

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD WE TRUST



Feb. 1 ~ St. Brigid Feast

Feb. 2 ~ Candlemas Day

Feb. 3 ~ St. Blasé

**Feb. 10 ~ Joint AOH-LAOH Meeting @ the
Heatherdowns Library on Glanzman**

Feb. 14 ~ Valentines Day

Feb, 17 ~ Shamrock Dinner at the Black Pearl



Mother McAuley Division

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John P. Kelly Division

January, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM AOH DIVISION PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON

Thank you to all Hibernians that made our January Bowling event at Southwyck Lanes a success. It was a nice chance to see each other during a cold dreary month. I am hoping that we will add it to our normal yearly activities going forward. February is the month of our Shamrock Banquet and we have made reservations to hold it this year in the private room at the Black Pearl Restaurant across from the Stranahan/Masonic Complex for Social hour at 6:30 and sit-down Dinner at 7:00pm on Thursday February 17th. This event is only for brother Hibernians, and prospective brother Hibernians. This is one of the only events that is exclusive and a very important part of our Fraternal year. We have added a few members this last year and I especially hope that they will be able to attend. Please try to make reservations for me as soon as possible, so that I can get a good count at the restaurant. The menu selections will be Prime Rib, Lake Erie Perch, Chicken Breast or Pork Chops. All selections will come with salad, sides, bread and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar available. Cost is 30\$ per person. This event is NOT a fundraiser for our organization. If you know someone that might be interested in becoming a Hibernian, please bring them to this event.

I am also excited to announce in addition the usual suspects that will be in attendance for the St. Patrick's Day festival at St Clement Hall. We will be showcasing the Jolly Gabbers in the 8-10pm time slot. They are a new local Irish band. You can check them out on Facebook thejollygabbers. There will be more info to come on the final lineup in next month's bulletin.

Catholic notes for February: St. Brigid AND Feast of Candlemas AND Presentation of Our Lady Saint Brigid of Kildare or Brigid of Ireland c. 451 – 525) is the patron saint of Ireland. She was an abbess who founded several convents, most notably that of Kildare, which was one of the most important in Ireland. There are few historical facts about her, and early hagiographies are mainly anecdotes and miracle tales, some of which are rooted in folklore. The saint shares her name with a Celtic goddess. She is patroness of many things, including poetry, learning, healing, protection, blacksmithing, livestock and dairy production. Her feast day is 1 February, which was originally a festival called Imbolc, marking the beginning of spring. From 2023 it will be a Holiday in Ireland, the first named after a woman.

Feast of the Purification is celebrated here with the greatest honour. On this day there is a procession, and all things are done in order with great joy, just as at Easter. All the priests preach, and also the bishop, always treating of that passage of the Gospel where, on the fortieth day, Joseph and Mary brought the Lord into the Temple, and Simeon and Anna the prophetess, saw Him, and of the words which they said when they saw the Lord, and of the offerings which the parents presented.

To celebrate Candlemas, all the candles in the house should be lit. Tradition also says manger scenes should not be put away until Candlemas, which is the last feast of the Christmas cycle. The ritual blessing of the light and the candles takes place before mass. These candles will be used throughout the year but especially the next day Feb 3rd for the blessing of throats. As Irish we can all use an extra special blessing in this regard for our singing and our blarney.



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Warm winter greetings!

We had fun Irish bowling in January! Thank you Robert for arranging that!

We are planning a Family Friendly St Patrick's Day Festival on Thursday March 17th 3-10pm this year at St Clement Hall. We will be asking for volunteers for this day. We need ticket sellers, kitchen helpers, basket raffle ticket sellers and Children's Corner helpers. I need some point people to be in charge of the Children's corner and basket raffles. I have a few volunteers but need many more please and thank you! Anndollman@yahoo.com is my email to let me know you are interested. Put your thinking caps on for possible new games for the children's corner also....

There will be a joint AOH-LAOH meeting on Feb.10th at 6 PM at the Heatherdowns Library on Glanzman to plan the St. Patrick's Day party.

Stay healthy and stay safe!

Hugs and thank you,

Ann Dollman

Lucas County President LAOH

A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS



The Prelude to St. Patrick's Day party at St. Anthony's in Temperance has been cancelled again because of Covid concerns.

The Irish American Club has two events coming on march. See page 11

The Hibernians will have their Family Friendly St. Patrick's Day party at St. Clement Hall on March 17th. Spread the word to family and friends. **We will need volunteers to make it happen. Contact Ann Dollman. Anndollman@yahoo.com**

Patrick McLaughlin has asked that we have an "Irish Day" at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, OH The thought is to have it in the Spring. We are hoping that people from all across Northern Ohio and Southeast Michigan will attend. More information later.

Pay Dues

Dues letters are being sent out.

Please do your part!!!!!!

FEBRUARY, 2022

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February 3rd ~ Happy birthday to **Chris Kummer!**
This beautiful and wonderful young lady has been a
inspiration to many with her positive and cheerful
attitude!!!! Thanks for all you do!!!!!!!

La Naomh Vailintin Shona Dhuit - Happy Valentine's Day!

WE ARE BACK!!!!!!
THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN'S
FAMILY FRIENDLY CELEBRATION
OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY



March 17, 2022 3 PM ~ 10PM
 St. Clement Hall 2990 Tremainsville



Jigg's Dinner Corn beef Sandwich Bangers Hot Dogs

Toledo Firefighter Pipe & Drums
Central's Adult Glee Club
Ardan Irish Dancers
Extra Stout
The Jollygabbers
Children's Game Corner

Guinness on Tap!!!!
American Beer, White Claw
Wine & Jameson

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day
the Irish Way ~ with the whole family

\$5 Admission
Children Free with parents!!!

FEBRUARY 2nd ~ CANDLEMAS DAY



Candlemas is celebrated on the 2nd day of February of each year. The day is celebrated as a day of renewal, hope, and purification. February 2nd is exactly 40 days after the birth of Jesus Christ and it is on this day that Mother Mary along with Joseph brought forth their newborn son, Jesus, to the Temple.

Mother Mary was cleansed on this day. Jesus was presented to the Lord in the Temple on this day. During this time, an elderly holy man named Simeon was staying in Jerusalem. Simeon was told by the Holy Spirit that his death would not come until he saw the Messiah. When Simeon held the baby Jesus, he knew that Jesus had come for the salvation of all. Simeon stated that Jesus was "A light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of thy people of Israel. The light was the inspiration for the celebration with candles. It was and still remains to this day a Christian celebration of the purification of Mother Mary and the first appearance of Jesus in the Temple.

Why was Mary purified at the Temple?

Leviticus 12 states that when an Israelite woman gives birth she becomes ritually unclean:

if child is a boy, she is unclean 7 days after birth and that her uncleanness endures for an additional 33 days due to the flow of her post-partum blood flow. So after 40 days, she is presented herself at the Temple to be purified and readmitted to the liturgical life of Israel.

if child is a girl, she is unclean 14 days after birth and that her uncleanness endures for an additional 66 days due to the flow of her post-partum blood flow. So after 80 days, she is presented herself at the Temple to be purified and readmitted to the liturgical life of Israel.

Jesus is male and so the timeline is 40 days. Dec 25 + 40 days = Feb 2.

The woman is to bring a sacrifice to the Temple to dedicate the son or daughter: Ideally, she brings a lamb. However, "if she cannot lay her hand on a lamb fit to be offered, she must bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, one as a burnt-sacrifice and one by way of amends."

Mary, being poor, brought two doves – but in reality she brought THE Lamb of God.

Christ submitted to Baptism not because he needed grace or the remission of Original Sin, but because He wanted to unite himself to sinners while at the same time instituting the Sacrament of Baptism.

The same is true of Mary – both for the Old Law and the New Law. She submitted to the entire Old Law even though she knew that her Son fulfilled the Law and stood above the Law as God.

Smile and be happy

A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with your husband. The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands. Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember. The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband: "I love you, sweetheart." The women were then told to exchange phones with another person, and to read aloud the text message they received, in response.

Here are some of the replies:

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeh, and I love you too. What's up with you??
4. What now? Did you crash the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean?
6. What the hell did you do now?
7. !?!
8. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need?
9. Am I dreaming?
10. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
11. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
12. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room, waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam. The doctor arrived, examined the baby, checked his weight, & being a little concerned asked if the baby was breast or bottle-fed. 'Breast-fed,' she replied.. ' Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor ordered. She did. He pinched her nipples, pressed, kneaded, rubbed both breasts for a while in a very professional & detailed examination. Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor said, ' No wonder this baby is underweight. You don't have any milk. ' I know, ' she said, ' I'm his Grandmother but I'm glad I came.

Paddy was forced to take a day off from work to appear for a minor traffic summons. He grew increasingly restless as he waited hour after endless hour for his case to be heard. When his name was called late in the afternoon, he stood before the judge, only to hear that court would be adjourned for the day and he would have to return the next day. "What for?" he snapped at the judge. His honor, equally irked by a tedious day and sharp query roared, "Twenty dollars contempt of court. That's why!" Then, noticing Paddy checking his wallet, the judge relented. "That's all right. You don't have to pay now." Paddy replied, "I'm just seeing if I have enough for two more words."

Three old mischievous grandmas were sitting on a bench outside a nursing home. About then an old grandpa walked by, and one of the old grandmas yelled out, "we bet we can tell exactly how old you are." The old man said, "There isn't no way you can guess it, you old fools." One of the ornery grandmas said, "Sure we can! Just drop your under shorts and we can tell your exact age." Embarrassed just a little, the grandpa dropped his drawers. The grandmas stared at him for a while, asked him to turn around a couple of times, asked him to jump up and down for a little while and then they all piped up and said, "You're 84 years old!" Grandpa said "How in the world did you guess?" The ornery old grandmas snickered and laughed. Slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear, all three yelled in unison, "Because you told us yesterday

psychiatrist, conducting a group therapy session with four young mothers and their small children. "You all have obsessions," he observed. To the first mother, Mary, he said, "You are obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy." He turned to the second Mom, Ann: "Your obsession is with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny." He turned to the third Mom, Joyce: "Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your child's name, Brandy." At this point, the fourth mother, Kathy, quietly got up, took her little boy by the hand, and whispered, "Come on, Dick, this guy has no idea what he's talking about. Let's pick up Peter and Willy from school and get some dinner."

The enduring traditions of St. Brigid's Day

February 1 is St. Brigid's Day, also known as Imbolc, and marks the beginning of spring.

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Jan 31, 2021



Imbolc, also known as the Feast of Brigid, celebrates the arrival of longer, warmer days and the early signs of spring on February 1. The word Imbolc means literally "in the belly" in the old Irish Neolithic language, referring to the pregnancy of ewes.

In ancient Irish mythology, Brigid was a fire goddess. Nowadays, her canonization is celebrated with a perpetual flame at her shrine in Kildare. St. Brigid is the patron saint of babies, blacksmiths, boatmen, cattle farmers, children whose parents are not married, children whose mothers are mistreated by the children's fathers, Clan Douglas, dairymaids, dairy workers, fugitives, Ireland, Leinster, mariners, midwives, milkmaids, nuns, poets, the poor, poultry farmers, poultry raisers, printing presses, sailors, scholars, travelers, and watermen. Here's a busy saint!



Imbolc traditions and customs

One folk tradition that continues in some homes on St. Brigid's Day (or Imbolc) is that of the Brigid's Bed. The girls and young unmarried women of the household or village create a corn dolly to represent Brigid, called the Brideog ("little Brigid" or "young Brigid"), adorning it with ribbons and baubles like shells or stones. They make a bed for the Brideog to lie in.

On St. Brigid's Eve (Jan 31), the girls and young women gather together in one house to stay up all night with the Brideog, and are later visited by all the young men of the community who must ask permission to enter the home, and then treat them and the corn dolly with respect.

Brigid is said to walk the earth on Imbolc eve. Before going to bed, each member of the household may leave a piece of clothing or strip of cloth outside for Brigid to bless. The head of the household will smother (or "smoor") the fire and rake the ashes smooth. In the morning, they look for some kind of mark on the ashes, a sign that Brigid has passed that way in the night or morning. The clothes or strips of cloth are brought inside and believed to now have powers of healing and protection.

The following day the girls carry the Brideog through the village or neighborhood, from house to house, where this representation of the saint/goddess is welcomed with great honor. Adult women – those who are married or who run a household – stay home to welcome the Brigid procession, perhaps with an offering of coins or a snack. Since Brigid represents the light half of the year, and the power that will bring people from the dark season of winter into spring, her presence is very important at this time of year.

The following day the girls carry the Brideog through the village or neighborhood, from house to house, where this representation of the saint/goddess is welcomed with great honor. "This is St Brigid dressed in white Give her something for the night She is deaf, she is dumb Give her money if you have some.

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES IN IRISH HISTORY!!

Feb. 1st -In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast day of St. Brigid. It is also celebrated in the Celtic nations as Imbolc - the first day of spring.

Feb 1, 1998 - It is announced that the partial filming of the Steven Spielberg film 'Saving Private Ryan' at Curracloe beach in Co. Wexford last summer brought over £4 million to the local economy. The Normandy D-Day landings of 1944 were re-created at the beach during four weeks of filming last July and August

Feb. 2nd - In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast of Candlemas.

Feb. 2, 1882 - Birth in Dublin of James Joyce

Feb. 2, 1922 - James Joyce's "Ulysses" published in Paris - on his birthday

Feb. 3, 1919 - Harry Boland and Michael Collins engineer Eamon de Valera's escape from Lincoln Jail in England.

Feb. 3, 2001 - The Department of the Marine appeals for help in identifying a long legged deep sea creature, which was netted off the Kerry coast. A seasoned specialist on rare fish says he is baffled by the strange grasshopper like specimen found in nets 220 miles from the shore

Feb. 5, 1967 - The Musicians' Union bans the Rolling Stones's Let's Spend The Night Together from Eamonn Andrews' television show

Feb, 9, 1923 - Birth in Dublin of playwright Brendan Behan

Feb. 12, 2003 - Mystery surrounds the identity of an artist as 24 of his paintings are launched at the Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA). Known only as "John the Painter", he has been in psychiatric care in Cork city for more than 30 years

Feb. 22, 2002 - A unique record of the life and times of Irish emigrant families throughout the world is launched by President Mary McAleese in Manchester. This first ever social history of emigrant activity will be set down by descendants and will detail the difficulties, frustrations and ultimate successes of ancestors in their adopted lands.

Feb. 23, 1713 - Nicola Hamilton, widow of Tristram Beresford MP, dies on her 47th birthday. On the day of her death, she gave a party to celebrate her 48th birthday; one of those present was the priest who had christened her. He pointed out that it was in fact her 47th birthday - she had been born in 1666, not 1665 as she had always supposed. On hearing this she turned deathly pale; she sent for her children, told them the whole story, and died later that day. The Black Mark of Lord Tyrone

Feb 24, 1797 - Birth in Dublin of writer, artist, musician and songwriter, Samuel Lover. To him is attributed the romantic proposal "Come live in my heart and pay no rent"

The Irish in love

Ireland a tiny country blessed with scenery that would stir the stoniest of hearts, it is also the land of more poets and romantics per square mile than any other nation on earth. With Valentine's Day looming fast, I thought it might put all of us in a more amorous mood if I share with you some charming Irish wedding proposals, a few favorite excerpts from Irish love poems.

Imagine you're a young girl and he says to you "Live in my heart, and pay no rent." Could you ever resist and say no? You might if he had said instead, "Would you like to be buried with my people!" Of course, there's also "Would you like to hang your washing next to mine?" And then there's her poignant reply - "Tis a lonely wash with no man's shirt in it." If it was late in the year, the response to this might have been, "November is the time to wed, the harvest's in and it's cold in bed." Ah, the Irish - can't they just tweak at the heartstrings. And these are just the sayings from the ordinary folk of long ago. Consider these romantic lines that sprang from the likes of Sheridan, Yeats, and Moore

"Won't you come into the garden? My roses should like to meet you."
Sheridan

"Love hath a language of his own - A voice, that goes From heart to heart - whose mystic tone Love only knows."
Thomas Moore

My love is like a cabbage
That's easy to cut in two.
The leaves I'll give to others,
But the heart I'll give to you.
Anonymous

Had I the heaven's embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths,
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet;
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.
William Butler Yeats

To predict a prospective groom's fidelity, a maiden would boil an egg hard, remove the yolk, fill the cavity with salt, then eat it. She then had to go to bed without drinking anything or speaking. If her man appeared in a dream, and offered water to quench her thirst, he would be unfaithful.

Very old nutshell charm: Take two chestnuts and silently name them for yourself and your prospective love. Place them on the bars of the fire and watch. If they burn quietly and steadily, you will gain a faithful love. If his or her chestnut should jump away from yours, you will be disappointed, and if your own chestnut should move, your romantic feelings will fade.





Toledo Irish American Club

Our posters are hung at [Earnest Brew Works](#)! We can't wait to see who gets the 4th Kilt Contest Winner sash at our event March 9th! (Fun fact: the first 3 winners have all been [Toledo Firefighters Pipes and Drums](#) members! Will their streak continue?!)

Wednesday March 9th 5:30 ~ 10 pm

Event by Buffalo Rock Brewing Company and Toledo Irish American Club

345 Anthony Wayne Trail, Waterville ,43566 Tickets · \$10 via Eventbrite

The Toledo Irish-American Club invites us to Join them for a night of shenanigans, bagpiping and Irish music as we host Buffalo Rock Brewing Co.'s first St. Paddy's Day Bash!

They are excited to put on Buffalo Rock Brewing Co.'s first St. Patrick's Day event! Doors are at 5:30pm and we will kick off the festivities with a performance from local bagpiper Chris Malhoit. For the duration of the evening, County Cork Ireland native, Kieran Byrne, will be providing our music entertainment throughout the night. Off the Rails food truck will be there as well. Check out their Facebook page

IN ADDITION TO SPECIAL BAGPIPE PERFORMANCE!

toledo irish american club PRESENTS:

ST. PADDY'S DAY EVE-EVE BASH AT BUFFALO ROCK BREWING CO.

MARCH 15TH

DOORS: 5:30PM

ADMISSION: \$10



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The Fiddler of Dooney,

by W. B. Yeats

When I play on my fiddle in Dooney,
Folk dance like a wave of the sea;
My cousin is priest in Kilvarnet,
My brother in Moharabuiee.
I passed my brother and cousin:
They read in their books of prayer;
I read in my book of songs
I bought at the Sligo fair.

When we come at the end of time,
To Peter sitting in state,
He will smile on the three old spirits,
But call me first through the gate;

For the good are always the merry,
Save by an evil chance,
And the merry love the fiddle
And the merry love to dance:

And when the folk there spy me,
They will all come up to me,
With 'Here is the fiddler of Dooney!'
And dance like a wave of the sea.