

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
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IN GOD WE TRUST



May 5 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at The Blarney 5-8

May 13 ~ Happy Mother's Day

May 16 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at Logan's

May 17 ~ Joint meeting at Zacharya's

May 19 ~ TSH Cemetery Memorial service

May 20 ~ LAOH Mass and Brunch

May 28 ~ Memorial Day



Mother McAuley Division

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May 2018



John P. Kelly Division

**Joint Meeting AOH & LAOH at Zacharya's 7 PM Hospitality 6:30
We will discuss our St. Patrick's Day events**

On May 20th, the Mother McAuley LAOH division will be attending Mass at the Historic Church of St. Patrick 130 Avondale at 10:00 AM followed by a Dutch Treat lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse at 11:30 The Mass is a Blue Mass in honor of the Law enforcement officers that serves us. The LAOH is also honoring Mary, our Mother, all Mothers and Women.

Toledo State Hospital Cemetery Annual Memorial Program New Cemetery on UTMC Campus Saturday, May 19 at 11 AM - 1 PM



This year's memorial honors all patients buried in the Toledo State Hospital Cemeteries, but we will especially honor those who immigrated to this country in search of a new life, but were derailed by behavioral or health-related illness.

Come hear their stories! Come honor those of your own ethnic background!

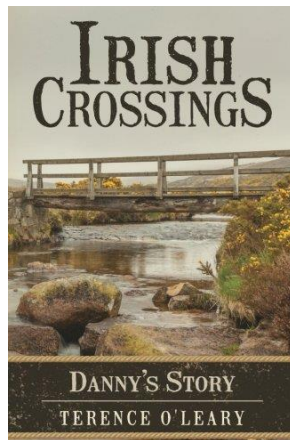
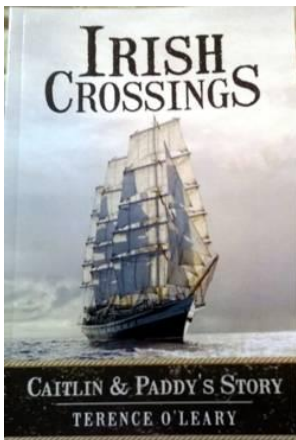
Keynote Speaker: Brett Johnson, new CEO of Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital!
All are welcome.

There are 33 Irish born people buried here.

My June article in the Ohio Irish American news magazine will be about the Toledo State Hospital cemeteries.

MAY, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Beltaine	2	3	4	5 <i>Session at Blarney</i>
6 <i>Echo's of Ireland WCWA 1230AM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 <i>Session at Logan's</i>	17 LAOH & AOH Mtg.	18	19 TSH Memorial
20 LAOH Mass & Brunch	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <i>Echo's of Ireland WCWA 1230AM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM</i>	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		



I have a couple of each of the Irish Crossings books by Terence O'Leary. Signed by the author. I personally recommend both Irish Crossings Novels. *õCaitlin & Paddy's Storyö* and *õDanny's Storyö*. These books bring to life the courage and the struggles of the Irish people during the Great Hunger. You will come away with a better understanding and a better love of our Irish heritage!

YOUR COST IS ONLY \$10 EACH!!!! HURRY!!!!
Both are also available on Amazon!!!

Beltaine, May 1

Beltaine, also called May Day by many Christians. This Sabbat celebrates the fertility and union of the Horned God and the Goddess. At this time, life is renewing itself. Birds and animals are mating. In the fields, newly planted seeds are beginning to grow. Great fires are lit honoring the fertility God Belenos. Some leap the fires to show the exuberance of the season.

A Maypole is erected and bright ribbons are hung on it. The Maypole, a phallic symbol, represents the masculine. The soft colored ribbons are the feminine. The union of the two symbolizes the union of the God and Goddess. This is the time to fertilize your dreams with action. It is legend that children conceived at Beltane were gifted by the Gods. These children became known as Merry-Be-Gots.

Beltaine was a time of fertility and unbridled merrymaking, when young and old would spend the night making love in the Greenwood. In the morning, they would return to the village bearing huge budding boughs of hawthorn (the may-tree) and other spring flowers with which to bedeck themselves, their families, and their houses. They would process back home, stopping at each house to leave flowers, and enjoy the best of food and drink that the home had to offer. In every village, the maypole— usually a birch or ash pole— was raised, and dancing and feasting began. Festivities were led by the May Queen and her consort, the King who was sometimes Jack-in-the-Green, or the Green Man, the old god of the wildwood. They were borne in state through the village in a cart covered with flowers and enthroned in a leafy arbor as the divine couple whose unity symbolized the sacred marriage of earth and sun.



**May 4, 1836 - The Ancient Order
of Hibernians in America is
founded in New York City.
Happy Birthday!!!!**

May dates in Irish history!!!

May 2, 1945 - Eamon de Valera offers his condolences to the German Ambassador, Edouard Hempel, on the death of Adolf Hitler

May 7, 1915 - The Lusitania is sunk by a German U-boat off the Old Head of Kinsale, Co. Cork with the loss of more than 1,100 lives

May 7, 2001 - Islanders off the coast of Cork rescue a 20ft pilot whale who became stranded at Hare Island with another dead whale.

May 8, 1899 - The first production of the Irish Literary Theatre, *The Countess Cathleen* is performed. Like many of Yeats' plays, it is inspired by Irish folklore. In a time of famine, demons sent by Satan come to Ireland to buy the souls of the starving people. The saintly Cathleen disposes of her vast estates and wealth in order to feed the peasants, yet the demons thwart her at every turn; at last, she sacrifices her own soul to save those of the poor

May 8, 2007 - The Rev Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness mark the end of almost four decades of bitter and bloody conflict in Northern Ireland as they are formally appointed first minister and deputy first minister. Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, British prime minister Tony Blair and other dignitaries, including former US president Bill Clinton and US democrat Ted Kennedy, witness the creation of a powersharing government led by political polar opposites the Democratic Unionist Party and Sinn Féin. This is the first time that Northern Ireland will be run by a government in which all the main nationalist and unionist parties have agreed to operate power together.

May 9, 1896 - Austin Clarke, considered at his death to be the greatest poet of his generation after Yeats, is born

May 16, 587 - St. Brendan the Navigator, early transatlantic voyager, dies. In the liturgical calendar, today is St. Brendan's Feast Day

May 18, 1939 - The first aircraft lands at the newly opened Rineanna Airfield which is later to become Shannon International Airport

May 21, 1944 - Mary Robinson, lawyer, youngest ever Professor of Law at Trinity College Dublin; President of Ireland from 1990 to 1997; and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, is born in Ballina, Co. Mayo

May 31, 1847 - Birth of Alice Stopford Green in Kells, Co. Meath. Irish historian and patriot; she is noted for proving the Irish had a rich culture before English rule. A strong supporter of the Treaty of 1921, she is nominated to the first Seanad in December 1922

May 31, 1970 - Death of Arkle, the greatest Irish steeple-chaser of all time. Arkle had broken a pedal bone during a race in 1968. Stiffness caused by the injury becomes worse and in spite of his great courage, he can hardly stand. On this date, his vet, James Kavanagh, gives him his final injection; Arkle lies down in his box and goes to sleep forever





Mother's Day



SUNDAY
May 13th

God Bless all our Moms

When all the others were away at Mass
Seamus Heaney

When all the others were away at Mass
I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.
They broke the silence, let fall one by one
Like solder weeping off the soldering iron:
Cold comforts set between us, things to share
Gleaming in a bucket of clean water.
And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes
From each other's work would bring us to our senses.

So while the parish priest at her bedside
Went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying
And some were responding and some crying
I remembered her head bent towards my head,
Her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives-
Never closer the whole rest of our lives.



**WISHING ALL MOMS A VERY
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**



Irish Heritage Night

AT THE MUD HENS

With Ancient Order of Hibernians
and performance by Ardan Irish Dancers

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Toledo Mud Hens vs Scranton

Tickets are \$12 each

Reserve your tickets today!

Contact Maury Collins at **419-699-6710** or

Email him at **maurycollins61@gmail.com**



Buy from Maury or through this link buy tickets specifically for Irish night!
All tickets are \$1 off regular price and seated in the same section.

<https://www.fevo.com/edp/Ancient-Order-of-Hibernians--Toledo-Mud-Hens-vs-ScrantonWB-RailRiders-kQHwxLt>

I guaranteed the Mud Hens at least 100 special ticket sales so the Ardan dancers could perform. Buy tickets through me or the link above. Come celebrate with me as I pass the 3/4 of a century mark!!!

SMILE AND BE HAPPY!!!!!!

A delightful angelic 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!"

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!"

A young girl came to the late Father Healy of Cork, and sadly made her confession: "Father, I fear I've committed the sin of vanity," she announced. "What makes you think that?" asked her father-confessor. "Because every morning, when I look in the mirror I cannot help but think how beautiful I am." "Never fear, colleen," was the reassuring reply. "That isn't a sin; it's only a mistake."

Murphy walked his dog through the village every day. One day he is on his walk without the dog. His pal Billy sees him and asks: "Where is your dog?" Murphy answered: "I had to have him put down." "Was he mad," asks Billy. +He wasn't too pleased,+Murphy replies.

A man walked into a bar, sat down, and ordered a beer. As he sipped the beer, he heard a soothing voice say "nice tie!" Looking around he noticed that the bar was empty except for himself and the bartender at the end of the bar. A few sips later the voice said "beautiful shirt." At this, the man called the bartender over, "Hey...I must be losing my mind," he told the bartender. "I keep hearing these voices saying nice things, and there's not a soul in here other than us." "It's the peanuts" answered the bartender. "Say what?" "You heard me" said the bartender. "it's the peanuts... they're complimentary."

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"

Three men were to face the firing squad. The three decided to take turns causing a distraction. When the firing squad turned their backs, the one that caused the distraction would run over the hill to escape. The first man shouted %Tornado+and made his escape. The second man shouted %Flash Flood+ The squad turned expecting to see a large wave of water. When they turned back, the second man had escaped. Now it was the third man's turn. As the squad aimed, the man, thinking quickly, yelled out %Fire!+.

Irish Trivia Quiz

1. In 1951 which film was shot on location in Cong, County Mayo and directed by John Ford?
2. By what other name is the Liffey Bridge in Dublin known as?
3. In the legend of the Fianna, what was the Land of Eternal Youth?
4. Which Irish city is also known as "the city of the tribes"?
5. Which Irish Saint is said to have discovered America a thousand years before Columbus?
6. What does the circle in the center of the Celtic cross represent?
7. A traditional Irish stew contains which meat?
8. In Connacht, which county does not have a coastline?
9. Cathair na Mairt is the Irish name for which Mayo town?
10. In which county is Blarney Castle?
11. What is the name of County Clare's massive limestone 'pavement'?
12. What refers to itself as 'The Rebel City' and 'The Real Capital' of Ireland?
13. What is the most northerly county in Ireland?
14. What is the smallest county in Ireland?
15. What ingredients go into Irish Stew?
16. What was John Barry known as?
17. What is a Seanacháí?
18. A famous annual matchmaking festival takes place in what county?
19. What day are you likely to see 'Wrenboys'?
20. It was believed unlucky to knit at night until you were certain who were asleep?

Answers are on page 10

IRISH QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Glac bog an saol agus glacfaidh an saol bog tú

Take the world nice and easy, and the
world will take you the same.

You're invited to Louisville, KY

For **ONLINE REGISTRATION**
and **RESERVATIONS** please go to

www.louisvilleirish2018.com



AOH LAOH 2018 National Convention July 11th - 14th The Galt House Hotel

\$125 plus taxes and fees per night per room including free wifi. Parking is a flat fee of \$10 per day. Phone reservations available: Call (800) 843-4258, mention Hibernians <https://aws.passkey.com/go/AOHLAOH18>

Registration

(For Convention events only, does not include hotel registration. Please print neatly)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State, Zip Code _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

I am a member of the AOH / LAOH (circle one) Membership # _____ Division # _____ County _____ State _____

Complete Package: \$200* if reserved by June 1, 2018. Reservations made after June 1, 2018 and thereafter: \$220*.

Full Package includes:

Icebreaker Reception

Irish Night

Installation Banquet - Choice of (circle one):

"A Taste of Louisville"

Irish Chicken and Pork

Salmon or Beef

Casual Attire

Business Casual

Black Tie Optional



Ala Carte Options:

- Icebreaker (Wednesday July 11th): \$65 *
- Irish Night (Friday July 13th): \$90 *
- Installation Banquet (Saturday July 14th): \$95 *
- Registration Only: \$20

Credit Card and PayPal payments will be accepted on December 15th and thereafter. Please consider making all reservations online to streamline the process. If mailing, please remit one form per person.

Amount of payment: _____

Make Checks Payable and send to:

2018 AOH LAOH NATIONAL CONVENTION
PO Box 32037
Louisville, KY 40232

* Includes \$20 Registration Fee

Trivia Quiz Answers

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| 1. The Quiet Man | 11. The Burren. |
| 2. Ha'penny Bridge | 12. Cork City |
| 3. Tír Na Nóg | 13. Donegal |
| 4. Galway | 14. Louth |
| 5. Saint Brendan | 15. Lamb, potatoes, carrots and onions |
| 6. The Sun | 16. 'Father of the American Navy' |
| 7. Lamb | 17. A traditional Irish storyteller/historian |
| 8. County Roscommon | 18. Lisdoonvarna, County Clare |
| 9. Westport | 19. St Stephen's Day |
| 10. County Cork | 20. The sheep |

St. Brendan, The Navigator

Brendan was born about 484 A.D. near Tralee in County Kerry. He was ordained by Bishop Erc and sailed around northwest Europe spreading the Christian faith and founding monasteries — the largest at Clonfert, County Galway. Legend says that the community had at least three thousand monks — their rule dictated to Brendan by an angel. He died at the age of 93 and he was buried at the monastery in 577 A.D.

Brendan and his brothers figure prominently in *Brendan's Voyage*, a tale of monks traveling the high seas of the Atlantic, evangelizing to the islands, and possibly reaching the Americas in the 6th century. At one point they stop on a small island, celebrate Easter Mass, light a fire - and then discover the island is an enormous whale!

Maps of Columbus' time often included an island called St. Brendan's Isle that was placed in the western Atlantic ocean. Map makers of the time had no idea of its exact position but did believe it existed some where west of Europe. It was mentioned in a Latin text dating from the ninth century called *Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abatis* (Voyage of Saint Brendan the Abbot). It described the voyage as having taken place in the sixth century. Several copies of this text have survived in monasteries throughout Europe. It was an important part of folklore in medieval Europe and may have influenced Columbus. The account of Brendan's voyage contained a detailed description of the construction of his boat which was not unlike the currachs still made in Ireland today.

More conclusive evidence of Irish exploration of North America has come to light in West Virginia. There, stone carvings have been discovered that have been dated between 500 and 1000 A.D. Analysis by archaeologist Dr. Robert Pyle and a leading language expert Dr. Barry Fell, indicate that they are written in Old Irish using the Ogham alphabet. The West Virginia Ogham texts are the oldest Ogham inscriptions from anywhere in the world. They exhibit the grammar and vocabulary of Old Irish in a manner previously unknown in such early rock-cut inscriptions in any Celtic language. It seems possible that the scribes that cut the West Virginia inscriptions may have been Irish missionaries in the wake of Brendan's voyage, for these inscriptions are Christian. The early Christian symbols of piety, such as the various Chi-Rho monograms (Name of Christ) and the Dextra Dei (Right Hand of God) appear at the sites, together with the Ogham texts. The lack of any written account of this exploration could be explained by the explorers not being able to return to their homeland. If they indeed did reach what is now West Virginia, it would be extremely doubtful that they could manage to return to Ireland from an embarkation point that far south. Perhaps we'll never know for certain whether or not Brendan's voyage was a medieval fantasy or that he was indeed, among the first to discover the New World. The evidence would indicate that a fantastic voyage across the Atlantic did take place and the stone carvings in West Virginia certainly prove the presence of Irish Christians at just about the right time in history. Whatever you believe, it's a fascinating chapter in Irish folklore and one that should be passed down until such time that the truth can be determined.

St. Brendan's Feast Day is May 16th.

He is the patron saint of boatmen, mariners, sailors, travelers, and whales.



"God, lift the hearts of those, for whom this holiday is not just diversion, but painful memory and continued deprivation."

Rev. D. Kozelka (ret)