

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN  
NEWSLETTER  
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IN GOD WE TRUST



**April 1 ~ April Fools Day**

**April 6 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at The Blarney**

**April 11 ~ LAOH Division Meeting at St. Ursula Ctr**

**April 14 ~ Palm Sunday**

**April 15 ~ 20 Holy Week**

**April 15 ~ Maury & Penny 52 Years of love & laughter**

**April 17 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at Logan's**

**April 21 ~ Happy Easter**

**April 25 ~ Joint Meeting in the O'Toole Room**



Mother McAuley Division

# HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER

April, 2019



John P. Kelly Division

**HOME OF THE 2019 STATE OF OHIO AOH ~ LAOH CONVENTION  
AUGUST 15 ~ 18**

## A Message from Robert McMahon, President of the John P. Kelly Division


We are called each Lenten season to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we sacrifice our treasure by supporting the Hibernians with our dollars in charity, we give up time that we could spend on ourselves by helping others with our friendship, and we make the work we do a prayer in itself in unity with the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, talent and treasure to make the St. Patrick's day Festival a success. I think the Blessed Sacrament Donnelly Center was a good location and it seemed that people were able to find the new location. It was a good sign that we sold out of our baked goods, dinners, and beer. These are portents of a bright future for our organization. We are best when we work together in united purpose. Please support each other and the businesses and sponsors of our Irish cause. If you have a great idea for activities that we can share or that you are already involved that promote our values please come to the monthly business meeting and tell us about it. The best way to grow the AOH and LAOH is by being people that others would like to be around. Let us use this great opportunity to go to Mass, Confession, Holy Hours, Stations of the Cross and Holy Week services with our families and then celebrate with them around our tables for Easter. God Bless you all!

**Ann Dollman, President of the Mother McAuley LAOH Division** wishes to thank all who were involved in the St. Patrick's Party. Ann also noted that since the third Thursday of April is Holy Thursday, the ladies will meet on April 11th at the St. Ursula Center. Hospitality at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00.



There will be a joint meeting on Thursday, April 25th starting at 7:00 PM in the O'Toole Room at Blessed Sacrament, to review the St. Patrick's Party. Come to see the results of this year's party and make suggestions for next year.

# APRIL, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Ardan Dancers @ Common Space	3	4	5	6 Session at Blarney
7 Echo's of Ireland WCWA 1230AM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	8	9 Ardán Dancers @ Common Space	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16 Ardán Dancers @ Common Space	17 Session at Logan's	18  "Given for you..."	19 	20
21 	22	23 Ardán Dancers @ Common Space	24	25 Joint Meeting	26	27
28 Echo's of Ireland WCWA 1230AM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	29	30 Ardán Dancers @ Common Space				

**You are Never too old to set another goal  
or to dream a new dream**

C S Lewis

# Hibernians of the Year MIKE & KATHY MOELLER



Previous winners: Bob O'Connell RIP, Sister Ann McManus, Dan McCarthy, Mary Ann Buckley, Maurice Buckley RIP, Matt Cassidy, Tricia Cassidy, Maury Collins, Eileen Durham, Ann Dollman, Tom McCabe, Sherri McNeill, Mike Cassidy, Madonna Pauken, Clarise Burkhard RIP, Maureen Gale, Tom King, Sr RIP, Greg Cassidy, George Murnen, Mick Murnen, Mary Pat Riker & Robert McMahon



# HAPPY EASTER

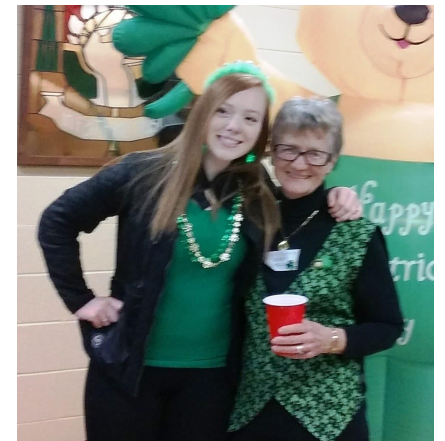
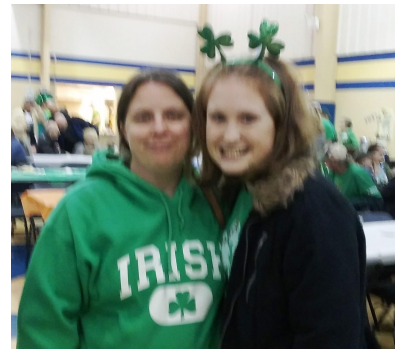


Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal us. Touch our souls with Your compassion for others. Touch our hearts with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch our minds with Your wisdom, that our mouths may always proclaim Your praise. Teach us to reach out to You in our needs, and help us to lead others to You by our example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring us health in body and spirit that we may serve You with all our strength. Touch gently these lives which You have created, now and forever. Amen.

# FAMILY FRIENDLY CELEBRATION



**THE AWESOME KUMMER FAMILY**



**THE WONDERFUL KING FAMILY**

# A Tip of the Hat



To the organizers of the St. Patrick's Party, to the volunteers who made baskets, those who decorated, those who helped set up and tear down, those who hung signs, To Jimmy Dreps and the volunteers, who worked in the kitchen, To Kathy and the ladies selling out the baked goods. To those who baked items to sell, to those who worked the bar, those who worked selling tickets, those who worked the attendance table, and those who worked the kids corner, To Ann, who was everywhere doing everything, to Sherri, who was at the entrance table all day, to Madonna, the Irish Coffee lady, To Robert, who came to the rescue with insurance and roasters and who made numerous radio talks, To Chris Bitter, the wonderful sound man, who kept things going smoothly. To the Mary Dennis group, to the wonderful Ardan dancers, to Extra Stout, to the amazing TFD drum & pipe band, to Bob Midden and Toraigh and to The Men From the Bog and finally to the people, who attended. Last but not least to those who bought ads for the program. I thought it was one of our better events. Thanks to each of you!!!!!!

Let's do it again next year!!!!



**FATHER  
RAY KELLY  
RETURNS TO  
ST. PATRICK'S HISTORIC  
SEPTEMBER 18th**

**Watch for details!!!!**

## April Dates in Irish History

April 1, 1848 - Augustus Saint-Gaudens, sculptor, is born in Dublin

April 1, 1911 - The Titanic is launched in Belfast

April 4, 1774 - Death of Oliver Goldsmith

April 4, 1994 - Riverdance appears for the first time at the Eurovision contest Dublin

April 5, 1961 - Death of Oscar-winning Irish actor of stage and screen Barry Fitzgerald. Born in Dublin in 1888, he pursues an acting career at the Abbey Theatre and then heads for Hollywood where he becomes Paramount's resident Irishman in such films as "Going My Way" for which he won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar. His finest works are under director John Ford, including "How Green Was My Valley" and "The Quiet Man."

April 10, 1998 - The Northern Ireland peace talks end with an historic agreement. The accord - dubbed the Good Friday Agreement - is reached after nearly two years of talks and 30 years of conflict.

April 7, 1927 - The world's first ever paid television broadcast takes place. An Irishman, Mr. A. Dolan was employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph company to provide a short act of monologue and song. Interestingly, the first professional artist to be seen on television in Britain, a year later, was Irish singer Peg O'Neil

April 14, 1848 - In Dublin, the tricolor national flag of Ireland is presented to the public for the first time by Thomas Francis Meagher and the Young Ireland Party

April 15, 1912 - The Titanic sinks on her maiden voyage with the loss of 1,513 souls, many of them Irish; 732 survive

April 23, 1014 - The Dublin Norse and the king of Leinster, with Viking allies from overseas, are defeated by Brian Boru's army at Clontarf. Brian, now an old man, is killed. This thwarts the potential domination of Ireland by the Norse, but they are well established in the coastal towns, and will continue to have a major influence. Máel Sechnaill succeeds Brian as high king

April 24, 1916 - On Easter Monday, the Irish Volunteers and Citizen Army seize the General Post Office (GPO) in Dublin and demand Irish sovereignty

April 25, 1861 - William Ford, who crossed the Atlantic from Ireland by steerage, marries fellow country woman Mary O'Hern. Their son Henry Ford, pioneered the mass manufacturing of the automobile

April 27, 1891 - The first ever Irish musical comedy, The Irish Girl, written by Percy French and Dr. W. Houston Collisson, is staged at the Queen's Theatre, Dublin

April 29, 1916 - Pearse orders surrender of the Easter Rising rebels on this date. Approximately 64 rebels have been killed, 132 crown forces, and 230 civilians. 2,500 people have been wounded; the centre of Dublin has been devastated by the shelling



## Poulnabrone Dolmen



Situated on the high Burren limestone plateau, Poulnabrone Dolmen is one of Ireland's most iconic archaeological monuments and is the second most visited location in the Burren after the Cliffs of Moher. It is the oldest dated megalithic monument in Ireland. It is one of over 70 megalithic

tombs located in The Burren in Co. Clare. With a name that literally means "The hole of the sorrows", Poulnabrone features a capstone which sits on two 6ft high portal stones to create a chamber. It was excavated in 1968 and found to contain the remains of "between 16 and 22 adults and 6 juveniles, including a newborn baby".

The dolmen consists of a twelve-foot, thin, slab-like, tabular capstone (horizontal) supported by two sets of slender upright (vertical) parallel portal stones, which support the capstone 6 ft from the ground, creating a chamber in a 30 ft low cairn. The cairn helped stabilize the tomb chamber, and would have been no higher during the Neolithic. The entrance faces north and is crossed by a low sill stone.

A crack was discovered in the eastern portal stone in 1985. Following the resulting collapse, the dolmen was dismantled, and the cracked stone was replaced. Excavations during that time (1986, 1988) found that 33 people, both adults and children, were buried under the monument. Personal items buried with the dead included a polished stone axe, a bone pendant, quartz crystals, weapons and pottery.

There were no intact skeletons, indicating the site was not used as a burial place in the sense that bodies were placed there immediately after or even close to the time of death. Bones were found in the original strata, but jumbled chronologically, so they were not buried sequentially. Only one of the adults seems to have lived past 40 and many of the bones showed signs of arthritis in the upper body. The children had teeth showing signs of illness and malnutrition. Two of the bodies displayed injuries: a skull and rib cage with depressed fractures, healed before death, and an adult male hip bone, pierced by the tip of a stone projectile and not healed, which means the injury occurred not much before the time of death. Those selected for deposit at this site were apparently the members of some sort of elite. Their bodies were left elsewhere to decompose, in a protected location, as none of the bones show any signs of teeth marks. Only the bare bones were then taken here and deposited. As some of them show scorch marks, they may have been ritually purified by fire beforehand.

According to Radiocarbon dating, the tomb was likely used between 3,800 and 3,200 BC. The findings are now at the Clare Museum, Ennis

## Smile and be Happy!!!!

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honor' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

Father O'Malley was going through the mail one day. Drawing a single sheet of paper from an envelope, he found written on it just one word: "FOOL." The next Sunday at Mass, he announced, "I have known many people who have written letters and forgot to sign their names. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed their name and forgot to write a letter."

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was tremendous bolt of lightning and a massive clap of thunder, followed by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the priest and calmly said, 'Well, she's there.'

The nurse called back to the doctor, saying there was a man in the waiting room, who claimed that he was invisible. The doctor replied; "Tell him, I can't see him today"

A little boy was waiting for his mother outside the ladies room of the gas station. As he stood there, he was approached by a man who asked, "Sonny, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to your right. It's on the left." The man thanked the boy kindly, complimented him on how bright he was and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. If you and your mommy come to church on Sunday, I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle; "You're kidding me, right? You can't even find the Post Office!"

"Tell me, Patrick, how did you manage to get so very drunk last night?" asked the parish priest. "Well you see, Father, it was like this. I got into very bad company after winning a bottle of whiskey at a raffle." "But you were with Mick Mulligan, Sean O'Toole, and Peter Ryan and they don't drink." "That's what I mean, Father..."

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."

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her funeral service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Father Michael O'Connor tells of the Sunday after Mass when he was approached by one of his elderly parishioners. "Oh Father, says she, "you'll never know what your homily meant to me. It was just like water to a drowning man!"

## King Brian of Ireland murdered by Vikings April 23, 1014



Brian Boru, the high king of Ireland, is assassinated by a group of retreating Norsemen shortly after his Irish forces defeated them. After his death, his body was taken to Swords, Co. Dublin for the wake and then to Armagh to be buried. His tomb is said to be in the north wall of St Patrick's Cathedral in the city of Armagh. Back then, the Christian Church in Ireland was centered, not around the bishops of diocese and archbishops of archdiocese, but rather around monasteries headed by powerful abbots who were members of the royal dynasties of the lands in

which their monasteries resided. Among the most important monasteries was Armagh, located in the Province of Ulster. It is recorded in the 'Book of Armagh' that, in the year 1005, Brian donated twenty-two ounces of gold to the monastery and declared that Armagh was the religious capital of Ireland. The origins of the cathedral are related to the construction in 445 of a stone church on the Druim Saileach (Willow Ridge) hill by St. Patrick, around which a monastic community developed. The church was historically the center of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, but was given to the Protestant Church of Ireland by the British government during the Irish Reformation.

The line between Irish Legend and Irish Myth has often been blurred, especially as the retelling of heroic deeds has been passed on through generations. Brian Boru was no legend although his life deeds were legendary. He was very much a real man and was in fact the last great High King of Ireland and perhaps the greatest military leader the country has ever known.

Brian, a clan prince, seized the throne of the southern Irish state of Dal Cais from its Eogharacht rulers in 963. He subjugated all of Munster, extended his power over all of southern Ireland, and in 1002 became the high king of Ireland. Unlike previous high kings of Ireland, Brian resisted the rule of Ireland's Norse invaders, and after further conquests his rule was acknowledged across most of Ireland. As his power increased, relations with the Norsemen on the Irish coast grew increasingly strained. In 1013, Sitric, king of the Dublin Norse, formed an alliance against Brian, featuring Viking warriors from Ireland, the Hebrides, the Orkneys, and Iceland, as well as soldiers of Brian's native Irish enemies.

On April 23, 1014, Good Friday, forces under Brian's son Murchad met and annihilated the Viking coalition at the Battle of Clontarf, near Dublin. After the battle, a small group of Norsemen, flying from their defeat, stumbled on Brian's tent, overcame his bodyguards, and murdered the elderly king. Victory at Clontarf broke Norse power in Ireland forever, but Ireland largely fell into anarchy after the death of Brian. After his death and the death of one of his sons, his remaining sons, Tadg and Donnchad, were unable to assume the kingship which was assumed by Mael Sechnaill. He died in 1022 after which the role of High King of Ireland became more of a position in name only, rather than that of a powerful ruler. Brian Boru was, therefore, the last great High King of Ireland.

**Mark your calendar!!!!**  
**You don't want to miss this again, do you?**



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## FROM IRELAND WITH LOVE! (A TRIBUTE)

Maury Collins



This fun looking couple are my grandparents, John P. Collins and Margaret (Buckley) Collins from Mullintoura, County Cork Ireland. John, born in 1866, was the oldest of seven brothers. His six brothers came to Toledo. Patrick, Cornelius (Con), Lawrence (Lar), Edward and twins, William and Michael, who both died tragically a few days after arriving in Toledo. Uncle Lar, came by way of Wales. John died in 1948 and Margaret died in 1947. Rest in Peace.



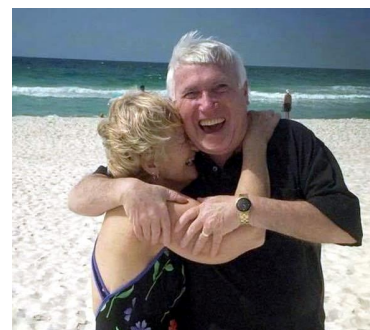
This brother, Cornelius (Uncle Con) was the seventh son (which some people claim made him special). Con's education consisted of elementary school in Ireland. At the age of 14, he went to work in a blacksmith's shop in Ireland, learning the trade. In 1900, at the age of 19, he left Ireland and came to Toledo and set up a blacksmith shop near the corner of Monroe and Collingwood. By 1915, Con decided that the future of being a blacksmith was limited. So on November 1, 1915 he entered the real estate field opening the C.C. Collins Realty Company at 567 Spitzer Building. Eventually, he also sold Insurance. He became a wealthy man, sponsoring my father, one Aunt and three uncles to America. He

also helped many relatives of his wife, Mary (Callahan) to get started in this country. He was my Godfather and his handshake let you know that he was originally a blacksmith. Uncle Con died on Jan. 9, 1953 Rest in Peace.

John and Margaret Collins had seven children, Five sons and two daughters. Two sons, Jack and William remained in Ireland as did one daughter, Elizabeth. Three sons, Patrick, Michael and Maurice and one daughter, Ellie came to Toledo. Michael's son, D. Michael Collins and Ellie Ruddy's nephew, John McHugh were both elected Mayor of Toledo. Both former Mayors died in 2015. May they all Rest in Peace.



**April 15,  
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