



Ladies AOH

Division 5, "Mary of the Gael"

Division Happenings



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As we approach May & Mother's Day, I would like to begin this month's message with a few quotes by a famous Mother. Hopefully by the end of this message you can guess the author of these quotes:

"Words which do not give the Light of Christ increase the darkness."

"Good works are the links that form a chain of love."

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

When we think about Mother's day, we most likely think first of our own Mothers. We think about the sacrifices they made for their families over the years & hope we can follow. We think about the Blessed Mother and wonder how she felt at times. We are all mothers or grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters. I often think, WOW I wish my kids could have met MY grandmothers, what special ladies they were. I have many fond memories of my grandmothers and still miss them terribly.

I like the second quote above – I see that Division 5, with it's good works has in fact formed a chain of love. We are making new friendships every month, hopefully lasting and long friendships. We came together as a Division mainly from friendship – most times that stemmed from our husbands being members of the United Division 1. We therefore take our good acts to form the chain as the quote mentions, and remain united as well. Living our motto. Truly living our motto – as our National President, Mary Ryan has just pointed out in the last Hibernian Digest – so many Hibernians fail to do.

This morning my mother sent me an email – my sister returned to work today after having her first child, a beautiful little girl, and it went like this...to my sister.... how are you doing today, how is Claire? My sister's response...I am a mess (amongst many tears being shed). Here we see two Moms so concerned for their daughters, very touching with a few simple words. We probably all have been in a position of wondering where our last ounce of strength will come from when dealing with our own kids, yet in a few simple words that email sums it up for me. As Mothers, we never stop worrying and loving our children. As Aunts, sisters, grandmothers – the feeling is strong, yet nothing can come between a mother and her children.

There are many stories regarding Mothers dying so their children could have the last scrap of food in the Great Hunger- there are also many stories of Mothers watching their children starve. We cannot even relate to that. Therefore I urge us all as Mothers and more so as Sisters of Division 5 – to take part in planning our Strike for Hunger fundraiser. Details are still being worked out & will emerge soon.

Don't forget to make your reservations for our Junior Division's Mother's day Brunch.

Happy Mother's Day to all!

PS. The author of the quotes is Mother Teresa.

In Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,

Gail

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 30
LAOH Mtg., 8 pm

May 9
Junior Division 5
Mother's Day
Brunch
1-3 pm
Monroe Irish
Center

Friday, May 21
LAOH Mtg., 8 pm

June 12
Yard Sale

June 21
Hudson Valley
Renegades Game

June 25
LAOH Mtg., 8 pm

**Traditional Irish
Music Seisiun**
Monroe Irish Center
Sunday, 2- 5 pm

Irish Set Dancing
Monday nights, 7-9pm
Monroe Irish Center

GOODWILL & WELFARE

~ Congratulations to the children of members of Div 5 who just made their Confirmation at Sacred Heart -

- Caoimhe Bowden
- Kevin Debold
- Elizabeth Curtin
- Katie Anderson
- Liam Flynn
- Corey Slifkin
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~ Please continue to pray for Lorraine O'Dowd's sister, Caroline, in her battle with cancer.

~ Pray for those members who have relatives or friends serving in the military, especially Carmen Canavan Cheney, sister of Noreen McGovern; and Tim Jones, son-in-law of Gail Cane.

SAVE THE DATE!

LAOH Division 5 Yard Sale June 12 (rain date June 13)

If you are doing your spring cleaning, and cleaning out your basement, just remember to put aside those unwanted items for your 2nd annual yard sale. Last year we raised over \$400 from this event. Volunteers are need to help with set up and sales. Please contact Briege DeBold who has volunteered to coordinate drop offs, etc.

In addition, the Junior Division will be sponsoring a bake sale and lemonade stand at the Yard Sale. What a great way for the Ladies and Juniors to come together as a team in the true Hibernian spirit!

SHIRTS, SHIRTS, SHIRTS!!!

There are still an abundance of shirts available for purchase. Part of the proceeds will go to our division. Please see Kathleen Metcalf.



JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS

At the April 11 meeting, the new board held it's first formal meeting; all members were officially installed. Katie Anderson, the junior division president and her board did an excellent job running their first meeting. They presented flowers to Peggy Walsh, junior coordinator, and Gail Cane, assistant coordinator. What a wonderful group of young ladies we have as our first junior division!

Mother's Day – May 9

The Junior Division will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 9, from 1-3 pm at the Monroe Irish Center; \$12/adults, \$7/children, under 5 free. Traditional Irish breakfast will be served; a complimentary beverage for every Mom. Why go to expensive, crowded restaurants when you can be pampered on your special day by some of our fine young ladies. Bring the family and friends to enjoy this special day. Please RSVP by May 1 to Gail Cane, 469-7022, or by email at canelog@optonline.net



PLANT SALE

If you ordered plants, the pick-up will be held on Saturday, May 15, 12-4 pm, and Sunday, May 16, 1:30-3:30 pm. Pick up will be at the home of Gail Cane, 44 Cedar Pond Lane, Chester; if you need further information or directions, call Gail at 469-7022

A Bit of Irish History.....submitted by Gail Cane... 'The 1916 Easter Rising'

(an excerpt from "Ireland on the Net" website.)

The Easter Rebellion was an armed uprising of Irish nationalists against the rule of Great Britain in Ireland. The uprising occurred on Easter Monday, April 24, 1916, and centred mainly in Dublin. The chief objectives were the attainment of political freedom and the establishment of an Irish republic. Centuries of discontent, marked by numerous rebellions, preceded the uprising. The new crisis began to develop in September 1914, following the outbreak of World War I, when the British government suspended the recently enacted Home Rule Bill, which guaranteed a measure of political autonomy to Ireland. Suspension of the bill stimulated the growth of the Citizen Army, an illegal force of Dublin citizens organised by the labour leader Jim Larkin (died 1948) and the socialist James Connolly (1870-1916); of the Irish Volunteers, a national defence body; and of the extremist [Sinn Fein](#). The uprising was planned by leaders of these organisations, among whom were the British consular agent Sir Roger David Casement, the educator Padhraic Pearse (1879-1916), and the poet Thomas MacDonagh (1878-1916). Hostilities began about noon on April 24, when about 2000 men led by Pearse seized control of the Dublin post office and other strategic points within the city. Shortly after these initial successes, the leaders of the rebellion proclaimed the [Independence of Ireland](#) and announced the establishment of a provisional government of the Irish Republic. Additional positions were occupied by the rebels during the night, and by the morning of April 25 they controlled a considerable part of Dublin. The counteroffensive by British forces began on Tuesday with the arrival of reinforcements. Martial law was proclaimed throughout Ireland. Bitter street fighting developed in Dublin, during which the strengthened British forces steadily dislodged the Irish from their positions. By the morning of April 29, the post office building, site of the rebel headquarters, was under violent attack. Recognising the futility of further resistance, Pearse surrendered unconditionally in the afternoon of April 29. The British immediately brought the leaders of the uprising to trial before a field court-martial. Fifteen of the group, including Pearse, Connolly, and MacDonagh, were sentenced to death and executed by firing squad. Four others, including the American-born [Eamon de Valera](#), received death sentences that were later commuted to life imprisonment, although de Valera and some others were granted amnesty the next year. Casement was convicted of treason and hanged. Many others prominently connected with the rebellion were sentenced to long prison terms. The uprising was the first of a series of events that culminated in the establishment of the Irish Free State (predecessor of the Republic of Ireland) in 1921. Casualties were about 440 British troops and an estimated 75 Irish (below are their names). Property damage included the destruction of about 200 buildings in Dublin."

Awaiting freedom from my mother's
womb

At Resurrection time, some glint of
rebel steel

Pierced deep my soul, so deep
That fifty years have not erased the
thrill

The names of Pearse and Plunkett,
Clarke, MacDonagh, Connolly
Ceantt and Sean Mac Diarmada
arouse,
Of freedom born in blood.

Wresting freedom from a tyrant's hand
Had often been essayed on Ireland's
soil.

Essayed at cost, at bitter cost
By men of eager hearts and giant mind,
yet still

Each century brought fourth the poets,
princes of pen,
To thrill with their philosophy
A nation's captive hearts.

No lust of blood inflamed the
freedom verse
To turn the ploughshare to the sword;
They unlocked hearts, e'en timid hearts

To dreams undreamt of within captive
breasts,

And set vast floods of liberty afloat
Upon a sea too long content
With anchored hopes,
And flotsam fears.

Who can recall an Emmet or a Tone,
A Mitchel or a Davitt or Devoy,
Without a glorious surging of the blood
And anticipation of emancipation
From the long-remembered wrongs
Upon a nation's rights?

Just tribute must be paid by
Freedmen to felon's heirs.

Half a century ago our
resurrection came
Heralded by another name, the name of
Pearse,
An Apollo with a quiver of words,
Music-tipped arrows to reach the very
souls

Of those who longed and longed for
freedom's balm;
Gentle leader of a quiet few
Who braved a tyrant's might

To make a bondman free.

Let me praise him who close by Rossa's
grave
Praised the virtue of a valiant man
From a heart and tongue pregnant then
With death-decision made for
Freedom's urgent birth;
A man whose spiritual eye could see the
joy
Of a ladybird upon a stalk,
Or a rabbit in a field at play.

There were no deaths in Dublin on that
Easter day some fifty years ago-
Such music makers cannot die
As many mercenary soldiers do
With battles lost or won.
They have but set the music to a song
That ever holds us bound,
Yet leaves us ever free.

Like Pearse or Plunkett,
MacDonagh and Mac Diarmada
Ceantt and Clarke,
And Connolly

by DOMINIC CRILLY