.*

## ELECTED OFFICERS DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

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*Recording Secretary*  
**JOHN GANNON**

## CALENDAR \_\_\_\_\_

Nov. 17 Joint County Meeting  
Parade Elections

Nov. 18 NYC Parade meeting

Nov. 20 Division Meeting and  
Elections

Nov. 21 Senior Citizen Luncheon,  
RGAA Dance

Dec. 13 Christmas parties

Dec. 20 Final POG Drawing  
Party

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The ladies of Div. 3 were so proud to host our National Historian Marilyn Madigan as she gave a fantastic lecture about the Brave Ladies of 1916. We were so pleased to see the large numbers in attendance! We would also like to thank all who came out and made Dancing Like the Stars a big success! All the dancers were amazing and congratulations to our winners Rose Ruddy and Mick Healy!

Katie Anne Basler  
President, LAOH Div.3

### **POT O'GOLD RAFFLE**

If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, please do so. Not only will you be helping us to continue to support our numerous charitable endeavors, you and a guest will be entitled to attend both of our parties and also have an opportunity at winning numerous prizes. Congrats to all the winners at our 1st drawing party who are all still eligible for the final drawing on Sunday December 20th also at the Hibernian House. Ten grand cash is a nice Christmas present so don't miss out. Tickets can be secured by contacting Bill Lee at mr.williamplee@gmail.com or 845-558-4148 or Dermot Moore at praoh3@gmail.com or 845-735-8793. Tickets can also be obtained at the Hibernian House, please ask the bartender on duty for the tickets.

### **SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON**

**Our senior citizen's Thanksgiving Luncheon is November 21st and we could use volunteers starting at 10 am, especially any students looking for community service.**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

**Our Christmas parties will be held on Sunday, December 13. The party for children with special needs goes from 10 am till noon and the family party goes from 1 pm to 3 pm. We need volunteers before, during, and after.**

The first POT O' GOLD party was a big success, thanks to all those who helped. Scott Hanson bought a ticket and put the wrong half in. The side with your name goes into the bin. Bob Scully was trying to clip the front off his cigar, unfortunately he put his thumb in the slot where the cigar goes. Ouch. We now have our own Jason Pierre Paul. Anybody looking for advice on growing tulips or mums contact Capt. Crazy at the AOH, he was elated at how well his came in this year. Chris Power has been to so many weddings this year he is getting a job as a wedding planner. Who is going to argue with him? The Freeze Your Arse Off golf tourney is on for the day after Thanksgiving, you can sign up in the club. Due to the insanity of our members we may have to limit the number of players. Fittingly it is held at Broadacres. Short walk home for some. Good to see Dennis Troy back home and healthy from the DR. We heard Andy Stewart really missed him. Knockout pool is over, three winners. Greed is a terrible thing. Anybody commuting from the city on Fridays should contact Mookie. The Mook always comes home on the magic train. Lots of luck. Early meeting this month. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

### **JOINT COUNTY MEETING AND PARADE ELECTIONS**

**Tuesday, November 17th**

**Hibernian House at 8pm**

**Elections for 2016 Grand Marshal for the Rockland St. Patrick's Day Parade and NYC Aide to Grand Marshal**

**Contact Sean Sorohan @ 914-420-4278**

### **RGAA DINNER DANCE**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel in Suffern**

**Saturday, Nov. 21**

**7 pm- Cocktail Hour, Open Bar, Dinner and Dancing**

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# History

## Eamonn Ceannt, Impassioned Heart of the Rising



Of the seven signers of the 1916 Proclamation Eamonn Ceannt is likely, and unjustly, the least known. He did not possess the eloquence of Padraig Pearse nor the charisma of a James Connolly, but what he did possess was a single hearted devotion to Ireland and her people's freedom and was willing to sacrifice all in their cause. He deserves to be far better recognized as one of Ireland's great patriots

As with so many of the leaders of 1916, there was little in Ceannt's early life that would foreshadow him as a Rebel. He was born *Edward Kent* in Ballymoe, County Galway in the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) Barracks where his father James was a constable. Accounts of his childhood showed a shy boy who would give his pocket money to friends to buy his candy as he was too bashful to ask himself. Yet there was in young Eamonn a deep quiet intensity that would be the hallmark of his life; he would never undertake anything without giving 100% of himself. Like so many of the leaders of 1916 he was a product of Christian Brothers education and was awarded

honors in Latin, English, French, German, Arithmetic, Algebra and Drawing.

Ceannt, like many others in his generation, felt the spark of Irish nationalism during the centenary celebrations marking the 1798 rebellion. As with everything in his life that small spark soon developed into an impassioned blaze. In 1899 he joined the central branch of the Gaelic League, where he met Padraig Pearse. He became a fluent Irish speaker and soon adopted the Irish form of his name *Eamonn Ceannt*. He taught Irish and developed a reputation as an inspiring teacher. Always having a talent for music, Ceannt soon mastered the Irish war and uilleann pipes, mastering them to such an extent that in 1908 he led in a group of Irish Athletes competing in Rome and was subsequently invited to do a special performance for Pope Pius X. He formed the Dublin Piper's Club and was soon publishing a journal on an old printing press he had acquired. He took it upon himself to scour the Irish countryside looking for old pipers whom he would then pay their expenses to the club in Dublin to share their tunes. If it had not been for Ceannt's efforts, a considerable part of Ireland's musical legacy may have died with these men and for this work of preserving our Irish heritage alone Ceannt merits our recognition.

As with so many others, Ceannt's involvement in the Gaelic revival also awakened in him the realization that as a nation with a unique and rich heritage Ireland deserved its own government and independence. He was one of the founding members of the Irish Volunteers and immediately injected them with his energy and enthusiasm, quickly rising to the rank of Commandant of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He soon was also appointed Director of Communication and developed an effective and secure "postal system" for communicating. In one humorous incident, Ceannt formed the "Banba Rifle Club" as a cover for training the Volunteers in marksmanship and he wrote to the Miniature Rifle Association of Great Britain to be enrolled. When WW I broke out, the Rifle Association wrote to Ceannt asking him to encourage the member to "*volunteer to fight for the cause of small nations*". No doubt even the intense

Ceannt had a wry smile when he wrote back his assurances that "*all the clubs members were willing to fight for the rights of small nations*", though likely not the "small nation" that the British Rifle association contemplated.

And fight for the small nation of Ireland they did. On Easter Monday, April 24 1916, Ceannt and his battalion occupied the South Dublin Union. The South Dublin Union was a workhouse and hospital complex spread over fifty-two acres. The Union was a strategically important position as it dominated the approaches to Kingsbridge Railway Station, Richmond Barracks and Islandbridge Barracks. From the beginning, Ceannt and his men were involved in fierce fighting of some of the most savage kind as they engaged the British forces in the labyrinth of buildings. The intensity of the fighting can be gauged by the fact that Ceannt's second-in-command Cathal Brugha suffered over twenty life threatening wounds and yet still held his barricade while singing "*God Save Ireland*".

The Volunteers under Ceannt continued to hold their positions until ordered to surrender on Sunday, April 30. When a British Officer presented himself to accept Ceannt's surrender, he was shocked to see that the British forces had been fought to a standstill by a garrison of only forty men. In a sign of respect, the Officer allowed Ceannt and his men to march with their arms to the surrender point at St. Patrick's Park; the dignity that Ceannt and his men showed even in defeat was admired by many.

Eamonn Ceannt was executed by a British firing squad in the early hours of Monday, May 8, 1916. Among his last words is a call to action for us in the Centennial year of 2016

*"Ireland has shown she is a Nation. This generation can claim to have raised sons as brave as any that went before. And in the years to come, Ireland will honour those who risked all for her honour at Easter 1916."*

In 2016, let us unblushingly and without apology honor Eamonn Ceannt and the great men and women of 1916



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