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May 2021 *Your President's Message*

President's Letter - May 2021

Brother Shillelaghs,

Hope everyone is getting out and enjoying the spring weather.

On Saturday May 1st, the club had our Cinco De Deby Party, which combines celebrating Cinco De Mayo and the Kentucky Derby. Mark Chadwick made his famous margaritas. There was a Deby hat contest as well as a break the piñata contest. It was a fun day!

An event like this takes a tremendous amount of work. Thanks to Mark Chadwick, Rich McKay and Joe Kelly for the outside bar set up. Thanks to all the bartenders. Thanks to Craig Coyle and Kevin Giblin for helping to organize the setting up and taking down of the tables and chairs and thanks to all the volunteers who helped with that. Thanks to Stu Archer and his security volunteers and to Mike Siverson and Wayne Berning and the rest of the kitchen crew for the food.

The club also did the awarding of Irishman of the Year and the Shillelaghs of the Year at the Cinco De Mayo party, since the club was not able to have our annual dinner dance.

The Irishman of the Year is Mark Chadwick. The Shillelaghs of the Year are Bob Airel, Joe Kelly, Rich McKay, Mike Muha and Dave Viscomi. See more details inside the newsletter. Thanks to all of you for your help to the club and for all your hard work! See more details inside the newsletter.

In June, there will be a few more big events. The Club's 30th Anniversary Party on June 6th, our Golf Outing on June 25th and Bingo on June 26th! The club will also start having live music outside. More details to follow.

Hard to believe that Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner.

Please take some time over the Memorial Day weekend to say prayer for those servicemen and servicewomen who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country.

Stay safe everyone!

Bill "Mumbles" Ryan

President FSOS Belmar

2021 Irishman of the Year and Shillelaghs of the Year

This past Saturday at the Cinco de Derby party, the Irishman of the Year award and the Shillelaghs of the year were given out since the club was unable to hold our annual dinner dance due to Covid.

The Irishman of the Year is Mark Chadwick. I asked Mark to be the club's Building Manager and he has done a fantastic job keeping the building in shape. When we were able to reopen outside only, Mark set up the outside bar and donated his tent. Mark also schedules the bartenders and when Mike McCormick was laid up for a couple of weeks, Mark took over organizing the banks for the bartenders.

Mark does a tremendous amount of work into the club and is this year's Irishman of the Year.

The Shillelaghs of the Year are Bob Airel, Joe Kelly, Rich McKay, Mike Muha and Dave Viscomi.

Bob Airel did a great job last year while we were outside setting up the sound system for our outdoor meetings and events. Bob also bartends upstairs for parties and downstairs in the tap room. Bob has volunteered to help out at many of our events before he got sick. But now that he is healthy, he is back volunteering for events.

Joe Kelly bartends 2 to 3 times a week and also cleans the inside of the building upstairs and downstairs each morning. He is also the back up for the pull tab machine and since Mike McCormick was laid up, Joe now is in charge of placing the club's beer orders. Joe also gets to the club to meet the drivers for beer and liquor deliveries.

Rich McKay does the inventory of the liquor for the club. He restocks the liquor rooms and makes a list of the liquor that needs to be ordered and gives it to the Bar Manager. Rich also bar backs at all of the major events at the club and helps with setting up the outside bars when we have big events.

Mike Muha donates the hamburgers and hot dogs for our big events. He said he will look to get some more stuff specifically for the upcoming Anniversary Party, outing and Fluke Tournament.

Dave Viscomi does all of the outdoor landscaping at the club. Dave is there every weekend mowing the lawn, weeding taking care of the bushes and waters all the and trees. Dave also helps out the kitchen crew.

Thank you all for all of the time that you put in to help the club and for all your hard work!

Bill "Mumbles" Ryan

President FSOS Belmar

Events Calendar

- Wednesday, June 2nd** • Membership Meeting at 7:30pm • Outdoor Meeting
- Sunday, June 6th** - FSOS 30th Anniversary Celebration
- Tuesday, June 8th** - Cigar Night
- Sunday, June 13th** - Enda Keegan
- Friday, June 25th** - FSOS Memorial Golf Outing
- Saturday, June 26th** - Star Spangled Bingo
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Irish History #81

Irish History #81 – The IRA Executed Three Women Spies 100 Years Ago

During March and April of 1921, the IRA executed three women in the Irish Republic for spying. In Northern Ireland, the IRA did the same thing 50 years later.

Catherine Carroll distilled poteen (Irish whiskey made unlawfully) in County Monaghan, and provided information on rival distillers to the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC). Some of it pertained to an IRA arms dump. She was hoping her competitors would be arrested. Instead, members of the IRA shot her five times, killed her, and left a calling card on her body. It was a warning to other would-be informers. It read: "Spies and Informers Beware. Convicted - IRA."

The IRA also shot two spies in County Cork - Bridget Noble and Mary Lindsay. The women became known as the female "disappeared" in the Irish War of Independence. The term "disappeared" referred to individuals killed by the IRA and buried in secret graves during the War of Independence and the Troubles. Despite entreaties from family members, Noble's and Lindsay's bodies were never found.

The public opposed murdering women informers. It caused resentment and disgust, which did not help win the hearts and minds of the populace. Thus, it was important to keep these controversial killings out of the public eye. Here are some stories on the female "disappeared."

The IRA viewed Ms. Noble's friendliness with an RIC sergeant in Castletownbere, Co. Cork, as a crime. Her punishment was a "bobbing;" that is, her hair was forcibly removed by 8 IRA men. The head shaving was "designed to humiliate and stigmatize" her in the community.

Noble's next move is what got her killed. She identified her assailants and gave their names and other information to the RIC. As a result, one of the assailants received a six-month sentence for the bobbing, another was interned after her death, and others went on the run. Calling her a spy, the IRA "arrested" Noble and held a court-martial. It is said "she admitted guilt on all [of] the charges." A couple of days after the guilty verdict, she was given Last Rites and shot. Her body was "secretly disposed of and never found," either buried in an undisclosed grave or thrown into the sea.

The IRA did not make any public comment. Six months later, Noble's husband, who had been working in Scotland, wrote to Irish President Eamon de Valera asking for the return of his "defenseless" wife. In response, IRA general headquarters sent an inquiry to the commander of the 5th Battalion, Cork No. 3 Brigade. That commander reported back that Noble was killed because she consorted with RIC men and RIC letters were found in her home, but said nothing about the disposal of Noble's body.

Ms. Lindsay's crime was informing on a planned IRA ambush at Godfrey's Cross, Co. Cork. She learned about the ambush while grocery shopping. The grocer told her not to take a certain road home because the IRA "were hiding out in anticipation of the military passing that way." Lindsay, a Protestant, went to the barracks and told military officials.

The military had the benefit of surprise now. A detachment from the barracks surrounded the IRA ambushers and captured

8, one of whom died later of his wounds. Five were sentenced to death in a hastily convened court-martial. After news of the army's attack spread, the IRA kidnapped Lindsay and her chauffeur and burned her home to the ground.

A few days later, the British military commander in Cork, Lieutenant General Peter Strickland, received a handwritten letter from Lindsay accompanied by an IRA cover letter. In her letter, Lindsay wrote "I am a prisoner" and "it will be a very serious matter for me if these men [the IRA prisoners] are executed." The letter went on to appeal for the lives of the captured men so her life could be saved. "I have been told that my life will be forfeited for theirs as they believe that I was the direct cause of their capture. I implore you to spare these men for my sake."

The executions were allowed to proceed a few weeks later. The men were executed at 15-minute intervals. The Cork IRA responded immediately by killing "6 British soldiers in revenge for the executions."

Lindsay then wrote a second letter asking military officials to spare the lives of the remaining captured IRA men. She wrote: "Will you please for my sake spare these two men . . . If these men are spared I shall be allowed to go home, and if not I cannot say what will be my fate." One of the men was too ill to be tried. The other had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Nevertheless, the IRA shot Lindsay and her chauffeur, and dumped their bodies in a bog.

A few months later, Lindsay's sister wrote to President de Valera asking for her sister's release or, if she was dead, her place of internment. The commander of the Cork No. 1 Brigade acknowledged that Lindsay had been executed as a spy, but provided no information on the location of the bodies.

Ten people "disappeared" during Northern Ireland's Troubles. One of the more prominent "disappeared" was Jean McConville, a widowed mother of ten. McConville and her young children lived in the high-rise Divis Flats in West Belfast, an area heavily patrolled by the British military. She went missing in 1972. That was the bloodiest year of the Troubles - 497 were killed.

McConville's first direct contact with Troubles' combatants came when a British army soldier was shot in a gun battle at Divis. Laying wounded outside of her door, he cried for help. She brought him a pillow for his head and comforted him. The next day, graffiti appeared on the door of McConville's flat. It read: "Brit lovers." Her next interaction involved the IRA. They kidnapped her and took her to a derelict building. There, she was interrogated and beaten. Although McConville refused to identify her assailants, the IRA abducted her a second time. They dragged her from her home in front of her screaming children, and she was never seen again.

McConville's story is well told in the book *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden Keefe. He describes how one of her children happened to mention to an IRA man that "mammy" had something in the flat. The IRA investigated, discovered a radio transmitter, confiscated it, and warned her about giving information to the British. The IRA claimed she failed to heed

the warning. When they found a second radio transmitter in her flat, she was kidnapped and interrogated. The IRA said she admitted "being a British army informer" for money, so they killed her.

In a dirty war like the Troubles, it can be difficult to ascertain the truth. A 2006 Northern Ireland Police Ombudsman report refuted the IRA assertion that McConville was an informer. The report said that McConville was not a British agent at any time, and it concluded that she "was an innocent woman who was abducted and murdered."

The IRA buried McConville in a secret location, and said nothing. A week after her death, a man the children did not know came to the flat to hand over her purse and three rings she had worn. It was clear she was dead.

In 1994, a group named the Families of the Disappeared was formed. They demanded return of their loved ones' bodies. McConville's children were part of the effort. The group's demand for proper burials became an issue during the peace process. An Independent Commission for the Location of Victims was established, and called upon the IRA upon to identify its burial sites.

In 1998, the IRA admitted to killing and secretly burying a "small number of people" during the 1970s. McConville was one of them. After the British and Irish governments guaranteed that neither information provided to locate the missing nor forensic tests of bodies would be used to prosecute perpetrators, the IRA offered some information on the whereabouts of remains.

A beach in Co. Lough in the Republic of Ireland was identified as a place to look for McConville's body. The digging that followed provided no trace of her body. Four years later, a dog on a nearby beach found partially uncovered bones. DNA established the bones were McConville's. She had been shot in the back of the head.

No one has been convicted of McConville's killing. Gerry Adams was arrested for her murder, but was released after questioning due to insufficiency of the evidence. Adam's associate Ivor Bell was charged with aiding and abetting her murder, but the court dismissed the charges after it found the evidence (taped interviews of ex-paramilitaries made as part of Boston College's oral history of the Troubles) unreliable.

At this point, it is very doubtful that justice will ever be rendered in the McConville case. Her death remains part of Northern Ireland's haunting legacy of the past.

We have two footnotes to this chapter. First, a hearty congratulations to President Bill Ryan, Vice President Craig Coyle and the entire Executive Board on their election. No doubt the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh - Jersey Shore will thrive under their collective leadership during the next year. Second, recent riots and violence aimed at the police in Northern Ireland is a clear sign that the peace rendered by the 1998 Belfast/Good Friday Agreement (GFA) remains fragile. Scenes of disorder on the streets and at a peace wall separating unionist and nationalist communities are a reminder of the prescient comments former First Deputy Minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Martin McGuinness, made on the 20th anniversary of the GFA. He said the peacemaking process was not over, and there was a need for people to have difficult conversations about the legacy of the Troubles. In order for the two communities to reconcile and for societal divisions to heal, these conversations must be held with a willingness to listen and engage in honest dialogue, a generosity of spirit to understand, and respect.

Slan, EMN

Primary Sources: Eunan O'Halpin and Daithi O'Corrain, *The Dead of the Irish Revolution*, Yale University Press (2020); and the Irish Times newspaper



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The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore - May 2021

Hello everyone! We have quite a few new club members in recent months! On behalf of the band I want to welcome you to FSOS Belmar!

The band has had a few volunteer events in recent weeks. We have another volunteer event coming up near the end of May, possibly a parade (yes I did say parade!) in Wildwood in June, planning to perform at the Club's 30th Anniversary in June and possible events in July, August and September. It seems we may have the chance to perform for events/parades as they seem to be slowly coming back as society opens up from the pandemic. Let's hope this trend continues so we all can get back to whatever normal will be, moving forward.

Looking ahead, we are planning our annual golf outing in October. Details to follow over the summer.

Anyone with pictures or video of the band, please send them along to me pdjspiper@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Please contact the Band Manager, Mark Mastowski 732-233-6136 if you would like the band, a small group or a single piper to perform. We perform for all kinds of events: weddings, funerals, parties, grand openings, ceremonies, graduations and more! We always try to accommodate all requests. Remember that we, just like you, have family, job and other commitments/obligations (some beyond our control). We appreciate the continued support from all of you!

If you or anyone you know have an interest in learning how to play bagpipes or drums, this is a great way to be involved and do something fun! ANYTIME of the year is a GOOD time to start learning! Stop by at practice and talk to anyone in the band for more information. We practice Tuesday evening here at the club at 7:00pm for band members. Beginner lessons in person are suspended at this time however, if interested, see any band member, show up on Tuesday evening and/or contact me 732-685-9232 so you can started to become a piper or drummer in the band!

If you already know how to play bagpipes or drums & want to join the band, just head over to practice on a Tuesday evening and check us out. Our email is band@jspipesanddrums.com which can be accessed by visiting our website at www.jspipesanddrums.com or talk to any band member for information.

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The Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore

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Sincerely,

Ray Barnes, Event Chair

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8:00 AM Shotgun - Scramble Format

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