

February, 2018

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2018. Last year marked the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Society, now on to our next 50 years. We concluded last year's business with the awarding of five scholarships to sons and daughters of members, the lucky winners of the annual Christmas raffle were paid, and we entertained 152 children at the Children's Christmas Party. Here are a few of this year's events:

Dinner Dance: This year our annual Dinner Dance is being held at Flowerfield Celebrations located at 199 Mills Pond Rd, in St James, NY. The dance will be held on Friday, **APRIL 13th, 2018** from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm. This year we are proud to honor the Glenn Kirkpatrick as our Irishman of the Year. We will also honor Police Officers Michael Cummings, Kevin Williamson, Peter Cuneen and Anthony Russo of the Emergency Service Section as our Valor Award recipients. Police Officer Kathleen Lubey will be honored with the Tom Finn Service Award. There will be music by The McLean Avenue Band. The price is \$90.00 for an individual and \$180.00 for a couple. The journal ad contracts will be mailed out soon. Please consider taking an ad and/or asking a local business you support to take an ad. The journal is the sole means we have to fund our annual scholarships.

St Patrick's Day Parade: We anticipate lining up on W 45th St, between 5th and 6th Avenues at 11:45 a.m. All members and guests are cordially invited to the fellowship afterwards at Legends, located at 6 West 33rd Street, in Manhattan. We are providing one bus for transportation to and from the parade/fellowship. The bus will leave **promptly** at 09:00 a.m. from the south lot of the Dennison Building and will make one stop at the Rte 110 Park and Ride at approximately 9:20 a.m. We return to Hauppauge at approximately 8:00pm. Transportation and admission to the fellowship is \$90.00. Just admission is \$75.00. Please contact Mike Homan at (631) 220-4849, Donal Hughes at (631) 882-3995, John Brunkard at (631) 433-111, or Craig Cowell at (631)338-6422 to reserve and pay for a seat. The bus always fills so it is first come, first seated.

"Fallen": We encourage members to attend a documentary movie tribute to fallen law enforcement officer, simply name "Fallen". This movie is being shown at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts located at 71 East Main Street, Patchogue on Monday February 19th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The movie is sponsored by the Community Ambulance of Sayville. The family members of officers killed in the line of duty will be in attendance and speak. The Brotherhood For the Fallen will also be there and donate the proceeds from sales of items to the families of the fallen. Tickets are free. See Mike Homan to reserve seats to this worthy cause.

Pipe Band Fundraiser: The Pipe Band is holding their St Patrick's Kickoff Party on Thursday March 1st, 2018 at Napper Tandys on Main Street in Smithtown between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$50.00. Contact the band at www.suffolkpolicepipeband.org for more details.

Kings Park St Patrick's Day Parade: This year our Chaplain, Fr Sean Gann, is the Grand Marshall of King Park's annual St Patrick's Day Parade. The parade starts at noon on March 3rd, 2018. I am requesting that we show Fr Sean our support by coming to the parade in uniform and marching with our Pipe Band. The formation is at 11:30 a.m. at the corner of Lou Avenue and Pulaski Road, in Kings Park.

Scholarships: The Scholarship Committee has notified all the winners from the drawing held at the December meeting. They recommended that we increase the number of scholarships from five to seven in consideration of the number of applications we receive and the ever increasing costs of education. They also recommended that we open the eligibility to include the grandchildren of members in good standing. The Board concurred and so we will award a total of seven scholarships worth \$750.00 each at the December 2018 meeting.

Change of Address: Jim Byrne requests that you notify him directly with any change of address. Please e-mail him at batman16@optonline.net

Well that's all for now. Stay warm.

Fraternally,

Brendan O'Hara

President