



## May 2018 Club Newsletter

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### President's note

On April 12th 2018, a very sad and tragic incident occurred with the senseless murder of Yarmouth Police Officer Sergeant Sean Gannon by a ruthless career criminal that the YPD will only refer to as 125, which is the number of times he has been charged with crimes.

This horrific crime shook not only the town of Yarmouth, but all of Cape Cod. It also brought people from all walks of life together. One of the best examples of coming together was the Sons of Erin CC. I am so proud of how our members jumped right in to show our respect and support for the family of Sergeant Gannon, the Yarmouth Police Department, and for all law enforcement. In addition to immediately lowering our flag to half-mast, we joined the residents of Yarmouth by hanging blue ribbons outside to honor the memory of Sergeant Gannon. The bar staff opened the Club early for anyone who wanted to come and talk and to show their respect to Sergeant Gannon, as he passed the Club with full law enforcement honor guard to St Pius Church in South Yarmouth, where he laid in state. The kitchen staff pitched in and made food for members and First Responders. An email went out to the YPD expressing our sympathy and inviting all officers to the Club for something to eat after the police walk by of Sergeant Gannon.

75 to 100 Club members showed up at the Club to pay their respects. All the TVs in the Club were turned on watching the procession from Centerville. The Club was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. As the procession drew closer, everyone poured out of the Club. We all waved American flags, a member's grandkids held a large American flag up, men removed their caps, men and women alike, put their hand over their heart as the hearse drove by. After it passed, everyone slowly turned and went back into the Club. The next day was very similar, the Club opened early, food was prepared and we opened our doors to all. After the funeral mass, hundreds of Police Officers went by the Club escorting the body of Sergeant Gannon to his final resting place.

The way the membership and staff of the SOECC responded to this exemplifies why the Sons is the best organization on Cape Cod. I am not going to name names because I know I will forget someone. But to the events committee, the kitchen staff, the bar staff, I want to extend my thanks to everyone for the long hours and hard work they all put in. You did yourself and the Sons of Erin CC proud.

One last note, the Club made a donation to the Yarmouth Police Department Relief Fund for Sergeant Gannon and we are planning on having a have a fundraiser Sergeant Gannon's family.

*President, John Flaherty*

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### SOECC Scholarships

**Eligibility:** All applicants must be the child, step-child, grandchild or step-grandchild of an active member of the SOECC. Applicants must be attending or be going to attend a 2 or 4 year college or 4 year university or some secondary work/study program that is comparable. Applications are available on the website and at the Club.

The full application is due by May 15th. Any applications received after May 15th will not be reviewed. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the Scholarship Chair in June 2018 and announced in the newsletter. Awards shall take place at our July membership meeting.

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### Lost and Found

Have you been to the Club recently and left something behind, besides a tip? We find all kind of items such as earrings, jackets, and plates. On the last weekend of each month, these forlorn items will be displayed on the drawer/bureau outside of the bathroom in the back room. Any items not collected will be donated to a worthy casue.

## Kitchen help wanted!

We are in need of waitresses and kitchen staff. Do you have a child at least 16 years old looking for work? Do you have time on Friday and Saturdays to meet other members and serve up the dishes of the day? If you or someone you know is interested, contact Katie Fitzsimmons at the Club for details on these positions.

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## Upcoming events

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Blood drive from 11 am to 5 pm. Stop by the Club and donate a “pint” to give someone the gift of life.
  - May 5<sup>th</sup> – Cinco de Mayo party with DJ Patrick starting at 7 pm. Come in for a fine fiesta and wear your favorite sombrero!
  - May 12<sup>th</sup> CPR training at 1 pm. Cost is \$15. You would need to pre-register at the Club for this event as the class size will be limited.
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> - The Plywood Ponies are back! Join us for a fun day of horseracing. The plywood ponies races start at 2 pm and end by 5 pm.
  - May 27<sup>th</sup> - The Healy Brothers Invitational, Registration ends at 8:30 pm at the Sons of Erin on Friday the 26th. Weigh in is between 2 pm and 4 pm in the Sons of Erin parking lot on Sunday. Awards and food starts at 5 pm. Entry fee is \$20. No fishing experience is required. Every fee paid automatically assigns each entry for a possible prize. Contact Peter O'Sullivan or Gus Healy at the Sons of Erin Club for more information.
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## Update on Galway 2020, European Capital of Culture

Last summer, Hannah Kiely, CEO of Galway 2020: European Capital of Culture, visited the Club and spoke about starting her new position leading this exciting project. Club President John Flaherty awarded her an honorary Club membership, and she promised to keep us informed about the progress of Galway 2020. Here's the latest update from Hannah.

*“From now until 2020, the momentum will build, culminating in what should be an exceptional cultural experience for every single person living in and visiting Galway. We want Galway 2020 to be the catalyst that creates a Galway where lives are continually enriched through culture, where vibrancy and creativity flow throughout every corner of the city and county. Through its ambitious at-home and outreach programmes, in addition to its European partnerships, Galway 2020 will have a cultural impact nationally and internationally.*

*On a wider scale, we are also working on our diaspora programme, which involves reaching out to the diaspora communities of Irish people and people of Irish heritage, inviting them to ‘Come Home to Galway 2020.’ We are also ensuring that the project will celebrate diversity and inclusivity. 20 % of the population of Galway City and County come from other places, and our project will celebrate that fact.*

*From all corners of the world, we expect that people will journey to the biggest celebration of Ireland's long and rich cultural legacy. Will you be among them?”*

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## Keeping up with Club events

We recommend that you keep up-to-date with Club events by reading this newsletter but you can also visit our website (<http://sonsoferincc.org/>) or like our Facebook page (Sons-of Erin Cape-Cod).

### Not receiving emails from us?

Email newsletters can be blocked or filtered to a spam folder. You may be unable to read certain email communications even if you have subscribed to receive them. To avoid these situations, add our email address ([Info@sonsoferincc.com](mailto:Info@sonsoferincc.com)) to your contact's list or safe senders list.

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## Dining Room News

Current hours are 5:30 pm to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday. **A reminder that tables are to be cleared by Club members.**

You are entitled to a **free** birthday meal the last Thursday of your birthday month. On that same Thursday night, we will have Trivia with DJ Patrick!

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## Function Hall Rentals

To reserve the Function Room, you must sign a rental agreement, and a fee of \$100 and a \$50 security deposit are required for all rentals. If you need to use the kitchen to cook or heat food, you will be charged a \$50 non-refundable fee. The security deposit will be returned if the room is left in the same condition as it was found. The Function Room is not available on Friday nights and Saturday's are limited to 35 guests. Contact Katie Fitzsimmons at the Club to book the room.

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## Club Merchandise

Club Gear is in the case by the front door. If we don't have your size, color or clothing you're looking for orders can also be placed with Katie Fitzsimmons by leaving a note at the Club or contact [Info@SonsofErincc.com](mailto:Info@SonsofErincc.com).

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## Knitting for Vets

We have a member who has started a knitting group at the Dennis Senior Center. She would like to start a group at the Club. The group knits items for Veterans and seniors. She calls it **Knitting for Vets**. If anyone is interested in joining this group at the Club please sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board across from the restrooms. We need 6 - 8 people to go forward with this idea. After we have enough people, we can decide when to meet at the Club.

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## Ongoing Events

Be sure to check our Calendar of Events page on the website as well as the bulletin boards at the Club updated information on scheduled entertainment.

### Irish Language classes

The Irish language class is from 2 pm to 3 pm every Thursday at the Club. It is informal, led by ourselves, where we listen to language tapes, study Irish language books, and practice conversing in Irish.

### Irish Ceili and Set Dance Classes

No dancing experience necessary!! Classes are held every Tuesday from 6 to 7 pm; cost is \$10 a week. Dancers should wear comfortable clothes and footwear. Singles and couples are welcome. You need not be a member of the SOE to join the dancing class.

### Traditional Irish Music Classes

The multi-instrument class for intermediate or experienced players is held every Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm. This class is suitable for anyone who can play an instrument and wish to learn how to play traditional Irish tunes. Class members have the opportunity to play in a monthly session at the Club. Classes are \$10 a week and you need not be a member of the SOE to join the music classes. For more information on the music and dance classes, please contact Sean Murphy at 1-508-790-0438.

### Cribbage League

Join us any Thursday from 6 to 9 pm to play cribbage. This is a social league and if you haven't played in a long time, we'll get you back up to speed in no time. Don't forget to bring a \$1 for the skunk jar! For more information, contact Dianne Duffy at [soe\\_733@comcast.net](mailto:soe_733@comcast.net).

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## Closing note

Never ignore a person who loves you, cares for you, and misses you, because one day, you might wake up and realize, you lost the moon while counting the stars. - *John O'Callaghan*