

A Cairde,

According to the Hibernian calendar, we have gone through January February March march march ; and now, at last, we find ourselves in April, fatigued but still kicking.

Thank you to all of our Division members who marched in both the Mid-Hudson, and the N.Y.C. Parades. Congratulations to Tommy Flynn for doing a great job as the Grand Marshal in Goshen. Tommy gave an inspirational speech at the Grand Marshal Breakfast. It is printed on the back of this newsletter.

I want to give special mention to Ernie Flynn, who marched on both days. Ernie was the 'senior' Division Hibernian on the parade route, and he had as lively a step as anyone else on the Avenue. Also congratulations to our most junior marcher, James Grennan. In an interesting coincidence, James's grandmother went to school with Ernie's sister back in Roscommon; small world, indeed.

It was a good year for Roscommon men, as Pat Early was our Division Aide to the Grand Marshal in Goshen. Unfortunately Pat is ill right now, and needs all our prayers.

The Kid's Movie Night will be on Friday April 18th. This is a great opportunity to have our children get to know each other. They can watch a movie and play together, while mum and dad can mingle with their peers in the lounge.

We will also be having a 'Children's Poetry Corner' in the Newsletter every month. If your child has a poetic disposition please send one of their poems to: knockawn@yahoo.com

Friendly Paddy Boys night is to be replaced by Irish Rebel Night. This is because 'Friendly Paddy' failed to show up. He is being replaced by raucously rowdy rebels singing raucously rowdy rebel songs. (Say that 3 times).

If you consider yourself one of the latter, put on your 'broad black brimmer' and come on up to the Hall. A songbook will be provided ... the only criteria is that everyone must join in.

Don't forget our Quiz night on Friday April 25th. Tables of 4 ... and you don't have to be a member to participate. So if you know someone who is a genius (who doesn't?), put him or her on your team.

If anyone needs Applications for Membership to our Order please pick some up at the Hall. Whenever you meet a worthy Irish Catholic gentleman give him an application.

Remember, if we all bring in just one member this year, we will double our membership.

Go mbeannaí Diá thú

Brendan O'Dowd Uachtarán