

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
C/O MAURY COLLINS
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IN GOD, WE TRUST



**Feb. 1 ~ St Brigid's Feast Day
Feb. 1 ~ Imbolc Festival (First day of Spring)
Feb. 2 ~ Candlemass Day
Feb. 2 ~ Groundhog Day
Feb 3 ~ Prelude to St Patrick's Day
Feb. 3 ~ Traditional Irish music @ The Blarney
Feb. 8 ~ Joint meeting @ Ernest Brew works
Feb. 14 ~ Valentines Day
Feb. 14 ~ Ash Wednesday
Feb. 15 ~ Shamrock Dinner**



HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER



Mother McAuley Division

FEBRUARY, 2024

John P. Kelly Division



February 8th Festival planning meeting at Ernest Brew Works South Toledo 4342 S. Detroit Ave @ 6:30



February 14th






February 15th MEN ONLY Shamrock Dinner Meeting Seafood Restaurant Alexis Rd Sylvania



Leap year tradition!!! Ladies propose marriage to their reluctant lover!!!!

FEBRUARY, 2024

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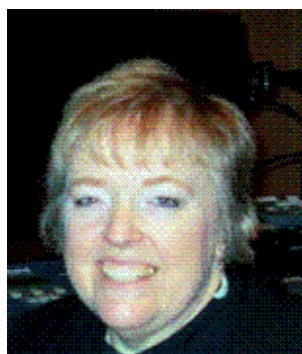
Leap Day Proposals



A wedding day marks one of the most important days of our lives. So naturally, wedding planning and walking down the aisle is the dream of almost every girl. However, the wait for a proposal can be daunting. But that is not a problem for Irish women, at least not once every four years.

The Leap Year tradition is one of the most famous romantic Irish traditions. According to legend, St. Patrick and St. Brigid agreed long ago to Irish brides to propose to their reluctant beaux on February 29th in a leap year. Since then, Irish ladies can use the date to get down on one knee, offer the wedding ring, and pop the question. Will you marry me?

Whatever the tradition's uncertain origins, it's simply another example of Ireland's peculiar romantic customs.



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Greetings!

Please pray for Judy Russell's one year old grandson who passed away, Declan Scott Russell. Please keep her and her family in your prayers... Hugs and our deepest sympathy to Judy and her family.

Happy St. Brigid's Feast Day! February is here and hard to believe Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day also! Happy early Valentines Day! This Valentine's Day take a page from our family across the pond and tie a wish upon a Fairy tree in your garden. Say a prayer and make a wish. I know what I would wish for... LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL! March 17th we will be holding our annual St. Patrick's Day festival at St. Clement's Hall from noon - 9pm on Sunday March 17th, 2024. We need help from 12-4 and 4-8 and clean up. Gordon Andrews is going to cook up a bunch of good food and would like a helper early in the morning around 6am or 7am to help get the prep work started. We will be decorating around 10am so we are ready to welcome guests at noon.

These are the positions where help will be needed. Please call or text Ann Dollman 419-250-0288 to let me know when you are able to help.

<u>Tickets</u>	<u>Kitchen</u>	<u>Baked Goods</u>	<u>Raffle</u>	<u>Admission</u>
<u>Noon - 4pm</u>				
2 people	6 people	2 people	1 person	2 people
<u>4-8pm</u>				
2 people	6 people	2 people	1 person	2 people
Clean up	8pm- 9:30pm			



I see your name on my Fairy Wishing Tree of Volunteers! See you all at our meeting on February 8th at Ernest Brew Works South Toledo at 6:30! I will have my sign up sheet available!
Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Ann Dollman
LAOH Lucas County President

A MESSAGE FROM AOH PRESIDENT , ROBERT MCMAHON



Thank you to all the Hibernians who came out to the January Bowling Meeting at Forest View. It was a different venue for us, but I think it worked out ok. There was a little confusion about the length of time available to bowl, but our meeting portion ran a little longer than expected. Everyone seemed to have a nice time. There is quite a lot in the upcoming days. This newsletter may not make it out in time to let you know about the St. Anthony prelude to St. Patrick's Day on Saturday Feb 3rd as well as the Blarney Session that same day, but I would certainly encourage everyone to support any Irish culture in the area.

February 8th Joint St. Patrick's Day Festival Meeting at Earnest Brew Works 4342 S. Detroit Ave 6:30

February 15th MEN ONLY brothers Dinner Meeting Seafood Restaurant Alexis Rd Sylvania



St. Patrick

Apostle of Ireland
AD c.389-461

St. Patrick used the little green shamrock to teach that, just as the three leaves form one plant, the Three Persons of the Trinity are one God. The Lucas County Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians now invites all area Kindergarten through 4th grade students to enter the St. Patrick Colouring Contest. Three winners will be chosen from each grade level. All winning entries will be eligible for the Grand Prize \$100 at the St. Patrick's Day Festival St. Clement Hall Sunday March 17th 12-9pm

WAX CRAYON ONLY!
This entry was created with NO HELP by:

Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Who to contact if a winning entry?
First Name: _____ #() _____ - _____
Email: _____

Return all entries by Friday 1 March 2024
Robert McMahon
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Maumee, OH 43537
419-902-6559



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS

Ní bheidh mo leitheid ann arís

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year, which is also Valentines Day. I have mixed emotions about Valentines Day. It is the anniversary of my Brother in law and his lovely wife's marriage. It is also the anniversary of the passing of my sister Eileen Frazer. Happy anniversary to Dean and Michelle Rowland. Rest in peace Eileen.

One of my traditions when I was still working full time, was to bring in a box or two of Paczkis. (How they get punch-key out of that is beyond me!) on Fat Tuesday, which is the day before Ash Wednesday. People used to tease me about being Irish and celebrating a Polish tradition. They ate the paczkis up pretty quick.

A Lenten tradition that I observed for over forty years was a fast. I would eat two bananas for breakfast and a tossed salad for my dinner. Nothing in between!!! Now the salad was pretty large and contained a meat or chicken (Fish on Friday of course). I remember one of the nurses at a clinic I called on, asking me if I was ill because she noticed I had lost a lot of weight. When I told her why, she said "I didn't know you were that religious" I told her it was more to control my weight. One year, we had a contest to see who could lose the most weight during Lent. I was down 38 lbs and collected!!!! I refused to go to the church's Friday fish fry for years because "it would break my fast" A few years back, Penny (the Saint) put her foot down. No more nightly salads. My routine now is two bananas for breakfast and a regular evening meal. Nothing in between. I still lose 20 lbs. I tell people that I have a lot to atone for. Somehow they believe that!!!!

A few years back the Toledo Hibernians had a meeting in the rectory at the Historic St Patrick's church just before our St Patrick's Day celebration. A little bar was set up. I poured myself a Jameson on the rocks. Walking back into the meeting, I said "I was going to have a diet coke, but I gave up pop for Lent." The pastor at the time, Father Dennis Hartigan's instant reply was, "Yeh and I gave up sex"

On a serious note. We all want the Toledo Hibernians to prosper and grow. Do you have any ideas? If so send me your suggestion or suggestions. I am thinking of putting a 'Letter to the editor' section in the newsletter. I will print your suggestions and/or complaints. Maybe this will generate some discussion. Please!!!! I rarely hear from members and sometimes wonder if a newsletter is an effective way of getting information out. You might have a great suggestion that only needs to be brought forward.

I'm also looking for memorial ads or referrals for ads for the program for the Family Friendly St Patrick's Day celebration. The program has been a money maker for us year after year.



What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Lent is the forty days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. The number forty is significant as it refers to Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to beginning his ministry of teaching.

On Ash Wednesday, Catholics and some other Christian denominations receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead or sprinkled on top of their head. These ashes are created from the palms used during the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. They symbolize penance, which is appropriate as Lent is a season of penance, and remind us of our own mortality. During the Mass, as the priest or lay minister applies the ashes, he says "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Anyone who attends a Mass or prayer service can receive ashes, not just practicing Catholics.

The 5:30 Mass on Ash Wednesday (Valentines Day) at the Historic Church of St. Patrick will be offered up for Eileen Collins Frazer on the third anniversary of her passing. 2/14/2021 In ár gcroíthe go deo (In our hearts forever)

FESTIVAL KITCHEN NEWS FROM GORDON ANDREWS

Greetings all. It seems that the torch has been passed as to the operation of the kitchen this year at the Annual St. Patrick's Day Family Gathering at St. Clements and I have wisely or unwisely picked it up and am running with it.

First and foremost, we could really use some volunteers in the kitchen for various duties such as serving, counter, prepping, and clean up. Events like this don't happen by chance and it takes Team work on everyone's part to make it a success. For those with teenagers or grand kids, nieces, nephews, etc. it's a great way for college bound kids to get some volunteer service hours, so don't miss out on that chance!

This year I thought we would expand our current offering of fare at the festival. Along with the customary standards we will be adding a few things to appeal to a wider palette.

We'll have the following available for your selection.

Hot Dog with chips

Bangers with chips

Corned Beef on rye with chips and a pickle

Colcannon

Bangers and Mash

Shepherd's Pie with chips (done cottage style)

Corned Beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots

Menus with pricing will be available on your table for your perusal. We open at 12:00 Noon so I hope we sell out on everything by the end of the night. Carry out is also available as in the past.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Festival and come join me and put on the Green Apron!

Cheers!

Gordon Andrews

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

A male patient is lying in bed in the hospital, wearing an oxygen mask over his mouth and nose. A young student nurse appears and gives him a partial sponge bath. "Nurse," he mumbles from behind the mask, "are my testicles black?" Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, "I don't know, Sir. I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet." He struggles to ask again, "Nurse, please check for me. Are my testicles black?" Concerned that he might elevate his blood pressure and heart rate from worrying about his testicles, she overcomes her embarrassment and pulls back the covers. She raises his gown, holds his manhood in one hand and his testicles gently in the other. She looks very closely and says, "There's nothing wrong with them, Sir. They look fine." The man slowly pulls off his oxygen mask, smiles at her, and says very slowly, "Thank you very much. That was wonderful. Now listen very, very closely: Are - my - test - results - back?"

A lady walked into a pharmacy and spoke to the pharmacist. She asked, "Do you have Viagra?" "Yes," he answered. She asked, "Does it work?" "Yes," he answered. "Can you get it over the counter?" she asked. "I can if I take two," he answered.

Paddy goes for a job at a chemical factory, the factory manager asks "Have you worked with chemicals before?" "Yes!" Paddy replies. The manager asks "Can you tell me what nitrate is?" Paddy replies "I'm hoping its going to be time and a half."

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica? Where do they all go? Wonder no more! It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird and lives an extremely ordered and complex life. If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and their social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using only their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried. After packing the ice back into the hole, the male penguins gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing; "Freeze a jolly good fellow" You really didn't believe that I know anything about penguins, did you?

A man was pulled over for speeding. As the policeman approaches the car, the man asks if he can get out of the car. The policeman says OK and asked him why he was speeding. The man says, "You see the woman sitting in the passenger side front seat? That's my wife. You see the woman sitting in the back seat? That's my mother-in-law! And she has been living with us for three months now and this morning they had a big fight and my Mother-in-law insisted that we take her home and I'm trying to get her there as quickly as possible before they make up and she wants to come back home with us!!" The policeman looks at the man and says, "Get back in your car and I will give you a police escort with lights and siren and we will get her home."

My wife and I went to the auction in Paris Kentucky the other week and one of the first exhibits we stopped at was the breeding bulls. We went up to the first pen and there was a sign attached that said, 'THIS BULL MATED 50 TIMES LAST YEAR' My wife playfully nudged me in the ribssmiled and said, 'He mated 50 times last year, that's almost once a week.' We walked to the second pen which had a sign attached that said, "THIS BULL MATED 150 TIMES LAST YEAR'. My wife gave me a healthy jab and said, 'WOW~~That's more than twice a week ! You could learn a lot from him.' We walked to the third pen and it had a sign attached that said, in capital letters, 'THIS BULL MATED 365 TIMES LAST YEAR 'My wife was so excited that her elbow nearly broke my ribs, and said, 'That's once a day ..You could REALLY learn something from this one.' I looked at her and said, 'Go over and ask him if every time was with the same old cow.' My condition has been upgraded from critical to stable and I should eventually make a full recovery.

The Legend of Saint Valentine

According to the first and most frequently accepted narrative, St. Valentine was a priest in Rome in the third century. When Emperor Claudius II abolished marriage because it was too distracting for his soldiers, Valentine secretly started to marry courting couples.

According to a second myth, Valentine was the first to send a love letter signed “From your Valentine,” thereby starting a tradition that would define romance for years. Although several tales of Saint Valentine exist, certain elements emerge, such as his unwavering conviction in love, empathy, and passion.



Many contradictory beliefs surround the tale of Valentine’s Day. While some believe the date commemorates the death of Saint Valentine, others believe the Christian Church instituted the holiday to replace the pagan Lupercalia festival.

Lupercalia is a fertility festival that marks the start of Spring, formerly held on February 15th. It consisted of different ceremonies dedicated to Rome’s founders (Romulus and Remus) and the Roman God of Agriculture (Faunus).

On February 14th, about 498 A.D., Pope Gelasius ordered the day to be known as Valentine’s Day, overriding the earlier pagan ceremonies. Since then, we’ve been formally celebrating Valentine’s Day.

PRELUDE TO ST. PATRICK’S DAY



St Anthony’s Kenna Hall
4635 St Anthony Road
Temperance, MI
Feb. 3rd ~ 7:00 ~ 10:00



Featuring Extra Stout



THE TRADITIONAL START TO THIS AREA’S GREEN SEASON!!

ST. BRIGID'S FEAST DAY ~ FEBRUARY 1st

St. Brigid's Feast Day marks the traditional beginning of Spring in Ireland according to the Celtic calendar, February 1st was originally celebrated as a pagan festival called Imbolc, marking the midpoint between the winter equinox and spring solstice, and the arrival of longer, warmer days.



2024, Ireland will mark the 1,500th anniversary of St Brigid's passing with a special program of events nationwide. The Brigid 1500 Festival in Co Kildare will celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of St. Brigid from January 27 - February 6, 2024.

St. Brigid is one of the most revered saints in Irish history and is the patron saint of Ireland, along with St. Patrick and St. Colmcille. According to legend, St. Brigid was born in Ireland in the 5th century and went on to become a powerful religious leader, known for her kindness and generosity. Brigid is a Catholic and Orthodox saint. She was a pupil of St. Patrick and became famous for her kindness, mercy, and her miracles. In addition, Brigitte founded Ireland's most famous mixed (male and female) monastery in County Kildare. In *The Life of Brigid*, her biographer, Cogitosus, recorded that Brigid formed an alliance with the hermit Conleth and, together, they created a double monastery from the Early Christian tradition. She was abbess and he was bishop. Within 100 years of her death, there was a thriving, egalitarian monastery of men and women, living and practicing their spirituality equally, side by side.

Perhaps the most famous story about St. Brigid surrounds the legend of her cloak. When Brigid was refused by the King of Leinster the land to build a convent, she asked if she could have as much land as her cloak would cover. The King allowed this, but was surprised to see Brigid's cloak grow and grow, as four of her friends took a corner each and walked pulled the cloak to cover many acres. The King then granted St. Brigid the land, and any other supplies she required, before converting to Christianity soon after.

This year in Ireland, St. Brigid's Day is also celebrated on February 5th as a bank holiday. This means that most businesses and government offices will be closed, and many people will have the day off work. This provides a great opportunity for families and friends to gather together and celebrate the holiday. The holiday is celebrated in a variety of ways, but one of the most common traditions is the making of St. Brigid's crosses. These crosses are made from rushes or straw and are believed to bring good luck and protection to the home. They are typically hung above doorways or in windows. The "Brat Bhride" or "Brigid's Blanket" was placed outside at sunset on the eve of St. Brigid's Day, February 1st, and brought back inside before sunrise. It was understood that the dew that fell that night imbued the fabric with healing and protective powers for the entire year.

Brigid the Goddess



At the same time, the legends about Saint Brigid echo the myths and legends about the three-faced Celtic fertility goddess Brigid - the goddess of war, poetry, crafts, and healing. It is worth noting that before the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, the feast of the goddess Brigid was also celebrated on February 1st, the first day of Spring in the Celtic calendar. Brigid was a goddess full of contradiction. She was a goddess of healing, fertility, and motherhood, but also of passion and fire. Further complicating matters, Brigid was a goddess of serenity and water as well. Evidence of her worship has been found throughout

Ireland, reflecting her importance as a powerful, yet personal deity. When she was not protecting mothers and newborn children, Brigid inspired many of the writers and poets for which Ireland is internationally renowned.

Shrove Tuesday: The history of Pancake Day in Ireland

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, is a traditional Irish holiday celebrated on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It is a day of feasting and celebration before the start of Lent. The word ‘Shrove’ comes from the Middle English word ‘shrive’, which means to confess one’s sins and receive absolution. Traditionally, people used this day as a preparation for the Lenten fast.



The history of Shrove Tuesday in Ireland is rooted in tradition and folklore, with a range of customs and beliefs associated with it. From the traditional pancake race to the superstitions surrounding the eating of pancakes, it is a day of joy and abundance enjoyed by people of all ages!

The tradition of Shrove Tuesday in Ireland dates back to the Middle Ages. In those days, people would visit their local church and receive absolution for their sins. This was known

as ‘Shriving’, and after receiving forgiveness, they celebrated by feasting and merrymaking.

In Ireland, Pancake Tuesday became a popular tradition in the 17th century, and on this day, Irish people would make pancakes with eggs, milk, and sugar. The pancakes were then fried in a frying pan and served with butter and sugar. The tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday has a practical purpose. It stems from the days before Lent when people would use all their dairy products before the Lenten fast began. Pancakes were an ideal way to use eggs, milk, and sugar, which would have otherwise gone to waste. The tradition has since evolved, and people worldwide now indulge in pancakes and other treats on Shrove Tuesday.



In Ireland, people celebrate Shrove Tuesday in a variety of ways. One of the most well-known traditions is the Pancake Race. This event is widely held in towns and villages throughout the country and is a source of enjoyment for many. Participants dress up in humorous costumes and race one another while carrying a frying pan and flipping pancakes. The objective is to flip as many pancakes as possible without dropping them.

Another popular tradition is the Shrove Tuesday Parade, a procession of people dressed in traditional costumes parading through their town or village. The game of “Blind Man’s Buff” is another popular tradition. The game involves a blindfolded person trying to catch the other players as they try to run away. Another popular tradition is the Treasure Hunt. The goal is to search for hidden objects around the house or the village. The person who finds the most hidden objects is the winner. Other common traditions include Apple Bobbing, Egg Rolling, and Waxing the Cat.

Shrove/Pancake Tuesday is a big deal in Irish culture, a day of indulgence and fun for all ages. It’s the perfect excuse to loosen up and treat yourself to some well-deserved sweet treat and rich foods while enjoying the company of loved ones.

Irish tea rooms and coffee shops get in on the action by whipping up specialty pancakes to tantalize your taste bud. Supermarkets are also eager to join the party with pancake-themed displays and sections. With such a range of options, the possibilities for pancake toppings are endless.

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The remarkable life of Sister Ann: A nun like no other

BRIDGET MCINTYRE

MY first memory of my cousin, Ann O'Halloran, is seeing her clad in black leather, riding on the back of her boyfriend's BSA bike while speeding past Cork City Hall. She was 16. It was the mid-1950s, and she was about as far away from a nun as you could imagine. But two years later, Sister Ann did indeed join holy orders. It was a decision that led to a remarkable career as a nun and teacher that earned her love and respect across the USA, South America and Africa. A passionate advocate of peace, Ann even riled parts of the establishment when she went on an 11-day hunger strike in support of dying IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands in 1981. Truly, she was a nun like no other...

Ann O'Halloran was born in Cork city on July 6, 1941, one of five children, who included her brother John, the 1966 Cork All-Ireland winning hurler. She joined the international Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM) in 1959 after graduating from the Marymount School in Neuilly, France, and was posted to a semi-cloistered order in Tarrytown, New York. Her timing was good. A year later, Pope John XXIII convened Vatican II and ordered the Church and religious orders to open their doors and go out as Jesus did to live among the poor. Ann needed no encouragement, at a time when civil rights and anti-war movements were rising up. She befriended the top New York journalists of their time, Pulitzer-winning Jimmy Breslin and Pete Hamill, both of whom had Irish roots. Through them, she met the Berrigan brothers, pacifist priests who led opposition to the Vietnam War.



I picture her then, in the early 1970s, a petite, pretty 30-year-old. It is a hot summer's evening and she is walking alone through the run-down streets of Harlem. Her worn blue shoes are flat, she's dressed in a calf-length dark skirt and matching cotton jacket. Her hair is tucked under a beige cloth cap pulled low on her forehead. Ann's life work was simple: help, educate and empower the poor wherever she found them. She did that in New York, in the jungles of South America, and in Africa, carrying out the words of the RSHM Mission Statement: "The challenge of the gospel and the spirit of faith and zeal which marked our founding Sisters, urge us to respond to the needs of our time and to work with others in action for evangelical justice."

Under her adopted name Sister Rosaleen, Ann furthered her education. After receiving a BA degree from Marymount College and an MA in Anthropology from the New School for Social Research in New York, she volunteered to teach in South America. In 1964, Ann arrived, fluent in Spanish, at the Marymount School in Bogotá, Colombia. It was a febrile time. The FARC revolutionaries had just formed into a military force and clashed openly with the Government and the Catholic Church's teaching. Young Ann worked amid these social upheavals as an advocate for the poor around her. With the help of river guides, she and her religious colleagues frequently ventured by boat into the jungle interiors with food, water, and the Holy Eucharist to administer to fleeing civilians and rebels alike. They were perilous times in Colombia, religious personnel were targets for kidnappings, murder, and intimidation. In 1968, the RSHM order closed its Marymount Schools in the country, evacuating the nuns to the U.S.

Back in New York, Ann resumed her educational ministry and taught in its dangerous, deprived neighborhoods. The people trusted and confided in her. She was invited into their lives and bore witness to their family celebrations, setbacks and despairs. She rallied politicians, lawmakers, educators, journalists, captains of industry, and the Catholic hierarchy, to assist her. Ann loved the spirit and resilience of Harlem's black women. She told me of the poor mother who had rented furniture for an Easter weekend when her family visited from North Carolina. She wanted them to think she was doing well. The furniture would be returned next morning. When Ann asked her how she kept her spirits up in the face of such challenges, she replied: "Sister Rosaleen, I refuse to be unhappy."

Ann died on November 7, 2021. She was a warrior - and her name was Sister Rosaleen. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.



The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians National Board
wishes all of our Members a
Happy St, Brigid Day

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LAOH Unity Prayer

St Brigid,

We ask your guidance to inspire us to offer Friendship as you did to all
who cross our paths in life.

We ask Your Prayers to inspire us to offer the hand of Unity to all.

We ask Your Love to inspire us to give Christian Charity to all.

We as members of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Seek to
follow in your path of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

We ask that you bestow Your Blessings upon us through Christ our
Lord.

Amen