



County Roscommon Society of New York, Inc.

Newsletter February, 2017

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The next meeting of the County Roscommon Society of New York, Inc., will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 2:00 pm at McKeon's Bar & Grill, 996 McLean Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704

Dear Members & Friends:

Thank you John and Anne Kenny and Staff at Sissy McGinty's for generously hosting our January meeting.

We regret to inform you of the sudden passing our member Mary Higgins. Mary was a long time employee of Sissy McGinty's and came from Fairymount, Castlerea. Mary had numerous friends in the New York area and all spoke highly of her generosity, compassion and sense of humor. May her gentle soul Rest in Peace.

Welcome New Members:

Maureen Brennan-Collins, Carol Egan-Sugrue, Maureen Kenny-Burke, John Timon, Kathleen Tunney, Therese Brennan-Cammarato and Katherine Long. While we're on the subject of membership – have you paid your dues for 2017? If not, it's time to get them in. Payment can be made via PayPal on our website at: www.countyrescommonsocietyofnewyork.com. Of course, you can pay by cash, check or money order. Please mail your payment to William Montgomery, Roscommon Society, 16-49 212 Street, Bayside, NY 11360.

Our two honorees for our 88th Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on **Sunday, March 5** are **Sean McNeil** and **Michael C. Corcoran, Jr.** Sean is the immediate Past President of the IBO (Irish Business Organization) and is President of McNeill Real Estate. Michael is the Public Safety Commissioner overseeing the Police and Fire Departments of Rye, NY. Please get your journal Ads and table reservations in as soon as possible. For information, please contact me at 718-229-8292.

Congratulations to our Past President, Tom Giblin who received the Gael of the Year award at the United Irish Counties Dance on January 27. We are all proud of your work Tom.

I'm sure most of you have been to Knock Shrine in Mayo, especially those of us from West Roscommon. Recently, Fr. Gibbons, Rector of Knock Shrine was on RTE's *Late Late Show* who stated that a historic pilgrimage is underway for the late John Curry, the youngest witness of the apparition of Knock who later immigrated to the United States. In his later years, Curry lived in a home run by Little Sisters of the Poor until his death in 1943. Curry was buried in an unmarked grave at St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale, NY. Originally, Fr. Gibbons' plans were to install a new headstone at the gravesite until Cardinal Dolan suggested his remains be reinterred in the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral in lower Manhattan. On May 8, 2017 a charter flight is scheduled to leave Knock airport and arrive at JFK. Fr. Gibbons' further



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stated a special requiem Mass will be celebrated on May 13th at Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral. A second mass of Thanksgiving will be held the following day, May 14th at Saint Patrick's New Cathedral in midtown. All are welcome to join in the ceremonial celebrations, which are expected to be monumental.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 3:00 pm, The St. Patrick's Day Parade, Grand Marshal & Aides Installation Reception will take place at Antun's in Queens Village.

Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm the Roscommon Society will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at Riccardo's in Astoria. Music will be provided by Mary G and Shamrock.

Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 8:00 PM The Council of Irish Associations of Greater Bergen County, Inc., will hold this year's parade dance at the Graycliff in Moonachie, NJ. Aides to the Grand Marshal include two fine Roscommon men, Gerard Shivan and John Brady.

Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM the 94th Anniversary Dinner Dance sponsored by Friends of Brian Boru, Inc., will take place at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, NJ



Roscommon Society marching on Fifth Avenue, NYC, in the 1957 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Friday, March 17, 2017 St. Patrick's Day. We need **YOU** to march with us in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The following day is a Saturday so you can rest up. Let's show the rest of the counties that the West's Awake. Go Rossies!

The following is a list of the Committee Members for the Roscommon Society for 2017:

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| Chaplain: | Msgr. Kevin Flanagan |
| President | Mary C. Montgomery |
| Vice President: | Dermot O'Grady |
| Treasurer: | John Kenny |
| Recording Secretary | Geraldine O'Brien-Massey |
| Financial Secretary: | William F. Montgomery |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Mary Scally O'Brien |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Martin Dowd |

Best wishes,
Mary