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**Regular Meeting** Tuesday, November 12, 2019  
**Where:** St. Sebastian Parish Center  
39-60 57th Street  
Woodside, NY 11377  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M. Sharp  
  
Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. There are no meetings July & August.

## Our President's Note

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you are all well and enjoying our fall weather. It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of another year.

We are looking forward to our **Communion Breakfast** on **November 17th at Connolly's Corner** and on the day, we will award our scholarship winners, Good luck to all. If you plan on coming, please call Rita at 1-516-455-3879 or I at 1-347-613-1303.

We are looking forward to our Mayo Dance on March 14 we have great honorees, our **Mayo Woman is Rita Lydon Lenz**. She has put so much into our society and other organizations as well. Our **Mayo Man** of the year is **William "Bill" Lynn**, business manager of Local 30 and a great friend to all especially The Mayo Society. His mom is a Mayo lady, so please come out and support.

We are happy to see Noreen Lydon O'Donoghue back on her feet. She had her two knees operated on. A brave lady I must say.

We would like to Congratulate St. Sebastian on their 125th Anniversary.

Thank you to Mary Lydon Regan and Kevin Rooney for our history page

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and enjoy time with your family. Please keep all our sick and deceased in your prayers.

God Bless,

Betty

## Upcoming Events:

- **Hurling, "Ireland's Ancient Warrior Sport" debuts at Citi Field on Saturday, November 16th!** Widely believed to be the world's oldest field game, Limerick will defend its title against three counties: Kilkenny, Tipperary and Wexford. Hurling combines agility, strength and intensity - earning it the reputation as the "fastest game on grass" among its loyal and passionate followers. This popular Irish sport will come to Queens with a 4-team tournament in which Limerick will defend its title against three counties: Kilkenny, Tipperary and Wexford. In addition to the hurling tournament, the event will feature a lively Irish festival complete with music and dancing.  
<https://www.mlb.com/mets/tickets/specials/hurling>
- **Carnegie Hall presents Irish Chamber Orchestra on Tue, Nov 19, 7:30 – 10:30 PM.** The Irish Chamber Orchestra explores Mozart and Mendelssohn classics, and features clarinetist-composer Jörg Widmann in Weber's Clarinet Quintet.  
<https://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2019/11/19/Irish-Chamber-Orchestra-0730PM>
- **Hofstra University 21st Annual Irish Festival will be held on Sunday, Nov 10, 11 AM**  
<https://patch.com/new-york/longbeach/amp/cal/20191110/455868/hofstra-university-21st-annual-irish-festival>

## Elections this month

In accordance with our Constitution, all of the officer positions are up for election at the November meeting.

To run for any office, members must be in good standing, paid up to date and must have attended five meetings within the calendar year.

## LÉ Samuel Beckett

On Wednesday, October 2, 2019, the Irish navy ship LÉ Samuel Beckett solemnly and ceremoniously sailed by The Irish Great Hunger Memorial in New York City. Led by Lt. Cmdr. Eoin Smyth, the ship's crew stood at attention as she held offshore on the Hudson River in respect and tribute to the meaning of the memorial. This was the first Irish Navy ship to visit the US in 13 years. The ship had been in New York for United Nations General Assembly, which also saw a visit and address from Irish President Michael D. Higgins.

In attendance at the Great Hunger Memorial to greet the ship were a group of about two dozen dignitaries which included: Ciaran Madden, the Consul General of Ireland in New York; B.J. Jones, CEO of the Battery Park City Authority; and Adrian Flannelly, CEO of Irish Radio Network USA and cultural liaison for the Irish Hunger Memorial; all of whom spoke. Brian O'Dwyer, former UNESCO Commissioner and Grand Marshall of the 2019 New York St. Patrick's Day Parade; and Betty McLoughlin, President of the Mayo Society of New York were also in attendance among others. The abandoned cottage and field of the memorial itself were transported from Flannelly's hometown of Attymass, Co. Mayo.

The Memorial stands where poor, starving Irish refugees once arrived in New York. They fled crippling poverty, oppressive foreign domination, and genocide. The ship now represented an independent and prosperous Irish Nation, paying respects to her exiled children who have achieved success in their new home; all the while maintaining their Irish culture and identity. "No monument in my experience is as spectacular as this one is," proclaimed Consul General Madden; "The Great Hunger changed our world".

The LÉ Samuel Beckett sounded her horn and left the New York area after the ceremony, sailing past the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island; the iconic immigrant processing station whose first arrival was Annie Moore, from Co. Cork. The ship then sailed to Boston where it was made open to the public at the Charlestown Navy Yard. On Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5; members of the large Irish community in the Boston area were able to visit the ship and meet the crew. New Yorkers also had this opportunity when the Beckett was docked at Pier 36 on Sunday, September 29.

The LÉ Samuel Beckett was commissioned by the Irish Naval Service in 2014. Like all Irish Navy vessels, it is designated LÉ (Long Éireannach); which simply means "Irish Ship". It was named for the famous Dublin-born Irish writer Samuel Beckett, who died in 1989. The ship is one of four vessels in the fleet's P60 class. All four are named for famous Irish writers. The other three are LÉ James Joyce, LÉ William Butler Yeats, and LÉ George Bernard Shaw; speaking volumes about the Irish regard for literary culture, and pride in Ireland's literary giants.

The ship patrols Irish waters helps protect fishery operations, and fights drug smuggling. It also performs search and rescue missions. The ship has also had a humanitarian role in the Mediterranean Sea, where it is credited with assisting in the saving of thousands of lives of migrants and fighting human trafficking. Consul General Madden pointed out: "Taking on those responsibilities is the greatest testament we could have to those in the Great Hunger."

**Kevin Rooney**



Irish Navy OPV Samuel Beckett NY Harbor, 10-02-2019

