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## **Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

**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 Notes**

Dear Members and Friends:

I hope you are all well and over the flu. There have been so many people sick. I can't believe March Madness is here and our big dance is fast approaching. I hope to see you there to support two great Honorees, Tony McGarry and Mary Coyne Byrne. A special thank you to the chair people for the journal, reservations and all other areas connected with making the dance a success. I know they're working very hard to make it a special night.

I just got back from the All Star Irish Cruise with Gertrude Byrne. We enjoyed a fantastic week of Irish entertainment with 2100 people aboard. Some of the islands we visited had a lot of devastation due to the Hurricanes, and these poor people depend on tourists. We should be very thankful with what we have. God Bless the USA. I met a lot of people from all over the world.

Financial Secretary, John Gray is doing a fine job on membership renewals. I urge the twenty of so members still not updated to help John by updating immediately.

We would like to wish a very Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to our dear friend Teresa Cunningham and many more to come, please God.

It's nice to see that Spring is coming and the days getting longer. We hope to see you all on the Fifth Avenue on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> with, hopefully, lots of sun. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. We will be assembling at 3.10 pm on West 48<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Business Dress Code is mandated especially for those carrying the banner and flags.

**Betty McLoughlin, President**

## **Rules of the Parade Committee**

1. All units must have two (2) flags – Irish and American or no flags at all - the American flag on the right and the Irish flag on the left.
  2. A minimum eight abreast. A unit with 250 + members must march ten (10) abreast.
  3. At least two (2) officers of each marching unit should bring up the rear.
  4. The only banners allowed are the ones identifying the unit or "England Get Out of Ireland." Only one (1) banner for each unit.
  5. Green hats, sneakers, or other "odd ball" dress is not allowed.
  6. Shirts with advertising are **NOT** appropriate dress and are not allowed. This includes GAA shirts.
  7. No animals or mascots are allowed.
  8. No eating, drinking or smoking in the line of march.
  9. No displays of any kind will be permitted.
  10. Units should make sure they are in proper formation before approaching Fifth Avenue.
  11. After units get on Fifth Avenue, no stragglers should be allowed to join the unit. Unit marshals should be on the alert for this at each intersection. Please be vigilant.
  12. Strollers and pull wagons shall be placed second to the last line.
  13. Any marcher exhibiting improper behavior will be removed.
  14. Do not attract unfavorable comments from the spectators and news reporters by allowing "undesirables" to join your ranks from the sidewalks while you are marching.
- Let's march smartly and be extra vigilant to ensure that the Parade Committee's rules are followed.

**PROTECT THE GOOD NAME OF COUNTY MAYO!!**

**UP MAYO!**

## News of our members

**The Rory Staunton Foundation for Sepsis Prevention** will be honored as Irish Organization of the Year by the **Irish Heritage & Culture Committee, NYC Department of Education**. Rory Staunton, beloved son of Mayo Society member businessman and human rights leader Ciaran Staunton and his wife Orlaith, succumbed to the deadly Sepsis infection because of the absence of medical protocols that would have detected Sepsis in time to save his young, vibrant life. To address the issue, in November, 2017, Governor Cuomo signed Rory Staunton's Law, requiring all New York schools to receive sepsis education resources, free of charge. The Rory Staunton Foundation founded by Ciaran and Orlaith is the only sepsis organization to provide comprehensive K-12 sepsis education. It's lesson plans were developed in partnership with New York State Department of Education and the American Federation of Teachers. Starting in kindergarten, the lessons progressively educate young people about wound care and the signs and science of sepsis and infection and show students how to become public health advocates in their communities. A primary goal of the Rory Staunton Foundation is to provide the public with the information it needs to understand how the threat of sepsis is being met. We invite members to access the Foundation's website for additional information on the Foundation at <https://rorystauntonfoundationforsepsis.org/>. The awards ceremony will take place in Brooklyn Borough Hall. The ceremony and reception will take place at a ceremony and reception on March 22, 2018 in Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Sr., Brooklyn, NY 11201 from 5:30 – 7:30.

Congratulations to Member Maura Mulligan who will receive the IAHCC Irish Woman of the Year Award at a ceremony and reception on March 22, 2018 in Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Sr., Brooklyn, NY 11201 from 5:30 – 7:30. Maura, a retired English as a Second Language Teacher in the NYC DOE, is a super-promoter of her Irish heritage. Her highly acclaimed memoir, *The Call of the Lark*, traces her life growing up on a farm in Co. Mayo prior to emigrating to the US. Among her humanitarian endeavors is the founding of *Nollaig Na mBan* NYC to help the women's shelter known as The Dwelling Place of NY.

Teresa Cunningham nee Egan who hails from Castlebar, has been "under the weather" recently and sadly will miss our Mayo Ball and worse, will not sing the National Anthems for the first time in many, many years.

Member Adrian Flannelly gave us another, highly informative interview on a recent program. His guest, Turlough McConnell, President/CEO of Turlough McConnell Communications; produces exciting interpretations of the Irish experience in America. Adrian's program may be accessed on the Internet every Saturday from 10am to 12:30pm at Irish Radio Network USA <http://media02.ultratek.com/livestream.html>

## Events / Scholarships

NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has announced its 2018 Scholarship separate contests, the Francis P. Beirne contest for High Schools and the Margaret O'Rourke College level contest. Cash awards are substantial for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of each contest.

Applicants must have completed and emailed his/her research paper with the official application form scanned and attached no later than Monday, April 16, 2018, 11:00 P.M. Kindly access the NYC St. Patrick's website to download the eligibility requirements, topics, application form and other related information.

**<https://www.nycstpatricksparade.org>  
(1-718) 231-4400**

IrishCentral and its sister publication the Irish Voice reports that the new US Ambassador to Ireland will be Edward Crawford, a major supporter and fundraiser of President Trump. Crawford is Chairman and CEO of the conglomerate, Park Ohio Holdings Corp. and The Crawford Group, both headquartered in Cleveland. The announcement is expected to be made over the St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Crawford, popularly known as Eddie, was born in the Bronx, was held up in Cleveland after his family's vehicle broke down while passing through the City and there the Family remained. Although of Co. Cork lineage, Crawford was honored by the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland as 'Irish Person of the Year, an award he was very proud to accept. Among his many contributions to the Greater Cleveland's Irish-American Community was refurbishment of the Irish Cultural Garden in 2009, originally dedicated on May 28, 1933 – the first cultural garden was the Hebrew Garden, established in 1927. The other ethnic groups took note of Crawford's benevolence and ethnic pride and have been refurbishing their cultural gardens. IrishCentral/Irish Voice acknowledged in its article that the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland, . . . "has a powerful presence in the Irish community in Cleveland." Yes, it has!

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## Words to Ponder

### *The Circle*

*"He made a circle that shut me out,  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But love and I had the wit to win,  
We made a circle that took him in."*

*Edwin Markham*

April 23, 1852 - March 7, 1940

Quoted from one of, now Venerable, Fulton John Sheen (born Peter John Sheen, May 8, 1895 – Dec. 9, 1979) syndicated columns in the Journal American (NYC) c1964