



County Roscommon Society of New York, Inc.

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The next meeting of the County Roscommon Society of New York, Inc., will take place on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Sissy McGinty's 25-67 Steinway Street Astoria, NY

Dear Members & Friends:

Thank you to the staff of **Michael's Roscommon House, 531 Joralemon St, Belleville, NJ** for hosting our February meeting.

We had a wonderful St. Patrick's week celebration. The blustery wind that whipped our banner as it led the huge Roscommon contingent up Fifth Ave., could not deter the spirit or the enthusiasm of the marchers. Like the refurbished banner, there was a brightness and splendor in our foray, led by the Castlerea Brass and Reed band and followed by the Roscommon Solstice choir. The upcoming celebrations were heralded in. The Band played standards like The Connacht Ranger and the choir sang songs, including Ireland's Call, which added to the excitement of Ireland's rugby team winning the grand slam on the day. The cheers from the spectators were rapturous. Energized we continued the celebrations in Astoria, where John and Ann Kenny hosted all who arrived to dinner and entertainment in Sissy's McGinty's bar.

As testimony to the respect they garner among their peers, Dank Connor and Danny Burke saw over 250 people in attendance at the dinner dance on the Sunday following the parade. Presenting both with signed New York GAA jersey's, was a fitting tribute to men who have been standards in the GAA community. The numerous accolades that were bestowed upon them, and the

enthusiastic applause that greeted their introduction, led by the band, was well received by both. It was an honor to have representatives from Roscommon County Council present who joined us in the parade and at the dance. The solstice choir, in conclusion, treated us to a beautiful rendition of the song "Land of the O Connor". It was very fitting as one of our honorees Dank Connor hails from Roscommon.

Sincere thanks to everybody that marched in the parade and attended the dance honoring Dank Connor and Danny Burke. To the people who transported the banners to the parade. To the men and women who carried our banner and flags in the parade. To the people who transported the banner home, stored it for the night and brought it to the dance the following day and set it up. To the people who helped with the journal and dance. The ladies that sold the raffle tickets. To the people that donated prizes for the raffles. To the people that helped with arrangements for the choir at the Irish American Center in Mineola and made tons of sandwiches and cakes. The people that attended the Mineola Parade and the Bayside parade, helped set up, take down and transport the banners – **THANK YOU**. All of you were tremendous. Without the team effort involved any of this wouldn't have happened. There were some tense moments along the way, but there were more cheers than tears. The sense of humor cannot be beat, some of you should be on stage.

Next year will be our 90th Anniversary. One of the things we would like to do is create a history of the Society. Some of you will have fond memories of the early days. We would appreciate your writing as much as you can about your memories and involvement. You can hand write it if you wish and send to me. I'll take it from there.



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Memory Lane:



The above picture was provided courtesy of Msgr. Flanagan. It's the presentation of the Roscommon Society of New York *new* banner in 1960. In the picture are: Jim Noone, President and Mrs. Noone, Bill Carlos, Pat Drury, Andrew Trimble and Mrs. Trimble, Collins Healy and Msgr. Kevin Flanagan. If you can identify anybody else please let me know.

Membership Last call for membership. Dues can also be paid via Paypal. Of course, you can pay by cash, check or money order. Please mail your membership payment to: William Montgomery, Roscommon Society, 16-49 212 Street, Bayside, NY 11360.

Welcome new members:

Michael Byrne, Noel G. Byrne, Michael Morris, Aiden Smyth, Ann Flynn, John Cox, and Patrick Garvey.

Website: Our website is being taken care of by our member, Katie Kenny. She will soon have the photographs from the dance and the journal online.

Please remember in your prayers the following who have passed away:

Bernard McGarry, son of past president, Eamon McGarry. William (Bill) Connors, son-in-law of our honoree Dank Connor and brother-in-law of our past president Kevin P. O'Connor. Beatrice Connolly, mother of Anne Kenny and mother-in-law of our Treasurer, John Kenny and Kathleen McDonnell, sister of past president Stephen Groarke.

Please also pray for the speedy recovery of Mary Scally-O'Brien our Corresponding Secretary who recently underwent heart surgery. Mary is doing well and no doubt she will be back with us soon.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 10, 2018 – United Irish Counties Association 80th Annual Feis at Lincoln High School, 375 Kneeland Avenue, Yonkers, NY. Doors open and 8:00 am and competitions begin at 9:00 am.

As always, if you have an item of interest for our future newsletters, please let me know.

The following is a list of the Committee for 2018:

Chaplain	Msgr. Kevin Flanagan
President	Mary C. Montgomery
Vice President	Bernie Sharkey
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