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April 2021

Your President's Message

President's Letter

April 2021

Brother Shillelaghs,

Spring is upon us! Hope you can get out and enjoy the nice weather.

On Sunday March 7th, the Belmar/Lake Como Parade committee invited one member from several organizations to keep the tradition of the parade going. It was my honor to represent the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore. The group of about 40 people led by the Belmar Police marched from the traditional starting point down at the lake in Lake Como to Bar Anticipation. The Parade committee had reserved an area out back for the participants to hang out for a while afterward.

A little later on that day the Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore, the best band in the land, led myself and a few other members who were there in the shortest parade ever. It was about 200 yards from the lawyers drive way next to the club on to 16th avenue and into the Shillelagh club parking lot. Thanks to the Pipe band for keeping the tradition alive.

The club was able to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year. Our new tent was set up outside and we had the Pat Roddy Band there to help us celebrate. It was a great day. I would like to thank the tent committee and all that volunteered to help put up the tent and take it down. Thanks to all the bartenders and security people who helped out. A special thanks to the Kitchen crew for providing the Corned Beef sandwiches and Potato Soup on St. Patrick's Day and meeting night. Great job everyone!!

The Election took place on March 27th. The only contested race was for Keeper. There were four people running for Keeper. Billy Clohosey was elected 1st Keeper and Stu Archer was elected 2nd Keeper. I would like to thank Anthony Aldorasi and Chuck Healy for running for office. Keep trying guys! Thank you to Snuffy Smith and the election committee for another great job!

Also, on March 27th, the Easter Bunny stopped by to take pictures with member's kids and grandkids outside in the parking lot. A total of 53 families signed up and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Thanks to Steve Roberts, Peter Mitchell and Anthony Aldorasi for putting this event together.

On May 1st, we will be having our annual Cinco De Derby Party outside in the parking lot. We will have the Kentucky Derby on for people to watch the races and Mark Chadwick will be serving his famous Margaritas. More details to follow.

Just a reminder, there have been a number of members test positive for Covid in March. Covid 19 is still out there and people can still get sick. Please do not come to the club if you don't feel well. Even if you think it is just a cold or an allergy. Please wear a mask when entering the club and when leaving and when you are not seated. Please remember to social distance

Stay safe everyone!

Bill "Mumbles" Ryan

President FSOS Belmar

Events Calendar

Wednesday, May 5th • Membership Meeting at 7:30pm • Outdoor Meeting

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Irish History #50

Irish History #50 – the Immediate Aftermath of the Easter Rising Redux

The Easter Rising took place in an era when the British Empire was at the zenith of world-wide power. Yet, British officials took nearly a week to control the rebels and quell the rebellion.

General Sir John Grenfell Maxwell ordered “all dangerous Sinn Feiners” arrested, even those who did not participate in the Rising. More than 3500 were rounded-up in nationwide raids, although nearly 2,000 deemed to pose “no danger to the state” were released. The heavy-handed response to the Rising spread staunch resentment among the populace

Without trial, about 1600 rebels were interned in Great Britain, including many who had no connection to the violence. The British continued to fuel resentment with secret courts-martial. Although rebels in 1845 and 1867 were tried in public courts, 171 of the 1916 rebels were tried and convicted in secret court-martial proceedings. They could not present witnesses or have anyone speak on their behalf. The secrecy of the courts-martial raised questions about the adequacy of the evidence presented, and the process led a journalist to describe the results as “a stream of blood coming from beneath the door.” The court-martial panels issued 90 death sentences and sent the rest to jail.

Fifteen rebels, labelled organizers and commanders of the Rising, were executed. The other 75 death sentences were reduced to life imprisonment. Maxwell did that only after British Prime Minister Herbert Asquith warned him that “a large number of executions would . . . sow the seeds of lasting trouble in Ireland.” Although Maxwell replied by explaining that it was essential “to inflict the most severe sentences on the organizers of this detestable Rising and on the Commanders who took an actual part in the actual fighting which occurred,” he relented and commuted the death sentences. Eamon de Valera, who had been born in the U.S., and Constance Markievicz, the only woman court-martialed, were among those whose death sentences were commuted.

At his court-martial, Pádraig Pearse called the Rising a redemptive sacrifice for Ireland’s future. “If you strike us down now, we shall rise again and renew the fight. You cannot reconquer Ireland. You cannot extinguish the Irish passion for freedom. If our deed is not sufficient to win freedom, then our children will win it by a better deed.” Sean MacDiarmada expressed the same sentiment. “We die that the Irish nation may live, our blood will re-baptize and reinvigorate the old land.” Tom Clarke told his wife Kathleen that he was glad he was “getting a soldier’s death.” In a final letter to his wife, Michael Mallin told her he accepted his fate, and wrote, “so must Irishmen pay for trying to make Ireland a free nation.”

The first of the courts-martial took place on May 2, only two days after the surrender of the last rebel outposts in Dublin. Pádraig Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh and Clarke were convicted of “waging war against his majesty the King, with the intention and for the purpose of assisting the enemy.” They were shot at dawn the next day in Stonebreaker’s Yard at Kilmainham jail.

The Irish Parliamentary Party (IPP) leader, John Redmond, told Asquith, “if any more executions take place in Ireland the position will become impossible for any constitutional party or leader.” Asquith was not moved to have Maxwell stop the executions.

By May 4, Edward Daly, William Pearse, Michael O’Hanrahan and Joseph Plunkett had been convicted and shot by firing squad at Kilmainham. (William Pearse was Pádraig’s brother, but he was not an organizer, commander or leader at any point during the Rising. Plunkett, who was engaged, was permitted to marry

Grace Gifford in the prison on the morning of his execution.) John MacBride was executed at Kilmainham the next day. Eamonn Ceannt, Con Colbert, Sean Hueston and Mallin were killed three days later. On May 9, a firing squad shot Thomas Kent in Cork for killing a policeman.

The next day, IPP MP John Dillon called for an end to the “bloodletting.” He addressed members of the House of Commons: “It is not murderers who are being executed; it is insurgents who have fought a clean fight, a brave fight, however misguided.” In Parliament, Dillon accurately described the rapid turn of public sentiment in favor of the rebels, He warned: “What is poisoning the mind of Ireland, and rapidly poisoning it, is the secrecy of these trials and the continuance of these executions. . . [People] who ten days ago were bitterly opposed to the whole Sinn Fein movement, are now becoming infuriated against the Government.” Tragically, in response to Dillon’s statement there were two more executions.

On May 12, James Connolly (the wounded Connolly being propped-up in a chair to face the firing squad) and MacDiarmada were shot at Kilmainham. After that, Maxwell halted the execution assembly line.

The “blood sacrifice” the Rising’s leaders offered ignited a fervent aspiration for self-determination best summed up in a line from William Butler Yeats’ poem “Easter 1916” - “A terrible beauty [was] born.” The sacrifice led others to pick-up and carry the torch.

British authorities had court-martialed and executed 15 participants in the Easter Rising in less than two weeks. Everyone who signed the Proclamation of the Irish Republic was killed. Observing the “Irish sentimentality will turn [their] graves into martyr’s shrines,” Maxwell ordered the disposal of the corpses in a mass grave with quicklime at Arbour Hill in Dublin. The desecration of the corpses did not stop the Irish people from viewing the men as martyrs.

Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw (Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature and an Academy Award) said the men “were shot in cold blood,” and he noted, “The shot Irishmen will now take their places beside Emmet and the Manchester Martyrs in Ireland.”* Shaw correctly foresaw the executions placed these men in the pantheon of Irish martyrs and made them venerated Irish heroes.

The public grew angry. They booed and hissed British soldiers on the streets, and openly wore Sinn Fein badges. The executed were given requiem masses. The yearning for separation from Great Britain grew throughout Ireland.

In Pearse’s poem “The Rebel,” he wrote: “And I say to my people’s masters - Beware. Beware of the thing that is coming. Beware of the risen people. Who shall take what ye’ would not give.” As Pearse foresaw, Ireland was soon ready to secure freedom from Great Britain. Seeds from which independence would sprout were planted during the Rising. They took root when the British responded to mounting public pressure by releasing rebels held in the internment camps. Michael Collins, head of the Irish Republican Brotherhood at Frongach internment camp in Wales, was one of them.

Collins had fought at the GPO during Easter week, and viewed it as a “Greek tragedy.” According to Collins, the Rising cost “many a good life” due to its lack of organization. Collins said he admired Connolly more than Pearse, because “Connolly was a realist” and “Pearse the direct opposite.” He also “admired the men in the ranks and the womenfolk” who fought. When Collins returned to Ireland, he picked-up the torch for independence.

British politicians quickly looked for scapegoats. Within weeks of the Rising, Augustine Birrell resigned his position as Great Britain's Chief Secretary in Ireland. Within months, Maxwell was transferred from Ireland to a backwater posting. In his book 1916: the Easter Rising, Tim Pat Coogan questioned why no blame was directed at Sir Edward Carson, a Unionist political leader who became Great Britain's Attorney General, and Andrew Bonar Law, a British Conservative Party leader who became Prime Minister. Together, Carson and Law supported using armed force to stop implementation of a Home Rule for Ireland Law which the British Parliament had enacted.

Earlier, Carson had formed the "Ulster Volunteer Force" (UVF) of 100,000 unionists in Northern Ireland. Armed with rifles the Germans delivered in 1914, the UVF presented an open threat of insurrection, and a genuine threat to law and order. The British chose a non-confrontation policy and failed to act. The UVF received none of the harsh treatment given the 1916 rebels. The disparity demonstrated once again a British double standard in dealing with the Irish. That is a discussion for a future day.

*(At an address in Bodinstown, Co. Kildare, in 1915, Pearse paid tribute to the legacy of United Irishman Robert Emmet - who was executed for treason in 1803 after leading a failed insurrection in Dublin - by characterizing Emmet's sacrifice as being "Christ-like in perfection." The Manchester Martyrs were discussed in Chapter 80.)

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The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore - April 2021

This is one of the most difficult band columns I have had to prepare. I must have tried a dozen times trying to figure out a way to say goodbye to one of our band family. Sadly we had to say goodbye to our first snare drummer, our brother, our friend George Sullivan. We all have so many stories along with fun, fond memories with George over the years. George was instrumental putting together the drum corp for our band. George was the type of person who would literally give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. We will all miss his laughter, his personality and his giving nature. George will always be part of our family. We all loved him and we will miss him.

As I think George would want it, I am going to continue the column to some of the good things that occurred and happening within the band.

We want to say thank you to Paul Taylor for donating the hockey jersey that was raffled off with proceeds going to the Pipe Band! We truly appreciate the support from you and the entire membership at the club! This was something we truly appreciate! Thank you!!! While this was definitely a unique non-parade season, we did manage to keep moving forward with weekly rehearsals resuming and performed at few local spots.

First up was the Investiture Mass, outside the church. A little on the cool side and different since we were not inside performing in the church. We made it work.

Next was a performance at Molly's and Kilkenny on the club's pub crawl. It was great to see our club and our band support some struggling Irish pubs here in NJ.

We performed at the club on Parade Day for the few members of the club e-board that walked back from Bar A including the split to allow our President to walk between us in the parking lot. That was the shortest parade we have done, that I am aware of..... :)

Next up was Beach Haus and Headliner on Parade Day. Beach Haus created a new beer named for our club! Check it out as it should be at the club by the time this newsletter comes out. Its a really good ale and Beach hand has a lot of other really good beers at their brewery on Main Street. Check it out when you can! #tapinspection We performed for the Belmar Police Promotion ceremony which was quite an honor to be asked to perform again this year!

Last, as part of our fundraising efforts, we are having a clothing drive on May 15th. Empty out those closets and help the band out if you can with a donation of old clothing. There should be a flier at the club and in the newsletter with more information.

Anyone with pictures or video of the band, please send them along to me pdjspiper@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

Please contact the Band Manager, Mark Mastowski 732-233-6136 if you would like the band, a small group or a single piper to perform. We perform for all kinds of events: weddings, funerals,

parties, grand openings, ceremonies, graduations and more! We always try to accommodate all requests. Remember that we, just like you, have family, job and other commitments/obligations (some beyond our control). We appreciate the continued support from all of you!

If you or anyone you know have an interest in learning how to play bagpipes or drums, this is a great way to be involved and do something fun! ANYTIME of the year is a GOOD time to start learning! Stop by at practice and talk to anyone in the band for more information. We practice Tuesday evening here at the club at 7:00pm for band members. Beginner lessons in person are suspended at this time however, if interested, see any band member, show up on Tuesday evening and/or contact me 732-685-9232 so you can started to become a piper or drummer in the band! If you already know how to play bagpipes or drums & want to join the band, just head over to practice on a Tuesday evening and check us out. Our email is band@jspipesanddrums.com which can be accessed by visiting our website at www.jspipesanddrums.com or talk to any band member for information.

Slainte,

Ray Spengler

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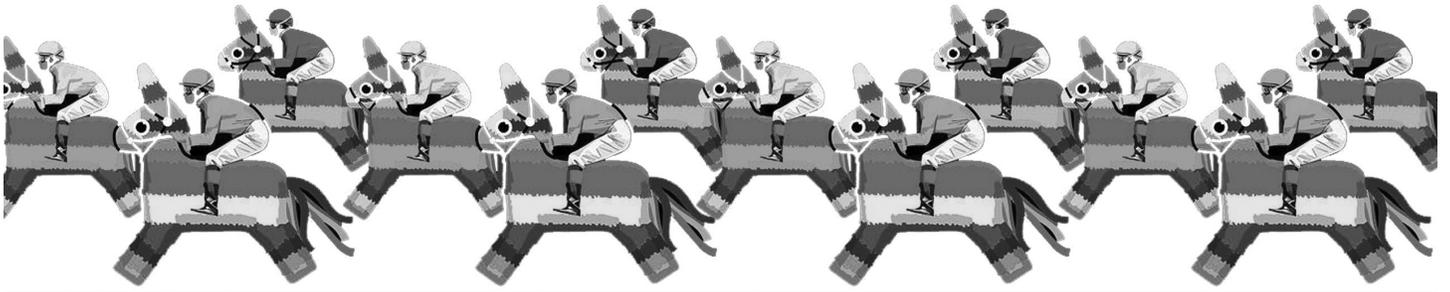
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Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 · Outdoor Meeting

7:30pm

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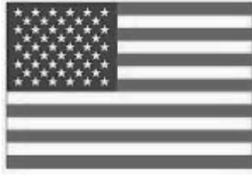
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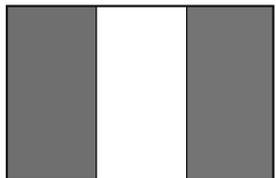
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