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If you have "any news" re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating etc please send to: tomirishhour@msn.com.

If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and doesn't have a computer we will send by U S Mail. Let us know. This goes to over 2800 email addresses.

We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help pay expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter) : Ancient Order of Hibernians of Orange County and Long Beach; Catherine Cremins, Glendora;



Tuesday. 1st March at 9.30 am, Friends of Ireland monthly breakfast at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

RSVP Pete Walsh, 714 200 7365 or pbeireanua@att.net

Sunday. 6th March at 1 pm at --- NEW LOCATION --- Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Irish Center's monthly "get- to- gether- at- Hill- Street."

Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista on Glenoaks. (Right next to St Leon's Cathedral). Hill Street telephone is 818 845 0046.

A separate dining room for 40-50 people. Parking right beside the building. Order what you want—a cup of coffee to full lunch—and pay you own bill yourself.

Please do make reservations by calling Bridget Hana at 818 249 7911.

Sunday. 13th March. Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach. 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing.

FREE. Our thanks to the pastor, Fr Michael Gleeson.

The organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, says "Please come and bring a friend".



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The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., will hold its annual St Patrick's Celebration on Saturday the 12th March 2016 at the Hilton Hotel, 100 West Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale. The cover charge of \$75 includes dinner, dance, tax, gratuity plus the spectacular Floor Show by the Cleary School of Irish Dance and music by "the maestro" Ken O'Malley and the Twi-light Lords.

For dinner reservations please call Mrs Mary Dempsey at 626 337 0075.

The evening begins with cocktails at 5 pm; dinner served at 6 15pm; presentations at 7 pm; followed by dancing for the evening with Ken O'Malley and the Twilight Lords.

The Floor Show of Irish Dance by the Cleary School of Irish Dance under the direction of Maggie Cleary at 9 pm.

Tickets for a special opportunity drawing for two round trip tickets to Ireland.

Suggested do-nation is \$5 per ticket or \$25 for six tickets. This drawing is our major fund raiser. We hope that everyone of the 2800 plus who receives our monthly newsletter by email (and we don't have their home address) will send their check and we will complete the "stubs". By sending your \$25 we will know you are supporting our efforts to keep us all informed of local Irish and Irish American news. (Irish Center, 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. 91201)

The Silent Auction will have a wide array of items to bid on--gift tickets to concerts, baseball games, Import Shops, restaurants, paintings etc --(see below)

If you intend to stay at the Hilton call 818 956 5466 and ask for "Reservations", and ask for Irish Center's rate of \$139.00 using code 64x.

This drawing is our major fundraiser. Hannah O'Callaghan—THE travel agent (818-790-1111) received the following for our Silent Auction---

The 5 Star Park Hotel, Kenmare, Co. Kerry has very graciously donated two nights luxurious accommodations for two people with full Irish Breakfast each day.

Kenmare is a haven of tranquility, with breathtaking scenery, in one of the most natural, unspoiled environments in Europe. The list of their awards are too numerous to list, but to name a few: Conde Nast Traveler 2013, Conde Nast Traveller Gold List 2012, Travel and Leisure top 500, 2012. Top 10 Most Romantic Spas in The World .

The Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa ---- an O'Donoghue Ring Hotel, is a 4 ½ Star luxury hotel. It overlooks Killarney National Park, and is within five minutes walk of Killarney town center. It is also in proximity to an Impressive selection of remarkable sites, St. Mary's Cathedral, The Gap of Dunloe, and Killarney Racecourse. The town of Killarney offers nearby recreation activities, including golf, surfing ,rafting, kayaking and sailing.



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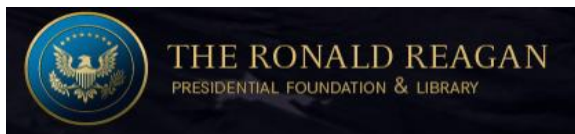
Micheal O'Donoghue, one of the owners, has very graciously afforded us two nights at his luxurious hotel. This Voucher must be used by October 20, 2016. Complimentary use of their Prize Winning Spa.

More details at our St Patrick's Celebration on 12th March at the Glendale Hilton Hotel.

Saturday. 12th March. CALADH NuA, Beckman Auditorium, California Institute of Technology; free parking located at 332 South Michigan Avenue, Pasadena (south of Del Mar Boulevard). 8 p.m. With banjo, fiddle, guitar bodhran, tin whistle, a button accordion and vocals, this ensemble captures traditional Irish music with contemporary flourishes. Admission: \$35.00, \$30.00 and \$25.00; \$10.00 youth high school age and under. Call (626) 395-4652 for information.

Sunday. 13th March. Friends of Ireland Eleventh Annual St Patrick's Dinner and Dance at Buena Park Elk's Lodge has been cancelled.

Thursday. 17th March. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation,
40 Presidential Drive, Simi Valley, CA 93065 Phone 805 5677 405



Join us for our first ever Saint Patrick's Day Celebration! Spend the night celebrating this festive holiday under the wings of Air Force One. This exceptional night will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2016. Bring your appetite with you to indulge in our delicious Irish pub inspired menu. Including beef short rib sliders in a Guinness gravy, grilled Reubens, and traditional fish and chips. Finish your evening with delectable Bailey's Irish Cream brownies. Enjoy our Irish folk band, *The Lads*, or tour the Ronald Reagan Presidential Museum, including our highly anticipated exhibit [Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art](#) - one of the rarest collections of Vatican art and objects to ever visit North America, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the spectacular Air Force One from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.!



Tickets are \$59.95 per person and reservations must be made by Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 9:00a.m. Reserved tables can be accommodated for groups of 8 or more. You must be 21



and over to attend this event. For more information, to view a complete menu, and to make reservations, please [CLICK HERE](#) or call 805.577.4057.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library is the exclusive West Coast destination for *Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art* - one of the rarest collections of Vatican art and objects to ever visit North America. This 12,000 square foot exhibition will be open from March 6, 2016 through August 28, 2016! www.ReaganFoundation.org/VaticanSplendors

Saturday. 26th March. The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Orange County and Long Beach will host a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising on March 26th at 1:00pm at the VFW, 805 East Sycamore Street, Anaheim. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated.

The program includes the reading the Proclamation of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Ireland, 1916. and the reading the Oration of Padraig Pearse at the Graveside of O'Donovan Rossa.

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Daniel Murphy. Eamonn Knuff will be the musical entertainment, and Terry McCarthy will grace the day and the event with his bagpipes.

****We will also be producing an 1916 Easter Commemoration program journal to raise funds to help offset the cost of this event. Jeff Gallagher, past County President will once again be producing this wonderful journal. If you would like to take out an ad, please send your ads to Jeff at ocpd44@gmail.com**

The costs of the ads are: \$50 - full page ads, and \$30 - half page ads. All ads must be camera ready, and sent by the deadline of March 21st. Please make your check payable to the AOH and send them to Jerry O'Keefe, P. O. Box 18651, Anaheim, CA 92817. We are looking forward to holding a proper tribute to honor these fallen heroes who fought for Irish freedom. For further information, please call 714-318-8355 or email us at aohoccal@aol.com

To the best of our knowledge the information provided in this newsletter is correct but please check to finalize event dates etc.

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Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

Monsignor John Francis O'Byrne was born on 29th January 1935 in Grange, Co Tipperary and passed away here on 27th January 2016. His father, James, passed away before Monsignor was five years old leaving his mother to raise three young children.

After attending St John's Seminary in Waterford—(1954—1961) Monsignor was ordained on 18th June 1961 for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Monsignor served several parishes including St Jane Francis, N. Hollywood; St Lawrence Martyr, Redondo Beach; Immaculate Conception, Monrovia; Nativity, Torrance.

He served St Catherine Laboure's parish in Torrance first as an Associate for ten years followed as the Pastor for twenty six years until his retirement.

Monsignor O'Byrne is survived in Ireland by his brother Michael; sister Sr Anne O'Byrne R.G.S. and niece Anne Marie Kelly and family.

Margaret Philomena Lydon Boylan was born in Co Mayo on 25th October 1923 and passed away here on 29th January 2016.

Margaret completed her nurse's training in London during World War 2 and worked as a nurse in London before coming to America in 1948.

She worked as a nurse for over forty years, including a post at St Joseph's Hospital in Burbank.

She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Daniel in 2013. Margaret is survived by two sons: John and Arthur; two daughters: Susan and Kathleen; and four grandchildren.

Memorial mass at St Robert Bellarmine Church with Rev John Collins the Celebrant

John Jeremiah Cremins, Jr. was a first generation American, the only child of Irish immigrant parents. A humble man, he was known as "Jerry" to his family and friends.

Under pinning a jovial personality was a man of principle, who possessed an iron will and a warrior's stoicism. He led a life that was devoted to service: service to God, his country and his family. He served all well.

Jerry was born in Los Angeles on October 20, 1925. He grew up in Los Angeles and attended Cathedral High School. During World War II Jerry served in the United States Navy as a medical corpsman from 1944 to 1946. Following his discharge from military service, he applied to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). He graduated from the L.A. Police Academy in February 1947 and was as-



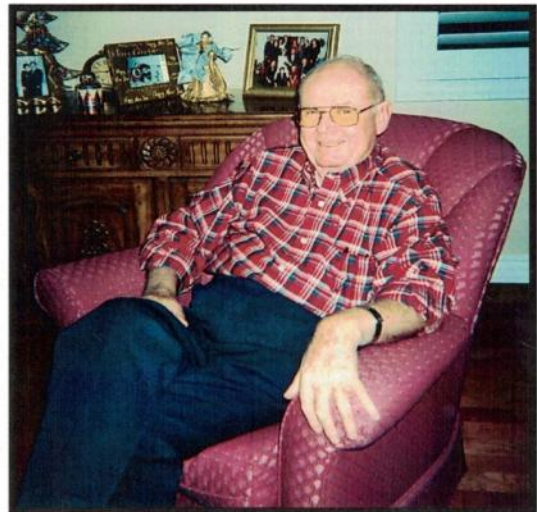
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signed to Accident Investigation Division (AID). During his career with the LAPD, he went on to work assignments in Newton Division, Metropolitan Division, Commission Investigation Division, Wilshire Division and Burglary-Auto Theft Division. He established lifelong friendships with several of his partners, particularly Calvin Drake and Mervin King.

Jerry's faith in God and sense of duty formed the foundation of his character. He was a devoted son, husband and father. In 1950 Jerry married Cathleen Coleman, and their marriage produced three children: Denis, Timothy and Maureen. While raising three children, Jerry cared for his elderly mother and his invalid father, who was completely incapacitated due to Parkinson's disease. Jerry often spent his days off from work taking his father to doctors' appointments or conducting maintenance chores on his parents' home. Jerry's widowed father-in-law also lived with the Cremins family for ten years prior to his death in 1968.

Jerry was a detective supervisor when he eventually retired from the LAPD in 1977 after an honorable 30-year career. Despite his formal retirement, Jerry continued to serve the LAPD as a reserve officer until 1991, when he put his duties aside to help care for one of his daughters-in-law during her recovery from a serious illness. He also served as an officer on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association for 23 years. Simultaneously he served as the treasurer of the Associates, another non-profit organization comprised of retired LAPD personnel.

As much as he loved the LAPD, Jerry's family was the main focus of his life. He and Cathleen were lifelong partners as they negotiated the various challenges that confronted them over the years. As a team, they made many sacrifices to ensure that their children received an excellent, morality-based education upon which to build successful careers. In addition to Cathleen and their children, Jerry leaves this world with two daughters-in-law (Marie and Julie Cremins), whom he loved as if they were his own daughters. He will be deeply missed by his five grandchildren: Tim and wife Michelle; Todd and wife Kelsey; Sean; Rob and wife Annie; and Alexandra. Jerry's legacy also includes his four great-grandchildren: Bruton, Katin, Kennedy and Zylar.



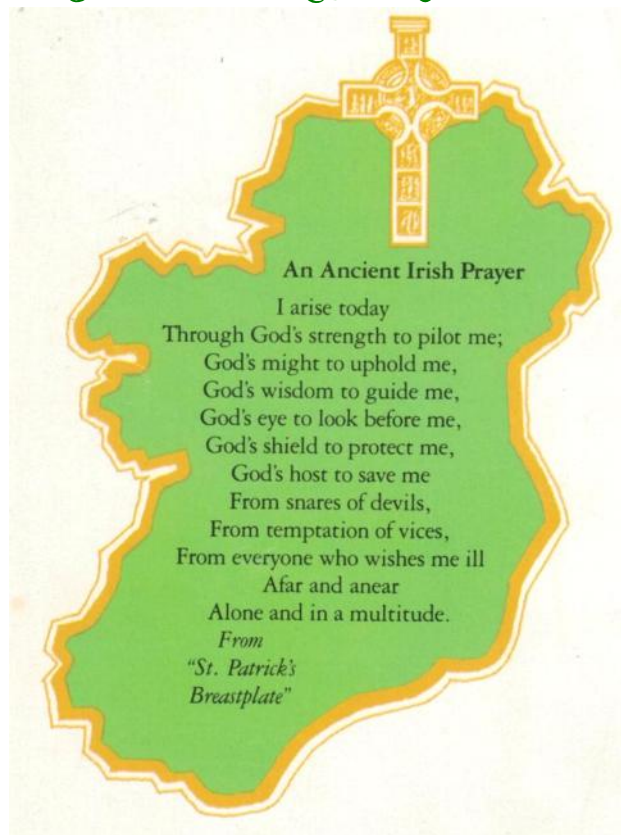
*In Loving Memory of
John Jeremiah Cremins, Jr.*

October 20, 1925 – February 1, 2016



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Jerry Cremins was a member of what has been referred to as America's "greatest generation." He served his country in time of war, and continued his service to the community as a police officer for over 40 years. He lived to mark his 90th birthday and to celebrate his 65th wedding anniversary. Perhaps his greatest legacy is the example he demonstrated to all through his spirit of service and giving. He was always very generous with that most precious of all things-his time! He possessed both physical and moral courage. Despite all his painful medical challenges, Jerry never complained or bemoaned his fate. He always sought to deal with whatever challenge was before him, never expressing fear or doubt. The essence of Jerry Cremins could be characterized by the Bible verse from Micah when Israel asks the Lord what is required of us. The Lord answers, "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."





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Invitation

1916 Easter Rising Commemoration Ceremony, Mass & Reception

Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 PM Sharp
St. Cornelius Catholic Church
5500 E Wardlow Rd. Long Beach, CA 90808

Regional Bishop
David G. O'Connell
of the Archdiocese
of Los Angeles

M. Finbar Hill
Hon. Consul
General of Ireland

Welcome,

As part of the worldwide commemorations to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising, M. Finbar Hill, Hon. Consul General of Ireland and Regional Bishop David G. O'Connell of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invite you to participate in a special commemoration at St. Cornelius Catholic Church in Long Beach, California.

History shows that The Easter Rising was the forerunner to IRELAND's Freedom and Independence following almost 600 years of foreign domination. Ireland was the first modern nation to cast off the bonds of colonialism taking its inspiration from the United States.

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For more info go to: <http://irishheritageparade.com>

The parade runs down Pine Avenue from 6th Street to Broadway in beautiful downtown Long Beach, Calif. The first entry steps off at 2pm with the final entry making their way to the post-parade festival about 3:00pm. Of course the festivities don't end there! The parade ends at Promenade Park between Broadway and 1st street on the Promenade for the Irish Heritage Festival with live Irish music, food, beer garden and vendors. Firefighters, Police, and Irish heritage groups from all over Southern California will be participating so join us for a fun filled day to celebrate Irish heritage!"

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A painting by Brenda Welsh was selected to be in "DYNAMIC" an exhibit juried by Matthew Furmanski. The Opening Reception is on Saturday, March 5th from 4-6 pm at the Blackboard Gallery in Old Town Camarillo.

Concurrently running alongside is "Rock Photo Tour" an exhibit that features the photographs of the world's most published photographer in the music industry, Rob Shanahan. Included are his iconic photos of ad campaigns, DVD and album covers of famous musicians such as Beatles legends Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr. Sponsored by Studio Channel Islands,

Old Town Camarillo 2222 Ventura Boulevard, Camarillo, CA 93010

805-383-1368 www.studiochannelislands.org



12th March, Saturday. St Patrick's Festival at Agoura/ Calabasas Community Center (AHCCC.ORG), 27040 Malibu Hills Road, Calabasas. From 11 am to 3 pm. Featuring: Irish Dancers, Green Belly Dancers and the Innisfree Irish Band. FREE Admission.

12th March. Saturday. St Patrick's Dinner Dance at American Martyrs Church Hall, Manhattan Beach. Entertainment by the Innisfree Irish Band and the Kelly School of Irish Dance. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Admission \$25. At 6.30 pm. Info: 310 514 3265.

17th March. Thursday. 2 pm--6 pm. Irish Hooley on the Waterfront in San Pedro. FREE Admission. Ports O'Call Restaurant, Ports O'Call Village San Pedro will be decked out in Green. Great food available; great craic; fun for the whole family. Entertainment by Innisfree Band.

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IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

THE IRISH STUDIES PROGRAM AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

The History and Legacy of the Easter Rising

This evening of music, lecture, discussion, theater, film, food and drink reflects on the 100th anniversary of the Irish Easter Rising of 1916, considering the event and its legacy from multiple perspectives.

Monday, March 7, 2016 | 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Roski Dining Room, University Hall
Loyola Marymount University

Featuring:

Hon. Philip Grant

Irish Consul General of the Western United States

Amy Woodson-Boulton

Associate Professor of Modern British and Irish History, LMU

Niamh Heery

Filmmaker, director of "A Father's Letter"

Philip Orr

Historian, playwright of "Halfway House"

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St. Patrick

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Overcoming Obstacles

Patron of Ireland

Birthplace:
Scotland

Feast Day:
March 17

Although he is the patron saint of Ireland, Patrick was not a native of that country; he was born in Scotland in 385. When he was just 14, he was captured and taken to Ireland, where he was enslaved. During this time of trial, he turned to God for comfort and strength; he would pray each morning, and he felt no sadness. After Patrick had been in Ireland for six years, God came to him in a

dream and told him to go home. Patrick escaped and was reunited with his family, but he still heard the Irish calling to him in dreams. Patrick entered the priesthood and eventually became a bishop; after many years of doing great work in Rome, Patrick was sent to Ireland to spread the message of the Gospel because he was able to speak Celtic, and so was able to communicate with the Irish.