

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD WE TRUST



Oct. 5 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at The Blarney
Oct. 16 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at Logan's
Oct. 20 ~ Blackthorn in concert Siena Heights Univ
Oct. 24 ~ Halloween party & Division Meetings
Oct. 31 ~ Happy Halloween



HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER



Mother McAuley Division

October, 2019

John P. Kelly Division

A Message from President Robert McMahon



I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather and the chance to thank God for all that nature has to offer. We had a great time at our annual golf outing at Cherrywood golf course. I would like to especially thank Jimmy Dreps for cooking and food prep and also thank Mike Cassidy for the donation of some fantastic Coca-Cola prizes! The Friday night 5pm start time proved a little frustrating for folks so we will probably move back to Saturday next year. I would like to thank Maury Collins for representing our division at the annual An Gorta Mor Mass at the Shrine in the Irish Hills and ask all to say a prayer for those who perished in the famine. We will have a wonderful opportunity to help out the preservation fund by attending the Blackthorn Concert at Sienna Heights university later this month. Finally, after the bills were paid from our State Convention we are able to make a nice contribution to Deacon Tom and the Food Pantry. Remember that all our success is God's and in Charity are responsible to help our brothers less fortunate than we. God Bless.



HIBERNIAN HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday, October 24th starting at 7:00 PM in the
St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Family Center

The ladies of the Mother McAuley Division invite the men of the John P. Kelly Division to a Halloween Party. Costumes are optional, but encouraged. The regular monthly meetings of the two divisions will be held in separate rooms after the party. You asked for fun things to do, rather than boring meetings. Come on out for a little bit of both.



HIBERNIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7, 2019 Six O'clock at the Family Center,
St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns

Mark your calendar!!!!!!

OCTOBER, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Session at Blarney</i>
6 <i>Echo's of Ireland WCWA 1230 AM 11:30 AM ~ 1:30 PM</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
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**OHIO IRISH
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Toledo Irish Articles

My two articles in the Ohio Irish American News magazine each month: **Toledo Irish** and **When Irish eyes are smiling** are avail-

able free at various locations including **The Blarney, Shawn's Irish Tavern 2-locations: Heatherdowns and Bancroft, St. Patrick's Historic Church and McCarthy's Port Clinton**



AN GORTA MOR MASS SEPT. 15, 2019

There seems to be some confusion about the An Gorta Mor Irish Famine Monument Fund. I have written about this fund in my newsletters and in my article in the August Ohioianews. I have the information below (again!!!!) from Patrick Maguire. Please note, this is not a short term solution. This is long term (100 years and beyond.) On page 5, there is information about a concert in Adrian, Michigan. The

concert benefits this maintenance fund. A good Irish group- A good time - A good cause. **How about getting a group together to attend this concert? Contact me at maurycollins61@outlook.com or 419-699-6710 to order tickets.** The Lucas County Hibernian helped to get the monument erected. How about helping to keep it up???As Pat Maguire said when the monument was being built:

“Brothers and Sisters if we don't do this in Honor of our deceased Brethren then who will ? “

Some time ago, members of the St. Patrick division realized there was no guarantee our local AOH division would be able to take care of the monument forever more, and there was a need to establish a perpetual fund for its future care. There has been a fund established with the Lenawee Community Foundation. Please consider making a donation towards this fund. To donate, please make check payable to the “Lenawee Community Foundation”. On the memo portion, make sure to write “An Gorta Mor Irish Famine Monument Fund.” The address is: The Lenawee Community Foundation, P.O. Box 142, 606 N. Evans Street, Tecumseh, Michigan 49286.-- Donate on line; www.lenaweecf.com . Click the donate button and put in the amount. In "Add Special Instructions to Seller' you can name a specific fund or cause, which in this case will be An Gorta Mor Irish Famine Monument Fund"

St. Patrick's Division and Our Lady of Knock Ancient Order of Hibernians
present

Blackthorn in Concert

An Afternoon of Traditional Irish Music



Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Siena Heights University Music Hall

\$30 General Admission

This is a fundraiser for the An Gorta Mor monument preservation fund at St. Joseph's Shrine in the Irish Hills.

Tickets available at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or contact a local Hibernian

For more information contact Gary at 517-902-4689

Important October Dates in Irish History

Oct 2, 1879 - Kate Coll arrives in New York from Ireland on board the SS Nevada. She later marries Juan Vivion de Valera, and gives birth to Éamon on October 14, 1882 in New York

Oct. 2, 2009 - Irish voters strongly endorse the European Union's Lisbon Treaty - 16 months after their first vote rejecting it plunged EU reforms into deadlock. According to final results, 67.1% of Irish voters approved it, while 32.9% voted "No". Turnout in the three-million electorate was 58%.

Oct. 4, 2001 - Cork will be Europe's Culture Capital in 2005 after landing the prestigious title ahead of Galway

Oct. 6, 1891 - Death of Charles Stewart Parnell, champion of tenants' rights and co-founder of the Land League; often called the "Uncrowned King of Ireland"

Oct. 6, 1948 - Birth of Gerry Adams

Oct, 8, 1962 - Kerrygold butter is launched on the world market.

Oct. 11, 2002 - Geraldine Kennedy is appointed editor of The Irish Times and becomes the first female editor of a national daily newspaper

Oct. 14, 2001 - The first multiple State funeral is held in honor of 10 IRA Volunteers, including Kevin Barry, who were executed for their role in the War of Independence. More than 80 years after they were buried in the grounds of Mountjoy Prison, the bodies of the 10 men were exhumed and reinterred in a special new plot at Glasnevin Cemetery. The ten men were Kevin Barry, Thomas Bryan, Patrick Doyle, Frank Flood, Patrick Moran, Thomas Whelan, Bernard Ryan, Thomas Traynor, Edmond Foley and Patrick Maher.

Oct. 16, 1890 - Michael Collins is born in Clonakilty, Co. Cork

Oct. 21, 1904 - Birth of poet Patrick Kavanagh in Inishkeen, Co. Monaghan

Oct. 29, 1998 - In tribute to emigrants who sailed to the New World on coffin ships, Coillte announces plans for the establishment of the Forest of Dunbrody on the outskirts of New Ross, Co Wexford. The public, and particularly Irish-Americans, will be invited to buy a tree in the name of their loved ones

Oct, 30, 2001 - One of the country's largest estates, Farnham, on about 1,200 acres in Cavan, is bought for around £5m by a locally-born businessman, pharmacist Roy McCabe

The Banshee

by Stair na hÉireann



As we move into the darkest months of the year, it seems fitting to visit a spectre as ancient as life itself ó the Banshee. A banshee is a female spirit in Irish mythology who heralds the death of a family member, usually by shrieking or keening. Her name is connected to the myth logically-important tumuli or ðmoundsö that dot the Irish countryside, which are known as side (singular síd) in Old Irish.

The banshee can appear in a variety of forms. Perhaps most often she is seen as an ugly, frightful hag, but she can also appear as young and beautiful if she chooses. In some tales, the figure who first appears to be a banshee or other cailleach (hag) is later revealed to be the Irish battle goddess, the Morrígan. Throughout history and across cultures there are stories and myths of beings that forewarn of human death. Just as the joy and desire to live is innate to most humans, so is the fear and dread of death. Seeing a ghost is not as alarming as the chilling knowledge that óas I am, so you shall beö. Because mankind lives at the behest of the beautiful sometimes cruel powers of Nature, a prophecy of death returns a bit of order to those struggling to see a tapestry of cosmic or divine purpose.

In past centuries (and even today) humans look for signs of eccentricities of domestic time to portend the snipping of the thread of human life. Clocks chiming irregularly or stopping, roosters crowing at night, candles melting in winding sheets or bees swarming at doors or windows to accompany a soul in flight. Birds perching at windowsills or housetops such as ravens have often been seen as harbingers of gloomy news. The banshee is described as a wee woman with long white, blond or even auburn hair who appears in the vicinity of the birthplace of the soon to be deceased. When seen, she is wearing the clothes of a country woman, usually white, but sometimes grey, brown or red. The former hues represent the colors of mourning while red is associated with magic, fairies and the supernatural. In some accounts she is seen combing her hair as she laments. She is heard more often than seen, wailing as she approaches the abode in the late evening or early morning, sometimes perching on the windowsill two to three hours or even days before a death. As she moves off into the darkness witnesses describe a fluttering sound, such as the sound made by birds flying at night

The announcement of the banshee was heard by non-relatives and friends, not usually by close family members of the dying. With this warning, friends from far and near would travel to the failing individual knowing it was the last chance to say goodbye. Upon being told of the banshee's pronouncement, surviving family members could admit the finality of the situation and accept the support of the community that had gathered around them. The visitation of the banshee gave the tribe the opportunity to talk openly about the death with family members and thereby ease the mourning process. Although human death is inescapable, the foreknowledge of such an event does provide advantages, to the soon-to-be-deceased, the survivors and the community ó thereby honoring both the living and the dead.

Happy Halloween to all Hibernians

The Tale of Stingy Jack and the Jack O' Lantern

The Irish brought the tradition of carving pumpkins into Jack O'Lantern to America. But, the original Jack O'Lantern was not a pumpkin. Pumpkins did not exist in Ireland. Ancient Celtic cultures in Ireland carved turnips on All Hallow's Eve, and placed an ember in them, to ward off evil spirits. Jack O'Lantern legend goes back hundreds of years in Irish History. Many of the stories, center round Stingy Jack.

Stingy Jack was a miserable, old drunk who took pleasure in playing tricks on just about everyone: family, friends, his mother and even the Devil himself. One day, he tricked the Devil into climbing up an apple tree. After the Devil climbed up the tree, Stingy Jack hurriedly placed crosses around the trunk of the tree. Unable to touch a cross, the Devil was stuck in the tree. Stingy Jack made the Devil promise him not to take his soul when he died. Once the devil promised not to take his soul, Stingy Jack removed the crosses, and the Devil climbed down out of the apple tree.

Many years later, Jack died, he went to the pearly gates of Heaven and was told by Saint Peter that he was mean and cruel, and had led a miserable, worthless life on earth. Stingy Jack was not allowed to enter heaven. He then went down to Hell and the Devil. The Devil kept his promise and would not allow him to enter Hell. Now Jack was scared . He had nowhere to go, but to wander about forever in the dark Netherworld between heaven and hell. He asked the Devil how he could leave, as there was no light. The Devil tossed him an ember from the flames of Hell, to help Stingy Jack light his way. Jack had a Turnip with him. It was one of his favorite foods, and he always carried one with him. Jack hollowed out the Turnip, and placed the ember the Devil had given him, inside the turnip. From that day onward, Stingy Jack roamed the earth without a resting place, lighting his way as he went with his "Jack O'Lantern".

On all Hallow's eve, the Irish hollowed out Turnips, rutabagas, gourds, potatoes and beets. They placed a light in them to ward off evil spirits and keep Stingy Jack away. These were the original Jack O'Lanterns. In the 1800's a couple of waves of Irish immigrants came to America. The Irish immigrants quickly discovered that Pumpkins were bigger and easier to carve out. So they used pumpkins for Jack O'Lanterns.

An original Irish Jack-O-Lantern



County Cork

County Cork is known to be the most haunted in Ireland. Cork is home to Ireland's most haunted town, Doneraile. A whopping 15.5% of locals claim to have seen a ghost according to a study by the AA.

River Lee Maid



This story tells of two servants, Amelia and Andy, who worked for the well-to-do Mrs Bishop a long time ago. As time went on the pair began to speculate the whereabouts of Mr Bishop. Was he alive? Did he leave her? Was he living abroad?

One night the two servants broke into the locked room. It was lavish, furnished with many grand mirrors and a huge four-poster bed. On first glance, the room was empty. However, on a second take, the pair saw a vision in the mirror: Mr Bishop resting in bed, while Mrs Bishop suffocates him with a pillow.

At that moment, the real-life Mrs Bishop arrived home. Reflexively, Andy hid before being seen, but Mrs Bishop caught Amelia in the act. As punishment, Mrs Bishop dragged Amelia to the River Lee and drowned her. It is said that Amelia's ghost wanders the riverside on nights of a full moon crying out for help. With this, locals seldom walk the River Lee alone come nightfall.

Cork Asylum



Officially named St. Kevin's Asylum, this is one of the most haunted places in Cork, without a doubt. From 1893-2002 the institution was home to some of the country's most mentally disturbed souls, often abandoned by their families through lack of understanding, often guilty of nothing. Endless records report the desolate conditions and torturous treatments; the Cork Asylum was not a happy place. Today it is said, the spirits of this institution still walk the halls. Having never found peace, they roam, tortured, seeking solace. This site has been a focal point for paranormal enthusiasts who scour the endless abandoned rooms in search of supernatural occurrences. Toilets flush, even though the building has ceased to have water for years.

Screams down darkened dead-end hallways pierce the silence. Footsteps fall, even though the institution is empty.

Faceless Lady

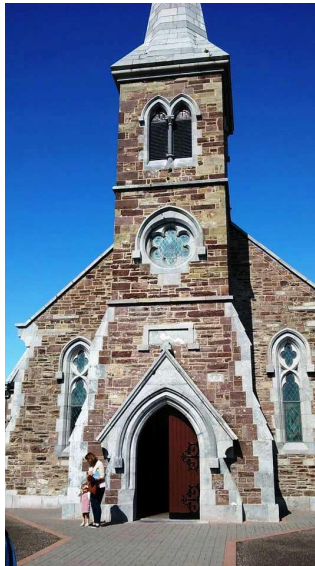


This terrifying ghost story from Cork is sure to be enough to keep you away from Belvelly Castle. A long time ago, the beautiful Lady Margaret was a catch. In fact, her beauty was so undeniable that her vanity was founded. She lived in the castle. She placed mirrors on every wall just so she could acknowledge her good fortune and good looks! When one of her potential suitors finally got sick of waiting for her to commit, he decided to starve her, hoping to expedite her submission. By the time she finally gave in, her looks had perished. No longer the most beautiful bride, her suitor retracted his advances and she was left with nothing.

It is said today that her ghost can be found roaming the halls. She appears faceless (hence her name, the 'Faceless Lady') as she vigorously rubs the walls, desperately hoping for her mirrors to appear, once again.

TRIP TO IRELAND

The October issue of the Ohio Irish-American News will have my article about my latest trip to Ireland and what made it so special. Be sure to pick up a copy!!



SMILE AND BE HAPPY!!!!

I'll never forget how happy I was when I saw my missus walking down the aisle towards me. My heart was beating fast and the excitement was unbearable. It seemed to take forever, but eventually there she was standing beside me. I gave her a cheeky wink and said; "Get that grocery cart over here. There doing three cases of Stella for the price of two."

A young student pilot is in her first flying lesson. Her instructor has a sudden heart attack and dies. May day May day help me. My instructor pilot is dead and I don't know how to fly. She hears a voice over the radio saying; This is air traffic control. We hear you loud and clear. I will talk you through this and get you back to the ground safely. Now just take a deep breath. Everything will be fine. Give me your height and position. The student replies; "I'm 5'7" and in the front seat." (After a long pause) the voice on the radio says; "OK. Now repeat after me Our Father, Who art in heavení ."

Paddy's wife Mary had two talking parrots. One day she goes to the local priest, Fr Flaherty and says "Father I have a problem, I've got two talking female parrots, they only say one thing" "Well what do they say" inquired Fr Flaherty. "They say, Hi, we're hookers! Wana have some fun" replies Mary. "That's obscene" the priest exclaimed, thinking for a moment..... "You know what, I may have a solution to your problem, I've two talking male parrots, whom I have taught to pray and read the Bible bring your two parrots over to my place and I'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter, my parrots will teach your parrots to pray and worship and stop using that phrase in no time" "Thank you" Mary responds. The following day Mary brought her two parrots over to Fr Flaherty's house. As he ushered her in, she saw that the other two parrots were in the cage praying and holding their 'Rosary Beads' and was very impressed. After a few minutes, Mary's two parrots cried out "Hi, we're hookers, wanna have some fun? There was stunned silence, then Peter, the male parrots said, "Put away your Rosary Beads Frank, our prayers have been answered"

I ordered Chinese food to go the other day. As I got into the car, I heard the bag rustle So I looked over and saw a pair of eyes looking over the top of the bag at me, then disappear back inside. It scared the heck out of me. I looked over and saw it again. I ran back into the restaurant and asked the Chinaman to check it out. He said; "You no worry. It's peeking duck."

A Sunday school teacher is concerned that his students might be a little confused about Jesus, so he asks his class, "Where is Jesus today?"

Colin raises his hand and says, "He's in heaven."

Lizzie answers, "He's in my heart."

Jimmy waves his hand furiously and blurts out, "He's in our bathroom!"

The surprised teacher asks Jimmy how he knows this.

"Well," Jimmy says, "every morning, my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door and yells -Jesus Christ, are you still in there?!"

Fred and Mary got married, but can't afford a honeymoon, so they go back to Fred's parent's home for their first night together. In the morning, Johnny, Fred's little brother, gets up and has his breakfast. As he is going out of the door to go to school, he asks his Mom if Fred and Mary are up yet. She replies, "No". Johnny asks, "Do you know what I think?" His mom replies, "I don't want to hear what you think! Just go to school." Johnny comes home for lunch and asks his mom, "Are Fred and Mary up yet?" She replies, "No." Johnny says, "Do you know what I think?" His mom replies, "Never mind what you think! Eat your lunch and go back to school." After school, Johnny comes home and asks again, "Are Fred and Mary up yet?" His mom says "No." He asks, "Do you know what I think?" His Mom replies, "Ok, do tell me what you think?" He says: "Last night Fred came to my room for the Vaseline and I think I gave him my super glue."

The Irish Times on Brexit



Why is the Irish Border such a big deal with Brexit?

The 499-kilometre border running from Carlingford Lough to Lough Foyle will become the only land border between the UK and the European Union after Brexit. The 1998 Belfast Agreement brought peace to Northern Ireland and removed the need for border checks. It also established North-South rules and institutions that helped solidify the Peace Process. The border is currently invisible and neither side wants the return of infrastructure along the border or the creation of a hard border.

Why would there be a need for border checks?

Different customs rules, regulations and standards will apply in Northern Ireland and the Republic if the UK is leaving the EU so the different rules could have to be enforced at a border.

What do the EU and UK want along the Border?

Neither party to the Brexit negotiations wants to see the return of a hard border but they cannot agree a plan on how to achieve this. The EU and UK agreed in a political deal in December 2017 that a "backstop" was required in the withdrawal agreement or the divorce deal that would guarantee an invisible border in the event of no other solution to achieve this being found in a Brexit deal, either in a specific solution for Northern Ireland or in a broader EU-UK trade deal.

How have the backstop talks developed?

Brussels believed a hard border could be avoided and the Belfast Agreement upheld if Northern Ireland remains fully aligned with the EU's customs union and parts of the single market after Brexit. This would mean matching the rules north and south of the Border for customs, energy, environmental regulations and laws covering agriculture and fisheries. Northern Ireland would stick to EU rules covering state aid and would fall under the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice in applying those rules. The EU's chief negotiator Michel Barnier initially insisted that this backstop can only apply to Northern Ireland.

But the UK didn't like this?

No. the British prime minister said that no UK leader could agree to different rules applying to different parts of the UK that would separate Northern Ireland constitutionally and economically from the rest of the UK. London argued that if the backstop only applies to Northern Ireland, it would effectively create a customs and regulatory border in the Irish Sea. The Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), which keeps the minority Conservative government in power, also objected. They oppose any checks between Ireland and Britain and what they see as a border in the Irish Sea.

Boris Johnson succeeded May as Conservative leader and British prime minister in July 2019 after she failed to break the deadlock over Brexit and her withdrawal agreement with the EU was rejected three times in parliament. Johnson's election threw the manner of the UK's exit by the next deadline of October 31st in doubt given that during his campaign to become leader he described the withdrawal agreement as a "dead letter" and demanded that the backstop be removed from the withdrawal agreement. Brussels and Dublin have insisted the withdrawal agreement would not be renegotiated and the backstop would not be removed from the agreement.