



APRIL 2018 News

General Info:

Mail correspondence to:

The Emerald Association of Putnam County

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General Membership Meeting Schedule: 2nd Friday of each month - mark your calendar!

April 13th, May 11th, June 8th.

Our general membership meetings for April, May and June will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 161 East Lake Blvd, Mahopac, NY. The doors will open at 7pm with the meeting starting at 8pm.

There will be a Feis Meeting following the general meeting.

Executive Board 2017-2018:

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Our website and e-mail system continue to provide all the information on the association and our activities at your fingertips. We are continually working at updating and improving our site. If you have suggestions for content please contact Nuala at nualadonnelly@aol.com

Member News Items:

Congratulations, once again, Jim Scully on being honored as our Emerald of the Year!

If anyone is interested in purchasing an Emerald Association windbreaker please email Nuala. (nualadonnelly@aol.com)

St Patrick's Day Parade

We had a great day for the St. Patrick's Day parade as well as a great turnout! We won "**Most Colorful Group**" Congratulations to us!

Please join us for the awards ceremony Friday, April 6th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Carmel, NY at 7pm.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance

Thanks to all who attended the St. Patrick's Day dance - Special Thank You to Dymrna Zazzero for organizing the evening - everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all who helped set up and clean up. Many hands do make light work!

Social Media:

If you are a Facebook user go ahead and "Like" our page and share it with your friends! If you have content you would like to see posted, please pass it along to Nuala or Lisa Scully. Any comments or suggestions are always welcome.

Scholarship 2018

IMPORTANT: If you have a Scholarship applicant this year, please make sure there is a representative at our April meeting to fulfill the scholarship requirement. Please contact Jim Scully, Scholarship Chair, with any questions. skullman@reagan.com

Dues:

Sally Ann is accepting dues for 2018. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact her at: scomparetto@houlihanlawrence.com . \$30 for Family; \$20 Single

Feis – Sunday, May 20, 2018



Feis entries are now open on feisweb.com. If you know of a dancer (child or adult) please let them know so they can enter before April 15th to be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing!

Members as you all know May is around the corner and is a busy month in preparation for the Feis. Please strongly consider volunteering. If you have kids or grandkids please consider having them volunteer. Who knows they might like the experience and come back next year!

Save –the- date

Sunday, May 20 - Feis at Putnam Park, Carmel, NY

Friday, June 8th - End of year dinner at our June Membership meeting

Sunday, August 26th - Annual Picnic at Putnam Park, Carmel, NY

Saturday, November 10th - West Put Setanta Annual Dinner Dance at Villa Barone, Mahopac, NY

Other:

All Emerald Association members are invited to help by recruiting family members, friends, co-workers, etc... to join our organization, and encouraging entrepreneurs, store owners, etc... to place an ad in our newsletter.

If you have any news/information regarding our members (engagements/marriages, births, death notices, hospitalized/sick/injured members, etc...) that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact John Shanley at jtsconstruction@aol.com. Thank you!

Also please keep in your thought and prayers All our First Responders and the Women and Men in the Armed Forces.

Don't Forget - Please note Location Change for Our Meetings for April, May and June:

**Knights of Columbus Hall
161 East Lake Blvd,
Mahopac, NY**

Hold on to your hat

Did you hear the one about?

An old man thinks his wife is losing her hearing.

He calls the doctor about it and the doctor says he can do a little experiment to determine the severity:

Ask her a question from the next room in a normal tone of voice, and keep asking while coming closer until she can hear you. That way you know the range of her hearing.

That night, he's sitting on his easy chair in the living room while his wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner. He estimates he's about 30 feet away. In a normal tone of voice, he says:

"What's for dinner?"

She doesn't respond, so he gets up and walks to the kitchen doorway, about 20 feet away, and asks:

"What's for dinner?"

She still doesn't respond so he walks 10 feet closer and asks:

"What's for dinner?"

She still doesn't say anything, so he gets right up beside her and asks:

"What's for dinner?"

She says:

"For the fourth damn time we're having chicken!"

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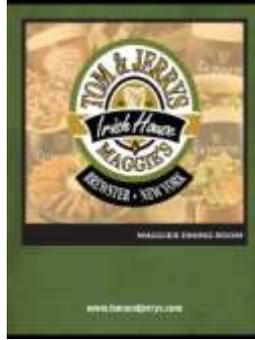
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History of the Irish Flag



The Irish Tricolour flag was first flown publicly by Waterford man and Irish American Patriot **Thomas Francis Meagher** in his native city at the Wolf Tone Confederate Club at 33 The Mall, Waterford on March 7th 1848.

On the 15th of April he presented a fabulous version of the Tricolour made from the finest French silk to the citizens of Ireland. He said:

“...I trust that the old country will not refuse this symbol of a new life from one of her youngest children. I need not explain its meaning. The quick and passionate intellect of the generation now springing into arms will catch it at a glance. The white in the centre signifies a lasting truce between the “orange” and the “green” and I trust that beneath its folds, the hands of the Irish Protestant and the Irish Catholic may be clasped in generous and heroic brotherhood...” Thomas Francis Meagher

Soon after Meagher was part of the Young Irelanders 1848 Famine Rebellion. He was arrested and accused of high treason. On the 16th of July, just before his trial, he visited Slievenamon in Co. Tipperary and gave a speech to 50,000 people. Meagher, decorated with a fabulous Tricolour Sash fulfilled his February promise and baptized the country with his new flag saying these words:

*“...he [O’Connell] preached a cause that we are bound to see out. He used to say “I may not see what I have laboured for I am an old man my arm is withered no epitaph of victory may mark my grave but I see a young generation with redder blood in their veins, and they will do the work. **Therefore it is that I ambition to decorate these hills with the flag of my country.**” Thomas Francis Meagher*

Seanad Éireann endorsed the protocol governing the national Flag for the 165th Anniversary on the 6th March, 2013.

“Seanad Éireann endorses the protocol governing the national Flag on this the 165th anniversary of the displaying of the Irish Flag for the first time by Thomas Francis Meagher at 33 the Mall in Waterford City on March 7th 1848.”

The Irish Tricolour has inspired generations of Irish people since its conception in 1848. Although the flag didn’t see the light of day again until it was raised above the GPO in 1916, so poignant was its symbolism that its message still prevailed over half a century later, as it does today. The tricolour was eventually recognized as Ireland’s national flag in 1937.