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May 2024 Newsletter

May	7	LAOH Division Meeting	K OF C	7:30pm
	8	AOH Division Meeting	Travis Hall	7:00pm
	15	AOH County Meeting	Division 7	7:30pm
	20	LAOH County Meeting	Division 8/9	7:30pm
	21	Joint Meeting	Travis Hall	7:30pm

A LITTLE BIT O' THIS, A LITTLE BIT O' THAT

LADIES, please note that the meeting will be at 7:30pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will be having the Irish History Contest Awards presentation.



Breakfast at Professors with the ladies will be on May 21st at 10:30. Come and join them for breakfast, a cup of tea or coffee.



If it's spring, it means **the 200 Club** is in full swing. What is the 200 Club? It is the raffle that funds the scholarships and the day to day operations of the divisions. Only 200 tickets are sold at \$25 each. You have 42 chances to win: there are 20 \$75 winners, 20 \$25 winners and 2 \$500 winners. The drawing will be held at the joint meeting on May 21st at 7:30. **Tickets 101-200 are SOLD OUT!** If 1-100 are your lucky numbers, contact Brian Clancy at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com



Memorial Day is Monday, May 27th. Come join us to march in the Kings Park Memorial Day Parade. Meet at RJO between 8:30-8:40am. Step-off will be at 9. Wear your sashes.



The Ladies will be holding a **baby shower** at their June meeting. All items will be donated to a local charity that assists mothers in need.



At their last meeting the ladies welcomed Joanne Joyce as a new member.



Bring your pennies each month to the ladies' meeting so we'll have a generous donation at the end of the year for the **St. Francis Breadline**. As you sign in, you can leave them with Margie Connick.



Your Dues are due! Your 2024 dues are due. Feel free to pay at your meetings or you can mail your checks. Ladies, please send your \$30.00 check, **made payable to LAOH Div. 3**, to **Mary Ramos**. Men, continue to send your \$40.00 check, **made payable to AOH Div. 3**, to Matt McCrossen, for Mary's and Matt's contact information please send your e-mail to aoh3smithtown@outlook.com By paying your dues on time you continue to be a member in "Good Standing." This is also a good time to update your contact information (phone number, email, etc.) with your financial secretary.

To All Members...if for any reason you change your telephone number, your address or email, please let me know so that you will receive the newsletter and get telephone messages when *Calling Post* needs to be activated. Please contact **Karilyn O'Brien** at: aoh3smithtown@outlook.com with any changed information or to post information on the Newsletter.

Did you know.....

May is Mary's month

*Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring blossoms the fairest
From garden & woodland & hillside and dale
Our full hearts are swelling
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale
Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
~~~May Hymn to Our Lady*

**Please pray for the continuing  
comfort of the sick**

**Eileen McKnight, Rita Muller,  
Barbara Breier, Doug Rogers,  
Melanie Hicks, Brady Hicks,  
Anna Gallagher**



**Please pray for the repose of the  
souls of  
Arthur Lauer**

## The 1916 Easter Rising

By Tom O'Reilly, Division 3 Historian

The 1916 Easter Rising was a clandestine operation orchestrated by seven men, primarily members of the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), forming a "Military Council" just after the outbreak of World War I. The leaders included Tom Clarke, Sean McDermott, Patrick Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett, James Connolly, and Eamon Ceannt. Their plans were concealed from the broader membership of the Volunteers and leaders of the IRB and Volunteers, such as Dennis Cullough, Bulmer Hobson, and Eoin MacNeill.

The insurgents declared an Irish Republic with Pearse as President and Connolly as commander-in-chief, occupying strategic positions around Dublin, including the General Post Office (GPO), the Four Courts, the South Dublin Union, Boland's Mill, Stephen's Green, and Jacobs' biscuit factory. Despite their efforts, the Rising lacked widespread support among the Dublin public and faced condemnation from various political factions.

The 'Proclamation of the Republic', read by Patrick Pearse in front of the General Post Office in Dublin on Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916, was a pivotal moment in Irish history. It not only asserted Ireland's sovereignty as a sovereign, independent state but also served as a declaration of rights for its citizens. The document emphasized the right of the Irish people to the ownership and control of their destinies, despite centuries of foreign rule. It declared religious and civil liberties, equal rights, and opportunities for all citizens, with a commitment to the happiness and prosperity of the nation. The proclamation envisioned a future where the Irish Republic would be governed by a representative National Government, elected by suffrage. It invoked the protection of the Most High God and called upon the Irish nation to prove itself worthy of its noble destiny through valour, discipline, and sacrifice for the common good.

Note: Of the 485 people killed, 260 were civilians, 143 were British military and police personnel, and 82 were Irish rebels, including 16 rebels executed for their roles in the Rising. More than 2,600 people were wounded. Many of the civilians were killed or wounded by British artillery fire or were mistaken for rebels. Forty children were killed in Dublin City slums. Seventy women were jailed after 1916. Of 1,600 involved in the Rising 200 were women. From Cumann na mBan.

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