

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD WE TRUST



**February 1 ~ St Brigid's Feastday
& Imbolc (First day of Spring in Ireland)**

February 2 ~ Candlemas Day

February 3 ~ St Blaze Feast day (Throat Bless)

February 4 ~ Traditional Irish Music @ **BLARNEY**

February 13 ~ Joint Meeting to plan St, Patrick's Day

February 16 ~ Shamrock Banquet

February 22 ~ Ash Wednesday

**March 9 ~ Toledo Irish American Club St Patrick's
Blowout event**

March 17 ~ **HIBERNIAN Family Friendly
St Patrick's Day party**



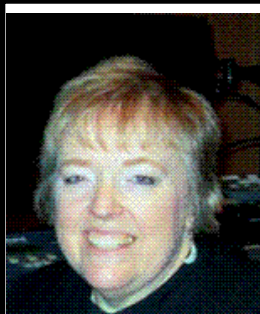
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HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2023



John P. Kelly Division



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Warm winter greetings to all! Thanks to all who participated in the St. Brigid's day Mass celebrating Historic St. Patrick's 160th anniversary! It was a wonderful Mass and the luncheon afterwards was excellent!

February 13th, Monday, Community Room C has been reserved for the Hibernians at 6:30pm. Anyone who would like to join me at Shawn's Irish Tavern at 4:45pm. I have reservations for those who are interested.

St. Patrick's Day festival is March 17th, Friday 4pm-10pm. We will need lots of volunteers and baked please and thank you! We will be putting our raffle baskets together at the Moeller home-stead in early March. More information to come.

We have been asked by the Lucas County Down Town Library to hold an Irish cooking demonstration in the library's creativity lab Tuesday March 14th 6-7:30 pm. This is to celebrate Irish and Women's heritage month. Please text or call me if you can help!

Thank you always and warm hugs to all!



A MESSAGE FROM AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON

Greetings on this St. Brigid's Day. We had a great time at the January Bowling event. Though the scores weren't high the craic was! It was not the best weather to go out.

Men, please plan to attend our annual Shamrock Banquet this February 16th. We will be trying a new venue this year. We have been offered a very special rate at the Pinnacle Banquet Hall and Event Center. 1772 Indian Wood Cir, Maumee, OH It is right off Dussel Drive and US 23 and the parking is easy and handicap accessible.

They are very supportive of Catholic organizations such as the Serra Club, Ohio Right to Life, Catholic Business Network, Visitation Sisters, etc. I have been there many times and cannot say enough how nicely we have been treated. They are waiving the hall rental for the event. Our choice of entrées will be either a Beef Fillet or Salmon. All dinners will include salad and sides as well as coffee tea. I need to know this by Monday the 13th to place or selections. This is a hard deadline. After that time, I might only be able to add or subtract one or two. There will be a cash bar service starting at 6:30 and I would like to run the Shamrock Degree at 7pm Dinner to follow. The Shamrock degree should take about 20 minutes. I am NOT planning to have additional formal meeting beyond the degree. Just a great time for Irish fellowship.

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12	13 <i>Joint Meeting</i>	14	15	16 <i>Shamrock Banquet</i>	17	18
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Irish Quote of the month

Writer and professor Dave Hannigan in the Cork Beo newsletter, quotes his lovely Cork mammy - "Never ask someone if they are from Cork, boy. If they are, they'll tell you, and if they're not – well, you don't want to embarrass them."



A MESSAGE FROM AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON CONTINUED

The Division is absorbing some of the cost to keep the event price down. Dinner will be \$30.00. Any bar expenses are up to you. I really need some seasoned brothers to help with running the degree. Please let me know if you can take a part. I would love to get at least 30 brothers here for the event. This is one of the few Men only activities we do for the year. Also please let anyone interested in becoming a Hibernian know that this is the event to come to. We are happy to accept new members and get them right into the degree. If we get a good turn out and everyone who does not have the degree through the ceremony, we can look ahead to getting the Major Degree Team up from Columbus later in the year. They have 12-15 brothers who do a fantastic job who have asked to come up to help us get everyone up in the ranks. Please RSVP ASAP!!!!!!

Please also remember this is the best time of year to get our dues paid up so that we can get the discount from National. Regular Dues are \$40.00 for the year and Senior Dues are \$30.00. While dues are not absolutely due at this time it helps a lot in trying to run after them later.

Saint of the Month Feb 28th

St. Sillan was born, probably a little before or about the middle of the sixth century, but the place does not appear to be known. It is said, he became a disciple to St. Comgall, the first Abbot of Bangor. Sillan was distinguished for his virtues and learning. On account of his erudition and proficiency in scriptural knowledge, he was chosen as professor and rector, over the monastic school. Hence, he enjoyed the title of Magister or Master. His personal sanctity gained him the admiration and love of all his community; while his repute for learning has survived, although its manifestation may not now exist, in the shape of works attributed to him.

Saint Sillan is also mentioned in a hymn commemorating the abbots of Bangor found in the Bangor Antiphonary:

The holy, valiant deeds

Of sacred Fathers,

Based on the matchless

Church of Benchor;

The noble deeds of abbots

Their number, times, and names,

Of never-ending lustre,

Hear, brothers; great their deserts,

Whom the Lord hath gathered

To the mansions of his heavenly kingdom.

Christ loved Comgill,

Well too did he, the Lord;

He held Beogna dear;

He graced the ruler Aedh;

He chose the holy Sillan,

A famous teacher of the world.

Whom the Lord hath gathered

To the mansions of his heavenly kingdom



*JOHN P. KELLY DIVISION
SHAMROCK BANQUET*

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, 6:30 pm

At

*Pinnacle Banquet Hall and Event Center
1772 Indian Wood Cir, Maumee, OH*

Cost Per Member Attending is \$30.00

Reservations Required

Menu Choices:

Beef Fillet

Salmon

RSVP by February 13th to

Robert McMahon

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Celebrating Candlemas in Old Ireland

by Bridget Haggerty



Candlemas - February 2nd - celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Virgin Mary.

In ancient Celtic cultures, the period between February 1st and 2nd is called Imbolc - the first day of spring, midway through the dark half of the year.

It was a time when the stirring of new life manifested itself in the first flow of milk in the udders of pregnant ewes - a sure sign that the lambing season was about to begin. The Church tried to replace Imbolc which was dedicated to the Goddess of Youth and Fertility - Bride. Thus, in the 5th century, February 1st became St. Brigid's Day and February 2nd became Candlemas.

There's a popular legend which explains why Candlemas falls immediately after St. Brigid's Day. Mary was very nervous about bringing the infant Jesus to the crowded Temple. St. Brigid promised to help her by distracting the crowds. She did this by appearing to the multitude wearing a headdress bearing many lighted candles. In gratitude, Mary decreed that a feast day honoring St. Brigid should take place the day before Candlemas.

The website “Catholic Straight answers” adds that:

Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a woman bore a male child, she was considered “unclean” for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised. The mother continued to stay at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified. After the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice — a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves.

Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the Messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, was inspired to come to the temple. He held baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying, “Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel” (Lk 2:29-32). Simeon, thereby, announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner.

Candlemas, given its occurrence in the beginning of February, also became a day on which people would prognosticate the arrival of spring according to its sunny or cloudy skies, as the lyrics of one old English song goes, "If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight; / If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again." Similarly, an old Scottish rhyme is "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, / There'll be twa winters in the year." Such verse alludes to the notion of animals—historically, groundhogs, hedgehogs, badgers, bears—deciding to end or prolong their winter's sleep according to the weather.

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

The guy, who bought his girlfriend a \$1 box of chocolates for Valentines day, got a snicker in return!!!!

I asked my friend if he'd bought his wife a gift for Valentine's Day. He's a bit of a chauvinist pig so he surprised me when he replied, "Yeah, I've got her a belt and a bag." I said, "That's very thoughtful of you. I hope she appreciates it ."mm He said, "So do I. And hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work much better now."

Yesterday morning, my wife woke up with a start. When I asked her what the matter was, she said, "I just had a dream you gave me a diamond ring and diamond earrings for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?" I winked and said, "You'll know tonight." In the evening, I came home with a small package and gave it to my wife. She was delighted and opened it excitedly. In it was a book called "The meaning of dreams".

It's always exciting to get a Valentine's Day card pushed through your door, with no stamp on it - just your name on the envelope. Except when you're in prison..

Last Valentine's Day, my fiancée of four years bought me a lottery ticket and I won \$5 million. I wonder what he doing nowadays?

My girlfriend told me she hoped I had something special planned for Valentine's Day. I said, "I'm working on it." and she smiled. which was weird; I thought she'd be upset that I'm having to work on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is a day when a lot of people are reminded just what a bad shot Cupid was.

As a waiter, on Valentine's Day I would put a fake engagement ring into a lot of meals.

"If you step on a purple mushroom, you'll be forced to marry the ugliest person in the world," warned the old gnome, so the man continued carefully through the woods. He didn't step on any purple mushrooms. Suddenly a beautiful woman walked up and said: "We have to marry." "Why?" asked the man, smiling. "I just stepped on one of those pesky purple mushrooms!" she replied.

There once was an old man of Lyme Who married three wives at a time When asked, 'Why a third?' He replied, 'One's absurd! And bigamy, Sir, is a crime.'

What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream? I'm sweet on you!

What's the best part about Valentines Day? The day after when all the chocolate goes on sale.

A prince was put under a spell so that he could speak only one word each year. If he didn't speak for two years, the following year he could speak two words and so on. One day, he fell in love with a beautiful lady. He refrained from speaking for two whole years so he could call her "my darling." But then he wanted to tell her he loved her, so he waited three more years. At the end of these five years, he wanted to ask her to marry him, so he waited another four years. Finally, as the ninth year of silence ended, he led the lady to the most romantic place in the kingdom and said, "My darling, I love you! Will you marry me?" And the lady said, "Pardon?"

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!!!!!!!!

How romantic are the Irish on Valentines Day?

By Kitty Harrington of the Irish Post



Romance should come quite naturally to the Irish when you think about it. Ok, so we don't have the great romantic traditions of the Italians or the French, but we are known as the land of balladeers and poets, so expressing ourselves romantically should be easy, in fact love songs and sonnets should be dripping off our tongues. We've got Kavanagh's Raglan Road, Claddagh rings and matchmaking festivals, tales of Tir na nÓg, Emer and Cú Chulainn,

the legend of Grainne and Diarmuid, Michael Collins and Kitty O'Shea and The Quiet Man. Could there be a better poster boy for Ireland's romantic history than W.B Yeats? That slightly tragic, lovelorn poet who wrote: "How many loved your moments of glad grace, And loved your beauty with love false or true, But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you".

Even as a country, Ireland makes a pretty romantic setting with rugged scenery, ancient ruins and castles, cliffs and mountains, cobbled streets and miles of sandy wind-tossed beaches. And if that's not good enough for you then God knows there are plenty of cozy pubs with dark corners to kiss in.

St.Valentine is even said to be buried in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin (even though we aren't quite sure who he was, or when he died, but true romantics care not for the facts). Our romantic present isn't too shabby either. U2's With or Without You is an anthem for tormented lovers the world over, while innumerable newlyweds have danced to Van the Man's Have I Told You Lately?

Anecdotally though, our romantic reputation might not be so hot. I asked a female group of Irish, Canadian, American and English friends who had dated Irish men for their verdict on their romantic inclinations. The feedback was mixed. While Irish men seem to rate themselves as good, if not wonderful at all things romantic, women complained of a lack of effort (although saying that, some of them are married to Irish men now so they must be doing something right). While one complained about her Irish ex-boyfriend buying her naff teddy bears every Valentine's Day, another said she had only dated one Irish man but couldn't recall a single romantic gesture on his part. Canadian-born May said: "I've always contended that the Irish were terrible at romance", but then added that her current Irish boyfriend was very romantic. Susan who is Irish and lives in London but spends a lot of time in the US says it's a case of "a card if you're lucky" with Irish men, while American men made far more romantic endeavors.

My mother has also long complained about never, in 35 years of marriage, ever getting an anniversary present from my father. Every year when she presents him with a card, he greets her in return with a blank expression before panic sets in, his face drops and he is forced, once again, to make a panicked dash upstairs where he roots through every drawer in order to get his hands on any card (all of which my mother has bought) to scribble in. My mother, then has the task of looking touched when her loving husband of over three decades hands her a blue card with a stork on the front that says 'Congratulations! It's a boy'. In his defense, my mother says he is learning and has started buying his own cards and writing "lovely messages, even if they are just one liners".

We're all capable of it, and even if you don't have anyone to heap your devotion upon this Valentine's Day, then heap it upon yourself, because as Oscar Wilde aptly said, "To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance."

HIBERNIAN FAMILY FRIENDLY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

MARCH 17TH 4:00 ~ 10:00PM

ST CLEMENT HALL 2990 TRESMAINSVILLE TOLEDO, OHIO 43613

\$5.00 admission (Kids free with parent)



Irish Coffee
Jameson, Wine
White Claw

Food Menu

Jigg's Dinner served all day

Irish Bangers ,Hot Dogs for the kids
Desserts **Irish Baked Goods!!!**



LIVE IRISH ENTERTAINMENT

T. Fire Dept Drum & Pipe Band
Irish Dancers
Central Alumni Glee Club
The Men from the Bog



CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Happy the Clown Games with prizes



LUCK OF THE IRISH

Door Prizes 50/50 Raffles



IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE IRISH!!!! BRING YOUR FAMILY!! BRING YOUR FRIENDS

ST. PATRICK'S SEASON BLOWOUT EVENT
MARCH 9TH DOORS 6PM
ST. CLEMENTS HALL
 2990 TREMAINSVILLE RD., TOLEDO, OH

JIGGS DINNER, IRISH BAKED GOODS, IRISH BANGERS

TOLEDO FIREFIGHTERS PIPES & DRUMMER PERFORMANCE

\$17 EARLY BIRD 1/24-2/14
\$22 2/15-3/9
\$25 AT THE DOOR

KILT CONTEST

The Druids
 A New Circle
 Award Winning Irish Band
FEATURE PERFORMANCE

The Toledo Irish American Club is throwing a MAJOR St. Patrick's Day season event! Here are all the shenanigans that will be going on!

- Feature Performance by award winning Irish Band, The Druids
 - Plenty O'Food to purchase including Irish Baked Goods, Jiggs Dinner and Irish Bangers along with Guinness, Harp, Earnest Brew Works and Soda Pop for beverages.
 - Intermission performance by the Toledo Firefighters Bagpipes & Drummers
 - 6th ANNUAL KILT CONTEST EVENT- come in a Kilt to see if you will be crowned as the 6th Winner of this event! Winner decided based on audience applause
 - Toledo Irish American Club merchandise and club info to join
 - Credit Card and Venmo will be accepted but Cash IS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED.
- \$17 Early Bird ticket price is available through Eventbrite only until February 14th.
 \$22 ticket price available through Eventbrite from 2/15-3/9
 \$25 ticket price at Door

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?

FUN NIGHT BOWLING WITH THE HIBERNIANS



WE MISSED YOU!!!!

Maybe you don't read the newsletters anymore? Maybe, we should mail out a written invitation to join us? Maybe we should phone each of you?

Should we plan other things? Any ideas???

Ann and Robert would love to know what you think.



WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

Celebrating the 160th anniversary of the first Mass at St. Patrick's Historic Church

