

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD WE TRUST



March 2 ~ Ash Wednesday
March 13 ~ Daylight Savings begins
March 17 ~ St. Patrick's Day
March 19 ~ St. Joseph Feast Day
March 20 ~ Vernal Equinox 1st day of Spring

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh
Happy St. Patrick's Day to Ye



Mother McAuley Division

HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER

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John P. Kelly Division



A MESSAGE FROM AOH DIVISION PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON

Thank you, brothers, to all that braved the difficult conditions to attend the Shamrock dinner. It was a very harrowing drive that night amidst all the snow and ice. I know that many of you were not able to make it due to the weather. I hope to see all of you again on St. Patrick's Day, at St. Clement's Church Hall.

We were blessed to have at the dinner with us Declan Reimer, a newly accepted and only seminarian so far for next year for the Diocese of Toledo. He and the other seminarians are the future of the Church in Toledo. I believe we need to encourage and support all our clergy and future clergy to the best of our ability as Hibernians. To that end we voted at the meeting to participate in the Project St. Patrick again in the amount of \$500 to be donated by the AOH in memory of long time LAOH sister Clarise Burkhard. These funds will be earmarked to return to the seminarians of Toledo Diocese. The seminarians rely on these kinds of gifts for the little extras. Once they have entered seminary, they do not get a paycheck for 8 years. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

We decided to move up our annual golf outing at Cherrywood golf course from September to June. Jimmy Drepps volunteered to coordinate this event and more information will be forthcoming in the April Newsletter. This is a fun event of golf and bring your own picnic lunch.

So far, the summer schedule will be a full one. We are also still planning the Irish night at the Mudhens, National Convention in Pittsburgh, Summer Picnic on the River, Glass City Feis, Sandpiper Cruise all before Labor Day. If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing the committee for any of these events, please contact me to start the ball rolling.

We always need many volunteers for the festival. Please contact me ASAP if you can help at the St. Patrick's Day Festival. We are open to the public from 3-10 but we will need additional help especially before the fun begins.

Also please check out our Toledo Irish American Club Activity the week before our Festival.

Kick off St. Paddy's Day at Earnest Brew downtown as the Toledo Irish American Club hosts their 4th annual Kilt Contest Celebration!

We have a fun night lined up as we will have performances by the Toledo Firefighter Pipes and Drums and Paddy's Top Shelf! We will do a 50/50, do a few giveaways and of course have our highly anticipated Kilt Contest event! The winner, decided upon by you, the audience, will win the coveted 4th title complete with bragging rights and bestowed with an official sash! The festivities kick off at 5:30pm and will go until 10pm. Earnest is opening that night just for our event so make sure you buy tickets in advance!



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Happy March! Welcome to the Green Season and the main month when we celebrate our Irish Heritage! We celebrate our heritage all year long, but March is when the world shares our joy and festivities at various St. Patrick's Day festivals. We commemorate those who have gone before us and paved the way to Freedom and all of those who have passed on their traditions in all things Irish.

I am looking for volunteers for our festival on Thursday March 17th please text, call or email me, Anndollman@yahoo.com or 419-250-0288.

We celebrate in a family atmosphere to share with all in our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. I look forward to our gathering as we have not been able to gather as a whole for the past 2 years.

Please keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers

I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday March 17th and remember to bring baked goods forward our baked goods booth please and thank you!

PS. Please post our festival on your social media to invite all to our festival.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS

The thing I look forward to each year during the "Green Season" is seeing so many friends. Many, I only see once a year. The St. Patrick Mass at St. Patrick's Historic Church is always special. Some of the traditions of the 4 O'clock have been lost. I think of those special times and the many special people, who have passed on. I look around and thank God for the many special people, who are still here. It is the most important event of the Green Season!!!!

The St. Patrick Festivals we put on the week before St. Patrick's day were special. Back in 2002, I asked: "What are we doing for the actual St. Patrick's Day?" I received a lot of looks like I was crazy. When I suggested a "Family Friendly" celebration with free admission. There was no doubt that I was crazy as a loon. Over the years, the event has become a tradition. Again there are many friends, I used to look forward to seeing, who have passed. The Toledo Hibernians have begun talking about having events during the year. Discussions have started about a one day Irish Summer Festival. I know I am crazy, but I really think if we start off small, we can bring that tradition back. An idea was brought up by Sean Burns about money raisers at pubs that sounds like fun. Jimmy Dreps has volunteered to set up a golf outing tentatively in June. I am thrilled that the younger members have stepped up. Jim will be found in the kitchen on St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to thank him and his crew and all the volunteers. We couldn't have a festival without them. Be sure to stop at the "Bakery", where you will be able to purchase some Katie Collins famous Soda Bread!!!! Congratulations to Hibernian of the Year, Jimmy Dreps!!! God bless each of you and Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Tabhair póg dom, is Éireannach mé! ~ Kiss Me, I'm Irish!

MARCH, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ash Wednesday	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Daylight Savings</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 <i>St. Joseph Feastday</i>
20 <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



The first day of spring will occur on Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 11:33 a.m. EDT for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, which is marked by the arrival of the Vernal (Spring) Equinox.



**Daylight saving time 2022 in Ohio
will begin at 2:00 AM on
Sunday March 13
Don't be late for Church!!**



March 2nd

The season of Lent begins with the ancient practice of marking the baptized with ashes as a public and communal sign of penance.

Lord, bless the sinner who asks for your forgiveness and bless all those who receive these ashes. May they keep this Lenten season in preparation for the joy of Easter. "Remember that we are dust and unto dust we shall return,"

We hope you are able to join us at
The Historic Church of Saint Patrick
For Our Annual

Saint Patrick's Day



Celebration

March 13, 2022
130 Avondale Avenue
Toledo, Ohio



9:30 a.m. Irish Sing-A-Long
10:00 a.m. Saint Patrick's Day Liturgy
11:00 a.m. Reception in back of Church

An Irish Welcome to All!!

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
The Men from the Bog
The Jollygabbers
Free Children's Game

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!!!

Smile and be happy

Three golfing Girlfriends are playing the 9th hole when a naked man wearing a bag over his head jumps from the trees and runs across the green. The three women look and are in shock at the size of his manhood.

The first woman says, "Well, he definitely is not my husband." The second woman looks at his manhood and says, "He's not my husband either." The third woman takes a good look and says, "He's not even a member of this club."

An Irish bodybuilder takes off his shirt, and the blonde woman says: Wow what a great chest you have! He says 100 lbs of dynamite babe! He then takes off his pants, and the blonde says Wow what massive calves you have! He says 100 lbs of dynamite babe! He then removes his underwear, and the blonde goes running, screaming in fear. He puts on his clothes and chases behind her. Once he eventually caught up to her, he asked why she ran away like that. The blonde replied: I was afraid to be around all that dynamite when I saw how short the fuse was!

Murphy lost his eye in an accident and couldn't afford the price of a glass eye. So he carved one out of wood. But he was so self-conscious that he never left the house. Finally, his friend Paddy came over and forced him to go out. "There's a dance over at the club," he said. "So what if one of your eyes is made out of wood?" "All right," said Murphy, "but if anybody makes fun of my eye I'm leaving." He went to the dance and stood around, trying to build up his courage. And then he saw a woman standing alone in the corner. She was very attractive, but she had a hunchback. "She's worse off than me," Murphy thought. "The least I can do is ask her to dance. He walked across the crowded dance floor and approached the girl. Would you care to dance? he asked. Would I?!" she exclaimed. "That does it," he shouted, "Hunchback! Hunchback!"

An Irish farmer had five female pigs. Times were hard, so he decided to take them to the county fair and sell them. At the fair, he met another farmer who owned five male pigs. After talking a bit, they decided to mate the pigs and split everything 50/50. The farmers lived sixty miles apart, so they agreed to drive thirty miles each and find a field in which to let the pigs mate. The first morning, the farmer with the female pigs got up at 5 A.M., loaded the pigs into the family station wagon, (which was the only vehicle he had) and drove the thirty miles. While the pigs were mating, he asked the other farmer, "How will I know if they are pregnant?" The other farmer replied, "If they're lying in the grass tomorrow morning, They're pregnant. If they're in the mud, they're not." The next morning the pigs were rolling in the mud, so he hosed them off, loaded them into the family station wagon again and proceeded to try again. This continued each morning for more than a week, and both farmers were worn out. The following day he was too tired to get out of bed. He called to his wife, "Honey, please look outside and tell me whether the pigs are in the mud or in the grass." "Neither," yelled his wife, "they're in the station wagon, and one of them is honking the horn."

Paddy goes to see the priest. "Father, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it." The Priest asked, "What's wrong?" Paddy replied, "My wife is poisoning me." The Priest, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?" The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?" The Priest then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A week later the Priest calls Paddy and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?" Paddy said yes and the Priest replied, "Take the poison."

A woman visits a fortune teller. In the dark and gloomy room, gazing at the Tarot cards laid out before her, the fortune teller delivered the bad news. There is no easy way to tell you this, so I'll just be blunt. Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year. Visibly shaken, the woman stared at the fortune teller's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She took a few deep breaths to compose herself. She simply had to know. She met the fortune teller's gaze, steadied her voice and asked; Will I get away with it?

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK



St. Patrick's dynamism was so great that myths abounded. "He must have been a terrifically charismatic figure," says Robert Mahony, an associate professor of English at Catholic University and former director of the Center for Irish Studies there. "And such people inspire legends."

Thomas Cahill, author of *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, believes that part of Patrick's appeal lay in his message. In a 1996 CNN interview, Cahill noted that "the Christianity that Patrick planted in Ireland was really of a unique kind, in the sense that he left behind all of those dark, sad meditations on human sinfulness that were favorites of the fathers of the Church, and instead he concentrated on the goodness of creation."

"The Irish were already very mystical. They believed that the world was a magical place, and he built on that rather than on this human sinfulness theme, and, as a result, early Irish Christianity was extremely celebratory of the world, of the earth, of matter, of human experience, of the human body. It gets off the ground very quickly in this kind of dance of happiness and joy which is very unlike the sound of earlier Christianity."

Saint Patrick established the Church throughout Ireland on lasting foundations: he traveled throughout the country preaching, teaching, building churches, opening schools and monasteries, converting chiefs and bards, and everywhere supporting his preaching with miracles.

What stands out in his writings is Patrick's sense of being called by God to the work he had undertaken, and his determination and modesty in carrying it out: "I, Patrick, a sinner, am the most ignorant and of least account among the faithful, despised by many. . . . I owe it to God's grace that so many people should through me be born again to him."

St. Patrick died at Saul (Sabhall) on March 17 493. Saint Tassach administered the last rites and his remains were wrapped in a shroud woven by Saint Brigid. The bishops, clergy and the faithful from all over Ireland crowded around his remains to pay due honor to the Father of their Faith. His remains were interred at the chieftain's fort two miles from Saul. Centuries later, the cathedral of Down was built where St. Patrick was buried.

There is another old legend that promises that on the last day, though Christ will judge all the other nations, it will be St. Patrick sitting in judgment on the Irish. In an interview, when Thomas Cahill was asked whether that spelled good news or bad news for the Irish, Cahill didn't hesitate. "That's great news for the Irish!"

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES IN IRISH HISTORY!!

March 1, 2003 - According to a new global survey, Dublin is one of the safest cities in the world.

March 2, 2001 - Taoiseach Bertie Ahern presents Bill Whelan with the IMRO Lifetime Achievement Award at Dublin Castle
Photo Credit: Maxwells



March 3, 1592 - A charter incorporates the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, near Dublin, later to become known as Trinity College

March 4, 1978 - Death of General James Emmet Dalton, aged 80 (today is also his birthday). Dalton led the bombardment of the Four Courts in what effectively is the start of the Civil War, and is with Michael Collins at Béal na mBlátha when they are ambushed and Collins is assassinated



March 5, 2000 - The Government closes the book on the millennium bug after spending £40m preparing for a potential disaster that doesn't happen

March 5, 2003 - In Blarney, Co. Cork, pubs, restaurants and supermarkets enthusiastically embrace a no smoking day and the Blarney Stone restaurant in the town square takes the lead by slapping a permanent ban on smoking.

March 6, 2001 - Moves to provide nappies for Killarney's famous jaunting car horses are dropped. Against the advice of the Town Manager, the local urban council bows to the wishes of local jarveys who strongly oppose proposals to include "equine sanitary apparatus" in the jarvey bylaws.

March 7, 2005 - Calling the story of the Irish in America "an important part of the history of our country," President George W. Bush proclaims March as Irish-American Heritage Month.

March 13, 1999 - Over 250,000 people pack the streets around the River Liffey in Dublin to witness the largest fireworks display ever seen in Ireland. The event marks the start of a five-day festival to mark St Patrick's Day as well as the official launch of the Millennium celebrations

March 16, 1839 - John B. Yeats, painter and father of William Butler and Jack B. Yeats, is born in Tullylish, Co. Down

March 23, 1847 - Choctaw Indians collect money to donate to starving Irish Hunger victims

March 28, 1957 - Death of Patrick "Jack" B. Yeats, Ireland's leading painter of the 20th century

March 31, 1871 - Birth in Dublin of Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Féin and co-signatory of Anglo-Irish treaty



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Saint Patrick - Saint Patrick's Day Traditions

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN

The tradition of wearing Shamrock to celebrate Saint Patrick seems to date from the seventeenth or eighteenth century. This was a very turbulent time in Irish history. The suppression of the Gaelic way of life by the ruling British invaders resulted in many aspects of the Catholic religion in Ireland being forced underground. Strict laws were enforced which prevented the Catholic population from attending schools so 'hedge-schools' were operated in secret. These were schools run outdoors in secluded places (sometimes literally 'under a hedge!'). The teaching of religion was also forbidden so it is only to be expected that teachers would use naturally available resources to inform their pupils. Thus the Shamrock plant was used to illustrate the message of the Christian Holy Trinity.

Saint Patrick was credited with using the Shamrock in such a manner so the wearing of the Shamrock by the oppressed Catholic population became a means of demonstrating their defiance to the ruling British class. It also imbued a sense of kinship among the native Gaelic people, differentiating them from their oppressors.

Wearing a clump of Shamrock is now a firmly established tradition throughout the world to celebrate not just Saint Patrick but Ireland itself. The Shamrock symbol is widely used by businesses seeking to associate with Ireland and, along with the Harp, is perhaps the single most recognizable symbol of Ireland. It is a shame though that the Shamrock is not a blue plant as the color originally associated with Saint Patrick was blue!

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The earliest record of a Saint Patrick's Day Parade was in the year 1762 when Irish soldiers serving in the British Army held a Parade in New York City. Earlier records suggest that the day was celebrated by the Irish in Ireland as early as the ninth and tenth centuries. The New York Parade is now the longest running civilian Parade in the world with as many as three Million spectators watching the Parade of over 150,000 participants. The first official Parade in Ireland was in 1931. The 1901 law that copper-fastened March 17th as an Irish national holiday was later amended to insist that public houses close down on the day. This restriction was later lifted in the 1970's. In the mid 1990's the Irish Government really started to promote the event when it changed from a single day's Parade into a 5-day festival attracting as many as a million visitors into the country.

GREENING OF BUILDINGS AND RIVERS

The use of the color green reached new heights (or plunged new depths!) when in 1962 the city of Chicago decided to dye part of the Chicago River green. Since then the campaign to have just about every possible landmark turned green for the day has taken off in earnest and in recent years has included the Irish Parliament building, the Sydney Opera House, the Empire State Building, Niagara Falls and even the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt!

A PINT OF PLAIN

The Irish association with drinking is well known and not always positive. Fortunately there are plenty of examples of the appropriate use of alcohol and Saint Patrick's Day is one of them. It is a widely held tradition in Ireland that beer or whiskey can be taken on Saint Patrick's Day although native Irish pub-goers can only look on aghast as visitors top the heads of their creamy pint of Guinness with a green Shamrock. Sacrilege! It is estimated that as many as 13 Million pints of Guinness are consumed on Saint Patrick's Day, up from the usual 5.5 Million per day!

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



AOH-LAOH NATIONAL CONVENTION PITTSBURGH 2022

AOH-LAOH National Convention July 13 - 16, 2022 Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown

The National Convention website is open to register for the convention (full package \$210) and to reserve your hotel room (\$129 per night) + taxes.

Valet parking is \$35 per night.

We are the sons and daughters
of Hibernia proud heirs of an
ancient legacy.



We've settled every corner of
the globe, driven from our homeland
by famine and oppression or simply
by the restless spirit that's our birthright.

Wherever we go, we bring with us a
love of freedom, a melancholy humour,
a biting wit and a golden tongue. But
regardless of where destiny may
take us, We're linked to the land
of our ancestors by an ethereal
thread that binds the heart and
reminds us always that we are a
unique people.

We Are The Irish.

Robert McMahon's Unknown Irish Saint of the month.

Gerald of Mayo (died 13 March 732 AD) of Northumbria, the son of an Anglo-Saxon king, he was one of the English monks at Lindisfarne who accompanied Colmán of Lindisfarne to Iona and then to Ireland. Colman and thirty English monks, St. Gerald among them, left Lindisfarne and eventually settled on Inishboffin off the coast of what is now County Mayo in 668. Dissensions arose, after a time, between the Irish and the English monks. The English were disgruntled by the behaviour of the native monks, who would leave Inishboffin to preach around the rest of the country for the duration of the summer while the English monks were left to tend to the island. Colman decided to found a separate monastery for the thirty English brethren with St. Gerald as the first abbot, in 670.[3]

The monastery became an important and flourishing institution. The School of Mayo gained greatly in fame for sanctity and learning under the youthful abbot. St. Gerald was a comparatively young man, he proved a wise ruler, and governed Mayo until 697. St. Gerald is reputed to have founded the abbeys of Tempul-Gerald in Connaught and Teagh-na-Saxon and a convent which he placed under the care of his sister. His brother Balin also a disciple of Colman, took up residence in Connaught.

Toraigh Performances

Bob Midden informed me that his band, Toraigh, is performing on St. Patrick's Day at Arlyn's Good Beer microbrewery, 520 Hankey Ave, Bowling Green, 8-11 pm. We're also performing with Molly's Irish dancers for a fundraiser of the Toledo Symphony League on Sunday, March 12, 4:30-7:30 pm at Caper's Restaurant and Bar in Toledo and giving a concert with Molly's Irish dancers at the Fayette Opera House on Saturday, March 19, 7-9 pm.



Toraigh is resuming monthly traditional Irish music sessions at the Blarney Irish Pub in downtown Toledo on Saturday, May 7, 5-8 pm. I hope that many of you can join us. Help us spread the word. As always, those sessions are open to all who play traditional Irish dance music but it's helpful if those who will participate notify me in advance so we can inform the Pub and be prepared with enough chairs for everyone.

Get to the Blarney on May 7th to show that the Irish support traditional Irish music!!!