

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
 NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD WE TRUST



- Oct. 1 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at The Blarney**
- Oct. 20 ~ Joint AOH-LAOH meeting @ Levis & Lilacs Whiskey Room**
- Oct. 28 ~ Joint Meting @ Ft. Meigs Garrison Ghost Walk**
- Oct, 31 ~ Happy Halloween**
- Nov. 12 ~ March in the Blade Holiday Parade**
- Dec. 3 ~ Christmas party**



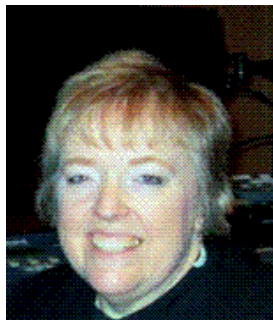
Mother McAuley Division

HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2022



John P. Kelly Division



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

all Greetings or Fomhar (Irish for Autumn)! Some sad news, Past State President Clara Joyce passed away. She was president of

the Ohio State Board during our 2019 convention. Her smile, wit and kindness will be dearly missed.

We will be holding a joint meeting at Levi and Lilac 's Whiskey Room (301 River Rd. Maumee, Ohio)October 20th at 6:30pm. This is a chance to try one of the 28 varieties of Irish whiskey. They also have Japanese Whiskey, Scotch Whiskey, Rye Whiskey, American Whiskey, Canadian Whiskey etc. or come for the fellowship and dinner. (**On a personal note...Sarah will turn 21 on October 18th!

October 28th at 6:45 we will be going on a ghost walk at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg. **ADVANCED TIMED TICKET PURCHASE IS REQUIRED.** Tickets will not be sold at the door. Dress for the weather. fortmeigs.org is the web site to purchase the tickets. Adults 18+ \$15. Senior (60+) \$12, children (6-17) \$10. Arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the 6:45pm tour time. Tours last approximately 90 minutes. Flashlights are not permitted, the guides will have lanterns to guide you on the tour. We have done this in the past and have LOVED this adventure!

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A MESSAGE FROM AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON

May God Bless you in this month of Our Lady. We had a very nice day to have the Mass up in the Irish Hills for the An Gota Mor Memorial Mass at the St. Joseph Shrine.

It was nice to see some of our Michigan brothers. After the disruptions of Covid and the dissolving of the Adrian Division, it was nice to see a good turnout of Hibernians and renewed efforts made in the upkeep of the memorial. It is worth the drive to see the memorial and beautiful Shrine and outdoor Stations of the Cross. It is important to remember how lucky we are that our ancestors were willing to risk everything to make a better life in America.

Congratulations to brother Maury for again bringing authentic Irish music to Toledo with Fr. Kelly's concert at Historic St. Patrick. Keep up the good work.

At our business meeting we discussed the success of the St. Patrick's Day festival and some of the National Convention news. I hope to share with everyone some of the ideas that I heard about in July. We will present the gift to Msgr. Vasko at our Christmas Mass and Party

I am very excited to talk about three upcoming events.

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IRISH QUOTE OF THE MONTH

In Ireland long ago every family that had the least pretension to respectability had a ban-shee of its own. Without one, its members would be regarded as not Irish at all, only up-starts, vagabonds and 'sprus.'

From Aoibheall the Banshee by Edmund Lenihan.

ANN DOLLMAN'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

November 12 we will once again be walking in The Blade Holiday parade!

December 3rd 6:30pm will be our Christmas Party at St. Pius hall, Mass, dinner and friendship! A raffle will be held to benefit Historic St. Patrick's Food Pantry.(Bring a dish to pass and some items for the raffle!)

For those who are interested in learning Gaelic There is a New Beginner Class Monday 2pm Oct. 3 Zoom for 8 weeks or Tuesday Oct 4 at 2pm (cost \$84). The web stie for more information: irish-languagelearners@gmail.com to sign up or for information.

I hope to see you all soon!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Ann Dollman LAOH President Lucas County

ROBERT McMAHON'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

October Joint AOH LAOH Meeting Thursday October 20th at Levi & Lilacs. 301 River Road, Maumee Ohio <https://www.leviandlilacs.com> 567 402.4308. Cocktail Hour 6:30 Meeting 7:00. They have a fantastic whiskey and beer and wine menu as well as regular pub menu. Over 25 Irish Whiskey selections. We will be meeting in the private room. I am hoping we can have a good turnout. Levi & Lilac's is located in Maumee Ohio. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the oldest business building in Lucas County. At the time, it was the largest and tallest building in NW Ohio and was erected pre-Toledo. Toledo was expected to be built around the building but later was founded down river.

October 28th Joint AOH LAOH Ft. Meigs Garrison Ghost Walk. There will be a lanternlight guided tour of ghost stories and other reminiscences from real life events that took place at our Ft. Meigs. It is a wonderful place to see our Northwest Ohio History. Information <https://fortmeigs.org/ghostwalk/>

Advance tickets and times are required. We are meeting as a group to go on the 6:45 tour. There will be no tickets available the day of the event. Please purchase your own tickets through the website. Adults are \$15 seniors \$12 and children \$10. No children under 5 yrs. It will last about 90 minutes. If you are not able to use the web link please call Robert or Ann for accommodation.

November 12th Toledo Blade Holiday Parade.

We were asked again to participate in the 35th Annual Holiday Parade. We had a great time last year. We will again pass out Irish and American flags to the children along the parade route. More information about exactly where we will be in the lineup and time will be in the November newsletter. Usually it lasts from about 9:30-11:00. Come out to wear your green and celebrate the beginning of the Holiday season.

In Charity

Robert McMahon

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ROBERT McMAHON'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Irish Saint of the month

St. Colman of Templeshambo; it was anciently called "Shanbo-Colman" (Colman's old tent or booth) from St. Colman O'Ficra, the founder and patron, who lived in the seventh century, and who was held in great veneration there during the long lapse of years that the monastery continued to flourish after his death.[4]

St. Colman's Teals

Many legends are told of Saint Colman and of his holy well with its sacred ducks. In former days a large pond supplied from the well, where for ages after St. Colman's death a number of ducks were kept, which were believed to be under the saint's special protection, and on this account were regarded with affection and treated with great tenderness. They were quite tame and took food from the hand, never flying away at the approach of pilgrims, and never avoiding the gentle familiarities of the people.[4]

Nothing could harm them: and the legend tells in particular that it was impossible to cook them. As they were so tame, persons fetching water from the pond on a dark night sometimes by an unlucky chance brought one of them away in the vessel without knowing it, and threw the contents, bird and all, into a pot over a fire to be boiled. Whenever this happened no matter how the people heaped on wood, or how long the fire was kept up, the water still remained as cold as when it was taken from the pond; and in the end the little duck was found not in the least harmed, swimming about unconcernedly on the top. It was of course brought back to the pond: and after this the water in the pot got heated and boiled without further trouble.[4]

He is said to have laboured zealously at the foot of Mount Leinster in the Blackstairs Mountains, his monastery being known as Temple Sean Bothe. He died c. 595 on October 27, which is his feast day.

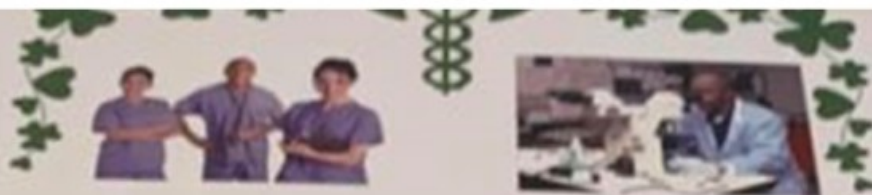
Past LAOH State President Clara Joyce passed into the arms of our heavenly Father the morning of September 30, 2022. Service details will be shared once they are finalized

I do know that she will be cremated in New York and then brought back to Ohio for visitation and burial. Please keep Clara's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Motto,

Teresa Harris

LAOH Ohio State Board President



CELEBRATION AND BLESSING FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

ALL FAITHS ARE WELCOME!



OCTOBER 16, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.

**THE HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK
130 AVONDALE
TOLEDO, OH 43604**

**TRADITIONALLY CALLED A "WHITE MASS", THIS IS
A SPECIAL MASS HELD FOR PHYSICIANS, NURSES,
HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS.**

HALLOWEEN IN IRELAND

If there's one thing the Irish know how to do really, really well, it's scaring the living bejaysus out of you.

Author Derek Landy, The Telegraph



Halloween – a time for thrills, chills and scaring ourselves silly. But did you know that everyone's favorite fright-filled holiday began in Ireland? Trace Halloween right back to its origins and you'll find yourself in the mists of pagan Ireland over 2,000 years ago – a time when the ancient festival of Samhain was celebrated in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East to mark the beginning of winter. It's said that at Halloween the veil between our world and the Otherworld is at its thinnest, allowing spirits and demons to easily pass between the two. So come with us on a strange and spooky journey as we experience Halloween in Ireland.

Púca Halloween Festival, A supernatural celebration of storytelling, music, food and dazzling light shows in Ireland's historic Boyne Valley. It's inspired by Irish folklore. It is said that Halloween is a time of transition, when light becomes dark, the veil between our world and the next comes down and rules can be broken. This is when the Púca comes to life. A púca is a mysterious creature from Ireland's folklore who can change the fortunes of anyone who meets it. It is this spirit of unpredictable energy that inspires the annual Púca Halloween Festival, which takes place in counties Meath and Louth in Ireland's Ancient East.

Every year, across the island of Ireland, there are a wide range of celebrations for Halloween. You'll find a nice mix of quirky local fare, and sprawling festivals that are known the world over. If you're around Dublin, make sure to try the **haunted Dublin tour**, or unearth **gothic horror history of Bram Stoker at the Castle Dracula experience**

In Northern Ireland, **Derry Halloween** is a must see. For over 35 years, this event has captured the imaginations of visitors to the famous Walled City, with several events celebrating the city's unbridled creativity...

Can't make it to the island of Ireland for Halloween? Don't worry, you can recreate the magic of the Halloween season from the comfort of home, no matter where you are in the world

First off, you'll want some barmbrack. This bread/cake is a staple of every Irish household at Halloween. And a note to any young romantics in your family – if they find the ring in the cake, they'll be married within the year! And for your dinner, you must have colcannon – curly kale cabbage mixed with creamy mashed potatoes.

After dinner and before trick or treating, you have to partake in some of the traditional Halloween games. The most famous is snap apple, where an apple is suspended from a string while the blindfolded revelers try to get a bite. You can also try bobbing for apples in water, just be sure to bring a towel!

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, worked for the well-to-do Mrs Bishop a long time ago. As time went on the pair begin 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 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.

Benjamin Franklin Toured Ireland



One of the Founding Fathers of the United States, Franklin is a signatory of the United States Declaration of Independence of 1776, though five years earlier he was based in London, attempting to negotiate on behalf of the American Colonies. Franklin detailed his views of Dublin and Ireland in a letter to Thomas Cushing, a lawyer and statesman from Boston, Massachusetts. Franklin had a keen interest in Irish affairs, writing in a letter two years prior to visiting the country that “all Ireland is strongly in favor of the American cause. They have reason to sympathize with us.”

Benjamin Franklin toured Ireland in 1771 and was astounded and moved by the level of poverty he saw there. Ireland was under the trade regulations and laws of England, which affected the Irish economy, and Franklin feared that America could suffer the same plight if Britain’s exploitation of the colonies continued. During his visit, Franklin also attended two sessions of Irish Parliament as an observer.

While in Ireland, Franklin was struck by the contrast between the grandeur of Dublin city itself and the intense poverty of those beyond its core.

He wrote to a friend, “The people in that unhappy country, are in a most wretched situation. Ireland is itself a poor country, and Dublin a magnificent city; but the appearances of general extreme poverty among the lower people are amazing. They live in wretched hovels of mud and straw, are clothed in rags, and subsist chiefly on potatoes. Our New England farmers, of the poorest sort, in regard to the enjoyment of all the comforts of life, are princes when compared to them. Perhaps three-fourths of the Inhabitants are in this situation.”

In 1977, the American Ambassador presented a bust of Benjamin Franklin to the Bank of Ireland to commemorate the visit. Speaking at the unveiling of the bust, the Ambassador (Walter J.P Curley) noted that: Franklin’s friendship for Ireland was no fleeting whim. He had said “You have ever been friendly to the rights of mankind and we acknowledge with pleasure and gratitude that your nation has produced patriots who have nobly distinguished themselves in the cause of humanity and America.”



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.
National Board
Established 1894
Office of the National President
Marilyn Madigan

September 28, 2022

Sisters,

Throughout our history, we have always assisted those in need. Today many of our fellow Americans are in need due to Hurricane Ian. It is time for us to again help those in need. How can we as an organization provide assistance? It is still too early to know how best we can help. Many of our Sister and Brother Hibernians may need our help.

I spoke with our Catholic Action Officer Kathleen Diulus on how we could help. We have decided that a Fund would be maintained by the Catholic Action Office to assist in special needs that demonstrate our Catholic Faith in Action. This Fund will be the Hibernian Humanitarian Fund. Donations for this Fund should be made payable to Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and in the memo state Hibernian Humanitarian Fund and send to:

Kathleen Diulus
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Sewickley, PA 15143