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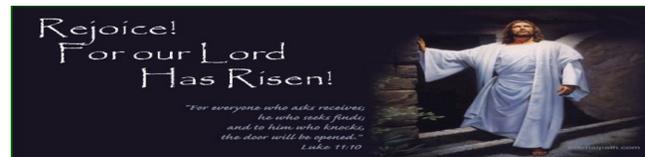


James Powers Division

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An Irish blessing at Easter...

May God bless you at Easter, and keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith you need, to make your dreams come true.
May His love and wisdom always help, to guide you on your way.
May His light shine down upon you now, to bless your Easter Day.
Compiled from <http://www.irishcultureandcustoms.com/Blessings>



Did you know...

the Easter Lily is a symbol long associated with the Easter Rising of 1916? In 1925, the Cumann na mBan (Irishwomen's Council) were the first to design an Easter Lily badge with the patriotic tricolours of green, white and orange. The badges were sold to raise money for the Republican Prisoners' Dependents Fund and to honor the sacrifice made by the men and women of the 1916 Rising. Since then, Easter Lily badges have been worn in remembrance of 1916 and never as a fashion accessory. In recent years, Republicans have been asked to "wear it with pride". This year, Republicans have been asked to "grow it with pride". That is, to plant an Easter Lily in their garden so that it is in full bloom on the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Rising. Sale of Easter Lily badges is to raise funds for Republican political prisoners. So, if you buy one (depicted above), be sure the funds go to CABHAIR in Dublin. *Compiled in part from <http://irishhistory.blogspot.com/>*

Member Spotlight...



Ron Serpenti is a charter member of our Division and its first Historian. Ron grew up in New York, Massachusetts and Scotland. Not surprisingly, one of Ron's fondest memories is traveling back and forth from Europe... on the QE2! Ron met his beautiful wife Carrie in a thoroughly modern way, online. At the time, Carrie was living in Louisville (KY). Ron and Carrie were wed at OLOR during a wonderful ceremony witnessed by many brother Knights and Hibernians (including your Editor). In addition to being a devoted husband, Ron is a devoted son, uncle, OLOR parishioner, Hibernian and Knight. Although examples are many, Ron's work with the Columbian Squires is especially noteworthy. Among Ron's favorite travel destinations is Ireland. Among Ron's favorite hobbies is restoration of antique firearms. If Ron had one wish, it would be that all his brother Knights and Hibernians enjoy their families to the fullest. Happy Easter. *Cáisc Shona Duit.*

The Craic (news, gossip, fun, entertainment, and enjoyable conversation)...



April 14, 1963 - President John F. Kennedy spent his last Easter in a place he loved, Palm Beach, Florida. After attending Easter services with his family at St. Edward Catholic Church, President Kennedy boarded the 92 foot Presidential Yacht, *Honey Fitz*. While at the helm (depicted left), the President observed a group of Palm Beach Junior College students sailing a catamaran called the *Patty-cat*. The President yelled to the students "any chance of getting a ride?" The students sailed aside the *Honey Fitz* and as they did so, the President and Undersecretary of Navy Paul Fay climbed aboard. President Kennedy (a good sailor) was given instructions how to adjust the *Patty-cat's* sails. Later, the President would say he was "absolutely fascinated" with the catamaran and its speed. President Kennedy was a Life Member of AOH - Tomás Cardinal O'Fiaich Division 14 located in Watertown, Massachusetts. *Compiled in part from <https://palmbeachstatearchives>*

Pub Review...



O'Brien's Irish Pub & Grill is located at 15435 N. Dale Mabry in Tampa, about 20 minutes from OLOR. Although located in a strip mall (behind Cigar City Brewpub), it has the look of an authentic Irish Pub. Inside is spacious and includes a large bar, stage, dart board area and TVs everywhere. Pints of Guinness, Harp and Smithwicks are sold on tap for \$6 (\$5 during Happy Hour and Wednesdays). My gracious companions shared a delicious appetizer, Loaded Saratoga Bleu Cheese Chips, priced at \$6.99. It included a generous portion of chips topped with crumbled bleu cheese and a tasty dipping sauce. The menu has 5 Irish entrees costing \$11 - \$13. The Bangers and Mash was a man-sized portion and flavorful. The Shepherd's Pie was less so and in need of more vegetables. Atlantic Salmon (one of three specials offered during our visit) was "cooked to perfection". Service was both attentive and friendly. Live music is offered most nights, but is rarely Irish. *Rating: 3 Shamrocks*

