

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

Welcome to **Spring!** It's so good to see the season changing and the rebirth of all the beauty around us. We had a good month of March, and thankfully all the St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations were able to be enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who marched with us in the NYC and Yonkers parades. It was good to be back.

Our **April meeting** will be held on **Thursday April 21st IN QUEENS!!** The venue is **'The Nola Room'** @ the **Bourbon Street Bar & Restaurant, 40-12 Bell Blvd, Bayside, NY, 11361, @ 7:30 pm.** All members, new and old, are invited to attend. If you would like to participate virtually, via **ZOOM**, the **ID Number** is: **530 678 7556** with the **Passcode: 707748.** For further assistance, please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker at 718-445-8365.**

So this year's March madness continues into May. Finally, after two years and two months, our **125th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance'** will take place on **Sunday, May 1st, 2022** at **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429. Cocktail hour begins @ 3 pm** followed by **Dinner and Dancing.** In celebration of our **125th year**, we pay honor to a special group of people that have made **huge** contributions to our **Society** over the past **50 years.** Our ten "**Guests of Honors**" are: **Agnes Beirne, Mike Dillon, Myra Fisher, Rose Halpin, John Maguire, Pat Murray, Mary O'Keefe, Michael O'Rourke, Joe Taylor and John Taylor.** Our "**Distinguished Service Award**" recipient will be **Bernadette Dunleavy.** If you have not already reserved your seat, time is getting close. For reservations, please contact **Noeleen Bohan McGovern** at **(914)693-7592.** Please make all checks payable to **'County Leitrim Society of NY'** and return to **Noeleen Bohan McGovern, 45 Southfield Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522** before **April 25th, 2022.** **Looking forward to seeing you all for what will surely be a great day!!**

Payments of dues for 2022 are being accepted now and can be paid in person at any upcoming meeting, or by mailing your check to the **Financial Secretary** at the **P.O. address above. Dues are still only \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple.**

Belated good wishes to two of our great members, **John Maguire (95)** and **Joe Taylor (85)**, who celebrated their birthdays recently. May you both have many more happy and healthy years to come!

"Welcome" to our three new members: **Dylan Henry, Jane Beckett-Camarata** and **Leslie Ballard.** We thank you for becoming part of the **Leitrim Society** and look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming meeting.

"Congratulations" to the following for being extolled prominently this St. Patrick's season:

1. **Thomas Beirne (member) – NY County Aide to the Grand Marshal, NY St. Patrick's Day Parade**
2. **Thomas Mulcahy (non-member) - Grand Marshal of the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade (brother of Denis Mulcahy)**
3. **Noreen Leggiero (member and our 1st Vice President) – Dobbs Ferry's Aide to the Grand Marshal in the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Parade.**

DRIVE TO REVIVE – The goal of this new initiative, undertaken through the combined efforts of the **United Irish Counties Association** in conjunction with **each NY Irish County Associations**, is to **revive all 32 county organizations (including our own)**, to foster a renewed sense on inclusivity and socialization, whilst restoring and bolstering healthy, strong and active memberships within each organization. A flyer is attached inviting you to attend a general meeting on **April 19th**, 7:30 pm in the **Aisling Irish Center, Yonkers, NY**. All are welcome to attend. **Your input is vital to this success**; it is appreciated if you would please spread the word about this event to family and friends, we thank you in advance for your help.

The '**William B. Burke**', Division 3 NY County, Ancient Order of Hibernians is hosting their annual "**J. BARNEY FERGUSON Hibernian of the Year**" event, honoring **Sgt. William M. Maher** of the **NYPD's 44th Pct.**, to be held **Wednesday, May 4, 2022**, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the **Tryon Public House**, 4740 Broadway, New York, NY 10040. Price of admission is \$55 on line @ www.div3nycoaoh.org/ or \$60 at the door. In June of 2020, Sgt. Maher was seriously injured when a vehicle deliberately targeted him as he responded to reports of looting in the Bronx. Thankfully, Sgt. Maher has mostly recovered from his injuries. The **AOH** is coming together to honor Sgt. Maher, along with all the men and women in uniform for their service during these most difficult times for law enforcement. As a reminder, the late Barney Ferguson was a long standing and proud member of the **Leitrim Society**. For further information on this event, including their virtual journal, see attached flyer.

Please remember our **sick members: Pidgie Murray, John Duggan (brother-in-law of Mike Carty), Agnes O'Brien (sister of Pat Murray), Anna Bohan (mother of Noeleen Bohan McGovern)** and any other members who may be suffering for whatever reason. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Please remember all our **deceased**, especially **Bridie Tighe (cousin of Donal O'Connell)**. May she and all our departed Rest in Peace.

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our **first responders, medical staff** and all **essential service employees** who continue their work on the front lines. At this time, we ask for prayers for peace in Russia and Ukraine and an end to this deadly conflict.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Easter!

Sincerely,

Donal O'Connell
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary

Enclosures: Flyer for Drive to Revive; Hibernian of the Year.