

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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Jan.1 ~ Athbliain faoi mhaise duit

Jan. 6 ~ Epiphany

Jan, 21 ~ Irish Bowling night & Joint Meeting



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John P. Kelly Division

January, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM AOH DIVISION PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON

Especial thank you to Msgr. Vasko for celebrating our Christmas Mass and a thank you to all who came and made a wonderful celebration and Christmas dinner and gathering. The ladies put together a nice set of selection of baskets for the 50/50 raffle. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and look forward to a happy and healthy new year.

I am excited to announce that we will be having our January meeting at Southwyck Bowling Lanes; 5255 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614. Friday 21st January at 7:00-9:00pm in a joint activity with our Ladies AOH. The lanes have a full bar and arcade Please invite any friends and family that like to bowl. RSVP to Robert aohjohnpkellydivision@gmail.com or 419-902-6559

We will not be having another regular meeting in January. Hopefully we will be able to finalize our plans for the Shamrock Dinner in February as well as our preparations for the St. Patrick's Day Festival. It is with sadness that we heard the last episode of the Echos of Ireland with John Connolly and Molly McHugh. We hope that they are able to find another radio station that will allow them to continue to play Irish music in the Toledo area. I want o extend a thank you for the support that they have given to the Hibernians over the years in allowing us to come on the program and promote our Irish Catholic culture and activities. Please let them know that we appreciated all that they did. In Charity Unity and Fraternity, may God Bless us.

In Ireland, Epiphany is also sometimes called 'Nollaig na mBean' or Women's Christmas. Traditionally the women get the day off and men do the housework and cooking! It is becoming more popular and many Irish women now get together on the Sunday nearest Epiphany and have tea and cakes!

Irish Saint of the Month St. Diarmaid

He was of princely origin as he was seventh in descent from Nath Í, King of Ireland, who died 428 and a member of the Hy-Fiachrach family from Connacht. About the year 530, he founded the great monastery of Inchcleraun on Lough Ree, in the Diocese of Ardagh. Wishing to found an oratory far from the day-to-day distractions of civilization, he selected the isolated island associated with the memory of Queen Medbh, Inchcleraun.

Here his fame soon attracted disciples, among them Ciaran of Clonmacnoise. He was a good teacher and also a distinguished writer and poet. On the island seven churches are traditionally said to have been erected, and the traces of six are still in evidence, including Teampul Diarmada, or the church of St. Diarmiad. This oratory, eight feet by seven feet in size, is said to have been Diarmaid's own church. The monastic school he founded kept up its reputation for fully six centuries after his death, and the island itself was famous for pilgrimages in pre-Reformation days. An ivory statue of the saint was removed from the island during the Reformation to avoid destruction. Diarmaid also founded the monastery of Caille-Fochladha, Lough Derryvaragh, Co. Westmeath, where there is a holy well dedicated to him.

St. Diarmaid's nickname was 'Diarmaid the Just'; he is sometimes confused with an earlier St. Justus who was both baptiser and teacher of St. Kieran of Clonmacnoise. He was a friend of St. Senan, Abbot of Iniscathy and he composed metrical psalters, among which is "Cealtair Dichill".

He died on 10 January at Inchcleraun and his feast is celebrated on that date.



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH DIVISION PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Happy New Year, 2022! May God bless everyone with health this New Year. We had a wonderful time at the Christmas party! Mass followed by food, friendship, a raffle to benefit the Historic St. Patrick Food pantry and a sing a long! Thank you to all who made this party a success!!

We are planning a Bowling outing for January! Details to follow.

March 17th we will try to celebrate St Patrick's Day! Looking forward to gathering for some Irish music, food and fun!

Stay safe and God bless each of you in 2022!

Ann Dollman LAOH Lucas County President



A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS

Toledo lost a treasure when i-heart radio cancelled the Echoes of Ireland show. John Connolly, Molly McHugh and Molly's Father, Ted McHugh R.I.P. brought us news, insight and entertainment about and from Ireland for over thirty years.



Ladies and gentlemen

Join us for a night of Irish Bowling at the
Southwyck Bowling lanes
5255 Heatherdowns on Friday January 21
from 7 PM until 9 PM

Reserve your spot by contacting
Robert McMahon at 419-502-6559
aohjohnpkellydivision@gmail.com
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!!!

JANUARY, 2022

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WISHING YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Smile and be happy

Teacher: Good morning, class. This is the first day of school and we're going to introduce ourselves. I'll call on you, one by one, and you can tell us your name and maybe what your dad or your mom does for a living. You, please, over at this end.

Small Boy: My name is Irving and my dad is a mechanic.

Teacher: A mechanic! Thank you, Irving. Next?

Small Girl: My name is Emma and my mom is a lawyer.

Teacher: How nice for you, Emma! Next?

Second Small Boy: My name is Luke and my dad is dead.

Teacher: Oh, Luke, how sad for you. We're all very sorry about that, aren't we, class? Luke, do you think you could tell us what Dad did before he died?

Luke (seizes his throat): He went “_N’gungghhh! _”

A man moved to a nursing home. He soon noticed that a woman was constantly staring at him. After a few days, he approached her and asked, “Ma’am, why have you been staring at me all the time?” “You look just like my third husband,” she replied. “Well, how many times have you been married?” he asked. She answered, “Twice.”

A lady fell into the water, and not being a swimmer, she called for help. A man jumped in to save her and grabbed her by the hair, but she was wearing a wig, and it came off. He then grabbed her by the chin, and her false teeth popped out. The man then yelled, “Somebody help me save all of this woman that we can!”

Two friends, one an optimist and the other a pessimist, could never quite agree on any topic of discussion. The optimist owned a hunting dog that could walk on water. He had a plan: Take the pessimist and the dog out duck hunting in a boat. They got out to the middle of the lake, and the optimist brought down a duck. The dog immediately walked out across the water, retrieved the duck, and walked back to the boat. The optimist looked at his friend and said, “What do you think about that?” The pessimist replied, “That dog can't swim, can he?”

The other night I was invited out for a night with the 'girls.' I told my husband that I would be home by midnight, 'I promise!' Well, the hours passed and the Blue drinks went down way too easily. Around 3 a.m., a bit pissed, I headed for home. Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hallway started up and cuckooed 3 times. Quickly, realizing my husband would probably wake up, I cuckooed another 9 times. I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution, in order to escape a possible conflict with him. (Even when totally smashed... 3 cuckoos plus 9 cuckoos totals 12 cuckoos MIDNIGHT!) The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in, I told him 'MIDNIGHT'... he didn't seem pissed off in the least. Whew, I got away with that one! Then he said 'We need a new cuckoo clock.' When I asked him why, he said, 'Well, last night our clock cuckooed three times, then said 'oh shit.' Cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another three times, giggled, cuckooed twice more, and then tripped over the coffee table and farted.

Patrick Doyle was 92 and on his deathbed when he told his son to fetch the Protestant Minister because he wanted to convert. His son was confused but did as he was told. After informing the Minister the boy ran to tell their priest what his father was doing. Father O'Brian ran to the house. Just as he got there the minister was coming out and said “Too late, he's already converted.” Fr. O'Brian went to Patrick's bedside and said “Patrick! What did you do? You've been a good Catholic man your whole life, following all the laws and teachings, and now, your at death's door and you become a Protestant? For the love of God, what are you thinking?!! Patrick said “I figured if somebody's gotta go, better it be one of them than one of us.”

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES IN IRISH HISTORY!!

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island becomes reception center for new immigrants. The first immigrant through the gates is Annie Moore, 15, of Co. Cork

January 1, 1999 - The world's oldest priest, the Venerable Archdeacon Patrick Lyons, passes away at Limerick Regional hospital, just two months before his 106th birthday

January 6 - In the liturgical calendar, today is Epiphany and the Feast of the Holy Family.

January 13, 1941 - James Joyce, considered by many to be one of the most important modern authors in English because of his revolutionary approach to the novel, dies in Zurich

January 14, 1937 - De Valera's new constitution, with its assertions of Ireland as a sovereign 32-county state, and its definition of Catholic morality and "women's place" is approved

January 14, 2000 - Unionist politicians are furious after Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams claims that there could be a united Ireland by the year 2016, the centenary of the Easter Rising

January 17, 2001 - Hough's Pub in Lorrha, Co Tipperary retains the title of "The Cheapest Pint" in Ireland. Earning the respect of drinkers everywhere, Pat Hough won't be raising the price of a pint of plain above £1.50

January 18, 1997 - Death of Gerard Slevin, the Corkman who designed the EU flag

January 23, 1803 - Arthur Guinness, founder of the Dublin brewery, die

January 23, 2000 - A historic show of Christian unity takes place as the Bishop of Cork and Ross, Dr John Buckley, appeals to parishioners at Cork Masses to make contributions to a multi million pound restoration

January 24, 2002 - Irish doctors are among the worst-paid in Europe and charge less than they need to run a viable business, according to the Irish Medical Organization (IMO).

January 26, 1904 - Birth of Seán MacBride, IRA leader, politician, head of Amnesty International, and recipient of Nobel and Lenin peace prizes

January 28, 1939 - Death of William Butler Yeats

JANUARY 16, 1922 ~ BRITISH GOVERNMENT HANDS OVER DUBLIN CASTLE



When Michael Collins arrived in Dublin Castle on 16th January 1922 to receive the handover of the Castle on behalf of the new Irish Free State Government. Lord Lieutenant FitzAlan is reported to have said, "You are seven minutes late Mr. Collins"; to which he received the reply "We've been waiting over seven hundred years, you can have the extra seven minutes". The Dublin playwright Séan O' Casey, described how FitzAlan handed over Dublin Castle and seemed to be doing it as if in a dream: "here's the key to the throne room, and this one's the key of St. Patrick's Hall, my good man".

Clare Island.

The island features in a song by the Irish folk-rock band, the Saw Doctors from their 1996 album, Same Oul' Town. In the song, the band immortalize the island. It is described as a haven from hectic city life. Another great version was done by Kennedy's Kitchen om 2003

Will you meet me on Clare Island
 Summer stars are in the sky
 We'll get the ferry out from Roonagh
 And wave all our cares goodbye
 And we'll go dancing at the ceili
 We'll go kissing on the strand
 Take our clothes off in the moonlight
 Skinny-dipping hand in hand



Clare Island (Oileán Chliara in Irish) is a mountainous island guarding the entrance to Clew Bay in County Mayo. It is famous as the home of the 15th century pirate queen Gráinne O'Malley. The current population of the island is roughly 150. It is neighbored to the North by Achill Island.

History.

Through the Middle Ages, Clare Island was part of the lands of the O'Malley family. The ruins of an O'Malley tower-house, known as Granuaile's Castle because of its most famous resident, are close to the pier at the eastern edge of the island.

Clare Island Abbey near the south coast of the island was founded by the O'Malleys and contains the O'Malley Tomb, a possible burial site of Gráinne O'Malley. The Abbey is known for its rare medieval roof paintings. In 1588 a ship from the Spanish Armada was wrecked on Clare Island and its men were killed by the O'Malleys.

A very prominent landmark of the island is the Clare Island Lighthouse, established by John Denis Browne, the 1st Marquess of Sligo, in 1806. After 159 years of faithful service the lighthouse was taken out of service on 28 September 1965, replaced by the modern Achillbeg Island lighthouse on the south side of Achill Island. Clare Island Lighthouse has been refurbished and is now an upmarket guesthouse.

Transportation and Infrastructure.

Clare Island is accessible by daily ferry services from Roonagh Pier near Louisburgh. The island has a hostel, a few bed and breakfasts and a yoga and meditation center. The island also has a bicycle rental facility. The island has its own primary school and a post office. Children go to the mainland for secondary school education. The harbor, located on the SE of the island, offers good shelter in all winds with West in them, but is totally open to easterly winds. The piers are not suitable for yachts to come alongside, but in the summer Mayo county council maintains a number of moorings for visiting yachts.

Culture.

Clare Island is the setting for Bob Quinn's film "Budawanny" (1987). Bob Quinn also shot a documentary on Clare Island ("The Island") in 1966. Clare Island is the setting for the Michael Morpurgo book 'The Ghost of Grania O'Malley'. The Clare Island Film Festival has been run annually since 2014.

Irish New Year Traditions

In Ireland the girls would go to bed with sprigs of mistletoe, or holly and ivy leaves under their pillows so they would go to bed dreaming of their future husbands.

In Ireland in the west the direction of the wind blowing at New Year would indicate the trend of politics in the coming year. If it blew from the west it would flourish, if from the east the English would have upper hand.

One custom that was practiced on New Year's Eve was to take a large loaf of Christmas bread or cake outside the house and hammer it against the closed doors and windows, this was done so as to drive out any misfortune and let happiness in.

Druids gave a gift of twigs from the mistletoe, as this was a plant that was sacred to them as a magic source of fertility. It would bestow on the recipient a fruitful year in the number of children, as well as the amount of cattle and the amount of crop.



Nollaig na mBan – Women’s Christmas is celebrated in Ireland today!

January 6 is a special day in Ireland when we celebrate the women who worked so tirelessly during the holiday period.

Molly Muldoon

[@IrishCentral](#)

Jan 06, 2021

The women of Ireland who worked so hard over Christmas are celebrated throughout the country on January 6, *Nollaig na mBan*, also known as Little Christmas or The Feast of the Epiphany.

Nollaig na mBan (pronunciation Null-ug na Mon), which can be translated from Irish (Gaelic) as "Women's Christmas," is one of Ireland's biggest traditions and is observed on January 6. On this day, **women** traditionally get a much-needed rest after catering to everyone during the holiday festivities.

Traditionally in Ireland (and apparently in Puerto Rico also), Nollaig na mBan is the day on which all the Christmas decorations must come down—not before or after—or else risk bad luck for the rest of the year. When holly was the only decoration in Irish homes, it was taken down on this day and burnt.

In rural and small-town Catholic Ireland, especially, women would gather in each other’s homes or local pubs for a few stolen hours of gaiety while the men looked after the brood.

An article from the [Irish Times](#) in 1998 joked that even God rested on the seventh day, Irish women didn't stop until the twelfth!



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