

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD, WE TRUST



**Oct. 7 ~ Irish music at the Blarney 5 ~ 8 PM
Oct. 13 & 14 ~ Sean McBride Award Youngstown
Oct. 15 ~ Randle Bays & Susan Waters Concert
Oct, 19 ~ AOH Division Meeting
Oct. 27 ~ LAOH Meeting & Halloween Party
Oct. 31 ~ Happy Halloween!!! BOO!!!**



HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER



Mother McAuley Division

OCTOBER, 2023

John P. Kelly Division

Bob Midden and Mary Dennis are hosting a concert by Randal Bays & Susan Waters with guitarist Paddy League in Bowling Green on **Sunday, October 15 at 7 pm**. Admission is \$20 and there are workshops at 3 pm for \$25: one for fiddle but also to learn tunes for musicians who play other instruments and one for guitar. The workshop admission is \$25 but you can attend both a workshop and the concert for a combined cost of \$35. Please email, call, text, or message me if you'd like to attend so we're sure to have enough seats and food.



Bob Midden (419) 360-1585 or bobmidden1@gmail.com



The Lucas County LAOH will be holding our monthly meeting at **Ann Dollman's home 2210 Belvedere on FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th at 6:30pm**. Wear your favorite Halloween sweater or sweatshirt. "Witch's Brew", cider, donuts and some good fun together and tell some ghost stories around the campfire if it is nice out!



Oct 13th-14th National AOH Sean McBride Humanitarian award in Youngstown OH. Please contact Robert McMahon if you are interested in attending. aohjohnpkellydivision@gmail.com

Former Taoiseach of Ireland Bertie Ahern will be the honored guest. Bertie Ahern, (born September 12, 1951, Dublin, Ireland), Taoiseach (prime minister) of Ireland from 1997 to 2008.



Hibernian Christmas Party Saturday, December 2nd
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Hall 4256 Secor Road.
RSVP to Ann Dollman 419-250-0288 or
anndollman@yahoo.com

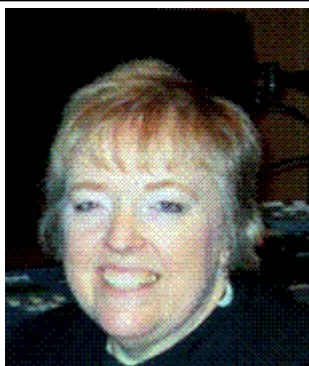
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Trad Irish @ Blarney</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>McBride Award in</i>	14 <i>Youngstown</i>
15	16	17	18	19 <i>AOH Div Meeting</i>	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>LAOH MTG</i>	28
29	30	31				

IRISH QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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

From Aoibheall the Banshee by Edmund Lenihan.



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Fall weather greetings!

It is warm, then cool, and back again... Welcome to fall weather! The LAOH will be holding our monthly meeting at **Ann Dollman's home 2210 Belvedere on FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th at 6:30pm. Wear your favorite Halloween sweater or sweat-shirt!** We will have some "Witch's Brew", cider, donuts and some good fun together and tell some ghost stories around the campfire if it is nice out! (I wanted this meeting to be close to Halloween!) You are welcome to bring a snack to share or BYOB. All husbands are welcome to hang out with John around the camp fire and enjoy snacks

And for those who have the time and energy after the meeting...

Fort Meig's is holding a ghost walk that evening. Tickets can be purchased from fortmeigs.org website. Cost is Adults 18+ \$15, Senior (60+): \$12, And children (6-17): \$10. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are not sold at the door. Tour last 90 minutes rain or shine.

Great BIG thanks to Matt and Tricia Cassidy for a wonderful picnic on the river in September. Thank you to the *Men from the Bog* (& Betsy!) for playing at the picnic!

I am really looking forward to seeing all of the ladies!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Ann Dollman

LAOH President Lucas County

LAOH National Irish Essay Contest

The Essay should be submitted to Anndollman@yahoo.com or Ann Dollman 2210 Belvedere Toledo, Ohio 43614. Historian Charlene Blankenship will choose the essay to be forwarded to the State Board




WWW.LADIESAOH.COM
See website for details

You are invited to participate in the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, National Irish History Contest for students Grades 6 through 12.
TOPIC: 2023-2024 Irish History Contest, Level 1 & 2
Identify Women who became involved in the Irish Independence Movement and/or To Free the North from British Colonialism

Who were the individual Women? What part did they play? Why was their involvement critical?
What was the outcome of their participation?

WIN CASH PRIZES!!!

For contest rules and entry details contact
NAME _____

Local Contact Email: _____

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY NOV 15, 2023



A MESSAGE FROM AOH DIVISION PRESIDENT , ROBERT MCMAHON

Brothers All, God Bless you in the Month of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please keep up your prayers especially for the lives of the unborn. The Catholic Church's official position is NO on Issue 1 in November.

Thank you all for a very busy September. The Cassidy's once again hosted a fantastic picnic on the river with food and music by our own Men from the Bog. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a great time. Thank you also for a nice turnout again for brother Marty Lahey's Holy Smokes event for September. This has been a great social event for us to meet as Hibernians, but also with the men of St. Patrick's. We will keep you updated whenever it happens again. Thank you to all who came out for the golf outing as well. It was a great chance for us duffers who don't golf to much to take a swing at it.

I have spoken again to the Knights of Columbus from St. Anthony Michigan about planning and reviving the prelude to St. Patrick's Party in February. They will be discussing further at their business meeting this week and will have an update. This might be a great opportunity to both revive a nice Irish event as well as a way to possibly get some new brothers to join.

I am working with Pat Fizal of the Major Degree team to come up to Toledo to have the ceremony. We are looking at dates in October and November but it has not been nailed down. I will follow up as soon as I know more. This is a wonderful opportunity to advance Hibernianism. We would probably see additional members form Michigan and other divisions in Ohio because of our location.

Please mark you calendars for the following dates:

Oct 13th-14th National AOH Sean McBride Humanitarian award in Youngstown OH. Please contact me if you are interested in attending. Former Taoiseach of Ireland Bertie Ahern will be the honored guest.

Oct 19th Tentative Men's Business Meeting 7pm. Location to be determined.

Oct 29th Organ Concert at St. Patrick's Historic 3pm.

Nov 4th Ohio State AOH Board Meeting in Columbus at Tara Hall

Blade Holiday Parade Saturday November 11th. We pass out Irish and American Flags to the kids along the parade route downtown Toledo.

Irish Saint of the Month Oct 12th

St. Fiacc of Sletty was a contemporary of St. Patrick, and, moreover, played an important part in the opening scene of the great Apostle's mission at the court of Tara, in the memorable Eastertide of 433. Afterwards the threads of his life-story were for a time closely interwoven with events narrated in the accounts of the labours and miracles of our National Patron. Most of us are acquainted with the oft-told incident that occurred on the first appearance of St. Patrick and his followers at the court of King Laoghaire. Previous to the arrival of the Saint a royal command was given that none of the assembly should rise to do honour to the mysterious band of strangers. However, a few of the courtiers present were so impressed by the venerable appearance of the leader of the procession that they could not restrain their feelings of emotion, and failed to obey the orders of the pagan monarch. The first who rose, as is recorded, was Dubhthach, 'chief bard and brehon of Erin,' whose example was followed by Fiacc his pupil, who is described in the records of the event as 'the young poet.' The latter was not only the favourite pupil of the royal bard, but was, moreover, his nephew and foster-son. Dubhthach has ever since been immortalized in song and story as the 'first convert of Erin.' It is more than probable that his nephew received the gift of Faith at the same time. Fiacc, it is told, was then sixteen years of age so that he must have been born about the year A.D. 415.

The conversion of the 'chief bard of Erin' was undoubtedly the first victory achieved by St. Patrick over paganism in Ireland. How important and far-reaching was the acceptance of Christianity by a personage of such exalted rank, and by one whose profession was highly esteemed in those days.

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YOU'RE WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS

I received this E-mail from Joe Casey a few days ago.

"Hi Maury;

Talked with Patrick Maguire last night; he asked how you were and to give you his best.

He is building up the Hibernians in Colorado; they've just initiated their 3rd division and will have their State Board sworn in next month. First State Board in Colorado in 100 years!

Take care, my friend.

Joe"

Patrick was a great help, advising us. in bringing back the John P. Kelly Division in 2002.

I know you will find this hard to believe, but I can't think of anything to write about. Please continue your prayers for Penny and maybe throw in a couple for me. God bless

It is clear that it is not man who
has created the universe -
whether you believe in God or in
gods or deny any divine presence
- man cannot alter the laws that
govern the universe without
damaging it.

Sean MacBride

The Hill of Slane



It had long been known as sacred ground when St. Patrick visited the hill on the eve of Easter in 433 A.D. He lit a Paschal or Easter fire which could be seen from the nearby hill of Tara, the royal seat of power. There, a fire also burned to celebrate the pagan feast of Beltane. Since it was against the law to light any fire in the area while this was taking place, Laoghaire, the king at that time, was furious and rode off with his retinue to arrest the mystery rebel. Miraculously - some say through an earthquake, others by holding up a shamrock - St. Patrick convinced the king of his belief in Christianity and the power of the Holy Trinity. It was a power

that St. Patrick thought would be useful to the king who only wished that his soldiers could be as brave as St. Patrick and his followers. He took the group prisoner and marched them back to the Hill of Tara. The next day, they were spared and were allowed to preach Christianity to the pagan army. Today, at the top of the hill are the ruins of a Franciscan Monastery built in 1512.

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

Larry and Bob, two friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems. One day Larry didn't show up. Bob didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something.. But after Larry hadn't shown up for a week or so, Bob really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Bob didn't know where Larry lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him. A month had passed, and Bob figured he had seen the last of Larry, but one day, Bob approached the park and -- lo and behold -- there sat Larry! Bob was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said, 'For crying out loud Larry, what in the world happened to you? Larry replied, 'I have been in jail.' 'Jail!' cried Bob. What in the world for?' 'Well,' Larry said, 'you know Jane, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?' 'Yeah,' said Bob, 'I remember her. What about her?' 'Well, one day she filed rape charges against me; and, at 80 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pleaded 'guilty'. 'The damn judge gave me 30 days for perjury'.

A 92 year old man went to the doctor for a check up. A week later, the doctor saw the man with a gorgeous young lady on his arm. The doctor says, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" "Just doing what you said, Get a hot Mama and be cheerful." The doctor said. "I didn't say that. I said you have a heart murmur. Be careful".

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

Two customers, Pat and Murph are in a bank when armed robbers burst in. While several of the robbers take the money from the tellers, others line the customers, including Pat and Murph up against a wall, and proceed to take their jewelry, wallets and watches. While this is going on, Pat puts something in Murph's hand. Without looking down, Murph whispers: "What's all this?" Pat replies: "It's that \$50 I owe ya."

An old woman is riding In an elevator in a very lavish New York City building, when a young and beautiful woman gets into the elevator, smelling of expensive perfume. She turns to the old woman and says arrogantly, "Romance by Ralph Lauren, \$150 an ounce!" Then another young and beautiful woman gets on the elevator, and also very arrogantly turns to the old woman saying, "Chanel No. 5, \$200 an ounce!" About three floors later, the old woman has reached her destination and is about to get off the elevator. Before she leaves, she looks both beautiful women in the eye, then bends over, farts and says.."Broccoli 49 cents a pound!"

A Mother-in-law arrives home from shopping to find her son-in-law in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase, "What happened Paddy?" she asks anxiously. "What happened!! I'll tell you what happened. I sent an eomail ro my wide telling her I was coming home today from my fishing trip. I get home..and guess what I found? Yes, your daughter, my wife Jean, naked with Tim McDermit in our marital bed! This is unforgivable, the end of our marriage. I'm done. I'm leaving forever." "Come now, calm down Paddy! There is something very odd going on here. Jean would never do such a thing. There must be a simple explanation. I'll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened." Moments later, the Mother in law comes back with a big smile. "There now Paddy, you see. I told you there must be a simple explanation." "Well, what is it?" fumed Paddy. "She never got your E-mail"



THE GHOST OF BOBBY BAWN

'Bobby Bawn' was believed to be the ghost of Lieut Col Robert Rochfort (1743-1797), who was known by that nickname, presumably because he had white hair. For 30 years this ghost terrorized locals – until finally banished into the waters of Lough Ennell by a priest still revered today.

Rochfort, – who lived at Dunboden Park, was the son of 'The wicked Earl' Robert Rochfort, 1st Earl of Belvedere, and his wife, the unfortunate Mary Molesworth, who was kept prisoner at Gaulstown House. Legend has it that at the instigation of Lt Col Rochfort, a man named Peter Dalton was tried and wrongly convicted of burglary. The unfortunate Dalton was sentenced to be hanged, and it is claimed that as he approached the gallows he turned to his accuser and gave him a chilling warning: "It's me today, but it will be you tomorrow."

Rochfort did indeed die – not the next day but around a month later, on October 17, 1797. He was murdered on his own doorstep, at Dunboden Park, and it's said that for years, the stain of his blood could not be removed from the stone steps.

The story goes that there was a big party at Dunboden that night. In the course of the evening, a stranger knocked at the door asking to speak with the master of the house. A footman fetched Lt Col Rochfort, but very soon afterwards an unmerciful scream was heard, and Rochfort was found lying in a pool of blood: his throat had been cut.

Not long afterwards, rumors began that Rochfort's ghost could be encountered at a lone whitethorn bush on the Carrick Kilbride Road, between the two gates and the lodge to Dunboden Demesne. The ghost was dreaded, and he enjoyed a 30-year period of terrorizing the locals.

The end of Bobby Bawn's reign of terror began when a member of a family with the surname Fahy, who lived at Carrick, opposite the Tudenham Deerpark, was dying. The family sent for the famous Fr Timothy Shanley, parish priest of Milltown and Meedin, who lived at West Lodge Kilbride. Fr Shanley ministered to the dying parishioner before giving the happy news that the person would recover. The head of the family left with Fr Shanley as the priest set out for home, to accompany him some of the way.

After a time, the two men parted company, but a few minutes later, Fr Shanley came back in search of Mr. Fahy, telling him he had just encountered what he described as "the devil himself" on the road. The priest asked Mr. Fahy if he believed in God, and then whether he was a brave man or a coward. "I hope that I can be seen as a brave man Father," Fahy responded. Relieved at Fahy's answers the priest said next: "Well come with me and don't be afraid. The devil himself is down the road." Together, the two men proceeded to the spot on the road where the lone whitethorn tree stood and there in front of them was the ghost of Bobby Bawn, who refused to let the two pass. Fr Shanley turned to Fahy and told him not to be afraid, and assured him if he followed his instructions, no harm would come to him. The two stood close to each other and Fr Shanley poured holy water in a circle around them to protect them from the evil spirit. Fr Shanley began to pray and this infuriated the ghost, which then began spitting fire and brimstone, before it transformed into a ball of fire, rolling furiously to Lough Ennell.

Locals claim that the point where the ghost of Bobby Bawn entered the lake, "between the froth and the water" – at Rinn Point, in the parish of Moyliscar – is always choppy; a sign that the tormented soul still haunts the waters.

The exorcism took its toll on Fr Shanley: he aged quickly, and his hair turned white. Fr Shanley asked Mr. Fahy to promise him that he would not tell the story until after Fr Shanley's death. Mr. Fahy kept the promise, eventually telling the story at the priest's graveside on the day of his funeral at Carrick graveyard.

The murderer of Robert Rochfort was never identified, but in the story handed down in the area, it was held that the murderer was actually the ghost of Peter Dalton.

Out of Fr Shanley's actions grew a devotion to him, and the annual Good Friday pilgrimage to his grave.

The spirit of a faithful dog

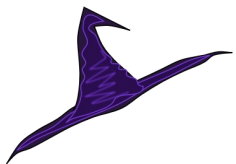
On the night of Saturday 8th February, 1861, the Irish Sea was swept by one of the worst gales of the century. The harbor at Kingstown, which is now Dun Laoghaire, was littered with debris and the wreckage of battered vessels. Scores of drowned seamen were found on the shoreline. Among those who helped to recover the bodies and clear the wreckage was a Captain McNeill Boyd who was in command of the coast guard vessel Ajax.



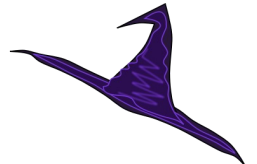
Three stricken ships - the Neptune, the Industry and the Mary tried to reach the shelter of the harbor. The Neptune and the Industry were smashed against the rocks while the Mary was wrecked further along the coast at Sandymount. Captain Boyd and three of his men set out in a lifeboat from the Ajax to try and rescue sailors clinging to the rocks. As always, the Captain's faithful companion, a black Newfoundland dog, accompanied him. While they were on the rocks trying to save the men, the Captain and three of his men were swept away by a giant wave. When another lifeboat from the Ajax went to search for Captain Boyd and his men, the only living thing they found was the Captain's dog who was still in the Captain's lifeboat.

Captain Boyd's body was finally recovered and he was given one of the biggest funerals ever seen in Dublin. The requiem Mass was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral; afterwards, the funeral procession made its way to Glasnevin Cemetery. The entire time, the Captain's dog stayed beside his master's coffin. At the cemetery, when the grave was filled in, the Captain's devoted companion lay on top and refused to move. He also refused to eat or drink and eventually, he died of starvation.

A short time later, a memorial statue to Captain Boyd was erected in the Cathedral by the people of Dublin. Many times since then, a black Newfoundland dog has been seen sitting at the base of the statue. The ghost has also been seen lying on his master's grave at nearby Glasnevin Cemetery.



Happy Halloween!



THE JACK O LANTERN



There are two schools of thought on why the Irish carried Jack-o-lantern. One is that the tradition is an ancient Celtic tradition. In order to carry home an ember from the communal bonfire, the people would hollow out a turnip so they could walk home with the fire still burning.

The other version is a little more spooky. The other story is that Jack-o-lanterns date back to the 18th century. It is named after an Irish blacksmith, called Jack, who colluded with the Devil and was denied entry into Heaven. Jack was condemned to walk the earth for eternity but asked the Devil for some light. He was given a burning coal that burnt into a turnip that he had hollowed out. Some Irish believe that hanging a lantern in their front window would keep Jack's wandering soul away.

SCOIL SCAIRTE - HEDGE SCHOOLS



Back in the 1700s Irish education was outlawed and the process of learning took to the land. Hedge Schools or Scoil Scairte gathered wherever people could find shelter, in hedgerows, in fields, by rivers and under the stars. It was against the law under English rule for an Irish man or woman to be a teacher? Under the penal laws of the time, only schools for those of the Anglican faith were allowed, but, the Irish have always had a love of learning, so they did whatever they could to educate their children. They created secret places

where teachers could teach their students in safety. These became known as "Hedge Schools" because they were often tucked away under hedges in the countryside. Other secret places were under ruined walls, in dry ditches by the roadside, or in old barns. Most of these schools didn't have books, paper or pencils, so the children learned their lessons by listening to the teacher and then repeating the words of the lesson. In this way, many children learned Irish history, traditions, mathematics, even languages such as Latin and Greek! The penal laws were repealed in 1782 but many parents still continued to send their children to hedge schools up until about the 1840's. After the end of the penal laws these schools did not have to be such temporary dwellings in hedges.

Grá Dílseacht Cairdeas means Love Loyalty Friendship and these words are usually associated with the famous and romantic Claddagh Ring.

Do you know the true meaning and history behind Halloween?

Halloween began as a pagan celebration over 2,000 years ago in Ireland as part of a festival known as 'Samhain'. Traditionally celebrated on the 31st of October – 1st November, the Celtic festival of Samhain celebrates the end of the annual harvest and the coming of Winter. Samhain consisted of many different acts and rituals, all of which began in Ireland and created what we now know as Halloween!

Why do the Irish celebrate Samhain?

Due to the long, dark Winter nights, many believed that the 31st of October was the day the portal between the real world and the 'other world' became blurred. This meant the Aos Sí (spirits), banshees and púkas (ghosts) could slip into our world and cause mischief.

The good spirits, those of close friends and family members, were thought to return home and visit their loved ones on this night. communities would leave a fire burning and make a large feast. It is believed that the Celts would wear masks and costumes to disguise themselves from any other evil spirits that may be roaming around – and such created the concept of wearing costumes at Halloween - something we still see to this day.



Samhain was seen as the end of summer but also the beginning of another year. It was also the one day of the year when spirits could walk the earth. The community would gather together and light huge fires to ward off bad fortune for the coming year and any evil spirits.

Some believe that people extinguished their fires in the hearth at home before they left and would reignite them using an ember from the bonfire, for good luck. The day after the bonfire

the ashes were spread across the fields to further ward off bad luck for the farmers for the coming year

How is Halloween celebrated in Ireland now?

Halloween, or Oíche Shamhna in Irish, is today a fun holiday to see family and friends, dress up, play games and of course eat sweet treats! Halloween has come a long way from its origin in Ireland as the tradition festival of Samhain, but it is clear that many of its traditions remain.

After the mass emigration of over 2 million Irish people due to the Great Famine, with them came their customs and traditions. The celebration of Samhain and the stories surrounding it remained, and is now the holiday we know and love as Halloween!



*LAOH National President
Marilyn Madigan*

A Woman Admired for Her Cour-
age, Outstanding Achievements,
and
Noble Qualities

November 9th - 11th, 2023

**Hampton Inn
24601 Country Club Boulevard
North Olmsted, OH 44070**

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**Booking Deadline for LAOH Rate
10/25/2023**

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Our Lady of the Rosary
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Testimonial Celebration

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ E-Mail: _____

AOH LAOH Guest Military Veteran

Current Office: _____

Division: _____ County: _____

Attending Meeting Yes No

Dinner Dance—Saturday, November 11, 2023

West Side Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138

Dinner: \$65.00 with a Cash Bar

Shake Rattle n Roll to the Music of Kennedy and Riley

RESERVATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2023

Please Make Checks Payable to **LAOH**.

Completed Reservation Form and Payment Should Be Mailed to:
Sharon Kelty, 4606 West 158th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44135